

# BACK-TO-SCHOOL

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AUGUST 10, 2022

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West Allegheny School District

*A Tradition of Excellence...  
A Vision for Tomorrow*

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# ACADEMICS

## Emergency Instructional Time

allows the District to utilize remote instruction to satisfy the minimum instructional time requirements based on a Pandemic related need for school closure.

Emergency  
Instructional  
Days

Flexible  
Instructional  
Days

Snow Days  
(After 2 Built  
into  
Calendar)

A **Flexible Instructional Day (FID)** is a program available to public school entities to be used as an alternative approach to delivering instruction if a circumstance arises that prevents instruction in the customary manner. The District was granted up to five FIDs.

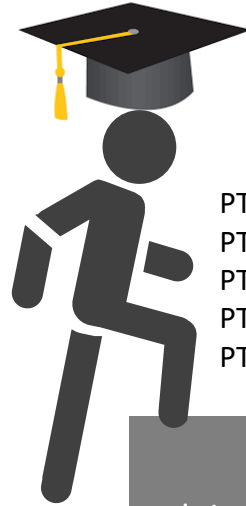
Two **Snow Days** have been built into the school calendar. After these two days have been exhausted, any subsequent snow related closure will shift to a remote learning day.

Remote Learning Schedule	
Period	Time Frame
1	9:00-9:30
2	9:35-10:05
3	10:10-10:40
4	10:45-11:15
5	11:20-11:50
6	11:55-12:25
7	12:30-1:00
8	1:05-1:35
9	1:40-2:10
Office Hours	2:15-3:00


## Remote Learning Plan 3.0



# ACADEMICS




PTC - CAD: Architectural Engineering Technology  
PTC - CAD: Mechanical Engineering Technology  
PTC - Electrician Technology  
PTC - HVAC Technology  
PTC - Welding Technology



## K-5

- Expansion of Lexia to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- Addition of Lexia English- ESL
- Year 2 of Reading Horizons
- Literacy Coach Support for Teachers


**Elementary**



## 6-8

- enVision Math Program
- Success Maker Math Intervention Program
- Into Literature ELA Program
- E-Sports Elective Course



**Middle**



## 9-12

- Intro to Algebra Course
- Into Literature ELA Program
- ECIHSA Expansion - 23 Programs at 4 Institutions (10 new)
- Freshmen Academy

**High School**



## College and Career Readiness

- Road to Readiness

**K-12**

RMU - Business Administration (fast track to masters)  
RMU - Engineering (fast track to masters)

CCBC - Aerospace Management  
CCBC - Air Traffic Controller  
CCBC - Professional Pilot

**K-12 Resetting Behavioral Expectations & PBIS (K-8) to Support Student Learning**



# TECHNOLOGY



Secure online registration program for school paperwork.



MySchoolBucks gives parents the convenience and flexibility of one account to securely pay for school-based activities.



Microsoft Teams

A communications platform allowing for chat and videoconferencing that will be used for remote learning and virtual meetings.



Cloud-based student safety and device management solution.

## District Website App



District website will be available via mobile app for convenience.  
**coming soon**

## District Device Insurance

District provided cost effective device insurance program for Chromebooks & iPads.



## C.A.R.E

**C** Connections &  
Culture  
**A** Awareness  
**R** Relationships  
**E** Extra Support

# Preventive C.A.R.E. Measures

Balance

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# Emergency S.M.A.R.T. Measures

## S.M.A.R.T

**S** Security  
**M** Monitor  
**A** ALICE  
**R** Responsiveness  
**T** Training

### Enhanced CARE Measures

- Increased to nine mental health therapists
- Continued Expansion of School Camera Coverage

### Enhanced SMART Measures

- Added 3 full-time School Resource Officers; 5 SROs
- Enhancing Social Media Awareness Measures including: Navigation 360 Detect; BARK parent app; Digital Threat Assessment Safer Schools Together
- Resetting ALICE training for staff and students; continuation of drills
- Added doors, gates, and remote access card readers to restrict access to specific areas of schools
- Focusing on outdoor classroom areas



# HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN UPDATES

PDE is requiring Districts are to continue to review, update and make public their Health and Safety Plan through 9/30/24.

