WMS In the Middle

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NOTE: Due to Thanksgiving Break there will be no In The Middle on Nov. 27th.

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We would like to sincerely thank our PTO and families for helping to feed our staff on Parent/Teacher conferences yesterday. Thank you for dinner and for anyone who donated:) Also, shout out to our PTO and thank you for financially sponsoring our very successful and well-received Author/Illustrator Residence visit a few weeks back.

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Upcoming Dates

Nov 26 - 28 - Thanksgiving Break

Dec 2 - Orchestra Concert - 7:00 pm

Dec 6 - Holiday Band Tree Lighting

Dec 10 - PTO Meeting

Dec 17 - PTO Eat & Earn Noodles

Student Council Charity Drive

The holiday season is approaching and WMS Student Council will be hosting its annual charity donation drive December 1-12. This year's charity is Family Promise, an organization who helps rebuild lives by providing resources and services that prevent and end homelessness for individuals and families. Student Council will be accepting donations each morning before school in the cafeteria from 7:40-7:50am, and during all lunch periods. Items accepted include: body wash, shampoo, blankets, hand soap, garbage bags, paper towel, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and Walmart gift cards. Students will receive a raffle ticket for each item that is brought in and donated for a chance to win an incentive. All items donated must be new and in original packaging. Donations will be delivered to Family Promise at the end of the collection drive.

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2nd - 8th Grade Whitnall School District Ski & Snowboard Club

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Team and individual portraits from your picture day are now available to view and order online. You should have received an email with a direct link to your photos or you can go to:

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Moodles Eat & Earn

Join us Wednesday, December 17th, 4–8 PM at Noodles & Company (Hales Corners) for our next Eat & Earn Fundraiser!

→ Whitnall Middle School earns 25% back from every order — giving back never tasted so good!

Ordering online?

Use code GIVING25 at checkout so your meal counts toward the fundraiser!

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Scan your **Box Tops** to help earn **money for our school!**Every little bit adds up — just download the **Box Tops for Education app**, scan your receipts, and support our students with every grocery trip.



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Hello WMS Families,

In review of last week, we want to thank all the families who were able to attend Math Night on Monday. It was a great showing and a fun evening. Additionally, we want to congratulate our choir students on their wonderful evening performances and we look forward to our band concert on November 19th and Orchestra concert on December 2nd. We have many talented students in the performing arts. In addition, our wrestling team and boys basketball team have already begun their season and we wish them luck.

We hope that all students and families will take advantage of the opportunity to purchase reading material at our WMS Scholastic Book Fair this week. Set up your eWallet or shop online with the <u>Scholastic Link</u> to our home page.

Parent Teacher Conferences are on Nov. 20th. If you are interested in assisting our PTO with donations for Parent Teacher Conferences, please sign up to contribute here: <u>Conference Sign up Genius</u>. There are additional details in this newsletter and final conference communication next week.

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WMS Literacy Showcase -

Parents and kids are invited on Parent Teacher Conference Night to our first ever WMS Literacy Showcase November 20, from 5-6pm in the library. It will be drop-in so that parents/families can pop in and out easily between conferences.

It will feature students from Literacy Legends Club sharing their work open-mic-night style, info about Dreambox, library book suggestions, the Scholastic Book Fair, and more! Contact Literacy Coach, Sarah Fortman with any questions: sfortman@whitnall.com Hope to see you there!

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Thank you for helping us take care of the people who take care of our kids! 🙌



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Hello WMS Families,

Please take the opportunity to talk to your child about the WMS fifth annual Veterans Day Celebration on November 7th, which included a ceremony, exhibits, and break out sessions. We greatly appreciate all the veterans who were able to attend as we bh honored their service and learned about their unique experiences as a veteran. All of our students who were part of the event did an amazing job. On behalf of

the entire staff, we want to thank our PTO, sponsors and volunteers for helping make this day so special. Special thanks to our Veterans Day committee for their many hours of planning and preparation.

We are hosting Math Night this Monday, November 10th, with over 100 attendees already for this free event. We are super excited to have some food, fun, and math!

Please note that Parent Teacher Conferences are on Thursday, November 20th from 4pm - 8pm. See details below for how fall conferences are conducted at the middle school. Additionally, we will have the WMS Book Fair (link in newsletter below) and our Literacy Showcase on the same evening. More information below and in upcoming newsletters.

