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Please consider volunteering your time. Click the SignUpGenius link below to see available opportunities:

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Spirit Wear:

Spirit wear has arrived and is now available for pickup in the office!

Chipotle Eat & Earn:

Join us Wednesday, October 15th from 4pm-8pm at Chipotle in Hales Corners for our next eat & earn fundraiser! Whitnall Middle School will earn 25% back! Guac On! Make sure to enter our special code at checkout! Code is: CQA78B6

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Ordering Online? Use the [Chipotle App](#) or [Chipotle.com](#) to order. Make sure to enter the Fundraiser Code at checkout!

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Building Daily Operations and Events/Teaching and Learning

Primary Contact: Mr. Chris D'Acquisto, Principal [Email](#)
414-525-8652

Student Attendance and Behavior

Primary Contact: Mr. Ryan Relich, Assistant Principal [Email](#)
414-525-8663

School Counselor

Emma Smith
414-525-8654 [Email](#)

School Psychologist

Emily Ryan

414-525-8795 [Email](#)

School Social Worker

Courtney Fleishmann

414-525-8655 [Email](#)

Employment Opportunities

Noon Hour Supervisors are needed at Whitnall Middle School. Please refer to WECAN below to apply.

Thank you for your interest in the Whitnall School District! To access and apply for the most up-to-date job postings, go to WECAN (Wisconsin Education Career Access Network) at <https://wecan.education.wisc.edu/#/>.

Consider joining the Whitnall team by viewing the current opportunities that await you ...

[Certified Staff Vacancies](#)

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New Staff Spotlight

In this section, we will highlight two new staff members each week! We are so happy to welcome our new staff into the Whitnall Community. Also, meet the entire 2025-26 WMS staff by clicking [here](#)

Meet: Emily Ryan

Current Assignment: School Psychologist

Educational Background: Bachelor of Science in Special Education from UW-Milwaukee

Master of Science in Educational Psychology from Alverno College

Previous Professional Experience: Elementary Special Education Teacher- Milwaukee Public Schools

Child Enrichment Specialist- Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership, Summer School Teacher's Aide-

Raymond School, In-Home Childcare

Personal Favorites: I enjoy baking lots of yummy treats for my family and friends, who I spend a lot of time with. I also foster dogs and really love it! On the weekends, I like to try new food spots across MKE.

How I Spend My Summer: This past summer I spent a lot of time planning my wedding. Most summers, I like to travel, spend time with my dogs and my fiancé (anywhere there is water), do home projects and go on picnics.

Students would be surprised to know: I grew up being a part of my local 4-H club and we had lots of animals at our house including rabbits, sheep, and chickens. I had projects in the fair each year and was a member all through K-12.

Meet: Sondra Swessel

Current Assignment: Math Interventionist

Started in Education: April 2008 - 2015 daycare and interventionist, 2021 teaching manicuring, and 2025 back to school

Educational Background: BSE from UW Whitewater in 2007 Elementary 1-8 and Math minor

2016 Nail Technician Certificate MATC, 2022 Instructor Certificate Institute of Beauty and Wellness

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[WMS 25-26 MAP Parent Letter](#)

WMS MAP Testing Schedule:

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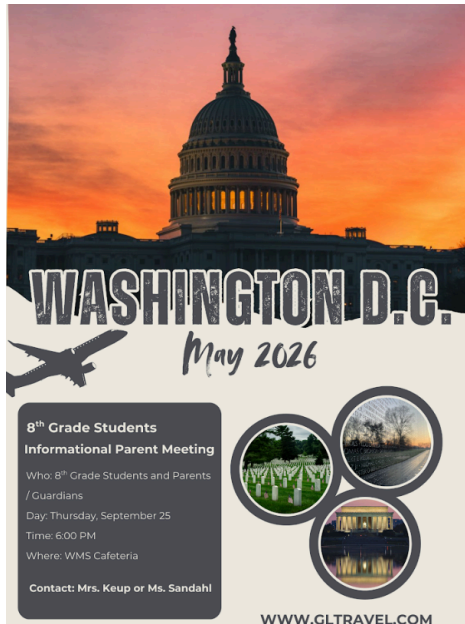
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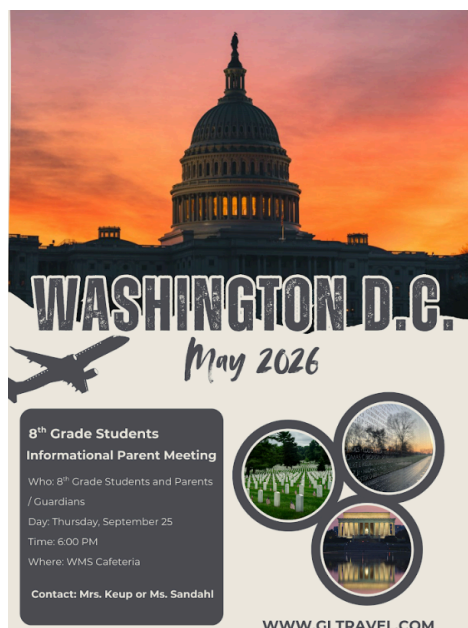
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Meet: April Dannelly-Schenck

