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Williamston Middle School

April 30, 2021

UpComing Events

May 31 No School K-12 for students and staff; Memorial Day
 June 10-11 WMS students return WCS issued Chromebooks (details coming soon)
 June 11 Last Day of Classes; Half Day (middle school 8:45-11:35 AM)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5/3	5/4	5/5	5/6	5/7
<u>Class Hours</u> 1st - 3rd	<u>Class Hours</u> 4th - 6th	<u>Class Hours</u> 1st - 3rd	<u>Class Hours</u> 4th - 6th	<u>Class Hours</u> 1st - 3rd

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

[WMS COVID Safety Protocols](#)

Hornet Heroes Recognition Program - April 2021

PALs (Peer Assistance Leaders) launched a new Williamston Middle School staff recognition program called 'Hornet Heroes.' The purpose of this program is to highlight the creative, helpful, and ongoing hard work of our staff members. In this unprecedented time, providing 'shout outs' to our teachers, paraprofessionals, office staff, and support staff is important to us. PALs aim to build a strong sense of community and positive atmosphere within our school. This program supports our mission.

The Hornet Heroes program highlights 5 randomly selected staff members per month. March recipients included Mrs. Cruce, Ms. Guettler, Mr. Hampton, Mrs. Hosford and Mrs. Shear. Thank you for the incredible impact they have made upon our students!

Entries for our April Hornet Heroes are **due May 3rd** and will recognize **Mrs. A. Clark, Mr. Clendenan, Mrs. Dutcher, Mr. Gere, and Mrs. Michalski**. Each student has received an email on April 22nd with an invitation to add a 'shout out' to any staff member that is highlighted. Thank you for encouraging your child to participate.

WHS Student Government: Attention 8th Grade Students

8th graders interested in being a member of WHS Student Government next year please fill out the application. The link to the application and student Government Bylaws are attached. All applications are **due Tuesday, May 11th**. If you have any questions you can contact Ms. Richards at richare@gowcs.net.
[WHS Student Government Application](#) and [Government Bylaws](#)

Quiz Bowl Fundraiser

The WCS Quiz Bowl teams are selling the 2021 SaveAround coupon book to help raise funds for the Williamston Middle School Quiz Bowl Team's National Quiz Bowl Tournament and for new equipment! The Lansing area book is only \$25 and offers thousands of dollars in savings from local and national merchants! Also, there is a SaveAround app to access even more savings! You can save lots of money while helping our school. [Please use this link to purchase a book](#) from our team fundraising page. Books will be safely shipped to the address you enter at checkout with no added shipping cost within 7-10 days. Thank you for your support!

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](#) to learn more about ordering options.
 - **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:

- **How do you manage stress? A to Z coping strategies video and stress vs. anxiety video**

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

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.

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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.

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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.

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Extracurriculars

Middle School Track and Field

- Athletes 13 years or older are **required to be COVID 19 tested.**
 - See [Safer Conduct](#) and [Antigen Test Consent Form](#) - **bring the completed form to the test site.**
 - When/where will MS Track and Field be tested?
 - Williamston High School Fitness Center/Pool/Gym entrance
 - **4:15 to 5:00 every Sunday.** If you have an older sibling coming at a different time you may test at that time, but please let Coach Dutcher know what time you are going in. Also let the testers know you are with MS Track and Field. Coach Dutcher needs a record of athlete's tests before they can participate.
- Please find the season schedule and practice details at [Athletic.net](#).
- [current season schedule!](#)
- [Remind](#)

COVID 19 Screening and Testing

Daily Health Screening

- All **school staff** engage in daily self-screening for COVID19 symptoms prior to coming to work.
 - We rely on parents/guardians to be our partners in maintaining a safe environment at school. In accordance with health department regulations, **students** must be screened for COVID-19 symptoms before getting on a school bus or entering school property.
- (1) Students with any of the following symptoms should not come to school:**
- New or worsening cough (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their baseline)
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
 - Fever of 100.4 F or greater or signs of fever (chills/sweating)
- (2) Evaluation for COVID-19 Exposure Risks - To determine needed follow up and return to school for students with any of the above symptoms, determine if they have any of the following risks for COVID-19 in the prior 14 days:**
- Close contact with someone with confirmed COVID-19
 - Close contact with someone under quarantine for possible exposure to COVID-19

- Travel history

To further assist parents to ensure their children have not been exposed to Covid, WCS will now provide optional rapid Covid tests on a weekly basis. The tests are free and will be offered in the fitness center wing of Williamston High School every Tuesday and Thursday that school is in session from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. The testing will begin on Tuesday, April 20. Important details are listed below:

- A consent form must be completed by parents every time a student is tested. The form must have an original signature if the student is under the age of 18
- The [Antigen Test Consent Form](#) link can be downloaded or paper copies will be available at the testing location
- Parents will only be contacted if the rapid test indicates a positive result. This will typically be within two hours of the rapid test being administered. Positive results from the rapid test should be validated with a PCR test given by a medical professional
- Negative tests results will not be communicated and copies of testing paperwork will not be provided
- Consent forms and testing paperwork will be stored in compliance with student medical record keeping requirements

Contact Mr. Paige Paulsen for additional information at paulsep@gowcs.net

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