

NEWSLETTER

August 2020

Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your patience with us this summer as the District has made plans for the most appropriate way to begin the school year. I know that you have had to make some very difficult decisions as a family as to whether to choose the Virtual Academy or in-person instruction. Whatever your choice, I want you to know that WMS staff is looking forward to working with you and getting to know your child. Our goal for this year is to be challenging and rewarding for your child. We look forward to working closely with you to help your child be successful. Please contact your child's teachers, counselor, or principal with any questions and concerns that come up during the course of the school year.

There are some significant changes to this school year that I will be communicating throughout this newsletter. WMS staff and I will be creating a video that we will share with you before the beginning of the school year to share helpful information for both parents and students.

Dr. Kelly Mantz,
Principal

Wentzville Middle School



Cara Ayers - Speech-Language Pathologist
Alyssa Carr - Family and Consumer Science
Christine Crane - ELA/SS 7C
Ryan Cross - PE
Brendan David - Math 8B
Holly Davie - Pysch Examiner
Monica Gillespie - Special Education
Kristine Hilgenbrink - Counselor
Rebecca Jennings - Foreign Language (French)
Jeremy Opfer - PE
Tammi Ostrander - Special Education
Neil Schutte - Special Education



Important Information

LOCKER DAYS

Unfortunately, we will not be able to host our normal Locker Day this school year. You and your child will be able to log on to the parent and student portal on August 18, to see their team and classes at that time.

We will be sending home a video at a later date that shows various important parts of our campus and our school building for both parent and student use. WMS staff will be well prepared to help all students transition and to navigate the building.

LOCKERS

Students will not be assigned lockers for the upcoming school year and will, instead, be asked to carry their supplies with them throughout the school day in their backpacks.

MASKS

All staff and students will be required to wear a mask on buses and during the school day. Teachers will let students know if appropriate social distancing is possible in the classroom, and students will be allowed to take their masks off when they are in the cafeteria.

STUDENT CHROMEBOOKS

New eighth grade students and all seventh grade students will receive a Chromebook for the 20-21 school year. Returning students should still have the device issued to them last year. Be on the lookout for an important email soon that will inform you about signing the electronic acceptable use policy and optional device insurance. We will also have a plan at a later date to get devices to students in our Virtual Academy.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The district school supply list for middle school students is posted on the district webpage for your convenience and is accessible through this link:

<https://www.wentzville.k12.mo.us/cms/lib/MO02202303/Centricity/Domain/108/2020-2021%20Middle%20School%20Supply%20List.pdf>

At the bottom of the list, it states, "There may be up to \$10 in additional supplies needed. Specifics will be communicated through your child's team." Plan to receive this additional information from your child's team teacher.

Also, many of the items marked as collected and shared will now be for individual school use only. Exceptions would be facial tissue, hand sanitizer, and sanitizing wipes.

WATER BOTTLES

WMS students will be allowed to carry water bottles, as drinking fountains will be off-limits. Water bottle fillers will be installed in each hallway, but are not in place yet. We ask that all students come to school with their filled water bottles, labeled with their name. Soda, Gatorade, Powerade, flavor-adds, etc. are not acceptable as their spills will cause unnecessary cleaning problems for our staff.

Teachers will be provided with paper cups that they can provide to students to use if they do not have a water bottle.

CELL PHONES

Electronic devices should not be seen or heard from the time students enter the school building until they exit for the end of the day. They should be turned off and remain stored securely in backpacks.

ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

Buses will unload and doors will be opened for student entry at 7:10 AM.

Any students who arrive at school before 7:10 AM will be asked to enter and stay in our school lobby and will be required to wear their masks.

Once students enter the building they have the option of proceeding to the cafeteria to eat breakfast or directly to their first core classroom.

DRESSING OUT FOR PE

Locker rooms will not be utilized for at least the beginning of the school year and students will not be required to dress out for physical education. They should plan to have appropriate footwear and clothing for physical education on the days they have that class.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House this year will be held virtually. The date is Wednesday, September 9. We will send more details about this event as they become available.

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION...

- [2020 Academic Calendar](#)
- [WSD Website](#)

- [Roadmap to Re-Opening](#)
- [COVID-19 Update](#)
- [WMS Website](#)
- [How to update Parent Contact Information on Parent Portal](#)



SCHOOL PICTURES

Our originally scheduled picture date is being rescheduled so that our AA day, BB day, and Virtual Academy students will all have the opportunity to be photographed. We will update you on the dates and times as soon as we have confirmed schedules.