Current Assignment: 5-12 Orchestra, Music in Culture, K5 General Music (HCE)

Educational Background: 2012 as private cello instructor, 2022 as full time music teacher

Educational Background

Bachelor's in Music Performance from Oberlin Conservatory

Master's in Music Performance & Master's in Music Theory from UW-Madison

Previous Professional Experience: Private cello teacher, 2012-present

Freelance cellist, 2012-present

General music teacher contracted through the Wisconsin Conservatory, 2016-19; Music Theory

Coordinator at WCM 2018-19

Substitute teacher in Jefferson County Public Schools (Louisville, KY), 2019-22

Orchestra/General Music teacher at ALBA School K-8, MPS, 2022-25

Personal Favorites: Gardening, running, yoga, traveling, reading, playing the piano & cello, keeping an eye on the Kopps flavor forecast for tiramisu day, convincing my niece and nephew that Wisconsin is the best state, and hiking with my husband and dog, Ollie.

Meet: Austin Kaul

Current Assignment: 7th Grade Social Studies

Started in Education: Fall 2020

Educational Background: University of Wisconsin-Whitewater- Bachelor of Science in Education |

Major: History (BSE) | Minor: Political Science

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Personal Information: I grew up in Waterford, WI and have lived in the Whitnall School District the past 2 years with my fiancée. In addition to planning our wedding this year, we enjoy traveling, spending time with family and friends, and enjoying events in our community. I have also recently joined the Whitnall High School Football staff as an assistant coach.

How I Spend My Summer: I spend my time in the summer coaching, working as a facilities monitor at my apartment complex, spending time with my family and friends in the area, and taking trips to Iowa to spend time with my fiancée's family.

Hidden Talents: In the past I have spent time as the lead singer in a 90's/2000's cover band playing in the SE Wisconsin area.

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Here's what to expect on day one:

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School-Issued Locks

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Chromebooks:

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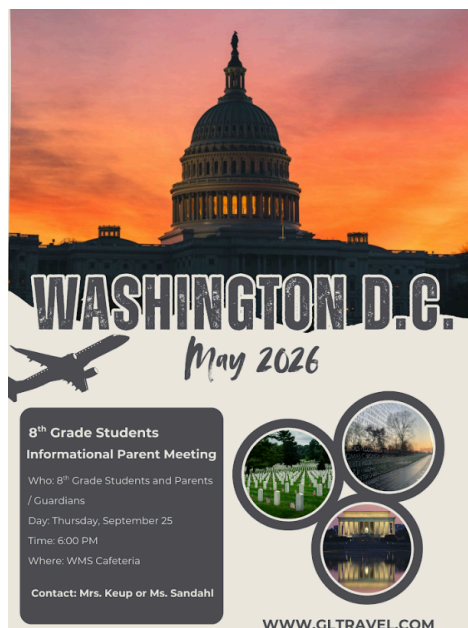
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August 21, 2025

From WMS Administration

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Schedules are currently available. While most schedules are complete and will remain unchanged, some may display open periods ("holes") in classes. Please contact Emma Smith, WMS School Counselor, or Ryan Relich, WMS assistant principal, to help you. All schedules should be complete before the start of school, September 2nd. On occasion, a student's schedule may be subject to small changes. Upon viewing the schedule, please know that we can help fix any concerns quickly.

We want to thank our amazing Whitnall Middle School PTO for all they do. The first PTO Meeting will be held on Wednesday Sep 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the STEM area at WMS. Hope to see you there.

One helpful hint as we start a new school year is to review the [WMS Student Handbook 2025-26](#). The Student Handbook is intended to help parents, students, and school staff work together successfully and

this would have been something you and your child should have reviewed and signed off on during the registration process. We hope this serves as a useful guide and we look forward to a great year!

See you soon!

