



Winnisquam Regional Middle School

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Dear Parents and Students,

I hope this letter finds everyone well and rested! This summer the custodial staff have been busy re-finishing our floors. They are looking great! We are looking forward to all the students bringing the school back to life! As always we want to put out a special welcome to all the new 5th graders. Welcome to middle school!

Important Dates:

1st day of school is Tuesday, September 2nd. (WRMS allows buses and drop-offs after 7:20.

Please don't drop students off before this as we do not have supervision available.)

****Students should be in their homerooms by 7:34 AM or they are marked tardy. An automated call goes home for unexcused tardies. We are not able to turn off this feature for individuals. School dismisses at 2:31.

Thursday, September 4th is Open House. 5:30-7:15. 5:30-6:30 purchase a \$8/person meal from the PTO (Includes pizza, salad, drink and dessert. Get a second slice for \$2). 6:00- Short presentation in the cafeteria.

Tuesday, September 9th is picture day. Come to school prepared to smile!

Bus information:

The bus company has given us the bus routes and they are available online. Consider using the software *First View* that allows parents to see where the bus is in real time and it can give you alerts including when the bus would be arriving at your stop. Each year parents are required to enter a new password into the system for this function to be operational.

This year's password code is: **R0I2Q (Capital R, zero, Capital I, two, Capital Q)**

AM Drop off and PM Pick Up:

Morning: On the second picture, please note the sidewalk running alongside the school to the stop sign. We need people to drop off all along this sidewalk. Drop off in this location is between 7:20 and 7:34. (Note the second diagram) I believe we should be able to have 4-5 cars dropping off at once. This will help move the line along and reduce congestion. We need to avoid students being dropped off on Winter St. where cars and students mixing create a dangerous situation. Do not drop off on Deer St. as there are no sidewalks and we don't want students walking where the buses are moving.

Afternoon: In the afternoon the entire area between the middle and high school, along with the access road to Deer St., is closed off to vehicle movement during dismissal. Buses usually leave the campus by 2:40 at which time this area is open to traffic. Parent pick up for students in the afternoon is at the main entrance of WRMS.



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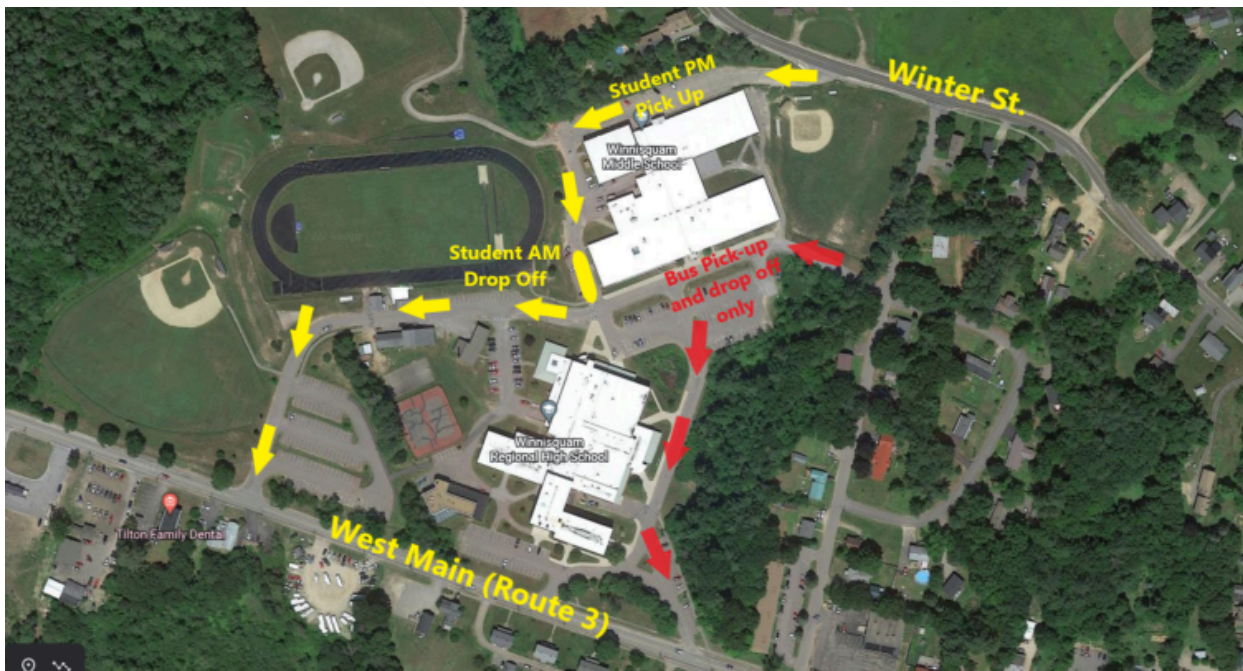
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If you need to drop off the student during the day (7:34-2:31) you would want to drop them off at the main entrance (If they have a note from an appointment please have them bring it with them).

Please note: Traffic from Winter St. around the school to the stop sign by the SAU is always a one way road. See arrows on first map.





