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# August

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<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> WMS 8 <sup>th</sup> VB tryouts, 3:30 to 6pm	<b>15</b> WMS 8 <sup>th</sup> VB practice at 5:30pm, Parent meeting at 6:30pm				
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Teachers' Institute Day WMS 7 <sup>th</sup> VB first practice, 3:30pm WMS Cross Country first practice, 3:00pm	<b>22</b> Teachers' Institute Day <b>Open House:</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> grade 6pm 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> grade 7pm	<b>23</b> Students' First Day 7:50am - 3:05pm Look for picture forms to come home today	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Sport Pictures, 3:05	<b>30</b> Fall Pictures 7/8 VB @ H, 4:00 6 VB @ Durand, 6:00	<b>31</b> 7/8 VB @ Byron, 4:00 6 VB @ H, 4:00	<b>Cathy Finley</b> Principal  <b>Patrick Brûlé</b> Assistant Principal	

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***All dates are subject to change. Check daily announcements online for current information. <a href="http://www.winnebagoschools.org/schools/middleschool/announcements">http://www.winnebagoschools.org/schools/middleschool/announcements</a>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> XC @ Oregon, 11:00
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> NO SCHOOL Labor Day	<b>5</b> XC @ H, 4:00	<b>6</b> 7/8 VB @ H, 4:30	<b>7</b> 7/8 VB @ H, 4:00 6 VB @ AFC, 4:00	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> FAST Meeting, 7pm @ WMS Library	<b>12</b> 7/8 VB @ H, 4:00 6 VB @ Polo, 4:00 XC @ Lutheran, 4:00	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7/8 VB @ H, 4:00 6 VB @ S. Beloit, 4:00 XC @ H, 4:30	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> HOMECOMING WEEK	<b>19</b> 7/8 VB @ Meridian, 4:00 6 VB @ H, 4:00	<b>20</b> 7/8 VB @ Lutheran, 4:30 XC @ Byron, 4:00	<b>21</b> 7 VB @ H, 4:00 A/B 8 VB @ Oregon, 4:00 A/B 6 VB @ Oregon, 4:00	<b>22</b> Midterms sent home with students	<b>23</b> X @ H, 9:00
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6 VB @ Byron, 4:00	<b>26</b> 7/8 VB @ Pec, 4:00 6 VB @ H, 4:00	<b>27</b> XC @ Oregon, 4:00	<b>28</b> 7/8 VB @ S. Beloit, 4:00 6 VB @ Byron, 4:00	<b>29</b> XC @ Highland, TBA	<b>30</b> VB Conference Tournament, Oregon, TBA

## Open House

On Tuesday, August 22, Winnebago Middle School invites students along with their parents to an Open House. Sixth grade students are invited first to come at 6:00 p.m. along with all new students. Seventh and Eighth grade students are invited to come starting at 7:00 p.m. Students can expect to receive their schedules, visit their classrooms and meet their teachers. Feel free to bring your supplies and leave them in your locker that night, too. We're looking forward to seeing you soon!

## Text Messages using Remind

Winnebago Middle School will be using Remind for school announcements and reminders such as picture days, report cards, Open House, activities, etc. Messages will come right to your phone as text messages.

If you would like to sign up for Remind to get these announcements, please follow these steps:

- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Students:** Text the message @e6698d to the number 81010
- **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Students:** Text the message @g63626g to the number 81010
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Students:** Text the message @g77h46 to the number 81010

\*Standard text message rates apply.

## Sports Information at bagoathletics.com

- Winnebago Middle School is still looking for a volunteer for our 6<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball team for the 2017-18 school year. Please send a letter of interest and application to [Will Hartje](#), Winnebago School District Activities Director, 200 E McNair Road, Winnebago, IL 61088. Application materials can be emailed to [applications@winnebagoschools.org](mailto:applications@winnebagoschools.org). Phone 815.335.2336. Fax 815.335.7548.
- WMS 7<sup>th</sup> Volleyball will have their first practice on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30pm in the WMS gym.
- WMS 8<sup>th</sup> Volleyball will have tryouts on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 6pm in the WMS gym. Practices will start Tuesday,

August 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. A parent meeting will also be held on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30pm.