WMS Administration

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School Issued Combination Locks

Here's what students need to know about getting or bringing their school locks:

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- If not, they should go to their 1st period classroom on Preview Night to pick one up.
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2025-26 Student Schedules

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We're here to help and excited to get the year started!

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Monday Aug 25th 12:00 -3:30

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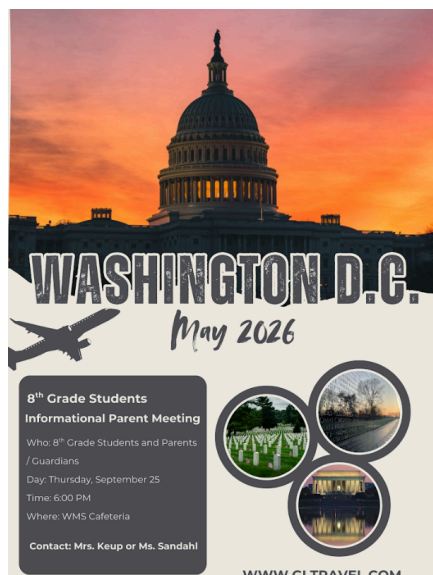
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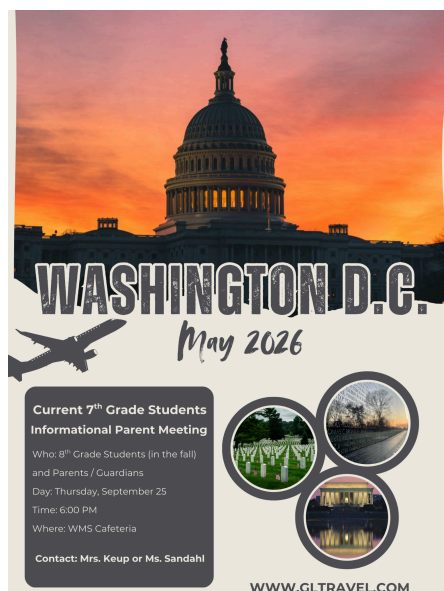
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July 17, 2025

From WMS Administration

Hello WMS Families,

Please review the information below about preparations for the 2025-26 school year in terms of school supplies, our Transition to Middle School course (incoming 6th graders), and the athletics and activities registration process and dates.

Save the date for Wednesday, August 27th for Back-to-School Preview Night, from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. During that time, families can stop by any of our buildings to drop off school supplies, say hello to their teachers, and walk schedules.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer and we look forward to seeing you on August 27th!

WMS Administration

Upcoming Dates

August 4 - 7 - Transition to Middle School *preregistered

August 11 - 15 - Music Camp for Band and Orchestra *preregistered

August 20 - District School Photos 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at the HS gym

August 27 - District School Photos 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the HS gym

August 27 - Back-To-School Preview Night - 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at WMS

School Supply Kit 25/26 Order For Ship to Home

WMS is offering a hassle-free way to provide your students with the supplies they need to succeed at school. You can avoid the hassle of the stores and order a prepackaged school supply kit. The deadline for ship to school has passed, however you can still order for ship to home. A portion of the sale supports WMS Student Activities Fundraiser. Pick-Up dates TBD:

The website to order is <https://schooltoolbox.com/school-supplies/school/list-boxes/?schoolId=112920>

Transition to Middle School

Grades: Incoming 6th Graders *Pre-registered

Dates:

Session 1 8/4/25 - 8/5/25 (**Busing is not available**)

Session 2 8/6/25 - 8/7/25 (**Busing is not available**)

Time: 8:00 - 11:30 AM

Camps: Summer Band and Orchestra

Grades: 6-8 *Pre-registered

Dates: 8/11/25 - 8/15/25 (**Busing is not available**)

Time: 8:30 - 10:00 AM

Summer Library Resources

[WMS Summer Library Links](#)

Save the Date - Whitnall School District Photo Dates

Whitnall School District photos for the 2025-26 school year will be taken on the following dates:

- August 20th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at the HS gym
 - August 27th, 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the HS gym
 - Retakes - October 15th, 8:15 am - 11:00 am
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8th grade DC Trip 2026

