

WMS Parent Newsletter September 2014

Important Dates

- September 9-Meet the Teacher at 6:00pm
- September 12-HPV #1 for Grade 7 Girls
- September 12-Tdap Immunization for Grade 7 Girls and Boys
- September 15-PSSC Meeting at 6:00pm
- September 16-Home and School Meeting at 6:00pm
- September 22-Grade 8 FI Quebec Trip Meeting at 6:30pm
- September 23-Picture Day (Harvey Studios)
- September 29-October 3-"Safe Schools" Week

Welcome Back

Welcome to Woodstock Middle School! We are looking forward to an exciting year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office at 325-4436. Administration may be reached by e-mail as well:

- Steven Jones, Principal: Steven.Jones@nbed.nb.ca
- Terri Mahoney-Walker, Vice Principal: Terri.Mahoney-Walker@nbed.nb.ca

Student Arrival

If students arrive at the school before 8:15am, they must wait in the cafeteria. Students may proceed to their classrooms when the bell rings at 8:15am.

Leaving During the School Day

A student who needs to leave during the instructional day must give his/her homeroom teacher a signed note from their parent and/or guardian. Please note that students will not be dismissed from class to wait in the lobby or outside of the school.

Parents/Guardians must come into the school to pick up their child, and the student must sign out in the office before leaving. This policy is in place as a safety precaution, not to cause hardship to you as a parent/guardian. If the student is only leaving for part of the day, he/she will need to sign back in when they return to the school.

Noon Break

Walking students who wish to go home for lunch (within reasonable walking distance) must bring a note from the parent/guardian indicating permission to do so. No other student(s) may leave the school grounds at noon unless accompanied by his/her parent/guardian. The student must sign out at the office before leaving and sign back in when returning. WMS policy states that a parent/guardian will not be able to give written permission for their child to leave the school grounds with another child and/or parent/guardian.

Student Handbook/Student Agenda

At the start of the year, a copy of the Student Handbook went home with all students. It is an insert in your child's agenda book. Please take the time to read through the handbook as it outlines school and district policies and the day-to-day operations of WMS. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Student Fees

Students are asked to pay a \$30.00 student fee (maximum of \$70.00 for families of 3 or more) which covers the cost of consumables for technology, the student agenda, and a lock for lockers. If the student fee presents a financial hardship to your family, please contact Administration or your child's homeroom teacher. We appreciate your support.

WMS Home & School Association

The WMS Home & School Association is an organization consisting of parent volunteers who are committed to the education and well-being of the students at WMS. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Home & School Committee, please attend the organizational meeting on September 16 at 6:00pm.

WMS Website

Please note that WMS has a school website where newsletters, documents, etc. will be posted. Check out the website at: www.woodstockmiddleschool.nbed.nb.ca.

Cafeteria

Salads, sandwiches, hamburgers, chicken burgers, pizza, and dessert items are available for purchase daily in the cafeteria. At "Sandwich Central", students are asked to pre-order their sandwich at the morning break. Students bringing their own lunch from home are required to bring their own fork, knife, spoon, condiments, etc.

Meal plans may be purchased. To purchase a meal plan, please contact the cafeteria directly (325-9706). Please make all cheques payable to Chartwells.

Allergies

Some students in our school have severe allergies to peanuts and nuts. Any minimal contact with the product and its derivatives may cause anaphylactic shock (severe allergic reaction). Please do not send any products containing peanuts, nuts, or anything that may be near nuts to school. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Some staff and students are scent sensitive; therefore, we are a scent-free school. We ask students and staff not to wear perfumes and strong deodorants. We appreciate your understanding in helping us create a more secure environment for all students.

Voice Mail

WMS has a voice mail system in place. It is important that you complete the student data form that was sent home with your child to ensure that you are included in the voice mail system and parent e-mail distribution list. If any of your information changes during the year, please contact the school so that your information can be updated.

Parent E-mail Distribution List

Over the last couple of years, we have received requests for parents/guardians to receive information (newsletters, voice mails, etc.) via electronic format. If you would like your name added to a parent e-mail distribution list, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

Grade 8 Immersion Year-End Trip

For the last five years, WMS's Grade 8 French Immersion students have travelled to Quebec City. This year Rosanne Purinton will chair the event. There will be an information meeting for Grade 8 French Immersion students and their parents/guardians on September 22 at 6:30pm.

School Based Immunization Clinics 2014-2015

Immunization is one of the best ways to protect children. It is a proven tool for controlling and eliminating life threatening infectious diseases. It is estimated that immunization prevents over 2 million deaths worldwide each year. This school year, Public Health nurses will provide immunizations in middle and high schools throughout Anglophone School District-West. Information and permission slips will be sent home with eligible students prior to the clinic dates.

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If you have any questions, please contact a Public Health nurse by calling 1-888-829-6444 and leaving a message on the immunization question line.