



# West Salem Middle School



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Hello WSMS Panther Parents,

As you probably know by now, the Governor's office has made it official that we will continue our virtual delivery of the curriculum through the end of the school year. There will be more information coming soon from the district level and myself regarding the end of the school year procedures.

I wanted to take this opportunity, in the meantime, to update you on a few items.

1. We conducted a student survey regarding our online delivery. The survey included all grade levels and 416 students. That's over 70%. Great job students giving us your feedback! 85.75% of surveyed students responded that they are spending 4 hrs. or less on schooling daily. That's GOOD news because this was our goal given the current conditions: continue the measurable learning without overwhelming our families. However, we are always looking to improve, and given some of the feedback we've received, we are making slight tweaks for the sake of efficiency.

2. Posting Times: Previously we stated that content was to be posted *prior* to 8am on a specific day (depending on the content area) . We will now have a more structured timeline for this. From now on postings will take place in the morning before 8am on the assigned day. We hope that this avoids alerts coming in during the late evenings.

3. In an attempt to reduce the number of emails to our families, our Homeroom Teacher will be the first contact to families if students are missing work/there is a concern. Advisors check in w/ students on Fridays via your homeroom meetings or email if they aren't present. If there are specific concerns or a need to reach out to a student could a classroom teacher call or email? Absolutely. But prioritizing this 1st step hopefully will help our families with the amount of emails.

We are so saddened that we won't see your student in our classrooms prior to the end of the school year. But our staff is committed to making this the best experience we can given our current conditions. Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

Take Care,

Ben Wopat  
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