

Welcome
to
Western Middle School

Middle School Parent Information Meeting
April 7, 2011

Welcome - Introductions

- Mrs. Amy Bailey – Principal
- Mrs. JoAnn Brozewski - Assistant Principal
- Mrs. Lori Baillargeon – Counselor
- Mrs. Joan Helwig – Counselor



Rollercoaster Years

*Get ready for
the middle
school ride!!*



6th Grade Classes

- 6 period day
- All students will have the following **core** classes every day:
 - ELA (English/Language Arts)
 - Math
 - Science
 - Social Studies



Questions about honors classes: Contact the Gifted & Talented Office @ 671-8181

6th Grade Classes

- Rotation of Exploratory Classes:

- Art
- Computers/Keyboarding
- French
- Health
- Physical Education



- Most students will also have an enrichment or intervention class based on their academic needs.



Band or Choir Choice

Students may choose to take band or choir for a full year.

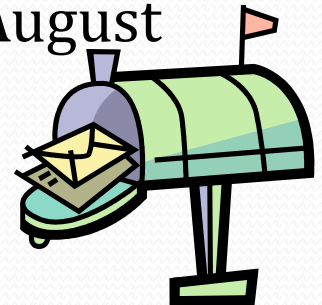
- Instrument fittings completed next week.
- Permission forms due by April 21 to 5th grade teacher.
- Students need instrument when school starts in the fall.
Purchase and rental information will be mailed in August.
- Students are required to participate in evening performances.
- Beginning band meets in 4 different groups based on instruments.
- Can only join band in 6th grade.
- Questions: Contact Ms. Schlosser



6th Grade Teams



- Students will be assigned to a team of core teachers
 - 2 – 3 – 4 teacher teams determined by # of students
 - Team **W**, Team **M**, Team **S**
 - Teach 4 core subjects
 - Many factors are considered in placing students on teams so “switching” teams is avoided in order to keep teams balanced.
- Back-to-school information will be mailed in mid-August
 - Pick up schedule and find classrooms

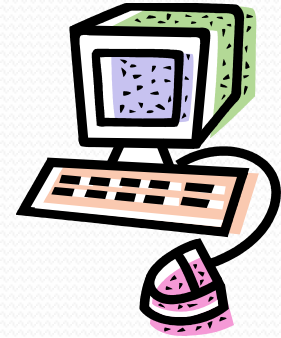


Lockers and Planners

- Lockers
 - Each student is assigned a locker with a combination lock
 - Students should not share their combination with friends
- Students receive a planner on the first day of school.
 - Includes WMS handbook
 - Assignments should be written in daily
 - Parents should check planner and sign it daily
 - Communication tool for parents and teachers
 - Replacement planner cost is \$5.00



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- Web-based program for parents and students
 - Log on with username and password
 - View assignments and grades
- Parents and teachers communicate via email
- Letters will be mailed to parents in August with an access code
 - Parents are encouraged to sign-up for an account at the beginning of the year

Dress Code

- Students are expected to dress neatly and appropriately for school
 - Clothing that interferes with the educational process is not acceptable.
 - Tops or shirts that expose the midriff, have low necklines or thin straps
 - Shorts, skirts or dresses that are too short
 - Sagging or low rise pants
 - Pants/shorts with holes above the knee
 - Pajamas/sleepwear
- Dress Code violations
 - Students will be requested to change clothes
 - Call home to have appropriate clothing brought to school
 - Spend the day in in-school suspension



Cell Phone Use/Technology

- Cell phones may not be used during the school day.
 - If seen or heard, taken away and kept in office until school dismisses.
- Use of cell phones and technology outside of school
 - Use appropriately and responsibly
 - Increase in cyber-bullying, texting
 - Parental supervision is encouraged
 - Computer should be located where use can be monitored.
 - OK to limit use



Transportation

- Bus information will be mailed in late August
- Middle and high school students ride the same buses
- Students will have an assigned bus stop
- Students must have written permission from parents and approved by the school office to get off at a bus stop other than their assigned stop
- Bus transportation is a privilege
 - 3 step disciplinary process



Contact Information

- Go to the district web site www.bcschools.net
 - Choose **Western Middle School** from Quick School Finder on the right side
 - Go to **School Staff** to find e-mail addresses of all staff members
- Call the main office 662-4489