REMINDER:

Eighth Grade Students that have not provided documentation on required immunizations **WILL NOT** be able to begin the school year on time.



The District is providing an alternative to the Back to School Fair this year and hosting a school supply distribution event on Saturday at Liberty High School



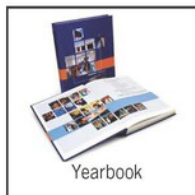
VISITORS

At this time WMS will be limiting our visitors to those who have appointments for meetings. We are also requesting that students bring their lunches to school with them and that parents do not drop these items off during the school day.

YEARBOOK

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**Buy your 2021 WENTZVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK!
ORDER ONLINE FOR \$25.00 until SEPTEMBER 1.**



Yearbook



Nameplate



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To order your yearbook using a **CREDIT CARD OR CHECK**:

1. Go to www.yearbookordercenter.com.
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If you do not have internet access, order your yearbook by calling
1.866.287.3096 and use order number 8462.

PRICES:

ALL COLOR YEARBOOK	(**\$25.00)
<small>**Price Increases September 2 to \$30</small>	
One Line Nameplate	(\$5.00)
Autograph Supplement	(\$3.00)

YEARBOOK

Exclusively for 8th GRADE parents...**BABY ADS - ONLY \$25!**

A reminder to all parents. The yearbook staff will accept only appropriate photos in the ads.
Pictures of unclothed children will not be accepted.

SAMPLE AD

The deadline for the 8th Grade Baby Ads will be **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2020.**
This year, all AD ORDERS will be handled **ONLINE!** This will help make sure your ad appears exactly as you want and will eliminate the risk of your photos being lost.

Ashley Smith
Ashley,

We love you and are proud of your accomplishments. We also enjoy your Creative, Caring spirit.
Love,
Mom and Dad



ONLINE ORDERING OPENS NOW

To order and create your yearbook 8TH GRADE BABY AD
(ALL ADS MUST BE CREATED ONLINE):

1. Go to www.yearbookordercenter.com.
 2. Enter Order Number **8462**.
 3. Follow the on-screen instructions for ordering an ad.
 4. Once the ad is ordered, an online design tool will open to help you place your photo & text.
 5. You must CREATE & PURCHASE your ad **NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 30, 2020.**
 6. You will be able to proof your own ad - the ad will appear **exactly** as you submit it.
- Please **proof** your ad carefully and be sure all baby pictures include clothed babies.

QUESTIONS? For ORDERING questions, call the Yearbook Order Center at 1.866.287.3096.
For TECHNICAL SUPPORT, please call 1.877.362.7750.

BABY AD

\$25 DUE

OCT 30

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PTA News

Do you want to take a more active role in the PTA this year? We are looking for people to join our executive board and committees for the next school year! If you are interested in learning more about available options, please email us at wentzvillemiddleschoolpta@gmail.com.



Thank you for supporting your PTA. We appreciate you.

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FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM-wentzvillemiddlepta and TWITTER-@WMS_PTA



Spirit wear is coming and will be available to order online!



Stay tuned for information on our upcoming jBloom Fundraiser!

Upcoming Dates

August 24

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AA Students

August 26

Virtual Learning Hours 1, 2, and 3

August 27

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL BB Students

September 2

Virtual Learning Hours 4, 5, and 6

September 9

Virtual Learning Hours 1, 2, and 3

September 16

Virtual Learning Hours 4, 5, and 6



September 23
Virtual Learning Hours 1, 2, and 3

September 30
Virtual Learning Hours 4, 5, and 6

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Wentzville R-IV School District Values

Learning - Equipping students, staff and community to apply skills and knowledge necessary to excel in a changing world.

Community - Respecting the stakeholders' perspectives with honesty and transparency as we create a world class educational system.

Excellence - Fostering a culture which supports the highest level of individual success.

Integrity - Dedicating ourselves to making courageous decisions and providing resources for the continuous improvement of the Wentzville School District

Our vision for Wentzville Middle School is for all students to be successful independent thinkers who are confident and intrinsically motivated for success.

Our learning community will work collaboratively to create a safe, welcoming, and connected learning environment that both nurture and challenge students to excel academically.

SCHOOL HOURS 7:30 AM — 2:30 PM
OFFICE HOURS 7:00 AM — 3:30 PM

LUNCH SCHEDULE

7B, 7C, and 7G 10:15 AM -10:40 AM
8B, 8C and 8W 10:50 AM -11:15 AM
7R and 7M 11:20 AM -11:45 AM
8P and 8S 11:50 AM -12:15 PM



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