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Nov 7 - Veterans Day Event

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Math Night

Monday, November 10 WMS Math Night - 6:00-8:30pm

Families that pre-registered will attend WMS Math Night on Monday, November 10th from 6:00-8:30pm in the West Gym. We will Lambeau Leap our way into the pre-game warmup activity starting at 6:00, where students learn how to create a "make it and take it" art project, as they draw and color their favorite team's logo by plotting and connecting points on a coordinate graph using positive and/or negative numbers. Then at 7:00, stay and enjoy free pizza and soda while watching the Green Bay Packers game, as they play the Philadelphia Eagles on Monday Night Football. Watch the first half of the game and cheer on the "green and gold" on two giant screens with Whitnall's biggest Packer superfan Mr. Seavert

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October 31, 2025

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Our first quarter ends today. The only scheduling changes that occur at the quarter are the 6th grade elective wheel and for the parents of our 6th graders, as a reminder, the students rotate an elective on

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We have our second Lunch with a Veteran event today, and next week is our 5th annual Veteran's Day celebration. If you still want to submit a digital picture for our Wall of Honor, today is the deadline and details are below in this edition of the newsletter. We are all looking forward to a successful celebration of our veterans.

Please note that Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday, November 20th from 4pm - 8pm. See details below for how fall conferences are conducted at the middle school. Additionally, we will have the WMS Book Fair and our Literacy Showcase on the same evening. More information below and in upcoming newsletters.

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Yearbook Orders & Yearbook Photo Selection

Last chance to choose your Yearbook/Composite Picture - due October 29, 2025

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Halloween Dance Sign up Genius

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Online registration
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Don't miss your chance to order — Last Day to get your orders in!!

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Halloween Dance Sign up Genius

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Current Assignment: School Psychologist

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

Master of Science in Educational Psychology from Alverno College

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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 fiance (anywhere there is water), do home projects and go on picnics.

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Current Assignment: Math Interventionist

Started in Education: April 2008 - 2015 daycare and interventionist, 2021 teaching manicuring, and

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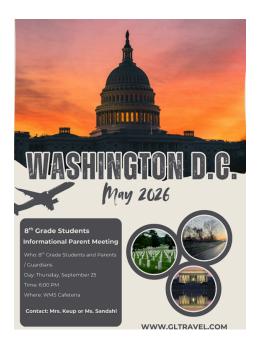
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Middle School

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WMS 25-26 MAP Parent Letter

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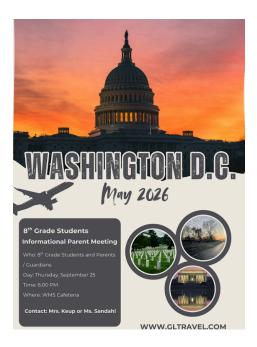
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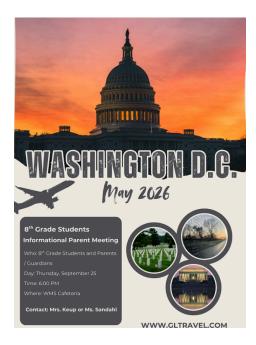
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In an effort to build a strong foundation for our student and community's well-being, Whitnall Middle School is launching a new initiative for the 2025-26 academic year. WMS will be hosting a monthly "Lunch with a Veteran" opportunity for students to build positive relationships with our community's veterans and for veterans to share their unique stories with the next generation. On the last Friday of each month (with the exception of November and December due to Holiday scheduling conflicts) students can sign up to eat lunch with a Veteran guest. There will be a limited number of seats, so students should sign up using the email communication and survey that will be sent the week prior to each monthly lunch. See the information below, if you are interested.

Below are the dates we will be holding "Lunch with a Veteran". Sign up is available now for our September and / or October dates:

- o Friday, September 26
- Friday, October 31
- Friday, November 21 (not the last Friday of the month)
- Friday, December 12 (not the last Friday of the month)
- Friday, January 30
- Friday, February 27
- o Friday, March 27
- Friday, April 24
- Friday, May 29

Invite a Veteran for Lunch!

What will go out to 2024 Participants

Student Sign up for Lunch with a Veteran

Questions can be directed to Mrs. Keup (akeup@whitnall.com) or Mr. Bily (cbily@whitnall.com).

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 2024-25 WMS staff by clicking here

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

Previous Professional Experience: High School Social Studies Teacher at Central City Cyber High

Milwaukee, WI | Academic Interventionist at Williams Bay School District

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 lowa 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.

The Best Part of Being a Teacher: Helping students become the best version of themselves in the time that I have with them.

Wisdom I Could Pass on to Students: "The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand."- Vince Lombardi

Literacy Legends Club

If you like to be creative and enjoy writing and reading, The Literacy Legends Club is back! Literacy Legends is open to 6th-8th graders.

We meet once a month and do a variety of activities.

Sign up in Infinite Campus by October 7th.

