

August 28, 2018

Greetings!

Our staff is thrilled to open our doors and welcome our students on Tuesday, September 4th. We've outlined some important reminders, information, and dates below for you . . .

New Student Orientation - Thursday, August 30th at 12:30

6th Grade Students & Brand NEW 7th and 8th grade Students to WLMS –The administrators would like to meet with all new Wilde Lake students. You will get a chance to tour the building, meet your teachers, and get a copy of your schedule. **If you are new to our school, we'd love to see you on 8/30 at 12:30 p.m. Please try to make it!**

4th Annual WLMS Family Block Party/Picnic - Thursday, August 30th from 5:00–7:00 p.m.

This event is for EVERYONE - All Students & Families and will include food trucks, a DJ, basketball games, and dunking station. Bring your own blanket or chairs. Families may bring their own food or purchase from the food trucks.

*During the block party, **returning students will have the opportunity to receive their schedules and tour the building to find their homeroom classes.** We hope this opportunity will help to make the first day of school smooth for our students.*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE FIRST SCHOOL DAY - Tuesday, September 4th

Please Note - New Morning Routine: This year, students can enter the building **5 minutes earlier at 7:40 a.m.** Upon arrival, students will visit their lockers to drop off belongings (including cell phones) and pick up materials for their morning classes before reporting to homeroom. Breakfast will be served in homerooms free of charge for ALL students between 7:40-7:55. The bell will ring at 7:57 for students to transition from homeroom to 1st period. First period and the official school day begins at 8:00 a.m. **Students who are not present in their 1st period class at 8:00 a.m. will be marked tardy for the school day.**

Transportation You can access bus information for your child with the click of a few buttons using the "School Bus Locator" on the HCPSS website. Here's the link <https://tinyurl.com/WLMSBus2018>

Students should be at the bus stop a few minutes early (5-10 minutes), as route times can fluctuate during the first few weeks of school. **PLEASE DO NOT ASSUME THAT THE BUS SCHEDULE/NUMBER WILL BE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR.** Schedules, bus numbers, and drivers can change from year to year.

School Lunches: The cost of a middle school student lunch remains at \$3.25. (Breakfast is free at WLMS). For more information on HCPSS Meals & Payment, including how to apply for free or reduced price meals, go to <http://www.hcpss.org/food-services/>

FAMILY FILE - ACTION NEEDED: (HELP US GET 100% COMPLETE BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS)!!! Everyone must update for each child!

HCPSS uses Family File for parents/guardians to complete emergency information. Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child, and can do so by logging in to <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/> and selecting the Family File tab and then clicking on Family File.

Once logged in, parents/guardians will be asked to provide or update the following information:

- Student information
- Parent/guardian contact
- Emergency contacts
- Medical information
- Arrival/dismissal procedures
- Media release (photo approval)
- Data confidentiality
- PTA/PTSA directory

Changes of address may not be made through Family File. If you have recently moved, please contact Ann Stout in the Support Services Office at 410-313-6960.

For students who are bus riders, please note that bus numbers and routes shown in Family File may be subject to change. Please check the school and bus locator on the HCPSS website.

Resources on how to access Family File may be found online at

<http://www.hcpss.org/connect/guides/#family-file-guides>

Parents who have forgotten their login credentials may click the “Forgot Password” link on the sign in page. If you need additional assistance, please fill out this Connect Help Form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdB0nKdGfrELtDCQwO7dw73fHUx7_asV_uAhnF0SIbRlvO5nA/viewform

Health Room Reminders:

* All incoming 7th grades MUST provide documentation that they have received a single dose of Tdap AND a single dose of Meningococcal vaccine (MCV4). This became a Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene requirement in 2014. If you received a letter attached to your child’s report card at the end of the 2017-18 school year – THIS REMINDER IS FOR YOU! If you are not sure, contact the Health Room.

* If your student requires daily or emergency medications for use at school please be sure to bring:

-A completed Medication Order Form (including the physician and parent signatures)

-Prescription medication MUST have current prescription pharmacy label and must match the order form.

-Over the counter medication MUST be in an unopened container (the smaller the container, the better as they will be packed for field trips throughout the school year).

-All “first doses” of medications MUST be given by the parent at home so parents can monitor student closely for any adverse side effects.

* If your student starting the school year with a recent injury and has activity restrictions (i.e. wearing and cast, needing to use crutches, recent surgery etc) please send in all physician documentation and/or orders for accommodations that will be needed to start the school year.

Gifted and Talented (G/T) Testing

Doug Spicher is our GT Resource Teacher this school year. If you would like your child to be tested for the G/T program, please see the attached information letter and permission for testing.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER DATES:

August 30th - New Student Orientation (**ALL 6th Graders & NEW 7th and 8th grade students to WLMS**) – 12:30-1:30 p.m.

August 30th - **ALL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**- 5:00-7:00 p.m. 4th Annual WLMS Family Block Party/Picnic **Students should be accompanied by an adult.*

September 3rd – Labor Day - Schools and offices closed

September 4th - **The First Day of School**

September 10th – Rosh Hashanah – Schools and offices closed

September 11th – PTSA Meeting – Media Center – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

September 13th – Back to School Night – 6:30-8:30 Gifted & Talented Program Presentation 6:00 – 6:30

September 19th – Yom Kippur – Schools and offices closed.

September 22nd – Professional Learning Day – School closed for students.

September 27th – Fall School Pictures

September 28th – School Spirit Day – Wear WLMS Spirit Wear or blue/gold.

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