- WMS Cross Country will have their first practice at 3:30 p.m. outside at the high school track on Monday, August 21.

Students participating in practice must have a current physical on file. The rest of the registration process needs to be completed on-line at [bagoathletic.com](http://bagoathletic.com) using the REGISTRATION link on the top menu. All paperwork must be completed and all fees paid prior to student athlete participation.

*YOU MAY CONTACT THE ATHLETIC OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AT: [815-335-2336](tel:815-335-2336).* Students will not be allowed to practice without having the proper paperwork on file and all fees paid.

## Notes from the Nurse

Welcome back! And welcome to our incoming 6th graders! A big THANK YOU to all the 6th grade parents/guardians who have already submitted their students' physical forms before the first day of school. Remember: for 6th graders, a "full" physical is required, along with proof of one meningococcal vaccination and a second varicella (chickenpox) vaccination.

This full physical for 6th graders also covers the sports physical requirement, if submitted before the first day of practice in August. 6th graders must also submit proof of a dental examination.

All physical and dental forms for any grade level can be mailed in, dropped off at the school, faxed from your doctor's office (WMS fax: 815-335-1437), or scanned and emailed to me.

If you have any questions or health concerns about your 6th, 7th or 8th grader that you would like to discuss, please feel free to call, email ([skaggs@winnebagoschools.org](mailto:skaggs@winnebagoschools.org)) or stop by my office. I am at the middle school every afternoon from 12pm-3:15pm. Mrs. Skaggs

## Fall Pictures

Fall pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, August 30, 2017. Please look for package information and envelopes to come home with students

on Wednesday, August 23rd. Students will need to have their money for pictures on August 30th at the time that their picture is taken.

### **FAST Meeting**

FAST meetings offer a chance for parents/guardians to stay updated on WMS activities, help plan some events and meet with the Middle School Administration. Our meetings last for about an hour usually right after the PTO meetings. FAST helps to plan events such as: Muffins with Mom, Donuts with Dad, Father Daughter Dance, Mother Son Bowling, etc. No dues, no big commitments. Please plan to join us for our first meeting on **Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m in the Library at Winnebago Middle School.**

### **Fall Sports Pictures**

Fall sports pictures for Volleyball will be taken on Tuesday, August 29th at 3:05. Forms will be sent home with athletes. Payment is due at the time the pictures are taken. Cross Country athletes will have their pictures taken with the HS Cross Country teams.

### **Attendance at High School Extra-Curricular Events**

As our students get older they become more involved. We like to see them participate and encourage them to participate in school events. You need to be aware of district policies for attendance at high school extra-curricular events. As it reads on page 30 in the 2017-2018 District Student/Parent handbook: **"Students/children 8th grade and under must be accompanied by an adult in order to attend High School extracurricular events"**.

Please familiarize yourself with this and all the policies for the 2017-2018 school year at the following address: [2017-2018 District 323 Student/Parent Handbook](#)

### **Our Guidance Department**

Having basic supplies and staying organized are essential parts of a student's success at school. The Guidance Department is holding an Organization Boot Camp to help students learn organization skills and get their homework completed and turned in. We need your help! Some students do not have the supplies they need to be successful in these areas. The Organization Boot Camp is in need of the following items:

- plastic pocket folders (green, yellow, red, blue, orange, black, purple)
- brad folders (yellow, green)
- composition note books
- spiral note books, single subject (green, yellow, red, blue, orange, black, purple)
- pencil pouches

If you would like to make a donation to help support the students and Organization Boot Camp, please contact Miss Anderson at [AndersonJA@winnebagoschools.org](mailto:AndersonJA@winnebagoschools.org) or by calling the Middle School, **815-335-2364**. Donations can be dropped off at the Middle School Office or to Miss Anderson's office. Thank you for your support!

