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School Office

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	Cathy Finley Principal Patrick Brûlé Assistant Principal		Jan. 31 Student Dismissal 1:00pm	1 Wrestling @ Lena, 4:00 6GBB @ Pec, 4:00 7/8 GBB @ H, 4:00	2	3 Rt. 72 Solo/Ensemble Festival at Oregon, 8am
4	5 6 GBB @ H, 4:30 7/8 GBB @ Lutheran, 5:00 Wrestling @ Polo, 4:00	6 6 GBB @ Monroe Ctr, 4:00 (AB) 7 GBB @ SV, 4:00 (AB) 8 GBB @ H, 4:00 (AB)	7 7/8 GBB @ H, 4:30	8 6 GBB @ Oregon, 4:00 7/8 GBB @ H, 4:00 Wrestling @ Freeport, 4:30	9 Midterm progress reports go home with students Mother/Son Bowling @ Lakeside Lanes, 7:00 check in/7:30 bowling	10
11	12 Elective Sheets given to 7 th grade students Referendum Meeting @ WMS, 6:00	13 Elective Sheets given to 6 th grade students 6 GBB @ H, 4:00 7/8 GBB @ Stephen Mack, 4:30	14 Wrestling @ Byron, 4:00	15 Elective Sheets due to the Office Students in attendance Parent Conferences 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. Click here to schedule your Parent/Teacher Conferences online ☺ 6 GBB @ Byron, 4:00 Wrestling @ Byron, 4:00	16 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE	17
18	19 NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE Wrestling Tournament @ Lutheran, 8:00	20 6 GBB @ H, 4:00 7/8 GBB @ Polo, 4:00	21 Wrestling @ H, 4:00	22 6 GBB @ H, 4:00 7/8 GBB @ AFC, 4:00	23	24
25	26 Wrestling @ H, 4:00 2022 Class Orientation at WHS, 6:00pm	27 6 GBB @ H, 4:00 7/8 GBB @ Byron, 4:00	28 Spelling Bee, 3:30pm	***All dates are subject to change. Check daily announcements online for current information. http://www.winnebagoschools.org/schools/middleschool/announcements		

Class of 2022 Freshman Orientation

Freshmen Orientation for the incoming Class of 2022 will be held at Winnebago High School at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2018.

The WHS Academic Advisors will present registration information and materials for the 2018-2019 school year to 8th grades students on February 21 and 22 in science classes. Please look for several forms to come home: a pre-printed Registration Form plus driver education information and a specific Driver Education Application.

The Registration Form lists required core courses. Placement recommendations are made using courses taken and grades earned during middle school, standardized test scores (i.e. PARCC) and 8th grade teacher recommendations. Feel free to contact teachers regarding placement; we welcome discussion of best choices for each student.

Students and their family will complete elective choices on the Registration Form. Completed forms are due to the **middle school office by Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 3 p.m.**

The Course Description Book for the 2018-19 school year is available on the Winnebago District website (www.winnebagoschools.org) on the high school page. This book has detailed information about classes and sequences. We encourage all students and families to know the graduation requirements and to plan a four year sequence of classes based upon requirements and future goals.

Please read the Schedule Change Policy that is included in the Course Description Book and also included on the Registration Form. We ask that students expect to take the classes that they request. Careful choices now ensure class availability plus proper staffing and funding.

Please note that Driver Education requires a specific application that is separate from the class Registration Form. The Driver Education Application is due to the middle school office by Thursday, **March 1, 2018** at 3:00 p.m. Students who turn in a Driver Education Application after **March 1** will automatically be placed upon a waiting list regardless of age or grade level.

Dana Kline, WHS Academic Advisor Students A-L
Jennifer Brenner, WHS Academic Advisor M-Z

Scheduling for Next Year

Our 6th graders and 7th graders will be receiving elective sheets to choose classes for the 2018-2019 school year. Students will receive their elective sheets during the week of February 12th. All forms must be signed by parents and students and then returned to the office by Thursday, February 15th. These student choices will be used to help make staffing and scheduling decisions for 2018-2019. Please take the time and consideration to choose the classes you really want. A description of each class is included on the back of each form. Please contact Miss Anderson with questions about registering for next year: AndersonJA@winnebagoschools.org.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences can be scheduled with individual teachers from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 15th. [Click here to schedule your Parent/Teacher Conferences online](#) 😊

Mother Son Bowling

Mother Son Bowling is scheduled for Friday, February 9th. Tickets will be on sale in the office starting Monday, February 5th. The cost for bowling is \$20.00 per couple. Lane signups will start at 7:00 p.m. Bowling begins at 7:30 p.m.

