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

Opening of School

Our opening to the 2019-20 school year has been good despite a few glitches. I know that we had some issues with student schedules this week. This has been due to a number of factors – some we did not forecast, while others were glitches in the system. Our staff has worked hard to correct the issues, balance class sizes, and make sure all students are in the appropriate core class sections. I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding while we worked to get those issues with schedules corrected.

As of 8/30/19 we have just over 920 students.

Our carpool lanes have been moving excellent! I appreciate everyone's efforts to keep the traffic flowing well. Remember that you can only make a right hand turn onto Evans Road when leaving the carpool lanes. This is really helping us with the flow of traffic.

Very Important Reminders

Parents – please remember that if your child is arriving to school at 7:30 am or later – you **MUST** accompany your child into the front office. I recognize this may be an inconvenience for a parent if they are running late to work. **HOWEVER**, this is a school security and safety issue that we must maintain. I really appreciate your cooperation with this requirement.

TDAP Vaccines

7th Grade Parents – if your child has not received their TDAP vaccination, this **MUST** be done by September 26. Parents will need to bring in proof of the updated vaccinations to Student Services. If students do not get their up to date TDAP vaccination, then they will **NOT** be allowed back in school until the vaccinations have been updated. This is a State Law requirement.

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Many Thanks

Thank you to Mount Zion Church and LaDue Family Chiropractor for their generous donations of school supplies for our students this school year!

WCMS PTA Corner

A few quick reminders:

- Our general PTA meetings are on the first Thursday of every month, in the Media Center, from 7:30-8:30am. Our first PTA meeting of the school year is Thursday 9/5! Everyone is welcome to attend!
- I look forward to seeing each of you at the WCMS Open House on Thursday 9/5 from 6-7:30pm. In addition to meeting your student's teachers, you can buy spirit wear, coupon books, and join the PTA for \$10. We accept Credit Cards, Checks and Cash.
- You can also join the PTA online via this link now:
 1. Go to [WCMS PTA Sign Up](#)
 2. Confirm family information. Remember to add rising 6th grade students! Be sure to click Save and Continue
 3. Once you confirm, add "PTA Parent membership" to your cart
 4. Check out using PayPal (has a pay by credit card option)
- Please take advantage of our Merchant 'No Fuss' Fundraising opportunities – your grocery shopping can earn money for West Cary. Details are below.

Sincerely,
Kathy Cawley
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It's finally open! The Harris Teeter at Maynard Crossing officially opened on August 28th. Because West Cary Middle School PTA is a part of the Together in Education program, Harris Teeter is donating \$500 in gift cards.

If you shop at Harris Teeter, please [link your VIC card to WCMS](#) (TIE Code 2408). It's easy to do, but must be relinked EVERY YEAR. Ask relatives that shop at Harris Teeter to link their cards too! Every dollar spent increases the donation from Harris Teeter's Together in Education program to aid programs at our school.

Here's how: <https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact our Merchant Fundraising Coordinator, Catherine Smith at 571-213-0711.

When you shop at **AmazonSmile**, Amazon donates 0.5% of your AmazonSmile purchase price to the charitable organization of your choice. Just select **West Cary Middle School PTA** and support your favorite charity every time you shop. [Learn more!](#) Please see <https://smile.amazon.com/about> for complete program details.

Reminders

PTA Meetings – 7:30 am on the first Thursday of every month. These meetings are open to all in our West Cary Community!

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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