



WSMS WEEKLY UPDATE

October 1, 2020



WSMS Families,



Instruction will begin in our “Blended” format on Oct. 5 for Grades 6-8. All 5th Grade students will report to school daily. Please click on the following link: [Blended Schedule](#), to see that schedule. You will notice that our Fridays have more structure for grades 6-8, including a mandatory Homeroom Meeting. We are committed to providing our students with an engaging, supportive learning experience. I encourage you to frequently check our [WSMS Website](#) for updates. Our COVID-19 page and content specific pages under “Academics” are especially helpful. They include grade level specific webpages and important information for you and your child. We are excited to see our students on Monday! Have a great weekend.

Ben Wopat
Principal

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[Parent How To Video: Skyward, Homework Hotline, & Google Classroom](#)



REMINDERS:

- [MORNING PROCEDURES](#) & [MORNING DROP OFF DIRECTIONS](#). (Do not drop off on Mark Street please! It is dangerous!)
- [RECESS](#)
- [LUNCH](#)
- [HANDBOOK ADDENDUM](#)
- Students are reminded that on the days they are not physically in school, distance learning is required. Posted assignments are available in Google Classroom.
- Attendance in our Homeroom Check-in on Fridays from 8-8:30 will be mandatory. Students not in attendance will be marked unexcused-truant.

Parent Teacher Conferences

October 15th & 19th, 2020

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held virtually on October 15th & 19th from 3:30-7:00 p.m. There will be an email sent out with more specifics & instructions on how to schedule conferences with your child’s teachers.



From the School Nurse:

Students who have COVID symptoms should stay home. In order for students to return to school, parents will be required to show proof of a negative or positive COVID-19 test for verification purposes. Students diagnosed with another illness must provide a doctor’s note indicating the reason for the illness. Notes from your family physician can be emailed to District Nurse, Beth Clements at clements.beth@wsalem.k12.wi.us. Do you have specific questions? Click on the links below for help in answering your questions.

[How do I screen my family for symptoms of COVID-19?](#)

[Should I send my child to school?](#)

[I’ve been identified as a “close contact”. What do I do?](#)

[COVID-19 fact sheet from Wisconsin Department of Health Services.](#)

[How can I help Stop the Spread?](#)



Calendar Change

Please mark your calendars. **October 14th** will be a full day for students and staff. It was originally a scheduled early release for students.

Lifetouch Photos:

Monday, October 26 **WEST** group A-K
Thursday, October 29 **SALEM** group L-Z
Online orders may be placed at mylifetouch.com
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