

Welcome to the 2022-23 School Year!

We would like to welcome all of our new and returning WWT students and families. After a difficult few years for everyone, we are looking forward to a safe, healthy, productive, and fun school year. Below is a lot of information regarding the start of school. If you have additional question, please do not hesitate to contact us. To reach the main office please call 586-439-4402 ext. 3.

Sincerely,

Mike Mackenzie

Schoolpalooza (WWPS Back to School Bash)

- August 25th from 4:00 – 6:00 outside the WWT Athletic Stadium
- Games, snacks, candy, club and team information, WWT merchandise
- Wristband to get into the WWT Varsity football game vs Lakeview for free.

Registration and Orientation

We will once again hold a campus style registration.

8/29 - Sophomores 8:00 am - 10:00 am

8/29 - Juniors 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

8/29 - Seniors 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

8/30 - Freshmen Orientation 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Students in grades 10-12 may attend anytime during his/her appropriate session. If families have two or more children at WWT, they may attend one session for transportation purposes.

WWT First Day of School

The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 6th**. It will be a half day with a 10:45 dismissal.

Student Schedules/Schedule Changes

Counselors will return to their offices on Wednesday, August 24th. They will be contacting all newly enrolled students to create a schedule for the upcoming year. The counselors will then focus on class changes for students with existing schedules. Schedules will be handed out at registration and will also be available on PowerSchools closer to the start of school.

Last Name A-G - James McCracken (jmccracken@mywwps.org)

Last Name H-O – Julie Geyman (jgeyman@mywwps.org)

Last Name P-Z – Matt Rohloff (mrohloff@mywwp.org)

Counseling APA – Barb Dempsey 586-439-4577

Computers

We are very excited to announce that WWPS has utilized money from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III) to purchase additional laptops and laptop carts so that every classroom in WWT will have a class set of devices. Teachers will be utilizing these laptops in their lessons to improve instruction and student engagement. We also plan to have a limited number of laptops available to check out on a short-term basis (a few days) from our media center.

New Technology

Thanks to the support of the voters in our community. We have installed new 86" Interactive LCD Smart Boards as well as wireless document cameras and keyboards in all classrooms. This new technology will enhance teacher instruction and student engagement.

Newly Created Positions

With Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III) funds, we are excited to announce we have created new positions at the secondary level (WWT, WWMS, EHS).

- **Secondary Intervention Coach – Mrs. Michelle Voelker (yes, the one from the MS)**
 - o Mrs. Voelker Will work with all staff to support instruction and student needs
- **Math Instructional Coach – Dr. Brandy Fairley**
 - o Dr. Fairley will work with secondary math teachers to help develop lessons and support instruction.

MSU College Advisor – Ms. Erica Newby

We are excited to announce that WWT has partnered with Michigan State University and Ameri-Corps to provide a full-time college advisor that will be housed at WWT. Ms. Newby will be working with parents and students on college and career planning. She will assist with FAFSA, college applications, resume building and post-secondary plans. While she will be working with all students, she will also focus on supporting first generation college students.

Cell Phones

Like us, we are sure you are concerned with the amount of time your child spends looking at their cell phone. It has become an incredible distraction in classrooms across the country and has led to a lack of instructional engagement for many students. Like many high schools in the area and across the country, WWT is going to a "No Phone" policy in classrooms. Phones are **not** being banned from school or even classrooms; however, when a student is in class, their phone may not be seen or heard during the instructional portion of class.

In the past, teachers would sometimes have students utilize their phones for academic purposes; with all classrooms now having a set of laptops, there is no longer this need. Students may keep their phone in their possession while in class; however, their phone should be turned off, silenced, put in "airplane" mode, etc. to ensure it is not used. If a student's phone is seen, they will receive progressive discipline. With support from our Booster Club, we have purchased "phone caddies" for every classroom where students will be able to place their phone during class time. These will be placed in an area close to the teachers' desk and will be visible for students to be able to see their phone. Students may choose not to utilize the caddy as long as their phone is not seen or heard.

