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# MIDDLE SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL PARENT MEETING

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AUGUST 21, 2023



West Allegheny School District

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

# AGENDA

- Introductions
- Construction Status
  - Phasing Update and Construction Timeline
  - Interior and Exterior Photos (What to Expect)
  - Safety Measures
- Daily School Operations
  - Pick-up and Drop-off
  - Classroom Assignments
  - Morning Locations
  - Lockers and Cellphones
  - Announcements

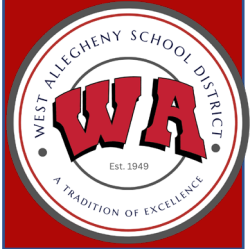
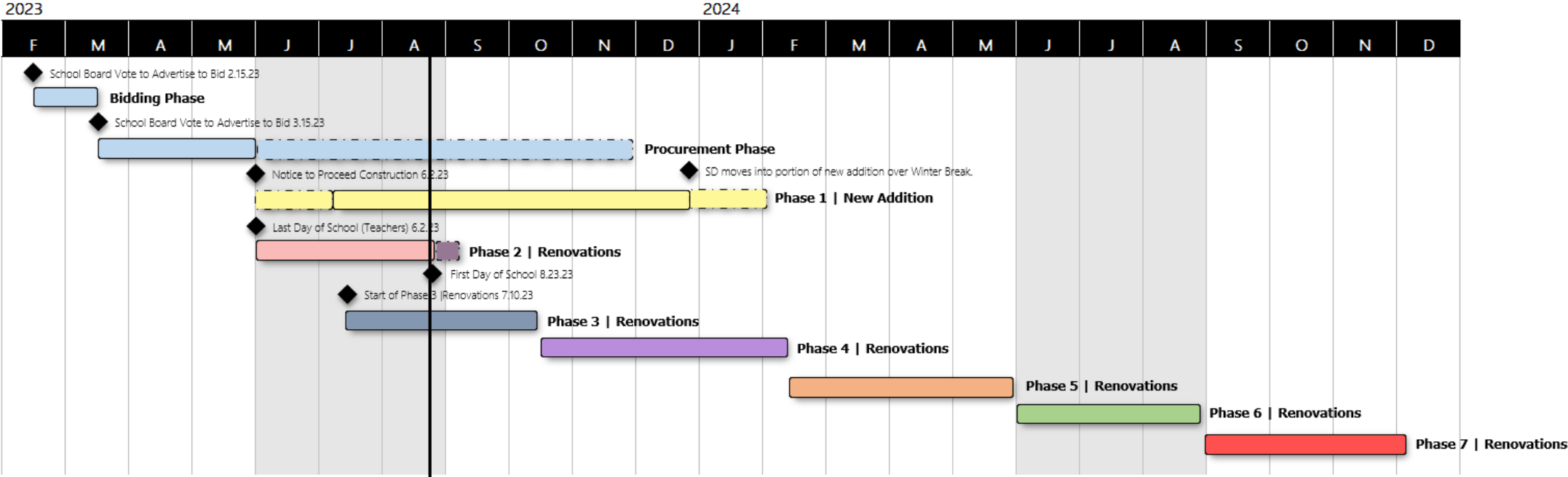


# Construction Status

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# Construction Status: Timeline



# Construction Status: Safety Measures

- Construction Workers
  - Work Area
  - Clearances and ID badges
- Safety Zones
- Asbestos Abatement and Air Quality Assurance

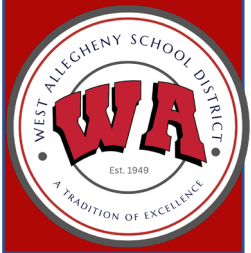


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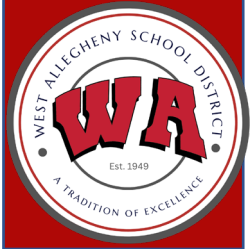


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# Construction Status: Exterior Photos



