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Williamston Middle School

May 21, 2021

UpComing Events

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5/24	5/25	5/26	5/27	5/28
<u>Class Hours</u> 4th - 6th	<u>Class Hours</u> 1st - 3rd	<u>Class Hours</u> 4th - 6th	<u>Class Hours</u> 1st - 3rd	<u>Class Hours</u> 4th - 6th

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

[WMS COVID Safety Protocols](#)

MDHHS Mask Wearing Order

Per the new Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) order published on May 14, the wearing of masks is now optional while outdoors on district grounds. This includes attending or participating in co-curricular events.

Pending further guidance from MDHHS and the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA), masks will continue to be required for staff, students, and visitors while indoors at all district facilities. This includes the fitness center and when utilizing district transportation. Further updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

Camp/Summer Learning Opportunities

5th and 6th Grade Girls' Basketball Camp

May 24-27 at Discovery School Gym - see [Basketball Camp LINK](#) for details.

All-Of-Us Express Children's Theatre Summer Camps:

If your child loves drama, consider a summer camp experience through a well known East Lansing program. Registrations are now being accepted. [Click here for more information about the drama camp opportunities.](#) You can also visit <https://www.cityofeastlansing.com/allofus>.

Co-Ed Youth Volleyball Camp (grades 3-8)

Volleyball is scheduled for June 14-17 at Williamston High School Gym. [See the Co-Ed Volleyball Camp Link](#) for specific details and registration.

Ingham Intermediate School District Summer Learning Opportunities:

Kids' College

Kids' College is designed for students in grades 4, 5 and 6 during the 2020-21 school year who have high abilities or interest in science, technology, engineering and math. This program will operate from Monday, July 12, through Friday, July 23, 2021 from 8:30am to 11:30am each weekday. Partial scholarships are available to students enrolled in Ingham, Clinton, Eaton or Shiawassee counties with preference being given to students from Ingham County.

Math Scholars' University

Math Scholars' University is designed for students in grades 6 and 7 during the 2020-21 school year who have high abilities or interest in mathematics. This program will operate from Monday, July 12, through Friday, July 23, 2021 from 8:30am to 11:30am each weekday. Partial scholarships are available to students enrolled in the Ingham ISD service area.

Wilson Talent Center Summer Career Camps

For students entering grades 5-7 in the fall, these camps will provide students the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities in career fields such as digital arts, culinary arts, automotive and sports medicine, just to name a few. This year, campers will have the option of a full-day or half-day camp. WTC Summer Career Camps will run June 14-17 and July 26-29, 2021.

All camps will be held at the Wilson Talent Center, 611 Hagadorn Road, Mason. Costs vary. Seats are limited.

Bus Transportation Fall 2021

The end of the school year is around the corner, and preparations for busing in the fall will begin soon. If your child's busing needs will be different than this year you will need to contact the transportation department to re-enroll or un-enroll them. Please call Pam at (517) 655-1011 or email Vansicp@gowcs.net to provide your students name and address **prior to Friday, August 6th**. Anyone needing service after the deadline a decision will be based on load numbers. The drivers will be in contact with everyone shortly before the start of school to provide pick up and drop off information.

Have a safe and wonderful summer !

Chromebook Return June 10-11

In person learners will return their Chromebooks on Thursday, June 10 at the end of 6th hour. Online learners will return their Chromebooks on June 11 between 12:30-2:30 PM at WMS main office entrance. Any additional equipment such as chargers and hot spots will also need to be returned on the designated dates. If you have any questions, please contact the main office at 655-4668.

Last Day of School

Online and in person learners will attend school between 8:45- 11:35 AM. Teachers will provide the last day of school details in the near future.

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:

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

- **Anxiety and Depression: Inside Out Story**

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.

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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