High Honor Roll and Honor Roll

Congratulations to our students earning High Honor Roll and Honor Roll for second quarter of the 2017-2018 school year!! Students are recognized at two different Honor Roll Levels:

- High Honor Roll - Students with all As
- Honor Roll - Students with all As and Bs

Second Quarter Honor Roll list can be found here:

<http://www.winnebagoschools.org/files/schools/wms/newsletter/HonorRollJan2018.pdf>

Attendance Notes

A couple of friendly reminders:

1. Students who do not feel well are still expected to see the nurse or come to the office. At that time, then, we can help the student to reach a parent or guardian if they need to go

home. If a student happens to reach you on their cell phone, please direct them to the office. We've had a couple of instances of parents coming to pick up their child, and we don't even know that there is a problem.

2. The primary explained absence would be a parental trip or vacation. Except where extenuating circumstances are present, these absences should be arranged in advance with written notice to the school office. Explained absences will include family trips and events such as "Take Your Child to Work" day. Make up of work missed during this absence is permitted at full credit but the responsibility for such make up is on the student. Students will be given at least 1 day for every day missed. **The office must approve explained absences at least one day in advance of the absence with written notice from the parent/guardian if the student is to be gone for more than three class periods.** Planned absences during the last week of the grading period are discouraged. Please note that students will be given only two days of work prior to the absence when approved. Other assignments that would be missed will be provided upon the student's return. A prior clearance form must be picked up from the office in advance of the absence. **Failure to complete the appropriate procedure will result in denial of the request and/or the absence recorded as unexcused meaning no credit given for the make-up work.** Full credit will be given for all make-up work due to an explained absence as long as the aforementioned procedure is followed. Any work given to the student prior to their absence is to be completed and turned in upon their return unless otherwise noted by the teacher.

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.

Conversations with Your Student

1. Have you asked your child and seen their grades from second quarter? Have you helped them to set some goals for third quarter?
2. How are you on supplies? Do you need any more pencils or pens or paper or....?
3. Where are you on the Spear-It wall? What color is your card? What have you done to work your way up the wall?

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Students who are driven to school in the morning and/or picked up after school should be using Door DD. That's the door on the North Side of the building along the cafeteria/kitchen. Please pull all the way forward to avoid traffic backing up to Elida Street. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Links to save for Winnebago Middle School and District Information. Bookmark them!!

- Winnebago School District: <http://www.winnebagoschools.org/>
- WMS: <http://www.winnebagoschools.org/schools/middleschool>
- WMS daily announcements: <http://www.winnebagoschools.org/schools/middleschool/announcement>
- HomeLogic: <https://homelogic.winnebagoschools.org/>
- eFunds: <https://eps.mvpbanking.com/cgi-bin/efs/login.pl?access=55055>
- Winnebago Athletics: <http://bagoathletics.com/>

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PRIDE STUDENTS IN DECEMBER:

6th Grade: K. Jones and E. Farr
7th Grade: M. Roggensack and K. Sabien
8th Grade: A. Jones and L. Prado

PBIS SECOND QUARTER INCENTIVE TRIP

105 students were eligible to attend and participate in our trip to see Wonder at the Lindo Theater in Freeport. These students displayed PRIDE and made their way up our Spear-It Wall. Students took this trip in the morning and made it back to school for lunch. They had a blast!!

We will continue to recognize students exhibiting the positive behaviors here at school :)



Thanks to Athletic Edge for their generous support of PBIS at Winnebago Middle School. Their donations to our PRIDE program provide rewards and incentives for our students displaying positive actions and behaviors at school. Thank you!!

STAR GROWTH AND REWARDS

December 22nd was not only the last day of school before Winter Break, it was also a day to celebrate test scores! WMS students who increased their Math and/or Reading STAR test results were rewarded with a Hot Chocolate Bar during their lunch period. Special thanks to Sullivan's of Winnebago for their generous donation of the hot chocolate and delicious toppings. Early dismissal AND a Hot Chocolate Bar...what a great afternoon for the hard working students of WMS! Keep up the great work!



