



WINDSOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



Windsor Middle School is very excited to announce that the Windsor Unified Board of Trustees has decided to fully fund the construction of our Culinary room for the 2019-2020 school year. The course will be offered to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students either as a 9 week rotation class (6th graders) or a Culinary I class (7th and 8th graders). In the 2020-2021 school year 8th graders who took the Culinary I class as 7th graders will be able to take Culinary II as 8th graders. The 6th - 8th Culinary program aligns with the Vineyard Academy program at Windsor High School. Students will be able to select electives for the following year in February and March.

Brian Williams

Important Dates

- 12/5 Walk & Roll to school Day
DELAC Mtg, 6:00pm, Library
- 12/11 Coffee with the Principal, 9:30am, Library
Site Council Meeting, 3:30pm, Library
- 12/12 Moxie's Dine and Donate
- 12/14 Winter Chorus Concert, 6:30pm, MPR
- 12/13 Winter Band Concert, 6:30pm, Gym
- 12/18 Winter Strings Concert, 6:30pm, MPR
- 12/19 & 12/20 Super Minimum Days, Dismissal at 1:10pm.

School Resumes on 1/7/2019 at 8:40am





Join Mr. Williams on Tuesday, December 11th, at 9:30am, in the Library, for coffee and an update on what's going on at WMS. Please RSVP to Jen Cox, if you plan to attend, jcox@wusd.org.



SITE COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. Williams and the Site Council will be meeting, Tuesday, December 11th, at 3:30pm, in the Library.



DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are now posted to the WMS website each morning. The link is: <https://wusd.org/index.php/wms-school/> They are listed under Daily Bulletin. If you have any Questions or cannot access the website please let Jen Cox know, jcox@wusd.org



WMS Winter Concert Series

Come and enjoy some festive music to help get you in the holiday mood. WMS has three concerts planned for this month:

- 12/14 Winter Chorus Concert, 6:30pm, MPR
- 12/13 Winter Band Concert, 6:30pm, Gym
- 12/18 Winter Strings Concert, 6:30pm, MPR

Everyone is welcome, so come and enjoy some seasonal music and holiday cheer. Bring a treat to share as your entry fee. Great music, great fun!



Odyssey of the Mind has started we will be meeting every Friday from 3:30 to 5pm, in room F102. Parents welcome!



8TH GRADE BABY PHOTOS

Parents of 8th graders: It is an annual tradition to print in the yearbook, a baby photo of promoting 8th graders. The yearbook staff is now accepting **digital .jpg images only**. Please ensure that the **file resolution has a minimum of 300KB**. Most home printers/scanners and workplace copiers allow you to create a .jpg image from a photograph. Please attach the .jpg file to an email and attach the **photo and STUDENT'S NAME** to wmsyearbook@wusd.org In order to meet our publishing deadline, the deadline for accepting these photos is Friday, January 11th, 2019.



WMS YEARBOOK

Parents: The holiday season is fast approaching and one of the best gifts you can buy your WMS student is the 2018-19 WMS Yearbook. All the selfies and snapchats on your student's phone will be long gone years from now, but yearbook photos are forever. The book is 120 pages, hard bound and arrives the last week of school. Please go online to order at www.jostensyearbooks.com for \$45. You can customize the book cover with your student's name and topic emojis. If you prefer to pay by cash or check, the yearbook staff will be prepared to accept those payments in **January**.

We will share an order form online and have them available in the school office at that time.

Questions? Please contact Beth Dodge at bdodge@wusd.org ORDER online at: www.jostens.com



8TH GRADE WASHINGTON DC TRIP NEWS!

We are adding a 2nd bus on the Washington DC/NYC trip in June! 8th graders if you missed out on registering for this trip, here's your opportunity to go! Register NOW by going to www.worldstrides.org/signup and enter Trip ID#158781. The deadline to sign up is Monday, October 8; however you're encouraged to sign up as soon as possible as space is limited. Remember the trip is open to anyone (from any school) who is a current 8th grader (or older). If you have any questions or need more information, contact Kelley Hunter at khunter@wusd.org.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

-We would like to have parent help on Walk & Roll Wednesdays (the 1st Wed of each month).
-We also need help in the Student Store on Fridays
If you are available to give your time, please contact Elsa Vera, our Volunteer Coordinator here at: wmsvolunteer@wusd.org or call 837-7737, ext 8113. If you want to be added to the volunteer contact, email list, fill out a Volunteer Questionnaire located in the office or on the WMS website and turn it in.



VOLUNTEER DRIVERS/CHAPERONES

Any parent volunteer that may possibly be alone with a student(s) other than their own child, **MUST** be fingerprinted through Windsor Unified School District and the Justice Department. The District keeps fingerprints on file as long as the person in question has a student in the Windsor School District. The only exception is if the adult was an employee with WUSD and resigned.

Parents interested in driving for field trips, sporting or musical events must complete a Driver/Chaperone Packet EVERY YEAR. The completion of this packet provides the necessary information to verify that the applicant's fingerprints are on file and ensures that their insurance coverage meets the District's criteria and that the insurance policy is still active.

The District offers fingerprint service to parent volunteers that have not been fingerprinted through the district. The cost of fingerprinting is **\$50.00** per person payable by cash or check (payable to WMS). **Payment in advance** is required for this service. Parents should bring their payment to Jennifer Adams in the office.

A parent that was approved last year, will only be approved this year once the driver packet is returned. Fingerprint approved is not the same as driver approved.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION!



WMS collects Box Tops all year long. We had our 1st turn in date and earned \$140, and now are collecting for the next date in Feb. This time we'd like to earn \$300. Turn in your Box Tops to the office. Check the expiration date, trim the Box Top, put them into a baggie, write your student's name and grade on the baggie, and turn it in. Easy! Thank you for your support.



INDEPENDENT STUDY

Parents/Guardians, If you are planning on taking your student out of school for a **minimum of five days** and want to do an independent study contract, you **must give us notice at least 7 school days** in advance. This will

give teachers time to get assignments together. A contract must be signed by student and parent/guardian before requesting the work. Any questions, please call Seana Buckman in the front office @ 837-7737 ext 8100.



LIBRARY BOOKS

The library would appreciate donations of middle school appropriate books. Budgetary constraints limit adding to our collection.



From everyone at WMS!