



Warren Township Schools

Shining Brighter Every Day



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

There are several items of importance for this month.

Please be aware that the current dress code, as set forth by the Warren Township Board of Education under *Dress and Grooming Code*, remains the guidance policy for Mr. Achtau and me. It may be accessed on the district website under *Board Information – Policies – Students Dress Grooming Guide 5132*. We do expect students to adhere to this Code, especially in the warmer months ahead.

Students are not permitted to change buses unless there is an emergency circumstance, and only when prior approval is given by Jan Donlay, the head of transportation for the Warren School District. This policy exists for several reasons, one of which is to ensure that parents are aware that their child will not be home on the regular bus. The other is so that buses do not exceed the legal limit of passengers.

Fifth grade parents are being invited to a 5th to 6th grade accelerated math presentation on the evening of Tuesday, April 4th in the Warren Middle School Library. The presentation will begin at 7:00 PM and last approximately 42 minutes. The presentation will be on the criteria that will be used for a recommendation into the 6th grade accelerated math class (Pre-Algebra).

Sincerely,
Robert W. Comba



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Dear Seventh Grade Parents,

The Seventh Grade parent meeting for the annual Fairview Lake overnight trip will be held on Thursday, April 27th from 6:30-7:00pm. At this meeting, I will be disseminating all pertinent information and answering any questions.

Mark Your Calendars! ☺

In preparation of the meeting, please feel free to peruse our trip website which can be found on the WMS Homepage under the tab "Fairview Lake 7th Grade Trip." This website will tell you *all you need to know* about our excursion to Fairview Lake.

Lastly, we are still in need of parent chaperones so please sign up on the trip website if interested.

Sincerely,

Max Achtan



Counselors' Corner

Mrs. M. Johnson, Mrs. L. Regal, Ms. H. Scully

The Students of the Month for February are:

6th Grade Team

Emma Leung

Ronald Leung

7th Grade Team

Ella Esposito

Justin Crespo

8th Grade Team

Emily Sahler

Sunwoo Park

Unified Arts

Paulina Przybylski

Alexander Martino

Congratulations to all!



The E2 Connection - Dr. S. Cooper

Keeping you connected to the exciting events of WMS Enrichment Education Programs

Continental Math

The final Continental Math competition took place in early March. Over 100 WMS students participated in this challenging mathematics event. Congratulations to all participants. Special recognition goes out to three eighth graders, one seventh grader and two sixth graders for scoring perfect "6" on every meet. These students will be honored with a national medal. Several math competitions are still scheduled for the remainder of the year. Stay tuned to the E2 schedule for upcoming competitions.

6th Grade E2

The 6th graders spend many class periods in E2 usually working on engineering, forensics, debate, math and quiz bowl challenges. Recently, the students made DNA key chains, DNA necklaces, mailed eggs using specific criteria, and used their thinking caps to solve many different problems and puzzles. In the months to come, the 6th graders will be working on a special project where they will research, plan, design, and build a 21st Century Skills contraption based on a series of criteria.

LEGO Robotics Project

The Middle School Design Challenge a non-competitive challenge open to middle schools in several New Jersey counties. This year's event will be held at Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School on Saturday, April 29th WMS will bring two teams to compete in this rigorous, technological challenge!! Good luck, teams!

Solar Car Competition

Solar Car Competition preparation is in full swing!!! This will run as an E2 project as well as an after school club on most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for those who returned permission slips. Listen for weekly updates and watch the E2 schedule for planning times. The competition date is scheduled for Friday, May 5th where many WMS teachers and staff will serve as judges of this competition.

National Geography Challenge & National Language Arts Challenge

These competitions, similar to Continental Math, will be scheduled from April 24th- May 5th where 6th, 7th and 8th grade E2 students and anyone interested in participating may take these two 50-question challenges. Watch the E2 schedule for information.

ATOMS Quiz Bowl (Academic Tournament of Middle School) is a 7-week quiz bowl event where teams from around the state compete in an academic tournament of challenging rounds. The tournament, hosted by the Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School, started the season in January with 22 teams and ended in March with Warren 1 team in the finals against Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School, which took place on March 23rd. The outcome of this tournament will be posted on Mrs. Cooper's website.



Nurse's Corner – Mrs. L. Lontai, R.N., MSN

April is National Youth Sports Safety Month! The N.J. State Department of Education requires that Sports Physicals be completed prior to any student participating in interscholastic or intramural sports. This is done to ensure that students are in good health before they begin. But many things should be done to ensure your child's safety while they are "playing the game"!

