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Williamston Middle School  
January 8, 2021

## UpComing Events

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| January 18           | No School K-12 Martin Luther King Jr. Day               |
| January 22           | No School for Students, Records Day, End of Semester 1  |
| January 25           | Begin Semester 2 (see block schedule on page 2)         |
| Week of January 25th | NWEA Math Growth Test                                   |
| Week of February 1   | NWEA ELA Reading Growth Test                            |
| February 12          | ½ Day Asynchronous AM ONLY, Teacher PD in the afternoon |
| February 15          | No School, President’s Day                              |

The rollout of the new hybrid time schedule went well this week. Thank you to all the students and families who stayed informed of the new times and the rotating block schedule. Faculty and staff enjoyed seeing the in-person 6th graders. Their enthusiasm for learning, compliance with safety procedures, and ability to navigate through their new school was noticed and appreciated. A special thank you to the teachers and staff for supporting students at the entrances and in the hallways. Our collective efforts at school and home created a great start to the hybrid plan. We look forward to having the 7th grade and 8th grade students join in-person on Monday, January 11. Please see the remaining semester 1 schedule for class hours and assigned hybrid groups below:

| 1/11  | 1/12  | 1/13  | 1/14  | 1/15  |
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| <u>Class Hours</u><br>4th - 6th<br><br><u>In-Person Group</u><br><b>Group A</b> | <u>Class Hours</u><br>1st - 3rd<br><br><u>In-Person Group</u><br><b>Group A</b> | <u>Class Hours</u><br>4th - 6th<br><br><u>In-Person Group</u><br><b>Group A</b>           | <u>Class Hours</u><br>1st - 3rd<br><br><u>In-Person Group</u><br><b>Group B</b> | <u>Class Hours</u><br>4th - 6th<br><br><u>In-Person Group</u><br><b>Group B</b> |
| 1/18  | 1/19  | 1/20  | 1/21  | 1/22  |
| <b>NO School</b><br><br><b>Martin Luther King Day</b>                           | <u>Class Hours</u><br>1st - 3rd<br><br><u>In-Person Group</u><br><b>Group A</b> | <u>Class Hours</u><br>1st - 6th<br><b>Asynchronous ONLY</b><br><u>All Students Remote</u> | <u>Class Hours</u><br>4th-6th<br><br><u>In-Person Group</u><br><b>Group B</b>   | <b>NO School</b><br><br><b>Records Day</b>                                      |

### **Hybrid General Schedule**

For asynchronous, synchronous, and office hour sessions, please see the [hybrid general schedule](#).

### **In-Person Drop Off/Pick UP During the School Day**

If your child is in-person and needs to be dropped off or picked up during the school day, then please call the main office at 655-4668 upon arrival to verbally sign your child in or out of school.

### **Semester 2 Block Schedule (January and February)**

Please see the [semester 2 schedule](#) that includes the remaining semester 1 and first four weeks of semester 2. Updated semester 2 information will be provided in the future.

### **NWEA Testing**

Teachers will communicate NWEA testing schedules and arrangements.

[NWEA Parent Guide](#) & [Video for Parents](#)

### **ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAMS OFFERED THROUGH MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

Gifted students in grades 6 - 9 may apply for academic year programs through MSU including:

- ISHALL - English Language Arts
- CHAMPS - Mathematics
- LEAF - French
- ALL - Latin
- M.A.N.G.A. - Japanese \*(3 year program)

These programs offer students the opportunity to take 4 years of high school credit courses in two years. Students must apply and meet specific criteria in order to participate in these accelerated programs. Visit

<https://gifted.msu.edu/programs/academic-year-programs> for more information about their programs for the 2021-2022 school year. After reviewing the information on their website, if you would like to hear more, MSU is hosting an online informational meeting about these programs on Sunday, February 21st from 12 pm - 2 pm. To register, go to <https://gifted.msu.edu/>

### **Return to In Person Instruction: Resources for Families**

As your student prepares to return to in person instruction in January, there may be nervousness, anxiety, and excitement! Here are some resources that may be of help as you talk with your student about what to expect.

<https://wkyc.com/embeds/video/95-0c99396c-0fde-48ee-8810-de1ddcf28d3f/iframe?jwsourc=c>

<https://youtu.be/H96X6zw7rgE>

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:8b03876b-19b7-4345-b874-0085983f2a8b>

<https://youtu.be/UyIsLZic5hA>

### **Old Newsboys Association footwear resource:**

Applications are now available to receive a voucher to purchase footwear. Children are eligible for this program if they qualify for free or reduced lunch. Contact Anne McKinney (655-4668 ext. 6520 or [mckinna@gowcs.net](mailto:mckinna@gowcs.net)) for more information.

### **Operation Warmth**

Operation Warmth is a local charity that provides winter coats, gloves, and hats to children in the Williamston community. If your family is in need of these items, please email [operationwarmthmi@gmail.com](mailto:operationwarmthmi@gmail.com) or call 517-899-7318 for more information.

**Williamston Food Bank** - assists families this season and every month throughout the year. Please email [williamstonmifoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:williamstonmifoodbank@gmail.com) or call 517-655-3813 to make arrangements for food assistance.

### **Food Distribution**

[Winter break meal service information](#) - Please see linked information to assist with pick up days and times.

### **Counseling Office News from Mrs. McKinney and Mrs. Michalski**

We are here to support your student's academic and mental health needs. During remote learning, we have created a google classroom called "WMS Counseling Office with Mrs. McKinney & Mrs. Michalski" to provide students and families with resources in a variety of topics. We highly encourage all students to join the google classroom if they have not done so already. New material will be uploaded weekly.

Check out what's new in the WMS Counseling Office Google Classroom:

- **Videos to help explore feelings and thoughts about returning to school**

We will be adding more great resources each week. [Click here to access the classroom](#) or use code:6jlxidg

### **Teacher & Student Support Session Sign Up (OPTIONAL)**

Starting at 6:00 AM on Monday, students can sign up for 15 minutes of academic help on Tuesday or Thursday mornings with any of their teachers. Please use this link to schedule: <https://myconferencetime.com/williamstonms>

### **Attendance**

Attendance during synchronous class periods is required and will be taken daily during each synchronous class session. Call the Attendance Line at 517-655-4668 (press #1) or electronically submit an absence online at <https://www.gowcs.net/domain/164>

## Technology/Academic Help

- **Internet Access or Academic Support** - call Rachel Foster at the main office (517) 655-4668 to schedule a time and day to attend WMS' computer and academic lab.
- **Password Resets or Technical Support** - email: [support@gowcs.net](mailto:support@gowcs.net)
- **Help with Google's Tools and Features** - visit the [Student/Parent Tech Tutorial Link HERE](#) (use student gowcs email account to access).
- **Help with Google Classroom or Coursework** - email the teacher.

## Extracurriculars

### WMS Robotics

Interested in learning more about the robotics program at WMS? Follow the [link to see Robotics in action](#) and complete the short survey.

### Model United Nations (MUN)

If you are looking for hands-on experiences with politics and current events, then please join MUN on Wednesdays at 3:15 PM. For more details visit the [MUN link](#).

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