

West Salem High School

Update for August 25, 2020



Welcome Back!

We've been working hard behind the scenes to make the return to school as normal as possible. Although it seems that our world changes by the minute, our commitment remains the same. It is to you, our families and students. We look forward to partnering with you to provide a safe learning environment for your children. If you notice that your child isn't inundated with homework at the start of the school year, please know, our goal at the beginning of the year is to get to know our new students and continue to build relationships with your children. We hope this communication provides you with some clarity and resources you need to start the school year. Please be sure to visit our COVID-19 Updates website frequently as we strive to provide families with up-to-date information in a timely fashion.

Mike Malott
Principal

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Schedules

We will have a special schedules from September 1-11, 2020. The students should follow the schedules below:

[September 1](#)

[September 2-11](#)



Attendance in the Virtual Setting

Attendance in the virtual setting is mandatory. Attendance will be taken by the teacher during the class period. Students are expected to attend and follow Panther Netiquette. Students who are unexcused from school or who are not maintaining instructional pace during online learning may be considered truant from school and in violation of Wisconsin's Compulsory Attendance Statute 118.15(1)(a).



Panther 'Netiquette'

We've adopted etiquette for distance learning in the virtual hallways of WSHS. Be sure to be a good citizen by following the [Panther 'Netiquette'](#) guidelines.



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Laptop Distribution

Laptops can be picked up from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26th. As a reminder, the Skyward online registration process must be completed prior to pick up. In addition, students may be required to pick up a textbook for a class starting on September 1st. If your child has other school items to pick up, teachers will email both students and families with that notification.

9th Grade Orientation

Although the physical school won't be open yet and distance learning continues, we are still able to get your 9th grader off to a great start with our Link Crew Program! Your student will receive an email invitation to orientation via their school email address. If they have not received their invite by August 27, please email Mrs. Haas at haas.melissa@wsalem.k12.wi.us to request one.



Zoom Links

Zoom links are currently being generated for our teachers and will be available on August 27th. Students may find the links to the Zoom Class Periods by visiting the [Teacher Links](#)

Need Technology Help?

Having issues with your computer or internet connections? Contact the Technology Team at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us > [Families](#) > [Technology Help](#)



Absence Reporting: The School Nurse will be working closely with the La Crosse County Health Department to ensure we are providing a safe start to the school year. We are asking that if your child is sick, please keep them home. When reporting your child's absence, we will be asking that you provide us with specific symptoms. In addition, we will be asking if your child has tested positive for COVID-19 or if they've been in close contact with someone who has tested positive. Please know that we are doing so only to help with the prevention of the disease in our schools. We thank you in advance for your willingness to partner with us in stopping the spread.



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Visitors

Essential visitors who are wearing a face covering will be welcomed and recorded in the main offices but will not be allowed past the office without prior approval by administration.

School Nutrition: You can find information concerning all things nutrition by clicking the links below:

- [Free & Reduced Lunch Program](#)
- [Lunch Menus](#)
- [Special Dietary Needs & Allergies](#)

School Board Meetings You can view the live stream for all of the regularly scheduled School Board Meetings here on our [District YouTube Channel](#). Regular board meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7 p.m.. They are currently held in the High School LMC while the District Office undergoes construction. At this time, all attendees are required to wear a face covering.



School Photos & Yearbook Information We are working with Lifetouch to reschedule our school photos. We will communicate with families once that date has been confirmed with them. Yearbook order forms will be available for pick up at our Laptop Distribution Event on August 26th. Alternatively, online orders may be placed by visiting lostens.com

Athletics

Cross Country and Girls Tennis are in full swing! We are working on schedules and procedures for the remaining fall sports.



Coulee Region Virtual Academy

Many questions concerning the CRVA can be answered [HERE](#). If you have further questions, please contact Deanna Wiatt, Director of Instruction at wiatt.deanna@wsalem.k12.wi.us