

June 8, 2022

Dear families of rising 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders,

We are excited about the 2022-23 school year. I look forward to partnering with you as we build a strong and supportive school community. Below you will find important information about the start of the school year. This information and more can be found on our school website: [wcpss.net/lufkinroads](http://wcpss.net/lufkinroads). Check the website weekly for updates and the 'Principal's Message', also on our website. **There will be no schedule pick-up for any tracks this year.** All students will receive their schedule the first day of school. Students on Tracks 1, 2, & 3 will begin school on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>; students on Track 4 will begin school on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.

**School supplies:** Go to our website, select 'Supply Lists 2022-23'. You can use an online ordering system, Yubbler.com, or you can click on the team links and purchase the items on your own. Students will receive a pair of earbuds and a water bottle. For teams requiring an agenda, one will be provided. Students must purchase a lock from the school to use on their lockers. Locks will be available for purchase, \$6, the first day of school.

**Open House:** Mark your calendars; there will be an Open House on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM, for families with students on Track 1, 2, or 3. Open House for Track 4 families will be on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM. You will have the opportunity to meet your student's teachers, register to be a volunteer, join the PTA, learn about PS (PowerSchool).

**Communication:** It is important that you sign up to receive the weekly communication, 'Principal's Message' sent to families via email and SMS text on Sunday. Should your phone number change during the school year, it is important to notify Ms. Nigro, our Data Manager, so this information can be changed in PS. If, for some reason, you do not receive the communication, the communication is also posted on our website.

**School Lunches:** WCPSS and the Federal Government subsidized school lunches for the past two years to ensure that they were free and available to all school-age children during the pandemic; this funding will end June 30, 2022. To receive free or reduced-price meals for next school year, families need to submit a meal benefits application. Please fill out the appropriate forms to ensure no break in lunch service for your student: <https://www.wcpss.net/free-reduced-meals> Allow 10 business days for processing. Paper applications can be requested by calling 919-588-3535 or 919-856-2920 or emailing [cnsmealbenefits@wcpss.net](mailto:cnsmealbenefits@wcpss.net). Meal prices for middle school for the 2022-23 are: Breakfast \$1.75 and lunch \$3.25

**Required vaccinations for students who will be in 7<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2022-23 school year:** North Carolina law requires Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines for all children before they start 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Students on Tracks 1, 2, & 3 will have until August 7, 2022 and students on Track 4 will have until September 3, 2022 to provide documentation that they have these vaccinations or not be permitted to return to school until this documentation is provided. Immunization records can be emailed to our data manager, Ms. Nigro at [cnigro@wcpss.net](mailto:cnigro@wcpss.net); dropped off at the school during school hours (7 AM - 3:30 PM, M-F); or mailed to the school addressed to Ms. Nigro's attention.

Sincerely,

*Karen Sindors, Principal*

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