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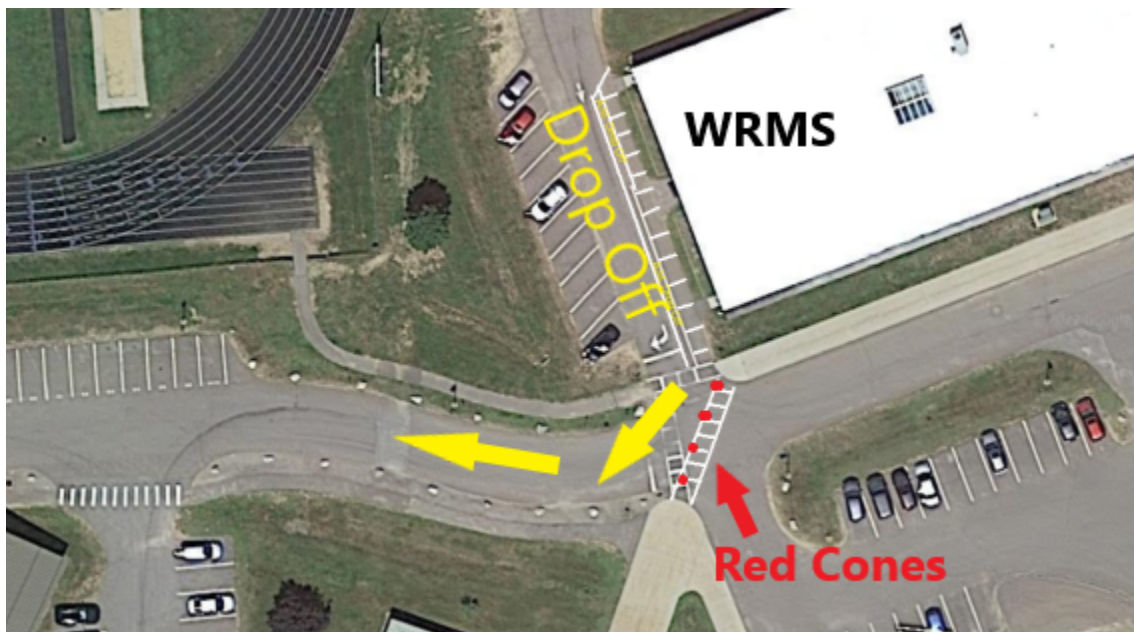
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Schedules:

Schedules overall should look familiar to most parents as we haven't changed the design since last year. We anticipate student schedules being available early next week. All 4 grades (each during their own period) will experience 5 Unified Art classes (Health, PE, Art, Music, and Digital Technology & Design) over the course of the year. We again have our PACK block this year. This period of time is really designed for multiple purposes. It allows some students to get competency recovery, it allows us to deliver our SEL curriculum (RULER), it creates a time for band, 7/8 chorus, and STEAM. One area that deserves explanation again this year for grades 6, 7, and 8 is our math or ELA extended teachers. We recognize the importance of math and ELA. This extra time adds an additional $\frac{1}{2}$ year of these subjects for every student. (Note: We don't do this in 5th as it is embedded already into their day because they have a different schedule) The extended teachers help solidify concepts for students, push the understanding of the competencies deeper, offer additional real world connections for students, and in ELA, will solidify and improve writing skills.

Additional links:

If your student is interested in a sport, registration information must be filled in, or updated, on final forms.

Here is the link: <https://winnisquam-nh.finalforms.com/parents/login>.

Here is the link to our Student [25-26 Handbook](#) You will find the handbook hasn't changed much. Listed below is a list of the changes.

New handbook changes:

-We are asking students to have their chromebook in its case while transporting their Chromebook outside of the building. We are also asking that during any transporting of the Chromebook the lid is closed. There is a \$25 charge for sticker removal if IT needs to remove them. Paint and marker are not allowed on chromebooks. If stickers are used they can only be on the lid.

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- Students are not allowed to write or draw on themselves unless it is part of a spirit week or drama production.
 - AI: Students cheating or plagiarizing with AI will receive an EU for the assignment until it is redone.
 - If you are going to be more than 15 minutes late to a dance special arrangements must be made ahead of time. If you have to leave before the end of the dance this must be pre-arranged also.
 - Pajama bottoms are not allowed unless it is a special recognized day for them (usually during a spirit week)

New Cell Phone Law: ([Watch explanation video here](#)) Cell phones and other non medical devices (ie: earpods, gaming devices etc...) can't be used between the start of school bell and end of school bell.

The reality is this aligns with what we already had as a rule. To ensure students follow this law the cell phones will not be allowed on person. They will need to be turned off and in their lockers (preferably in a backpack). Any violation of this law will result in the phone being turned into the office. In the event of a second offense parents will need to pick up the phone or device. We are working on trying to get locks for lockers but in the meantime feel free to send your child with one. The combination or a copy of the key will need to be turned into their homeroom teacher.

Planned Absence form- This year there is a form that needs to be filled out in the event of a planned absence such as a surgery or a vacation. We will be making the form available soon.

ALMA- We have a new information system in our district. ALMA has replaced powerschool. It has a much more friendly interface. You will be able to login and see grades etc... through the system. If you are having trouble we will have guidance available during Open House to help. You could also call the guidance office.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!
We look forward to seeing all the smiling faces soon!
Go Wolves!

-The WRMS team