Key Aspect	SY 2022-23	SY 2021-22
Face Coverings In-School and Buses	Optional Recommended when CDC designation is high	Required through Feb 28 Optional/Recommended Mar-June
Social Distancing	Classrooms and Cafeterias are configured to optimize student learning, socialization and safety	Six feet to the greatest extent possible; multiple smaller eating pods
Hand Sanitizing and Disinfecting	Hand sanitizing stations remain available in classrooms and high traffic areas; disinfectant wipes and desk sprays available to students	Hand sanitizing stations available in classrooms and high traffic areas; disinfectant wipes/sprays provided by teachers K-8 desks and 6-12 eating spaces
Water Fountains and Lockers	All water fountains and water bottle filling stations open Lockers will be assigned and fully in use	Limited to water bottle filling stations second semester; no water fountains and no lockers
Cleaning, Disinfecting and Ventilation	Maintain industry best practices and increase as needed	CDC and industry best practices and increase as needed
Visitors and Volunteers	Essential visitors and essential parent volunteers are permitted	Essential visitors Parent volunteers Mar-June
Case Investigation	Will continue to case investigate and report; no longer quarantining close contacts but will provide notification; continue to report positive cases to pandemic nurses	Quarantined for illness and close contacts exposures



# HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN QUARANTINE

- West Allegheny School District will continue to conduct case investigations with appropriate isolation and quarantine procedures, with consideration of health organization guidelines and recommendations.
- **Quarantine for Illness (QI):** Day 0-5 of isolation, if no symptoms are present or symptoms are resolving (fever free 24 hrs, w/o medication) then return on Day 6 with mandatory mask wearing through Day 10.
  - If symptoms are present, remain in isolation until 24 hours of being fever free and symptoms begin to get better.
  - If return to school between Days 6-10, mandatory mask wearing through Day 10, unless you produce a negative rapid test.
  - Day 0 is your first day of symptoms or a positive viral test.
  - If unable to wear a mask, refusal to wear a mask, or not able to test, not able to return to school and must comply with 10-day isolation.
- **Close Contacts Unvaccinated/Vaccinated Exposure:** Quarantine not necessary but strongly recommended mask wearing Days 1-10. Highly recommended to test on Day 5. This includes living with someone who is positive.
- Isolation period starts from symptom onset date or positive test date for asymptomatic persons.





**WA**  
**WEST ALLEGHENY**  
**ANNUAL**  
**DAY OF CARING**



**SATURDAY**  
**AUGUST 20**

**8:30-10:30 A.M.**

**WA STAFF WILL BE VISITING THE FOLLOWING  
NEIGHBORHOODS COLLECTING NONPERISHABLE  
ITEMS TO SUPPORT THE  
WEST ALLEGHENY FOOD PANTRY**

**Walden Woods  
Homes/Townhomes  
Stonebridge Homes/Townhomes  
Hankey Farms  
Brooktree  
Forestbrooke  
Jeffreytown Heights/Trails  
Seabright  
Fayette Farms  
Princeton Plan  
Canterbury Townhomes  
Point West**

**Preserves  
Holly Hill  
Glen Gormley  
Imperial Ridge  
Westbury  
Westbury Townhomes  
Sun Ridge and Lenox Place  
Imperial Point  
Marion Estate  
Maronda Farms  
Twin Lakes  
Clinton on the Lake**

**PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING NONPERISHABLE DONATIONS  
AT YOUR CURB BY 8:30 A.M. FOR PICK-UP.**

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# The Nutrition Group

- Starting this school year (22-23), programs across the nation will return to normal, pre- pandemic operations.
- Families will once again be asked to complete and submit a current school year Free/Reduced Meal Application if they would like to determine if their students qualify based on income.
- Ensure your student continues to receive free meals for the 2022/2023 school year **if eligible** by completing a USDA application before the start of the school year.
- The USDA's 2022-2023 meal application is available, and they may be completed in one of two ways:
  1. Strongly encourage meal applications to be completed online at School Café.
  2. Meal applications can be picked up in any of the school offices. These meal applications need to be completed in entirety and returned to the student's home school office or food service department.