DreamBox Reading Plus

This year, all WMS students will newly have access to an online literacy resource called DreamBox Reading Plus. This acts as a counterpart to the Aleks, which has supported student growth in math. We're excited that everyone will be able to access this great tool both at home and at school! Expect more info to come home about the features of DreamBox as students learn at school how to access it and begin.

Students will be doing an initial 40 minute diagnostic to help place them in the appropriate practice on Monday, September 9th. For this, students will need a pair of earbuds or headphones, so if students do not have this yet in their school supplies, please have your child bring these for Monday!

Thank you for your support!

Athletics

Please help support the Whitnall Middle School Dance team by eating at Culver's on September 8th. Please use this <u>coupon</u> when you check out for your sale to be counted toward our fundraiser. This fundraiser is an all day fundraiser with 10% of sales going back to the team. Thanks for your help and support.

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Welcome to the 2025-26 School Year at WMS!

We were thrilled by the incredible turnout at our Back to School Preview Night this week! The energy, enthusiasm, and smiles we saw from both new and returning families made it clear — we're in for an amazing year together. Our entire WMS staff deeply appreciated the opportunity to connect with so many of you, and we're excited to carry that positive momentum into the first day of school.

As we head into the holiday weekend, we hope you find time to rest, recharge, and savor these last few days of summer. We can't wait to welcome our students back on **Tuesday**, **September 2nd**, as we officially kick off the 2025–26 school year!

Here's what to expect on day one:

- **6th grade students** will begin their morning in the cafeteria, where they'll be greeted by staff and guided to their first-hour teacher's table.
- 7th and 8th grade students will head straight to their first-period classes as scheduled.

We also invite all parents and guardians to join us for our first **PTO Meeting on Wednesday, September 10th at 6:00 PM** in the STEM area at WMS. This is a great way to stay informed, get involved, and help shape the year ahead — we'd love to see you there!

As we begin this new chapter, we encourage every family to take a few minutes to revisit the <u>WMS</u>
Student Handbook 2025-26. It's an essential resource designed to support a strong partnership between home and school. Most of you will have already reviewed and signed off on the handbook during registration, but it's worth another look as the school year begins.

Let's work together to make this a year of growth, discovery, and success for every student. Welcome back, Falcons— here's to an extraordinary year ahead!

Warmly,

WMS Administration

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The First Day of School is an "A Day" for Electives

The first day of school will follow an "A" day schedule. All students should report to their **Period 1 Day A** class.

Note for 5th Grade Advanced Math Students:

Students taking advanced math at WMS will not report to WMS until Wednesday, September 3.

School-Issued Locks

6th Grade Students:

On the first day, all 6th graders should report to the cafeteria and locate their first-hour teacher's table.

• If you did **not receive a lock** during Transition to Middle School or Back to School Night, you will receive one during the 1st **hour on Tuesday, September 2**.

Returning 7th & 8th Grade Students:

Please bring your school-issued lock with you on the first day of school, Monday, September 2.

New 7th & 8th Grade Students:

Students who are **new to WMS** should **pick up their lock from the main office**.

Schedules:

All student schedules are now available for viewing in Infinite Campus. WMS does not print schedules so please be sure to have your student login to Infinite Campus prior to September 2nd to view and print or save a screenshot of their schedule.

For scheduling questions, contact: Emma Smith, WMS School Counselor Ryan Relich, WMS Assistant Principal

Chromebooks:

6th grade students and all students new to WMS will receive their chromebook the first week of school.

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School Photo Information

- To view your student's school portraits look for an email sent to you by "Visual Image Photography", or go to: https://www.vipis.com/group/a5bfe614/whitnall-middle-school
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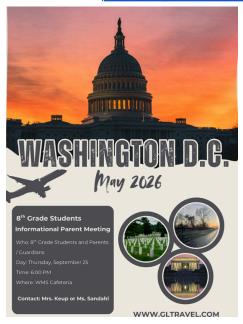
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Hello WMS Families,

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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 <u>WMS Student Handbook 2025-26</u>. 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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August 27 - District School Photos 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the HS gym

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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 27th, 12:00 pm 8:00 pm at the HS gym
- Retakes October 15th, 8:15 am 11:00 am

After your school photo has been taken, you'll receive an email when your images are ready to view online. Or, you can search for them at wipis.com shortly after photos are taken. You'll be able to select your image for your yearbook/composite (please remember to do so before it's selected for you), and place your online order. All orders will be delivered to your home. If you need further assistance, contact VIP at wipis.com.

School Issued Combination Locks

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

6th Graders:

- If your child attended the Transition to Middle School summer course, they likely already received their lock.
- If not, they should go to their 1st period classroom on Preview Night to pick one up.
- If they don't get a lock on August 27, they will receive it during the 1st hour on September 2.

