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Hello West Cary Families, this is Mike James, principal with your weekly news and updates

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT REGISTRATION**

### ***Rising 7th and 8th Grade Registration:***

Some current 6th and 7th grade students have not entered their elective requests in PowerSchools yet. Students received a paper copy of the instructions right before schools closed, and we have included all the information on our website which is linked here: <https://www.wcpss.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=42224> Please review the Rising 7th and 8th Grade Electives Description packet that is linked on the website so that you know how many electives your student will need to select and what electives your student wants to request. Your student will then log in to PowerSchools to complete the course requests. Detailed instructions are included on the website for how to complete this process. We ask that you complete this process as soon as possible as the original deadline was earlier in April, and we need to try to finish this process soon. Please feel free to contact your student's counselor (Mr. Lewis for Grade 6 and Ms. Walden for Grade 7) or our Instructional Facilitator (Mr. Slechta) if you have questions or need assistance in this process.

## **Shout Outs This Week**

I'd like to give the following "shout outs" to our West Cary Family this week.

1. To all of our West Cary Teachers who are doing their personal best for remote online learning! Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week and I believe this annual recognition has a lot more value this year than ever before! They have done exceptionally well to shift their work from an in-person format to a virtual classroom with little to no time.

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They are providing engaging and meaningful activities to help students stay engaged and limit learning loss. They are staying in contact with students and families and checking in on students for their well-being too. Teachers have such high value, and I believe our West Cary Teachers are worth their weight in gold. Feel free to reach out to them and acknowledge the amazing work they are doing!

2. Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teaches wanted to recognize the following Rock Star Students for their engagement this week in online remote learning. The students are: Jania L, Stanley B, Jazmin S, Corrine S, Guilia F, Matthew S, Justin D, Abby O, Nick G, Victoria A, Armaan M, Bai Zhen C, Sarah V, Dipendra K, Jayden H, Noah H, Ryan L, Krish Y, Vibha K, Zoe W, Henry Y, Goldie S, Samana N, Laine G, Manasvini (Vini) P, Bryson C, Shreya K, Neil G, Jacob M, Vijay J, Noah A, Ashley, Chloe ann D, Christian T, Poorvaja C, Jacob E, Sai B, Anthony T, Ben T, Patricia P, Marianne B, Nicholas H, Mihang L, Tryambakam M, Samana N, Alexandre P, Sara P, Jacob E, Sébastian H, Patricia P, Ashley F, Anna N, Nahom A, Jessica G, Joshua-Patrick G, Evan H, Colleen B, Lovie J, Dominic R. Thank you students for being engaged with your teachers and continuing your hard work during these difficult days. I challenge all students to rise up to being Rock Stars engaging in online remote learning with all of their teachers!

## Field Trip Refund Update

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip refund checks have been mailed home this week. Thank you for your patience as we processed right at 400 refund checks. I want to thank our Bookkeeper Ms. Holland for her work to get this done. She has worked hard with only limited hours of access to the building each week to process these checks. I appreciate your understanding during these difficult days. ***For parents getting refunds for the Student Government Association and National Junior Honor Society field trip, teachers should have contacted you directly about a timeframe for picking up the refund check for that trip along with the West Cary sweatshirt that was part of the field trip package.*** IF you are a parent getting an SGA/NJHS field trip refund check AND a 7<sup>th</sup> grade or 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip refund check – you will receive all refund checks at one time when you come to the school to pick up your child's sweatshirt.

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## Yearbook Sales and Distribution

We are working on a plan to distribute yearbooks later this month and to provide families the opportunity to purchase a yearbook if needed. For a sneak peek at this year's yearbook, access this link <https://youtu.be/syLuZpV2yjl>

## WCPSS Online Remote Learning Resources

Families – as we engage in our online remote learning, when teachers may be hosting Google Meet or another virtual live classroom, you cannot join in on that session. These sessions are for the students and there are some student privacy issues just like there are in a normal classroom. If you would like to reach out to a specific teacher, please do so through email.

Here's a link to the online remote learning website from WCPSS.

<https://sites.google.com/wcpss.net/instructional-continuity-wcpss>

## Reminders

Thank a teacher for their hard work and efforts to make connections to your child.

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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