Turkey  
Chef Salad

*Welcome Back*

**for the 22/23 School Year!**



## Meal Prices

	K-5	6-12
Breakfast	\$1.10	\$1.25
Lunch	\$2.75	\$2.85





# Go to [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com)



## For Parents

SchoolCafé Support Hours: 6:00 am to 6:00 pm CST

Phone: 855.PAY2EAT (855) 729-2328

Email: [customercare@schoolcafe.com](mailto:customercare@schoolcafe.com)

Website: [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com)

SchoolCafé provides a secure, online system for parents to

- Make payments to their student(s) cafeteria-meal account(s)
- View school menus and menu item nutrition information
- Review your student's buying history

### Quick Answers

✓ **How do I add money/make a payment to my child's account?**  
You can continue to send money to school with your student or you can add money through SchoolCafé. Follow the steps in Make a Payment in this guide.

✓ **I made an online payment. When can my student use the payment?**  
Your student's cafeteria account at the school is credited within 24 hours but may become available as quickly as 2 hours.

✓ **Is there a fee or service charge for making online payments?**  
A convenience fee may be charged for each online payment transaction. For example, if you make a \$20.00 payment and the convenience fee is \$1.00, the total debited from your credit card is \$21.00. The available funds for your child will be \$20.00. Convenience fee amounts vary by school district.

✓ **Can I receive notification when my student's account balance is low?**  
Yes! Follow the steps in **Set Up a Low Balance Alert** in this guide.

✓ **Why was my account locked when making a payment?**  
After three failed payment attempts, payment function is locked. Contact SchoolCafé to remove the lock.

✓ **What if I have several students in different schools?**  
Include as many students as you need in your account. The students can attend any school within the same district. Payments for each student are made separately.

✓ **Can I transfer money from one child to another?**  
Contact the Child Nutrition Services office at the school district for assistance with a transfer.

✓ **What happens to the money in my account at the end of the school year?**  
Your account balance moves with your student(s) from grade to grade and school to school within the district. Contact the Child Nutrition Services office at the school district for assistance with a refund.

✓ **How do I receive a refund if my child changes school districts?**  
Contact the Child Nutrition Services office at the school district for assistance with a refund.

## 1 Register

\* You will be asked to verify your security answer and contact information when you request help with your username or password, or other information on your Profile page.

- Click [Register](#)
- Verify "I'm registering as a Parent" is selected and click [Next Step](#)
- Enter your school district name and then click [Next Step](#)
- Enter your name and contact information, and then click [Next Step](#)
- Set up your username and password
- Select a **Security Question** and enter a **Security Answer**, and click [Next Step](#)
- Click **I'm not a robot** and follow the reCAPTCHA prompts
- Check **I accept the Terms & Conditions** and click [Create My Account](#)

## 2 Add Your Student(s)

- Click **Students** → **Student Accounts**
- Click [Add a Student](#)
- Enter your **Student's ID** [and **Lunch PIN**, if asked] and select your student's **School**
- Click [Search & Verify Student](#)
- Click [Add this Student](#)

## 3 Add Payment Source

- Click **My Account** → **Payment Sources**
- Click [Add a Card](#)
- Enter your **Card Number** and **Card Expiration** date
- Enter a name to associate with this card, if wanted
- Click [Add Card](#)

## 4 Make a Payment

- Click **Students** → **Student Accounts**
- Click **Make a Payment**
- Enter **Payment** dollar amount
- Click [Next >](#)
- Select a [Payment Method](#), or enter card information for a one-time payment
- Click [Submit Payment >](#)

