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

Our School Year is Here!

Our new school year is here and it's going to be a journey. Here's my video message to students and parents.

https://youtu.be/VOFPEtwwWlk

Logging Into Your Teacher's Virtual Classroom

For our first day of school on Monday, August 17th, you will login to your teachers virtual classroom that will either be through Google or Canvas. Follow these steps to know how to access your teacher's virtual classroom.

- 1. Go to the West Cary Middle School Website at https://www.wcpss.net/westcaryms
- 2. Click on "Academics."
- 3. Click on "Grade Level." From here you will see a menu of your teachers. There's also a separate elective teachers tab to click on.

This should be a user friendly accessible process for everyone. As you get introduced to your teachers, they may provide you with a way to bookmark their Google or Canvas classrooms or show you a quicker way. But, this information will help you prior to and on Day #1.

How To Videos

If you have not already done so, please check out our instructional videos for "how to" get started this school year.

https://www.wcpss.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=44416

Daily Class Schedule

Here's a good link for a video on how our class schedule will work this year.

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Important School Messenger Information

Here's an important message from our School Data Manager, Margaret Powell about School Messenger and receiving weekly emails from the school.

SchoolMessenger pulls contact information from the NC Student Contacts page for contacts that are labeled as type Parent.

If a parent's say they are not receiving messages ask them to do the following:

- Check Junk/SPAM
- Email smsubscribe@wcpss.net and ask to re-subscribe.

If the parent's contact information needs to be updated, forward them to email me their child's name and new information.

Also, I **strongly recommend** that parents sign up for a SchoolMessenger account. This **account holds 30 days of messages that included their student**. More info for you and the parent: https://www.wcpss.net/schoolmessenger

Parents must use the email address entered on the NC Contacts page in PowerSchool to successfully sign up for an account, If they receive an error message, that means their email address is different.

If a parent is not receiving text messages, but their cell phone is correct, ask them to opt-in by texting YES to 67587.

This should help us all with getting families the information they need a little easier.



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WCMS PTA Corner

Membership - Please consider joining the PTA. The cost per guardian is only \$10! Get connected to other parents and help us support programs that are important to our WCMS family. Please use the link below to join the PTA!

https://wcmspta.new.memberhub.store/store

*Note: To honor pandemic guidelines, we are only offering virtual membership signups this year. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Spirit Wear- The 2020-21 T-shirt is now available for purchase. Each T-shirt is only \$10! We have partnered with Createmytee.com to provide an online store. The store is open from now until Friday, 9/4! The link to our store is below.

https://www.createmytee.com/Join/111913

*Note: We will provide a pickup on Monday, 9/28 in the gym carpool lane. T-shirt orders will be available for pickup during a staggered pick up by your last name. More details will be shared once we know how many T-shirts have been ordered.

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,

Mike James - Principal