

May 14, 2021

Good afternoon Tiger Shark families!

I just wanted to reach out and encourage you to help us foster a #FINISHSTRONG mindset with our students. With only 13 full days of instruction left in the 20-21 school year it is very easy to fall for the trap of seeing the finish line before we cross it.

For our 8th graders it is imperative they finish strong and maintain strong student skills to set themselves up for a positive transition to high school.

For our current 6th and 7th graders keeping solid student habits associated with homework, attendance, participation, and studying will assist them next fall when we transition from the 4-period day back to a full 7 period schedule and workload.

We have all worked so hard to navigate the past 15 months and ensure our students don't miss a beat. Let's come together for that final push of the 20-21 year and continue to MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN for our students, staff, and community.

Thank you for all you do!  
Mr. Rattay

### **Important Dates:**

May 19 – MAP Testing - Reading  
May 20 – 7:00pm – PTSA Meeting  
May 26 – MAP Testing - Math  
May 31 – Memorial Day Holiday – Schools & Offices closed  
June 9 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration  
June 10, 11, 14, 15 – 3 Hour Early Dismissal Days  
June 15 – Last Day of School

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### **Eighth Grade Celebration**

There will be an 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration on Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup>. **Detailed information will be sent out next week.**

What to expect:

- 1) A drive through celebration in accordance with HCPSS Covid Social Distance Guidelines
- 2) Time frame – 12-3pm and 4:30-7pm
- 3) A photo opportunity with members of your family
- 4) A chance to wave goodbye to WLMS Staff
- 5) A certificate from Wilde Lake Middle School
- 6) A gift from the PTSA

A sign up document will be sent out to 8<sup>th</sup> grade families next week for you to choose a time slot to participate. For those who are unable to attend, certificates will be mailed to your home address.

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### **In Case You Missed It:**

**MAP Testing** - On Wednesday 19th and 26th, students in grades 6-8 will take the Measured Academic Progress (MAP) assessment. Your family will be able to choose either the 9:00 AM or the 1:00 PM testing session. **It is required that you have your HCPSS issued Chromebook for this test.** Please pick up the school-issued Chromebook from the school if you have not already done so.

The data from the MAP assessment will help schools and teachers measure your student's academic progress. The MAP test does not affect grades and the difficulty adjusts depending on how your child responds. It is normal for students to only answer about half the questions correctly. To learn more about the MAP assessment, please visit: <https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/common-questions-families/>

The reading test will be offered on May 19th. The math test will be offered on May 26th. If your child is unable to attend, makeup testing will be offered during asynchronous learning times. Teachers will share Google Meet information and your student's testing group as we get closer to the dates.

Please note the following exceptions for middle school testing:

- Students in 8th grade GT-ELA do not take the Reading Test
- Students taking HS level math classes(Alg1 or 2, Geometry or Statistics do not take the Math Test.

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Safety first.... if you are dropping off or picking up your child during the morning or afternoon, please do not use the bus loop.

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### **Summer Camp**

#### **ATHOLTON BOOSTERS SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS ARE ON!!!**

We are offering 16 sports camps including two new ones - boys and girls tennis and boys and girls track and field. We are taking registrations on our Athletic Boosters website now! Space is limited. Please spread the word.

<https://atholtonboosters.org/summer-sports-camps/>