

Dear WMS Families,

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year!

I would like to take this opportunity to share some important information about building procedures school begins on Tuesday. The answers to many of your questions can be found in the District FAQs which can be found [HERE](#).

We have implemented quite a few significant changes here at Woodmere Middle School to ensure that all students and staff remain safe while on campus. Please understand that some of these procedures are subject to change as we evaluate them closely over the first few weeks of classes. You should have received a packet of important information from WMS. Student schedules are available on the Parent Portal and also contain which Hybrid schedule your child is on (A or B). Below is a list of important procedures broken into specific topics. Please understand that this list may not contain every aspect of a student's day.

HEALTH and SAFETY

Complete and submit the COVID health survey each day.

All students must wear a mask throughout the day. Mask breaks will be provided each period at the teacher's direction.

Students will be required to socially distance at all times.

School supplies should be carried in a drawstring bag. We have a limited supply list this year for all students. It can be found on our school website.

Students will NOT have locker access.

Class dismissal will be staggered each period.

No parent will have access to the building at any time without a scheduled appointment.

Each student will receive a placemat to cover his or her desk. Students should carry the placemat to any classroom and bring home to clean each day.

MORNING DROP-OFF

Security will direct all parents in the parking lot. Expect heavy congestion. Please do NOT drop students off on Peninsula Boulevard.

Students will enter the building using three separate entrances. We will have staff positioned at each entrance.

All students taking the bus will use the back entrance near the outdoor basketball courts.

Grade 6 and 7 will use our main entrance.

Grade 8 will use our courtyard entrance near the auditorium.

No student will be permitted in the building prior to 8:30 AM. There is NO supervision available prior to 8:30 AM.

Classes begin at 9:12 AM. Students should be in their homeroom by this time each day.

Extra-help will be offered virtually for all classes until we begin full in-person instruction.

Breakfast is available for students beginning at 8:30 AM. Once a student is finished eating, they will be sent to an alternate room to wait for the day to begin.

TECHNOLOGY

We are in the first year of a fully one-to-one Chromebook program. Students will need to arrive at school each day with a fully charged Chromebook.

All students or parents must complete the Acceptable Use Policy and Device Agreement. Registration is required through FamilyID. Information was sent on a prior date from the district technology department. Students receiving chromebooks at this time will receive a “loaner” until the district receives the shipment of new chromebooks. This information was shared in a previous email from the Instructional Technology department.

Students who need a device must first complete the registration and agreement. The device distribution will take place at the Hewlett High School Pool Lobby during the dates and times listed below:

September 2, 2020: 9 AM- 12 PM

September 3, 2020: 12 PM - 3 PM

September 4, 2020: 9 AM - 12 PM

All teachers at WMS will be using the Schoology platform. Please be sure that you and your child have access to Schoology program. Information on Schoology will be forthcoming. A link and/or nickname will be provided to the Google Meet session when your child is learning remotely. This can be found on each teacher’s Schoology course.

TEXTBOOK DISTRIBUTION

Each department will be provided a specific day to distribute textbooks. Many of our classes will be using online textbooks, thereby eliminating the need for hard copies. Parents of full remote learners will be given a specific time to pick up textbooks. We are in the process of completing a schedule.

LUNCH/RECESS

Students can bring lunch, or purchase a pre-packaged “cold” lunch.

Lunch delivery or drop off is **NOT** permitted.

Students will be called up by tables to purchase any food or drink.

There are **NO** vending machines available.

Students must stay socially distanced during lunch and recess.

PICKUP

Dismissal will be staggered beginning with the students who take a bus.

Security will be in the parking lot directing parents during pickup.

Parents/guardians must stay in their vehicles.

There will be **NO** parking along the curb in the front of the building.

Expect heavy congestion and delays during pickup time.

We have attached a revised WMS bell schedule, which contains some additional information.

I realize that this email contains a tremendous amount of information, but our goal is to assist all of our students and parents in transitioning to the new school year. Although this year will be unlike any other, we are ready to greet your children, in person or remotely, on September 8th.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Al Bauer, Ed.D.
Woodmere Middle School

WOODMERE MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCHEDULE 2020-21

Semester 1: (Quarters 1 & 2) - (Sept. – January)

Semester 2: (Quarters 3 & 4) - (Feb. – June)

SCHOOL DAY: 9:12am – 3:07pm

Day Rotation: Blue/White (1,2)

**Extra Help: Start date to be determined.
8:30am – 9:05am - Monday, Wednesday, Friday**

Homeroom	9:12am – 9:20am
Period 1	9:21am - 9:59am
Period 2	10:05am - 10:43am
Period 3	10:49am - 11:27am
Period 4	11:33am - 12:11pm (Grade 8 lunch)
Period 5	12:17pm - 12:55pm (Grade 6 lunch)
Period 6	1:01pm - 1:39pm (Grade 7 lunch)
Period 7	1:45pm - 2:23pm
Period 8	2:29pm - 3:07pm

Discovery Lab, and Health Lab are scheduled during Recess. Chorus lab will not be held until we are free of COVID restrictions.

NOTE: Students take Physical Education every other day all year.