



# WSMS WEEKLY UPDATE



December 28, 2020



WSMS Families,

Instruction will begin in our “Blended” format on January 4th for Grades 6-8. All 5th Grade students will report to school daily. There are some very important reminders and procedures included in this update that I hope you take the time to review. Please click on the following link: [Blended Schedule](#) to see that schedule. Fridays will hold the same format as Online for grades 6-8, including a mandatory Homeroom Meeting. We are committed to providing our students with a safe, 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! Have a safe and happy remainder of the break.

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



## Procedures & 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.



## 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 our District Nurses, Beth Clements & Kate Brohmer at [wsnurses@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:wsnurses@wsalem.k12.wi.us). Do you have specific questions? Click on the links below for help.

[WSSD COVID Dashboard](#)

[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 Reminders

**1/15/21:** Online Learning Day for grades 5-8.  
**1/18/21:** No School. Staff Development Day.  
**1/19/21 - 1/22/21:** WEST will be coming on Wednesday & Friday (1/20 & 1/22) and SALEM stays with their normal Tuesday & Thursday (1/19 & 1/21), which is only a change for the WEST students.

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