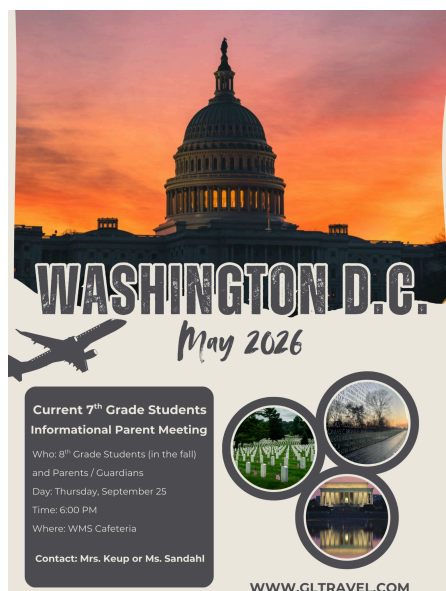
Attention Current 7th Grade Students: Embark on an unforgettable journey to Washington D.C. in May of 2026! Join us for an enriching adventure filled with exploration, camaraderie, and learning that enhances our social studies curriculum. From historical landmarks to war memorials, this trip promises to ignite curiosity and create lasting memories. Don't miss out on this opportunity to expand your horizons and bond with classmates in an exciting educational experience!

There will be an informational meeting for students and parents on Thursday, September 25 at 6:00 PM in the WMS Cafeteria. Registration for the trip will open after the meeting.

Please contact us with questions.

Amy Keup (akeup@whitnall.com)

Sarah Sandahl (ssandahl@whitnall.com)



Athletics

The Whitnall Youth Race is back for a fifth season. Once again this is an opportunity to start getting in shape for cross country, Girls on the Run or if you've never run at all, it's a fun chance to come out and explore the Whitnall School Forest for a fun event. The races take place on August 20 on the north end of Whitnall Middle School with a separate girls and boys race (Kindergarten through 8th grade). Click on the link below to be a part of this exciting event! Any questions? Contact Victor Vilar at vvilar@whitnall.com

Whitnall Youth Race

Wrestling Open Mat

Any 8th grade boy or girl interested in wrestling next season is encouraged to attend any or all of the open mats during the summer! Participating in the open mats with current wrestlers is a good way to see if it's for you. They take place every Wednesday night in June and July, starting 6/18, from 6-7pm in the high school wrestling room. Any questions please email Tom Maloney at tmaloney@whitnall.com

Boys Volleyball!!!

Consider joining one of the fastest growing sports in the Midwest!

Our High School Boys Volleyball program is building off a strong 2025 season and we welcome new athletes!!

No experience needed!

Boys Volleyball Open Gym for New athletes

7th and 8th grade boys are welcome.

High School main gym

June 18th, 2-3:30pm

June 25th, 2-3:30pm

Not sure? Call coach Dave:

414-688-2078

Registration for all middle school athletics opened July 1, 2025. All athletes need to be registered by the sports deadline. **No late registrations will be accepted.** During the registration process for **Athletics** a

current completed and signed medical eligibility exam form needs to be uploaded (**medical eligibility exam forms need to be dated April 1, 2024 or after to be eligible for the 2025-26 school year**). Please upload or email all physical forms to jsobush@whitnall.com or fax them to 414-525-8651.

Fall sports

Cross country 6th, 7th and 8th grade

Register by Aug 26th

Starts Sept 2nd

Girls basketball 7th and 8th grade

Register by Aug 26th

Tryouts begin Sept 2nd

Dance 6th, 7th, and 8th grade

Register by Aug 26th

Tryouts begin Sept 2nd

Winter Sports

Wrestling 6th, 7th, and 8th grade

Register by Oct 21st

Starts Oct 28th

Boys basketball 7th and 8th grade

Register by Nov 3rd

Tryouts begin Nov 10th

Girls volleyball 7th and 8th grade

Register by Jan 19th

Tryouts begin Jan 26th

Spring sports

Track 6th, 7th, and 8th grade

Register by March 26th

Starts April 6th

Please use the **ONLINE REGISTRATION** link below to register for athletic teams. If you have any questions please contact Julie Sobush at jsobush@whitnall.com 414-525-8661 . Thank you.

[Online registration](#)

[Physical form](#)

[Student portal login directions](#)

PTO

Have a great summer!!

President - Katie Zawikowski

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Questions? Contact us at wmspto@whitnall.com.
Find us on Facebook (Whitnall Middle School PTO)

Summer Office Hours

Starting June 16, the Whitnall School District will operate under Summer Office Hours. Please see below for each building's updated hours of operation.

Please note that many staff members schedule vacations during the summer months. If you need to speak with a specific individual, we recommend calling ahead or making arrangements before stopping by to ensure they are available.

Whitnall Middle School

June 16th- July 3rd (no school July 4th: 8am-11:50am (Summer School)
July 7th-Aug 18th: Mondays from 7:00am - 11:00am

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Monday-Thursday: 7:30am-4pm
Friday: Closed

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