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Williamston Middle School

March 26, 2021

UpComing Events

April 1	Scheduling deadline for current 6 and 7 grade students
April 2	NO SCHOOL, Begin Spring Break
April 12	Classes Resume
April 13	PSAT Testing - 8th grade students ONLY, 6-7 grade students follow asynchronous/synchronous online learning at home (hours 1-6)
April 15-16	M-Step Testing - 8th grade social studies
April 20-23	M-Step Testing - 8th grade science
April 27-28	M-Step Testing - 6 & 7 grade testing ELA/math, 8th grade students follow asynchronous/synchronous online learning at home

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3/29	3/30	3/31	4/1	4/2
<u>Class Hours</u> 1st - 3rd	<u>Class Hours</u> 4th - 6th	<u>Class Hours</u> 1st - 3rd	<u>Class Hours</u> 4th - 6th	NO SCHOOL Beginning of Spring Break

[WMS daily schedule and class calendar for semester 2 - phase 2](#)

(See new daily and block schedule information in the link above)

[WMS COVID Safety Protocols](#)

WMS Course Scheduling Process for 2021-2022 (Deadline April 1)

This week all current 6th and 7th grade students received information from Mrs. McKinney, School Counselor, about the process for making course selections for next school year. Parents and guardians received an email with detailed information, as well as the link for submitting course requests. All scheduling requests will be made electronically for 2021-2022. **The deadline to submit the request form is April 1st.** You may also click below to access this information.

[Current 6th Graders](#)

[Current 7th Graders](#)

WHS Scheduling for Incoming 9th Grade Students

Williamston High School will send scheduling information to current 8th grade students the week of April 19, 2021.

Spirit Week - Starts March 29

Show your school spirit by participating in the spirit day themes. See the link [Spring Break Spirit Days](#) for more information.

WMS Snack Drive Goal Reached!

Thank you to those who contributed to our snack drive. The snacks were delivered to the Williamston Food Bank and will be distributed to local families with children. We collected 2,298 individual items! Way to go! Thank you for helping us reach our goal.

PSAT/M-Step Testing

Williamston Middle School is preparing to administer standardized tests during the month of April. Please see details in the [WMS Standardized Testing Letter](#).

Teacher Instructional Support Hours

Teachers are available in their classrooms for in person instructional support time from **10:00-10:50 AM Monday - Friday**. Students have the option to meet with their teachers in person or virtually via Google Meet. It is highly recommended that in person or online students communicate in advance with their teachers so they can prepare to provide instructional support.

Yearbook Ordering and More

- **Yearbook ordering** - Please see [yearbook flier](#) and [online yearbook ordering form](#).
- **Attention all students** - We would love additional photos for the yearbook. We cannot guarantee that all submitted photos will be included in the yearbook, but encourage you to send them for consideration to Mr. Leslie at wmsyearbook@gowcs.net.

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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. New material will be uploaded weekly. Also, visit the [WMS Mental Health Resources](#) and [WMS Counseling office](#) for support.

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

- **Creating a Coping Skills Plan (video)**

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

Mental Health Webinar for Parents Through Community Mental Health

Ingham Community Mental Health and the Capital Area Libraries are hosting a virtual event on **April 15 from 6-7 pm** called Depression, Anxiety, and Other Common Mental Health Challenges in Youth for Adults. The event will provide information about these conditions and ways to help manage them. [Registration link HERE](#)

MSU Brief Teleconsultation Services for Families during COVID:

This program provides consultation services for families, free of cost, to address concerns with children's social, emotional and behavioral concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic. All consultation sessions are provided remotely, via Zoom. For more information, [click the link here](#) or contact study director Dr. Kristin Rispoli at rispolik@msu.edu or (517) 432-9629.

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) for more information.

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

WCS Food Distribution - distribution will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Meals will be available at the high school on the front drive from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Please visit the [meal service link](#) for details.

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>

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.

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
 - **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.
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Extracurriculars

MS Club Tennis 2021

Who can sign up? Anyone in the Middle School Grades 6-8 with the desire to learn or desire to play tennis. Middle School tennis is Coed. **Please sign up by Friday April 2, 2021.** For additional information, visit the [MS Club Tennis Link](#).

Middle School Track and Field

- Middle School Track and Field begins April 19.
- To complete the required paperwork go to: www.planeths.com
- For more complete information see the following link: [Parent & Student Getting Started](#)
- Here is the [current season schedule!](#)

[WMS Girls' Basketball Season Schedule](#)

Attention ALL Athletes

Please do not arrive at the middle school any earlier than 5 minutes before your practice time. Please drop your child off at the back entrance and please wait for them in your cars to pick them up. The coach will dismiss your child and they will exit the building. No locker rooms will be available, so please come dressed with a change of tennis shoes.

Please bring enough water for the duration of the practice. A personal water bottle or jug is recommended and sharing is not permitted.

Masks will be required to be worn at all times. The mask must cover nose to chin.

Please answer the COVID health questions prior to your arrival and verify your temperature is 100.3 F or under.

In the past 24 hours have you experienced any of the following?

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of Breath
- Close Contact or Cared for someone with COVID-19
- Temperature above 100.3 F
- * Please do not send children if the answer is yes to any of these questions. Consult with your health care provider.

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