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Hello West Cary Families, this is Mike James, Principal with your weekly updates!

Testing Calendar for West Cary Middle School

Please see the PDF link below for a complete testing schedule for West Cary Middle School. This information is about period testing that is being done by the State of North Carolina using a new assessment system called NC Check-ins. These assessments are designed to be period benchmark assessments. There will still be the traditional EOG assessments at the end of the school year. Those test administration dates will be developed in the spring semester.

Magnet School Options

Use this link to get the latest information on Magnet School options for those families interested in magnet schools for the 2023-24 school year.

<https://www.wcpss.net/Page/17126>

Talking Points for Families

Families have three easy ways to use TalkingPoints and to communicate with their children's teachers for free! They can use text messaging, download the separate app - TalkingPoints for Families - or they can use it on the web at <https://talkingpts.org/families/>

Purchase Game Day Tickets

West Cary Families, we are moving towards purchasing tickets online for the West Cary sporting events. Use this link below to purchase your tickets for all of our athletic events.

<https://gofan.co/app/school/NC67932>

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WCMS PTA Corner

Power of Purpose Fundraiser

Thank you all so much for participating in our school wide fundraiser! We raised more than \$34,000 for our school. This goes towards putting in water bottle refilling stations around campus, cultural arts assemblies, staff appreciation and so much more! Save the date for our Day of Awesomeness on November 9th where students will have the chance to enjoy inflatable obstacle courses and games.

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers for our Day of Awesomeness Wednesday November 9th. Think of this as a middle school field day! We will have several blow-up obstacle courses and games set up and we need a parent to man each station. Students will come out by grade level for an hour and a half of fun. Please consider volunteering to help this event run smoothly. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BABA82CAAFB6-dayofawesomeness1>

Backpack Buddies

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to donate food items to help support the Backpack Buddies program at WCMS. The Backpack Buddies program collects food donations to go home with students in need over the weekend and during breaks to help supplement their food needs. This is only during the school year as there are resources that help our students and families during the summer months. The items collected are consistent with the NC Food Bank Backpack Buddies program.. [WCMS Backpack Buddies 2022-23: WCMS Backpack Buddies \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

We will collect donations 10/17-10/31. There will be two collection points inside the school: Inside the main entrance by the front office and outside of Mrs. People's office. Please leave all food items in the carts labeled "DONATIONS"

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Advocacy

On October 4, 5 and 6 the Wake County PTA Council co-hosted School Board Forums with all candidates who have filed to be on the November ballot.

As the nation's oldest child advocacy organization, the Wake County PTA Council is proud to support these forums for the second election cycle running. We are pleased to be co-presenting the forums with WakeEd Partnership and the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce this year.

Candidate questions were solicited from the public, and we will share each forum (one per district) on our [YouTube channel](#) for on-demand viewing.

Update from BAC (Board Advisory Committee)

Did you know WCPSS has a plan to establish a Career and Technical Education academy in every comprehensive high school in the Wake County Public School System within 10 years? The academy is a smaller learning community that focuses on a career theme and is integrated into students' studies including their core curriculum courses. Learn more about this plan and about Cary High School's established Technology & Advanced Manufacturing Academy by visiting <https://www.wcpss.net/domain/53>

The next BAC meeting will be held Oct 24, 6pm at Apex High School. Contact PTA Representative Meghan Arndts at marndts@gmail.com for more information.

Reminders

West Cary Families – our school motto is ***"Dream, believe, achieve – make it happen!"*** We are committed to excellence and helping our students dream, believe, and achieve in their academic and athletic successes.

Thank you,

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