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Welcome Incoming 6th-Grade Families,

As the principals of Waconia Middle School, we would like to introduce ourselves and share some brief information about the exciting transition from elementary school to Waconia Middle School. In April, current ISD 110 5th-grade students met to learn about the middle school and the music courses they needed to select for 6th grade. They received a packet of information that included course descriptions and instructions to make course selections using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Thank you to the students and families for submitting your music class elections. If you did not turn in a form or you are new to ISD 110, electronic copies of the WMS Course Descriptions and the Course Election Worksheet can be found on the [WMS website](https://isd110.org/our-schools/waconia-middle-school/2024-25-wms-course-registration-information) (<https://isd110.org/our-schools/waconia-middle-school/2024-25-wms-course-registration-information>).

Optional Scheduling Information/ Input Form

Parents and guardians who want to share input and/or scheduling requests for the 2025-26 school year at Waconia Middle School are encouraged to complete the [WMS Parent Input Form for 2025-26](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfUMQ8bgK5sMNCrDL4QUy-6HVaitTriqtd-NBCJ6xs5mJTrUg/viewform?usp=sharing)

(<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfUMQ8bgK5sMNCrDL4QUy-6HVaitTriqtd-NBCJ6xs5mJTrUg/viewform?usp=sharing>). This form is optional and may be used to communicate unique student information to assist the administration with scheduling courses for student(s). Parents of twins, triplets, or same-grade siblings are asked to complete this form to provide guidance on scheduling them together (same classes) or apart (same teachers). This form will be available to complete until June 16, 2024.

New Parent Information Nights at WMS:

Moving to a new school building can be challenging for parents/guardians, and we have designed two evening opportunities to welcome families, provide an overview of our programs, and answer some frequently asked questions. WMS New Parent Information nights are planned from **5:00 pm to 6:15 pm on Tuesday, August 5th, and Thursday, August 7th** in the WMS Auditorium (attend one). The information nights are scheduled after student schedules are released on Infinite Campus between August 1st and 5th. This meeting is optional but encouraged for new families. Students are welcome to attend, but are not required.

WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) Kick-Off Event:

Mark your calendars-- all transitioning 6th-grade students are invited to join the WEB Kick-Off event scheduled for **Tuesday, August 19, 2025, from 1:45 to 5:30 PM**. The event is part of our WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) program, and busing will be available. The event will include

WMS staff and roughly 60 trained 8th-grade WEB mentors. The fun and welcoming event will provide incoming students with building tours, mentor connections, guidance, and enthusiasm to start their middle school experience. A light snack will be provided, and students are encouraged to eat lunch before the event. Information about the WEB program can be found at <http://www.boomerangproject.com/web/what-web>.

[CLICK HERE](https://forms.gle/LZRBcVpwRjE6Cab67) (https://forms.gle/LZRBcVpwRjE6Cab67) to request bussing to and/or from the WEB Kick-off or visit the WMS webpage. Bussing requests must be received by Tuesday, August 12, 2025. Please contact WMS administration if your child needs special accommodations for this event.

6th Grade Only Open House Night:

We will host the 6th-grade-only open house after the WEB kick-off event from **5:30-7:30 pm on Tuesday, August 19th**. 6th-grade teachers will be on-site to meet students and parents on a night dedicated to incoming students and families. The district-wide open house will take place the following evening on Wednesday, August 20th, from 3:30-7:30. 6th-grade students and families are welcome to come to the open house on Wednesday evening, although most of our 6th-grade staff will only be on-site on Tuesday evening.

Waconia Middle School Fees:

It may be helpful to be aware of and prepare for school-related annual fees for 6th-grade events and activities. 6th-grade students participate in a unique and traditional overnight learning experience at an environmental learning center. This upcoming year, we will be going to [Long Lake Conservation Center](https://www.longlakecc.org/) (https://www.longlakecc.org/) in Palisade, MN. Half of the students and teachers will attend Oct. 6-8, and the second half will attend Oct. 8-10. When your child attends will be determined by their 6th-grade team. The cost for transportation, food, lodging, additional supervision, and instruction will be approximately \$160.00 per student. Complete and detailed information about the trip will be provided to families in August.

Additional 6th-grade fees will also include asking 6th-grade families to purchase a combination lock from the school at the open house. This procedure started in 2022-23 to benefit students new to using combination locks. The student-owned padlocks will be used in the future for Physical Education lockers when students change clothes for Physical Education in 7th and 8th grade. Our Parent Teacher Organization will be communicating a Fall "One and Done" fundraiser to pay for building-wide "extras" and to provide funding for grade-level field trips.

[CLICK HERE](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WZRdQO7HDRSq9JDsysov5Pr8zcKY3UcCYAOLM5Rkco/edit?usp=sharing) to review the Waconia Middle School Supply List 2025-26 (https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WZRdQO7HDRSq9JDsysov5Pr8zcKY3UcCYAOLM5Rkco/edit?usp=sharing).

2025-26 Calendars:

WMS Student Calendar 2025-26- [CLICK HERE](#)

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nfzOw0pwSfGXOaSyYr9u9S_L-YMwZKSy3pje14CllbA/edit?usp=sharing

ISD 110 District Academic Calendar 2025-26- [CLICK HERE](#)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1S4W-4iheL56S_hstTPBUCbO6lHoBdCq3/view

Over the years, parents/guardians have coached us that the information above is helpful in answering some common questions for incoming families. Please contact either of us or the office staff with any further questions. We look forward to meeting our new students and families and preparing for a successful start at Waconia Middle School.

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