- The most important thing is to Have Fun!
- Youth sports are great exercise and a ton of fun; play to please yourself and have a great time.
- Learning how to play the game is more important than winning or losing.
- Some children grow faster than others and some have better coordination earlier than others. Everyone catches up eventually. Be patient.
- Who you are as a person does not depend on your wins and losses.
- Treat other athletes and your coaches with respect. Everyone is trying their hardest.
- Honor the rules of the game.
- Be a good sport
- Support your teammates.

If you get injured or hurt while participating in any sport, do not ignore the injury. Let your coach or parent know. It is better to miss one game than the whole season!

Should you ever have any questions about Middle School Sports or injuries please contact the School Nurse at 908-753-5300 Ext. 5003.



Music Department

Mrs. A. Jensen, Mrs. D. McCloskey, Mr. J. Seremula, Mr. J. Van Tine

Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of *Legally Blonde* for an absolutely amazing, fabulous performance. Special kudos to Mrs. McCloskey, Mr. Van Tine, Mrs. Mac Gorman, Ms. Backus, Mrs. Sage and Mrs. Roberts for their time, expertise and patience.

Morris Union Jointure Commission Music Festival rehearsals have started for all those students participating in either band, orchestra or chorus. Concerts are scheduled for the last Sunday in April this year, April 30th at the New Providence High School auditorium. Concerts are free and open to the public at 2 P.M. (choruses and orchestra) and at 4 P.M. (all bands).

Orchestra students that made the Region 2 Orchestra are now auditioning for All State –we wish them the best.

April Music Parents Meeting – Thursday, April 20th, at 7 P.M. Our Music Parents President, Mrs. Peterson, has exciting news for everyone. Please plan on attending if your student participates in Band, Chorus or Orchestra.

The 2017 Long Hill Summer band/orchestra application and PTO scholarship forms are now available in the band hall foyer, the orchestra room, the front office, and online to download at my teacher page. The instrumental music camp will run from June 26th - July 20th, 2017 from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. This music enrichment program is available to any new student wanting to begin playing an instrument and current band students, grades 4 through 12. Each day small, like, group lessons are taught on all instruments and there are five ensemble classes: Intermediate band, Advanced Band, Intermediate & Advanced Jazz Bands, Advanced HS Mixed Ensemble and a group guitar class.

New for this summer program is the addition of a String Program, open from beginning through advanced strings! Our WMS PTO is graciously awarding (seven) \$150.00 scholarships to our most deserving band/orchestra students who attend the full camp. Partial scholarships may also be awarded at the director's discretion.

If you would like further information, please contact John Seremula at his WMS teacher webpage or call 908-753-5300 x6061; or call Eileen Shanagher, the Long Hill Band Camp program director at 908-432-5990/cell, or email her at: eshanagher@longhill.org.



4/10-14 Spring Recess
4/19 PTO Meeting 9:00 AM

4/24-26 PARCC Testing Grades 6,7,8
4/27 Parent Trip Mtg. Grades 7/8

Superintendent's Corner

The Warren Township Board of Education will hold a public hearing of the 2017-18 budget on April 24, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the All Purpose Room of Mt. Horeb School.

Next year's budget supports the continuation of all current programs and services including a comprehensive curriculum, support and enrichment services, and full-time guidance counselors in each building. The budget also maintains small class sizes in all grades, courtesy busing for all students, and late buses at Warren Middle School for students participating in clubs and activities. In addition, new scheduling models at all five schools will allow for even greater involvement in the arts, an expansion of physical education opportunities, and a more robust experience studying world languages while adjusting staffing levels to reflect the continued decline in student enrollment.

Thanks to the efforts of members of the Board and the school Business Administrator, I am proud to support a budget that provides for the wonderful education of Warren's children while being responsible to the taxpayer. The 17-18 budget increases the local tax levy by 0.71%. Detailed information about the budget can be found on the district's website.

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.



Dear Parents/Guardians:

We need your feedback! The Warren Township School District is conducting a comprehensive audit of district and building communications with key audiences, identifying areas of strength and opportunities for improvement. As one of the initial components of the audit, we invite you to take the "SCoPE School Communication Survey for Parents." Participation takes less than 15 minutes and is completely anonymous. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access the survey.

Additionally, as parents who are also members of the Warren Township community, we invite you to take the "SCoPE School Communication Survey for Community Members," found [HERE](#). Since the value of our results increases when more people participate, please feel free to share the survey(s) with your neighbors in the Warren Township community. All three surveys (Parents, Community, Staff) also can be found on our website at www.warrentboe.org.

Please take the time to let us know how we're doing!

Thank you.

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