# WAMS

# School Operations

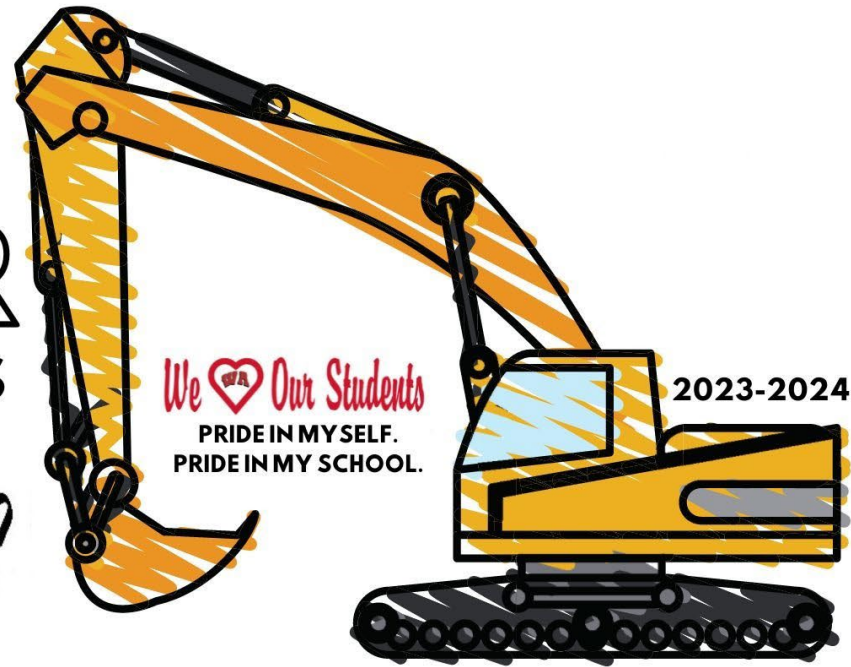
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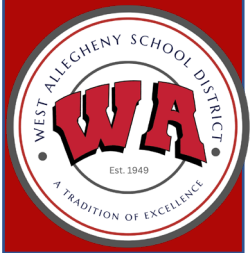
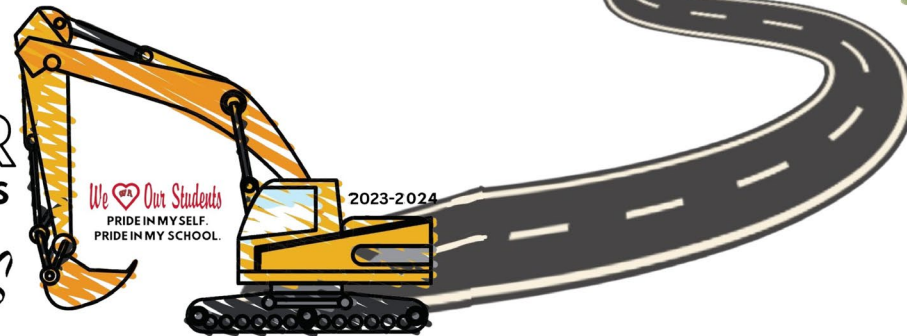


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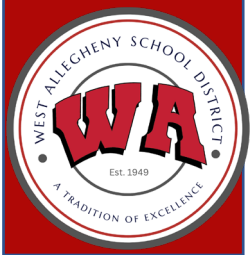
# School Operations: Arrival



- **Bus** arrival will be in the same location, in the front of the building. Students will enter through the existing main entrance.
- **Parent Drop-Off** will turn right at the access road across from the tennis courts.
  - You will no longer be able to loop behind the building. Please follow the flow of traffic and staff will direct you where to go.
  - **TO AVOID DELAYS, WE ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO RIDE THE SCHOOL BUS.**
- **Student Driver Riders** will park in the lower parking lot, walk up the stairs and cross with a staff member's direction. They will walk up the sidewalk to the existing main entrance.

**Upon arrival, students will go to one of three locations to wait for the first bell.**

- **8th Grade:** Cafeteria
- **7th Grade:** Gym Bleachers
- **6th Grade:** Gym – opposite side of bleachers



# School Operations: Morning



- **Breakfast is FREE for all students and will be Grab & Go style.**
- **Students can pick up breakfast in the cafeteria or in the WAMS lobby.**