### **Grading Dates**

	End of Quarter	Reports sent home with students
First midterm progress report		September 22, 2017
First quarter report card	October 25, 2017	November 3, 2017
Second midterm progress report		December 1, 2017
Second quarter report card	January 12, 2018	January 19, 2018
Third midterm progress report		February 9, 2018
Third quarter report card	March 16, 2018	March 23, 2018
Fourth midterm progress report		April 27, 2018
Fourth quarter report card	May 31, 2018	June 4, 2018 (mailed home)

### **Attendance Notes**

It's a fact that students who attend school regularly learn more and are more successful in school than students who do not. Parents who make regular school attendance a priority also are helping their children learn to accept responsibility. And that's an important lesson for a successful life. Attendance patterns are formed early in life. Children who develop good attendance habits will be more likely to continue them throughout the remainder of their school career and into their work habits. That's important. Just as adults have jobs, it's a student's job

to go to school and learn. Students who miss school miss out on carefully planned sequences of instruction. They miss out on active learning experiences and class participation.

More detailed, important information about policies and procedures for attendance and absences can be found in our [2017-2018 District 323 Student/Parent Handbook](#) starting on Page 5.

### **The Middle School Student - A Very Special Person**

As a middle school student, you are in an age group that is both fascinating and complex. You are no longer a "baby," but you are not yet an adult. You are experiencing biological, physical, and behavioral and social changes. Relationships with your friends and family take on new meanings. This time period, called adolescence, can be joyful and painful at the same time. *However, it is always a time of growth.* You will be dealing with more complex intellectual tasks. You will be expected to behave in a more mature manner, and you will be held more accountable for your actions. In other words, you are growing up. Use your innate curiosity, imagination, energy, and idealism to make your school an exciting place to learn and play. As an adolescent, you now have more control over how you apply yourself to your school work and on the kinds of friends you make. As an intelligent and thinking adolescent, put thought into making good decisions. Be kind and gentle to yourself, seek the advice and wisdom of your parents/guardians regularly, and talk with your teachers and our student advisor.

These suggestions will help you on your way to succeed in middle school.

- Attend school every day and be on time to class.
- Stay organized, write down all assignments, complete all homework, AND turn the homework in on time.
- Listen carefully, follow directions, and come to class with all the needed materials.
- Schedule time each evening to prepare for the next school day.
- Choose your friends wisely.
- Seek help from your teachers and our student advisor as soon as you need it, and don't wait until you are overwhelmed.
- Involve your parents/guardians in your schoolwork and activities.
- Participate in extracurricular activities.
- Improve your computer skills.

- Show respect and consideration for others.
- Talk with our student advisor about school, friends, careers, study skills, or any other topics or concerns.
- Strive to do your personal best!
- READ, READ, READ.

### **Dress Code Reminders**

- Clothing that may be revealing or visually inappropriate is not allowed.
- Clothing must cover undergarments and private body parts.
- Holes in the garments are acceptable as long as no skin is exposed between the shoulders and the middle of the thigh.
- Student dress (including accessories) may not advertise, promote, or picture alcoholic beverages, tobacco, illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, violent behavior, pornography, vulgar (offensive) language or sexual innuendo, i.e. Hooter shirts, or other inappropriate images or words.
- State of IL health laws require shoes to be worn at school.
- The wearing of hats, caps, bandannas, and sweatbands on one's head indoors is not permitted. Hats, caps, etc. should be left in lockers during the school day.
- Students are not allowed to have or wear any animal type collars, spike or studded bracelets or chains.
- Shorts may be worn and must cover the middle of the thigh.
- Shorts must always cover undergarments or private body parts.
- Pants must cover a student's buttock.
- Pajamas are not acceptable.
- Yoga pants, leggings, spandex, jeggings, or biking pants must be worn with other clothing covering private areas.
- Tear away pants or those that button or zip down the side must be completely buttoned or zipped.
- Shirts, blouses, dresses, or other tops must cover midriff, undergarments and private body parts.
- Shirts, blouses, dresses or other tops must include a sleeve.
- Shirts, blouses, dresses or other tops must cover the entire torso in the front and the back (no keyholes, no showing cleavage) and meet the waistband of the pants/shorts, etc.
- Shirts, blouses, dresses or other tops must not be transparent.
- Dresses/skirts must be no shorter than two inches above the top of the knee.

More detailed, important information about dress code guidelines can be found in our [2017-2018 District 323 Student/Parent Handbook](#) starting on Page 15.