Students will continue to be able to use their phones before and after school, during passing periods, and at lunch. Our classes are approximately an hour long, if you need to get ahold of your child, we ask that you please wait for them to respond until a passing period or lunch. Just like in pre-cell phone days, if there is an emergency and you need to get ahold of your child, please call the main office 586-439-4402 ext. 3. As in the past, your permission is required to sign your child out of school, please contact the attendance office at 586-439-4564 to make these arrangements.

We understand that many parents will be in favor of this new policy, and many may be opposed to it. We ask for your support in trying to improve the learning environment and engagement for all our students.

Free and Reduced Lunch

The federal government has eliminated free lunch and breakfast for all students. If you would like to be considered to receive free or reduced lunch/breakfast, please click on the following link. If you qualify, this may also provide financial support for things like college application fees as well as SAT and AP testing fees.

<https://www.familyportal.cloud/>

Student Drop Off

Students may be dropped off before school at either the main East door (gym side) or the main West door (flagpole). However, any students arriving 7:30 must enter through the East doors (the West doors will be locked at 7:30 am).

Parents/Visitors

All visitors must enter the building through the East main doors and check in at the attendance office.

Bus Stop Locations and Rider Eligibility

To see if your child is eligible to ride the bus (must live further than 1.5 mile away from the school) or to see where bus stop locations are, please click on the following link. (Please note that bus stops and pick up/drop off times are still being modified.)

<https://ewa.edulogweb.com/warrenmi1web/webquery>

Fall Sports

Fall sports are officially underway, however, many teams will still take new athletes. If your child is interested in playing a fall sport, please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Cutshaw, with any questions 586-439-4566.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are now on sale through Jostens. If you order before 9/16/22 you will receive a \$15 discount. You can order online JOSTENSYEARBOOKS.COM or by calling 1-877-767-5217.

Senior Pictures

We are excited to announce that WWT is partnering with Prestige Photography to celebrate the achievements of this year's upcoming senior class. As our official partner, Prestige will design personalized sessions for our seniors and have pictures and products available at a wide range of price points

Our school is requesting that every Class of 2023 Senior make an appointment with Prestige. We recommend scheduling your professional senior picture session for the summer. You'll have more flexibility in session dates and times, plus Prestige is offering us special savings that are only available if you book your session during this time of year. To schedule your senior portrait session, visit <http://www.prestigeportraits.com/studio> or if you need further assistance, please call (586) 532-9300.

If you complete your session by 9/3/2022, you'll receive \$10 off the standard session or higher. Only students photographed by Prestige will appear on the senior class composite. If you have questions, you can contact our Yearbook advisor, Mr. Graves at dgraves@mywwps.org.

Student Parking

Student parking is limited to the big parking lot on the east side of the school between the black fence and the athletic field. A parking pass must be purchased from the front office during, registration, the first week of school or when a student begins driving to school. The cost of the parking pass is **\$15** for the school year (a new parking pass must be purchased each year.)

WWT Bell Schedule

WWT will now be starting at **7:35 am** (5 minutes later than in the past) to help try and alleviate some of the transportation concerns we experienced last year. WWT will now be dismissing at **2:30**.

WWT Bell Schedule 2022-2023(Tentative)

1st Hour **7:35 – 8:40 (* 7:35 - 7:43 Office Time)**

Passing 8:40 – 8:45

2nd Hour **8:45 – 9:42**

Passing 9:42 - 9:47

3rd Hour **9:47 – 10:45**

Passing 10:45 – 10:50

4th Hour **10:50 – 12:30**

A – Lunch **10:50 – 11:20**

 Passing 11:20-11:25

B – Lunch **11:25 – 11:55**

 Passing 11:55 – 12:00

C – Lunch **12:00 – 12:30**

 Passing 12:30 – 12:35

5th Hour **12:35 – 1:30**

Passing 1:30 – 1:35

6th Hour **1:35 – 2:30**

* Office Time – Announcements, SEL Check-In, Students check email, Schoology and Power Schools