

# WMS

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# March 2021

School Office

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>1A</b>	<b>2B</b> Academic @ Byron, 3:30	<b>3A</b>	<b>4B</b>	<b>5A</b> Spring Pictures, 9:15 Remote Students, 10:00	<b>6</b> Science Olympiad, 8am
<b>7</b>	<b>8B</b> Academic @ AFC, 3:30	<b>9A</b> GBB @ H, 4:00 Wrestling @ Meridian, 4:00	<b>10B</b> School Spelling Bee, 3:15pm	<b>11A</b> GBB @ H, 4:00	<b>12B</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15A</b> Academic @ H, 3:30 Wrestling @ H, 4:00	<b>16B</b> GBB @ H, 4:00	<b>17A</b> Regional Spelling Bee @ Harlem High School	<b>18B</b> GBB @ Pec, 4:00	<b>19A</b> Remote Day - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Scheduled Vaccine for Staff	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22B</b>	<b>23A</b> GBB @ H, 4:00 Wrestling @ Oregon, 4:00	<b>24B</b>	<b>25A</b> GBB @ Oregon, 4:00 Wrestling @ H, 4:00	<b>26B</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	<b>30</b> NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	<b>31</b> NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	<b>April 1</b> NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	<b>April 2</b> NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	<b>April 3</b>
<b>April 4</b>	<b>April 5A</b> School Resumes @ 9:15am		***All dates are subject to change. Check daily announcements online for current information.		Cathy Finley, Principal Patrick Brûlé, Asst. Principal	

## **5Essentials Parent Survey**

This is a reminder to participate in the parent survey supplement, part of the Illinois 5Essentials Survey administration. We guarantee that survey responses will *never* be connected to the identity of you or your child. School reports will only present aggregated information of how parents and students responded as a whole.

A parent survey report will be generated if at least 20 percent of parents respond to the survey. While the parent data will not be made public, the parent report will be made available to the School and the District help to make considerations based on the responses given by parents. Your participation in the parent survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Again, your identity and individual survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

Teachers and 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders throughout Illinois are taking the teacher and student 5Essentials Survey. School-level 5Essentials Reports will be generated if teachers and/or students meet their 50 percent response-rate thresholds. These research-based reports will be sent to schools and districts in March and will also be included in the State School Report Card, released statewide in the fall.

Please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> to take the parent survey.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact 5Essentials Customer Support at 1-866-440-1874 or [impact-surveys@uchicago.edu](mailto:impact-surveys@uchicago.edu).

## **5Essentials Student Survey**

We are writing to inform you about a student survey that will be administered at your child's school called the Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This is the ninth year the Illinois State Board of Education will implement this survey across the state. This survey is based on 20 years of research at the University of Chicago. It asks students about their experiences in school, giving school leaders critical student input to help develop school improvement plans.

Student participants will be required to log-in using their state student ID and birth date in order to complete the survey. Students' identities will be completely confidential. Teachers or administrators will never see individual responses to survey questions and will only receive

aggregated information, such as the total percentage of students who agree homework assignments help them learn the course material.

Please be aware that under the Protection of Pupil Rights Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232(c) (1) (A), you have the right to review a copy of the questions asked of your student(s). Survey questions can be found on the Illinois 5Essentials [Support Center](https://impactsurveyshelp.force.com/s/article/illinois-5essentials-survey-questions) (<https://impactsurveyshelp.force.com/s/article/illinois-5essentials-survey-questions>).

If you do not want your son or daughter to participate, please contact the school at 815-335-2364.

## **Spring Pictures**

Spring pictures will be taken Friday, March 5th. Ordering online is easy, visit [inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/571296F](http://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/571296F). Only those students who preorder will be photographed. Picture forms are also available in the WMS Office. Pictures will begin at 9:15am. If you are a remote student and would like to have your picture taken, please arrive at the WMS office at 10:00am.

## **Sports Registration**

Girls basketball and wrestling start March 1<sup>st</sup>. If interested, please go online to complete the sports registration: <https://winnebago-ar.schooltoday.com/>

Athletes must have a current sports physical and all WMS Instructional fees paid prior to any practices or events. IF you have questions or need assistance with the registration, please contact the Athletic Department at 815-335-2336.

## **2021-2022 School Year**

Our 6th graders and 7th graders have received and have been returning their elective sheets to choose classes for the 2021-2022 school year. All forms were due on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. They should have been signed by parents and students and returned to the office. Please turn them in as soon as possible if you still have them. These student choices will be used to help make staffing and scheduling decisions for 2021-2022.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade team will be busy planning Promotion for Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. While we have a date planned, we do not have details of what any celebration or ceremony might take place yet. May 20<sup>th</sup> will mark the last day for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to attend school this year as long as they have passed and will be promoted to the high school for next year. Any students who do not pass would still come to school for the remainder of the year (May 21st - June 1st). This would allow them the extra time and more individualized attention with teachers to pass any classes so they can go to the high school for 2021-2022.

## Class of 2024 Freshman Orientation

The WHS Academic Advisors will be presenting registration information and materials for the 2021-2022 school year to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on March 1 and March 2 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. A Google presentation will be sent out to all parents on March 1. The WHS Academic Advisors will be meeting with each individual 8<sup>th</sup> grade student during science classes on March 9 and March 10.

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. IAR and STAR) and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 (including any eligible Drivers Ed forms) are due by **Friday, March 12, 2021 at 3 p.m.**

The Course Description Book for the 2021-22 school year is available on the Winnebago District website ([www.winnebagoschools.org](http://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 Friday, **March 12, 2021** at 3:00 p.m. Students who turn in a Driver Education Application after **March 12** 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

### **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.

## **Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) Testing in March/April/May - LOOKING AHEAD**

Students are required to take the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) test this year. Your middle school child will take the assessment for math and English Language Arts classes. In addition, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will also take the Illinois Science Assessment.

## **Advertising/Sponsorship Opportunity**

For our parents and families who are professionals or have their own business! You have the opportunity to place an advertisement on our new official Student Planners. These new high-quality coated planners will be used as a teaching tool for tracking homework and to help our students to be better prepared for class. They will also provide a means of communication between the classroom and home. Your help is needed in sponsoring these books with an advertisement, so that they can be offered at no cost to our students. This is an outstanding way for both

the students and parents to see your message on a daily basis. If interested, please email [finleyc@winnebagoschools.org](mailto:finleyc@winnebagoschools.org).