



West Salem Middle School



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WSMS Families,

We have been delivering our online instruction for a little over a week. Before the end of the week, we will be sending your students a survey to see how things are going so far. Below, you will find some tips to make their experience the most successful that it can be. Most of these were covered within the initial information that we sent out, but some helpful reminders can't hurt.

1. WSMS students can expect up to 4 hours of engaged learning each day. Student work will be graded.
2. Our Homework Hotline is updated weekly. Activities/agendas for the class are also included. Students should be referencing this and looking at their district email accounts often during the week.
2. Science, English, Social Studies, and Music post content by 8am on Mondays and Wednesdays. Math, Reading and Non-Music Allieds or Electives will post content by 8am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students will have Healthy Living components daily. Reading through the directions posted carefully will be very important for our students!
3. Fridays will be for homeroom check-in, re-assessment opportunities, catch up, and teacher meetings.
4. Teachers will hold Office Hours on Tuesdays from 10am - Noon and Thursdays from 1-3pm. These are opportunities for virtual, face-to-face interaction with re-teaching or help with assigned work. This is the time that students should utilize to ask questions!
5. Following best practice for online learning, staff will respond to emails within 24 hours, excluding weekends (3:30 PM Friday - 8:00 AM Monday).
6. Parents: it is helpful to designate clear times during the day when your child(ren) should be focused on learning. A daily schedule of academic and behavior expectations can help everyone stay organized and minimize stress.

This is the link to our COVID19 page on the WSMS website. This is a great resource for both students and parents. <https://www.wsaalem.k12.wi.us/content/schools/middle-school/covid-19-acadeimc-updates> .

Stay safe and healthy,

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