

Walnut Creek Learning Community,

This week, my morning announcements have all focused on helping students to recognize the difference between positive and negative friendships, and how our friendships impact us. I spoke to our school about how to recognize positive and negative friendships, how to be proactive in developing positive friendships, and what to do if we find ourselves in healthy friendships or in a friend group that is having a negative impact. I encourage you to read the daily announcements (linked below), and have follow up conversations with your children on this topic.

A few talking points:

- Initiate a conversation with your kids about their friend group. Ask questions, and help your kids think about how their friendships are impacting them. Help your kids think about their values, and what they want for themselves in their future. Talk to them about the importance of surrounding themselves with people that share their values and expectations.
- Talk to your kids about boundaries - help them understand how to distance themselves from people who have a negative impact or influence on them.
- Talk to your kids about how to build and sustain positive friendships. Remind them that friendships require effort, trust, and empathy.
- Remind your kids that they will travel down the same road as their friend group, and that they become who they surround themselves with.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Go Hawks!

NEW INFO In this week's edition:

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Week Ahead Event Schedule - NEW INFO

Monday, March 9th:

- **Incoming 6th Grade (current 5th grade) Parent Night - 6 PM**

4/16/26 - Late Start for 6th/7th Grade, PSAT for 8th Grade - NEW INFO

7th and 8th grade students will have a late start on 4/16/26 to accommodate PSAT testing. 6th/7th grade students will attend school from 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM on 4/16, attending all six

classes on a shortened bell schedule. The buses will pick students up, and drop students off on 4/16/26. The attached schedule lists all bus pick-up times on 4/16/26. Students will be dropped off at their normal time in the afternoon.

Please see the attached bus pickup schedule for 4/16/26 for your child's pickup time on 4/16/26.

8th Grade PSAT Information - NEW INFO

April 16th - PSAT 8

On April 16th, 6th and 7th grade students will not attend school in the morning. 6th and 7th grade students will attend school from 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM for an afternoon half day. Transportation for 6th and 7th grade students will be provided both to and from school.

8th grade students will test from 8:10 AM - 11:25 AM. 8th grade students will be served lunch from 11:25 AM - 11:55 AM. 6th and 7th grade students will not be served lunch on 4/15, as it is a half day for those students.

All students will attend classes in the afternoon with the following schedule:

1st hour - 12:00 - 12:30
2nd hour - 12:35 - 1:00
3rd hour - 1:05 - 1:30
4th hour - 1:35 - 2:00
5th hour - 2:05 - 2:30
6th hour - 2:35 - 3:00

FFE Tuition Expedition 50/50 Raffle - NEW INFO

Who wants to get a chance to win BIG money for your child's future college tuition?

Time is running out to buy a ticket for the FFE 50/50 Tuition Expedition Raffle! There are only 2 weeks left before the drawing and the current prize is \$5,700 for the scholarship option or \$4,600 for the cash payout. However, it is expected to grow significantly in the final two weeks of the sale. Last year's winner won over \$11,000!

It doesn't matter how old your child is; the FFE can hold the scholarship funds for up to 20 years before paying them out.

Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Or 6 for \$100 if you are feeling lucky! Proceeds support the FFE's mission to put more tools and resources in classrooms across Walled Lake Schools.

Tickets are available in your school (only for the next week!), at the Walled Lake Schools Federal Credit Union, or by requesting one through the FFE website. You can find out the easiest way to get your tickets on the FFE website at www.wlcsd.org/FFERaffle

Don't miss your chance to win BIG!

Walled Lake Northern Softball Clinics - NEW INFO

The Walled Lake Northern Softball Program is excited to announce that they will be offering Softball Clinics in the Spring!

When: March 21st (9:30 AM - 12:00 AM) and March 22nd (9:00 AM - 10:30 AM)

Where: Walled Lake Northern Gym

What to bring: Tennis shoes, gym clothing, glove, bat, helmet, water bottle

For cost and additional details, please see the flyer linked below:

<https://www.northernsoftball.com/spring-clinics.cfm>

Walled Lake Community Make A Blanket Day - NEW INFO

The Giving Tree Club and National Honor Society at Walled Lake Central are excited to share with you that our Walled Lake Community Wide Make a Blanket Day is officially set for April 18, from 10am-2pm. You can come and join us anytime between then. Our goal this year is 1,000 blankets! We are partnering with Fleece and Thank You to ensure that every child facing an extended stay at the hospital not only receives a comforting fleece blanket, but also receives a personalized message from the person who made the blanket. The patient can also choose to send a video back! This day has historically been a huge and fun event for the whole family, and we would love to have you join us! Purchasing a blanket is not necessary to join the event. We just ask that everyone completes the free registration. Food trucks will be available to purchase food, obstacle courses, face painting, and a team from Mojo in the Morning are all part of this day...with more surprises to come!

Here is a video that helps show just how special this organization is (<https://youtu.be/61fJZDjVOIU>).

Your school page can be found here:

<https://charity.pledgeit.org/t/3o2f689uc6>

If you have any questions, or ideas, please don't hesitate to contact Nancy Kattoula (NancyKattoula@wlcsd.org) or Amanda Swanson (AmandaSwanson@wlcsd.org).

Thank you so much for your support!

Walnut Creek Track Team Informational Flyer - [Previously Communicated](#)

We are excited to announce that our Walnut Creek Track team will begin on March 23rd. Please see the attached flyer for detailed information and the permission slip. Permission slips can also be picked up in the student services office.

Morning Announcement Script - [Previously Communicated](#)

Each morning, we start our school day with morning announcements. After we recite the pledge of allegiance, announce birthdays, and make other reminder announcements, Mr. Taboh reads a morning message to students. To see Mr. Taboh's morning message, you can always check the document linked below which is updated weekly:

[Mr. Taboh's Morning Message Script - 25/26 School Year](#)

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Be well,

Seth Taboh
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Walnut Creek Middle School