## Set Automatic Payment

- Click **Students** → **Student Accounts**
- Click **Automatic Payment** (⚙️) in a student listing
- Enter **Payment Amount**
- Enter amount in **Balance Threshold** to trigger payment
- Select a **Payment Source**
- Set **Auto Pay Expiration Date** for stop payment date
- Click [Add Automatic Payment](#)

## Set Low Balance Alerts

- Click **Students** → **Student Accounts**
- Click **Low Balance Alert** (🔔) in a student listing
- Enter **Threshold** amount
- Enter number of days to elapse between alerts
- Click [Set](#)



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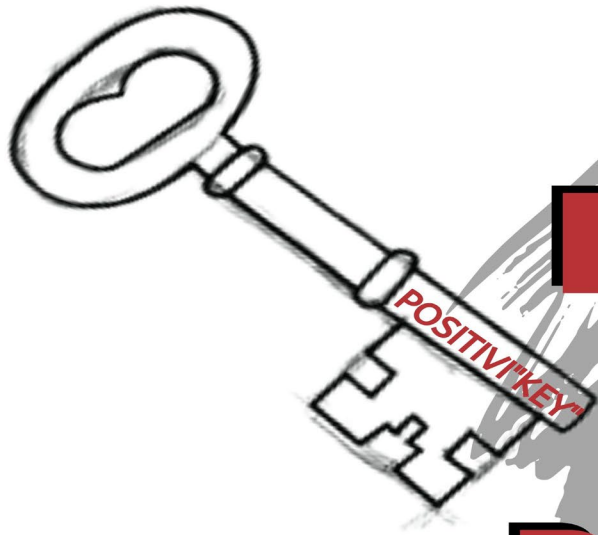
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# **WELCOME BACK TO THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR!**

We are ready to help UNLOCK  
your child's potential!



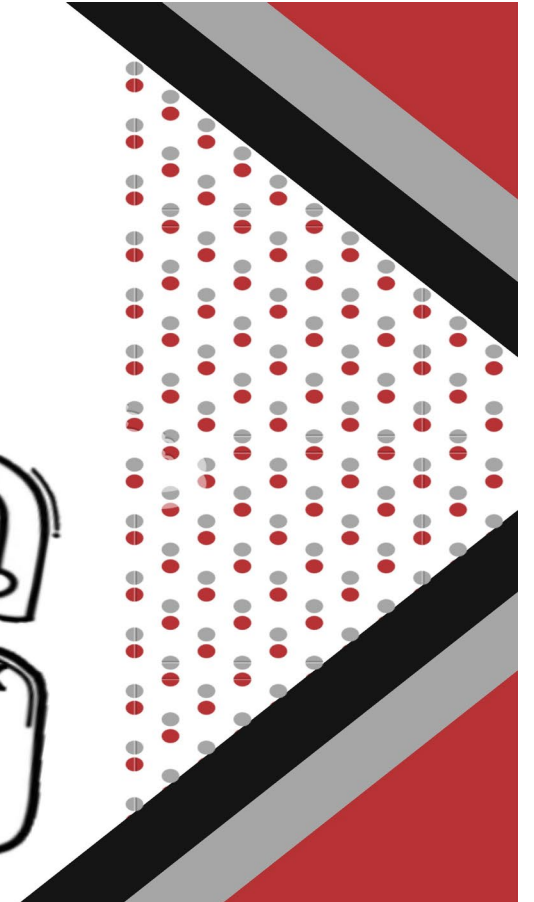




**Be the Key:  
Make a  
Positive Impact  
at WAMS!**

**WA**

West Allegheny  
Middle School





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# NEW STAFF / CHANGE IN ROLES



WELCOME

- Ms. Justine Yanosik – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math
- Mr. Trevor Kerr – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math
- Mrs. Cindy Antos - Paraprofessional
- Mrs. Kaitlyn Kennedy - Family Links
- Mr. Johnny Camello – Building Substitute
- Mrs. Lea Hartzog – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math
- Mr. Jonathan Denk – Librarian, MTSS Coordinator







# ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

- Buses will arrive between 7:15 – 7:30
- Our school day begins at 7:35
- Parent drop off follow the loop behind the MS
- Breakfast is available for purchase – \$1.25
- Students go to locker and report to waiting area:
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Outside classrooms
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade – Cafeteria
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade – Gym







See you tomorrow!



# DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

- Our school day ends at 2:35
- Buses pick up in 2 waves
- Pods for students to wait in by color
- Parent pick up - follow the loop behind the MS
- The road in front of the MS is closed to cars at 2:00 PM
- Students who will be riding with a HS sibling will need to complete a Google Form



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



- Missing 10%, or about 18 days, can drastically affect a child's academic success
- Chronically absent students are more likely to be suspended and eventually dropout
- 2 days/month = chronically absent
- WE STRIVE FOR FIVE! Our goal is for students to miss no more than 5 days





# LOCKERS

- All students will be assigned a locker with a combination – KEEP CONFIDENTIAL
- Backpacks, jackets, lunches, phones
- No stickers, magnets, excessive decorations
- Designated locker times or by permission
- Keep tidy – take home food and clothing

Not like this!



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# LUNCH

- Lunch is available for purchase – \$2.85
- Hot entrée and a la cart
- All students will eat in the cafeteria (open seating)
- Students must have their ID
- Cafeteria PBIS System
- Lunch Times
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade – 10:00 – 10:45
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade – 10:45 – 11:30
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade – 11:30 – 12:15





**Be Respectful.**

*I look out for the best interests of others.*

We show our Indian Pride when we are safe, responsible, and respectful school community members.

**Be Safe.**

*I will prevent harm to myself and others.*

We show our Indian Pride when we are safe, responsible, and respectful school community members.

**Be Responsible.**

*I am ready and prepared to do my best.*

We show our Indian Pride when we are safe, responsible, and respectful school community members.

# INDIAN PRIDE PROGRAM - PBIS

- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports
- Tier 1 Behavior Support
  - Hallways
  - Cafeteria
  - Bus
- All Classrooms have a PBIS system
- Cafeteria PBIS system with rewards on Friday
- Follows our Code of Conduct

**PRIDE IN MYSELF ➡ PRIDE IN MY SCHOOL**





New curriculum  
in Math and ELA  
in all grade levels

ELA – Into  
Literature  
Math - EnVisions



Addition of  
Esports elective  
and club - NEW!!

More details  
coming soon!



Focus on CCR at  
each grade level

College and  
Career activities  
are completed in  
Social Studies to  
meet CEW  
Standards

# ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENTS





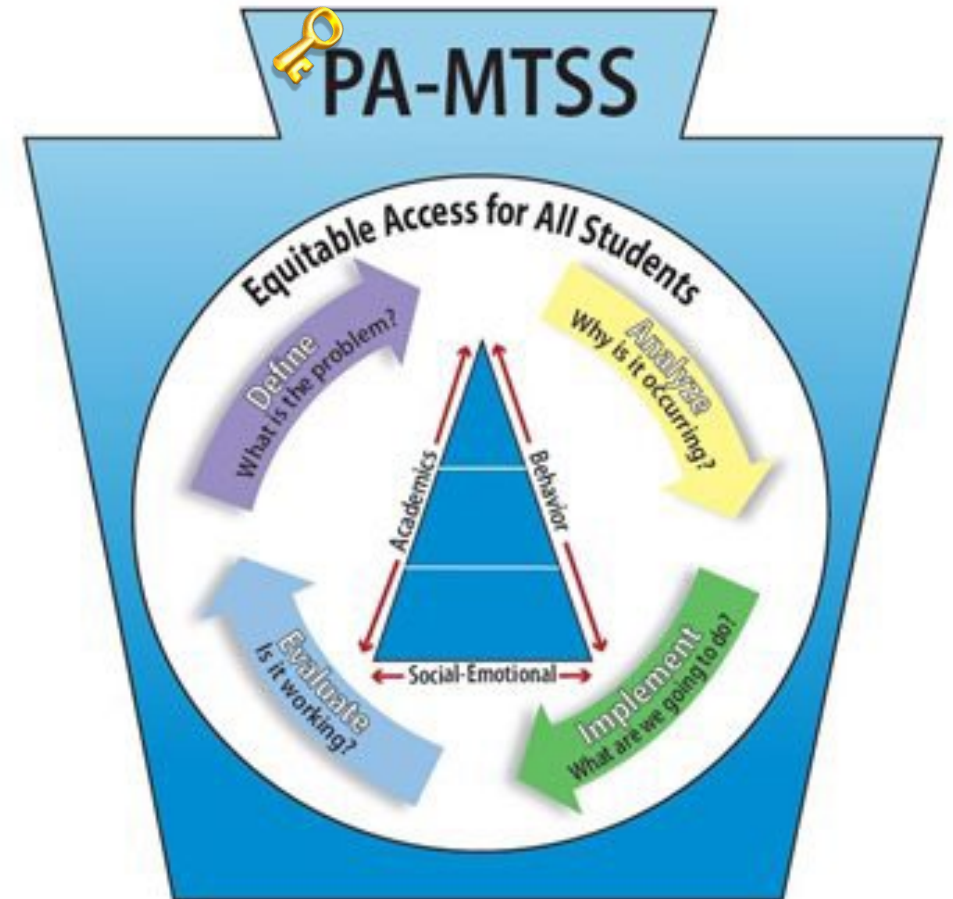


- Canvas is our Learning Management System
  - All teachers utilize a Canvas page for classes
  - The place to look for class announcements, assignments, resources
- Parent Pairing Code
- Check frequently for assignments and announcements
  
- Skyward is our Student Information System
  - The place to look for report cards, attendance
  - Make sure emergency information is up to date



# MTSS – MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORTS

- Tiered system to support students that are struggling to meet Tier I expectations for academics and/or behavior
- Referrals can be made by teachers, parents, students
- Check In – Check Out, Check and Connect, SAP referral, 504 Plan/IEP referral, individual plan for student support





# ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES



Fall	Winter	Spring
Boys Soccer	Boys Basketball	Baseball (8 <sup>th</sup> grade)
Girls Soccer	Girls Basketball	Softball
Football	Wrestling	Swimming
Cross Country	Club Ice Hockey (8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Track and Field
Cheerleading		Girls Volleyball

WPIAL Sports are available to students beginning in 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Other activities open to all MS students include: Art Club, Esports (new this year!), Girls on the Run, Indian Pride Team (PBIS), Student Council, iLead, National Academic League, Bees for History, Geography, Science, Spelling, Jazz Band, Ensembles for percussion, brass, flute/clarinet, Show Choir (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade), Talent Show, HS Musical Cast



# WHERE TO GO FOR HELP

- **Student Services – 724.695.5228**
  - Jeff Kiser – Last name A – L
  - Melissa Rectenwald – Last name M – Z
  - Pearl Hellmann – Special Education, Social Worker
- **MTSS**
  - Jackie Schmidt, Academics – 724.695.2202
  - Jonathan Denk, Behavior – 724.695.2111
- **How to email teachers**
  - Website – Staff Directory
  - Canvas
- **Main school number – 724.695.8979**
- **Absentee call off number – 724.695.1583**
- **Nurse's Suite – Mrs. Hill 724.695.5234**





# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Review handbook and all policies – fill out the acknowledgement forms
- WAMS Highlights on Fridays
- **Upcoming Dates**
  - Walk the School – August 15
  - Picture Day – September 14
  - Open House – September 29
  - End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Half day – October 28
  - Fall Conferences – November 3, 4