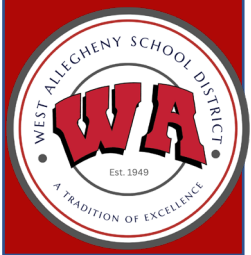


# School Operations: Dismissal

Dismissal



- **Bus riders** will be dismissed in two waves, which is the same as last year. Students will wait in the assigned pods outside based on the location of their bus. As in all school years, we will have that information and teach that to students the first week of school. Sixth Grade will have time to practice this with their teachers so they are clear on how this works and where to go.
- **Parent Pick-Up** – Parents will wait in line until after bus dismissal. Parents should not begin lining up in their vehicles until 2:40pm. Parents should turn at the access road across from the tennis courts and remain in their vehicles until staff directs the pick-up line to pull forward. Parents will pull in front of the Middle School after buses depart to pick up their child.
- **TO AVOID DELAYS, WE ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO RIDE THE SCHOOL BUS.**
- **Student Driver Riders** - Students will be dismissed and will walk down the sidewalk to a designated staff member. When directed, students will cross the drive and walk down the sidewalk and into the student driver's vehicle.



# School Operations: Classroom Assignments

- **Morning Locations:** Upon arrival, students will go to one of three locations to wait for the first bell.
  - **8th Grade:** Cafeteria
  - **7th Grade:** Gym Bleachers
  - **6th Grade:** Gym – opposite side of bleachers
- **Band**

For the first 2-3 weeks of school, Band will be utilizing one quadrant of the gymnasium for band class. There are dividers and temporary dividers to designate this space.
- **Chorus**

For the first 2-3 weeks of school, Chorus will meet their teacher/staff member in the WAMS Lobby and walk to the High School Chorus Room. A staff member will also bring them back from the High School.
- **Pre-Engineering**

For the first 3-4 weeks, Pre-Engineering will be held in room 111.
- **Innovation and Design**

For the first 3-4 weeks, Innovation and Design will be held in room B103.





# School Operations: Classroom Movement

## Sixth Grade Classrooms:

- Watkins - B100
- Swartzwelder - B101
- Clay/ Lambert - B102
- Cleary – Room 233
- Monti – Room 234
- Burke – Room 232
- Seybert – Room 201
- Meehan – Room 205
- Britton – Room 204
- Mason – LIB 3
- McCracken – LIB 4
- Hartzog - B105

## Seventh Grade Classrooms:

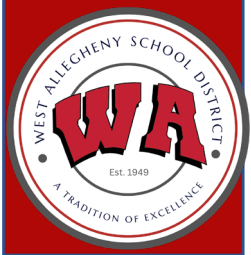
- Bugey – Room 220
- Cozzo/ Ashbery – Room 219
- Rasbach – Room 221
- Barron – Room 222
- Camello – Room 223
- Bezems – Room 224
- Yanosik – Room 225
- Alfera – Room 226
- Kerr – Room 216
- Henry – Room 217
- Siciliano – Room 218
- Monti – Room 234
- Berich – Room 227

## Eight Grade Classrooms:

- Sabin – Room 230
- Karcz – Room 231
- Troup – Room 212
- Hahka/Hegner - Room 210
- Lucci – Room 213
- Selestow – Room 214
- McCaskey – Room 215
- Kerr – Room 216
- Bears – Room 208
- Petraglia – Room 209
- Adair – Room 206
- Schmidt – Room 202

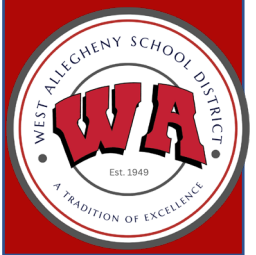
**Note: Staff will teach students which hallways to use and which stairwells make sense to get to their next location.**

**The elevator is available to those students who are unable to use the stairs due to an injury.**



# School Operations: Lockers and Cellphones

- Lockers will not be available for the 2023-24 school year. Students will keep their condensed supplies in their backpack and their backpacks will be with them throughout the school day.
- Staff will designate an area inside their classroom where backpacks can be placed during that period.
- Coats and/or sweatshirts will be carried or placed in student backpacks.
- Cell phones should be silent and away and kept in students' backpacks at all times during the school day. Students are not permitted to use cell phones at the Middle School during the school day.
- In the cafeteria, there will be a location for backpacks to be kept while students are eating lunch. No cellphones are to be used during lunch.



# School Operations: Additional Items

- Announcements

- Announcements are made in the morning and in the afternoon at WAMS.
- This year, announcements will be made through TEAMS and will be viewed on the Aquos Boards.
- Canvas will also be used to relay important messages to students and staff.



- In House Communication

- Staff members have a combination of hard-wired phones, cell phones, and walkie talkies as well as their laptops for avenues of communication.

# WAMS Staff is excited to welcome our 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Students back!