Returning 7th & 8th Graders:

- Please remind your student to bring their school-issued lock on Preview Night (August 27) to use their locker
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What is the "Flight" Period in my Child's Schedule?

For families new to Whitnall or with a 6th grader, here's a quick overview of the Flight Period at WMS:

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- Grouped by homeroom
- Time for:
 - Homework or extra help from teachers
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 - PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports) lessons
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School Supply Kits

WMS School Supply List 25/26

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Monday Aug 25th 12:00 -3:30 Tuesday Aug 26th 7:30 - 12:00

Wed - Fri Aug 27 - 29th from 7:30 to 3:30.

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Student Technology

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August 13, 2025

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WMS Back-to-School Preview Night on August 27, 2025

We look forward to seeing our new and returning student for WMS Back-To-School Preview Night on August 27, 2025 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm.

School Issued Combination Lock

6th Graders: Many 6th graders received their school issued combination lock during the Transition to Middle School summer course. 6th grade students who did not attend this course should report to their 1st period class on WMS Back-to School Night to get their locks. If students do not receive a lock on the 27th or at Transition To Middle School, then they will receive their locks during 1st hour on the September 2nd..

Returning 7th and 8th graders: Returning 7th and 8th grade students are reminded to bring their school issued combination lock back to school on August 27th to secure their items in their lockers OR bring their locks back to school on September 2nd.

New 7th and 8th Graders: Students new to Whitnall entering 7th or 8th grade should get their school issued combination lock from our WMS office.

2025-26 Student Schedules

The 2025 - 26 student schedules, teacher assignments, locker assignments & transportation will be published in the Infinite Campus Parent and Student Portals on August 18th after 4pm.

Flight class schedules are still being worked on and subject to change. So if your student's schedule is missing their Flight class please do not be alarmed as it will be assigned and present on their schedule in Infinite Campus prior to the start of school.

For 7th and 8th grade students, we do our best to honor their requested elective courses they communicated to us during the 24-25 school year; however, due to the elective combinations they may have chosen given our A day / B day schedule for electives we can not guarantee they get ALL of their

choices. Other factors include class size limits and the number of sections we are running for that specific elective course(s).

What is the "Flight" Period in my Child's Schedule?

For 6th grade families and those new to Whitnall, the following is a brief explanation of Flight. Our WMS Flight period is taught by core teachers (math, science, social studies, English Language Arts [ELA]). Some aspects of the Flight Period are as follows:

- It will group students in a homeroom
- It will allow time for students to complete homework or to meet with teachers for additional assistance with coursework
- It will be the time for select students to receive either ELA or math intervention and support
- It will be the time for learning about things such as academic and career planning or PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports)

In addition to being a time to receive support or complete classwork, Flight is also a time to receive enrichment. There are mini units that extend learning in the core content areas. For example, there will be a mini unit on Wisconsin forests as an extension of science. All mini units align with district learning targets and standards.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to administration or your child's counselor.

School Supply Kits

WMS School Supply List 25/26

School Supplies: Families that pre-ordered kits to be delivered to the school can pick them up in the middle school office beginning the week of August 25, 2025 between 8:00 and 3:00. Students that did not drop off supplies on Back to School night should bring their school supplies and charged Chromebooks on the first day.

Student Technology

Chromebook Cases: Students in grades 4-12 are provided with a district 1:1 Chromebook laptop to use at school and home. Chromebook cases are not required for students but are encouraged. The district is providing a list of recommended cases, however parents are also free to select a case of their own choosing.

7th and 11th grade devices: Asus Chromebook Flip C214

Gumdrop SlimTech (\$29.95)

iPearl mCover (\$19.99)

6th and 9th grade devices: Acer Chromebook 311 C723

Max Extreme Shell (\$34.95)

Gumdrop DropTech (\$49.95)

Chromebook Protection Plan: Parents also have the option to purchase the Chromebook Protection Plan for students in grades 4-12 that may help to cover or reduce repair costs for unintentional damages incurred. The Chromebook Protection Plan is available in the Infinite Campus School Store through October 1, 2024.

How to use the Infinite Campus School Store

Whitnall Middle School: The Clothes Bin Textile Recycling Program

Whitnall Middle School is proud to announce our partnership with Clothes Bin to help raise funds for WMS Student Activities. 85% of textile waste ends up in landfills occupying unnecessary landfill space. The Clothes Bin Textile Recycling program is an opportunity to increase educational awareness of recycling and offer a convenient recycling program to students, parents and neighbors. Every pound of recycled items supports our school!



Items that are accepted in our bin: Clothing, Footwear, Undergarments, Accessories, Handbags, Linens

The bin is located near the bike rack at the exit of the middle school parking lot.

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

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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

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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

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Whitnall Middle School

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