

August 6, 2020

Good morning WLMS Community!

I hope this message finds you and your families healthy and enjoying the remaining weeks of summer. I can't believe we are a little over two weeks away from welcoming back staff and one month from welcoming students and getting our 20-21 WLMS adventure started. I wanted to reach out with a few save the dates and quick FYI regarding student schedules.

Many of you have reached out asking when students will register for their 8th class with the expanded opportunity in the 4X4 schedule. Middle School students do not need to register for a new or 8th course. The curriculum for the quarterly Related Arts courses has been expanded to cover a semester and this has absorbed the need for an additional course for students. As we get closer to the start of the year I will be sending a more detailed message about the daily student routine and course updates. So no need to worry, your students schedules will be ready and follow the course requests they submitted last spring.

Needing a Chromebook? Did your student leave school/personal items at the Lake last spring? New to WLMS and hoping to get some school SWAAG and supplies? We've got you covered! More information will come out towards the end of the month with those opportunities and guidelines.

Finally here are a few save the dates for your back to school calendar. Note as we get closer I will be sending dates for a variety of optional evening classes/sessions for parents and students on how to navigate Canvas, Virtual organizational tips, etc.

*Virtual New Student and Family Orientation* - Thursday September 3 (Time TBD)  
*20-21 SY Virtual Back To School Night* - Thursday September 20 (Time TBD)

I know the staff is anxious to get back to engaging with your students and we look forward to an amazing 20-21 school year in partnership with the WLMS community! Remember we are **HERE TO MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN!**

Have a great day and be on the lookout for weekly updates from this point forward as we get closer to the start of the school year. Check with your friends and neighbors and make sure they are getting our newsletters. If not, please remind them to sign up to receive HCPSSNews and check out our website [wlms.hcpss.org](http://wlms.hcpss.org). It is the fastest and easiest way to stay informed.

Take care,

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