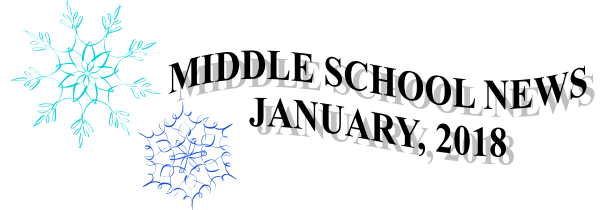




## Warren Township Schools

*Shining Brighter Every Day*



***From the Principal's Desk Mr. George Villar***

As we approach the winter months, we recognize that both illness and travel will keep students from attending school. The guiding practice is that the education of all students is most effective when students are present at school and ready to learn. We understand that school is only part of our students' lives and circumstances occur that keep children from school. When this happens, there are simple steps that can be observed to ensure that upon return to school, students are able to keep up with the instruction that happened in the classroom.

First, in the case of illness, we strongly encourage students to stay at home when not feeling well to recover. When students are not well, they may not be available for learning and can be better served by resting in order to improve their health. When a student is out due to illness, parents can request classwork and homework on the second, consecutive day out. To do so, parents should contact the grade level guidance counselor. Grade 6 is Ms. L. Regal ext. 5009, Grade 7 Ms. H. Scully ext. 5007, and Grade 8 Mrs. M. Johnson ext. 5005.

There are also occasions that require students to travel when school is in session. When this happens, parents may contact their child's teachers to request assignments in advance. Please note, this is not always feasible for the teachers and they may determine that work will be provided when a student returns. WMS procedure for make-up work is as follows:

### Makeup Work

- \* Students absent for any reason must make up assignments, class work, and tests within a reasonable period of time. It is the student's responsibility to obtain makeup assignments.
- \* Students excused for field trips, concerts, competitions, etc., must make arrangements with the teacher to complete work missed prior to the absence.
- \* When a student does not complete work missed for absence within the prescribed length of time, he/she is subject to receiving a failing grade for that assignment.



**Dean's List Mr. Max Achtau**

Happy New Year WMS Students and Parents!

I hope all of our WMS families will have the opportunity to relax and spend time with loved ones during the winter break. My family and I plan on spending the majority of our vacation skiing in Vermont while hopefully creating wonderful memories along the way. (Let's hope there is snow!) Off the slopes, we plan on playing board games, sleeping in, having pancakes for dinner, and reading a few books.

In short, I wish all WMS families a wonderful holiday season with family and friends and all the best in 2018. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.



**Counselors' Corner** Mrs. M. Johnson, Mrs. L. Regal, Ms. H. Scully

### Students of the Month

The Students of the Month for November are:

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Team**

Alexa Christou

Braden Fenton

Congratulations to all!

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Team**

Ava Prisco

Gavin Martignetti

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team**

Kayley Garcell

Luke Freijomil

**Unified Arts**

Jacqueline Harrison

Brad Gallagher



**From the Nurse.....Mrs. L. Lontai, RN, MSN**

### **Holiday Health and Safety Tips**

The holidays are a time to celebrate, give thanks, and reflect. They are also a time to pay special attention to your health. Follow these holiday tips to give the gift of health and safety to yourself and others:

**Wash your hands to be safe and healthy** for at least 20 seconds, with soap and warm water.

**Eat Healthy and Get Moving** - then those New Year's Resolutions won't be so hard to keep!

**Manage Stress** through creative ways, not with food, smoking, or alcohol. Try yoga, taking a walk, and/or watching a movie together as a family.

**Wear Your Seatbelt** - be a positive role model to those you are driving.

The holidays can be a busy time; make it a safe, healthy time as well.

**Get Plenty of Rest** - parties are great, but allowing adequate time for quiet rest is important and necessary for good health.

Just a reminder about Sports Physicals:

- Be sure to register on [FormReLeaf](http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/safety/health/records/athleticphysicalsform.pdf) when the site opens in January for Spring sports
- All sports forms (physicals and updates) are due by March 1, 2018 to the Health office.
- If you have a physical for your child that has already been approved for fall or winter sports, an updated Health History is required to be able to participate in sports for the spring.
- Sports physical forms can be downloaded here:  
<http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/safety/health/records/athleticphysicalsform.pdf>
- Health History updates can be downloaded here:  
<http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/safety/health/records/HealthHistoryUpdate.pdf>
- Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!



## **Music Department**

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

Congratulations to the Music Department's performing groups on the great December concerts.

The CJMEA, Region 2, will hold auditions for Middle School band and orchestra students on Saturday, January 27, 2018, with a snow date of Feb. 3. The performance will be in March.

Our spring musical, **Aladdin**, is now ready to start rehearsals. The show promises to be a great success! Performance dates are March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. Stay tuned for ticket information. Honor Band rehearsals begin on January 4, with a performance at the High School Auditorium on Feb. 1 with a tour of all of the participating Middle Schools the following day.

Students and parents need to start considering having their student take summer lessons at the Warren Summer Program held at Long Hill during the month of July with a lesson every day and a band rehearsal held every day. It's a great way to improve their playing abilities.



## **The E2Connection**

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

*Dr. S. Cooper*

### **Continental Math**

The third Continental Math meet is scheduled to take place in mid-January (2018). Listen to morning announcements for more information.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade E2 Happenings**

Sixth grade E2 will begin in mid-January where students who meet eligibility requirements will be invited to participate in a series of enrichment and challenges. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade E2 program is predominantly a project and competitive based program geared to challenge students who need this additional support.

### **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade E2 Happenings**

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade E2 students will have an opportunity to sign up for new activities like Mock Trial Writing, Take it on the Road, Quiz Bowl tests for eligibility... (and some returning activities like Solar Car, Chess, Photography, Quiz Bowl) in January 2018. Watch the E2 door for information on choosing new classes and activities.

### **Mock Trial at the Warren Court House**

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade mock trial students took their cases to court on December 18<sup>th</sup> where the Honorable Mark Adler presided. This event was a huge success for the students where they learned many aspects of trial law. Thank you, Judge Adler for your time and expertise.

### **Academic Tournament Team**

The Academic Tournament Team, consisting of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders is on the road to great challenges this year. The start of ATOMS (Academic Tournament of Middle Schools) is being held at Bridgewater Middle School starting January 18<sup>th</sup>. The Thinking Cap quiz bowl also will be held in late January and

the American Scholastic Challenge in February. Also, watch for information on the fifth annual history bee, which will be offered to any WMS student interested in trying their hand at history facts and trivia.

### **Math Club**

The Math Club students have participated in several math competitions this year including Continental Math, AMC8, AMTNJ and the St. Joseph's Math Competition scheduled for early January. The Math League Press Competition is scheduled for February. Watch the E2 schedule, the E2 website, and the E2 door for any updates to these opportunities.



### ***JANUARY 2018***

1/2	School Opens	1/15	MLK Day – School Closed
1/10	PTO Meeting – 9:00 AM	1/23, 24, 25	– PTO Book Fair



### **Superintendent's Corner**

This holiday season, students and staff across the district brought the district's motto of "Shining Brighter Every Day" to life through selfless acts of giving.

The following examples are just a few of the many ways in which members of the Warren Township School District community have made a difference in the lives of others recently:

Angelo L. Tomaso - Students participated in canned food drives to contribute to holiday meals of those less fortunate.

Central - Students, staff and the PTO collected coats, hats, gloves, and scarves for children and adults.

Mt. Horeb - The Gators Give Back Club collected, sorted, and donated more than 17 boxes of pet food, treats, and blankets to St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center.

Woodland - Fifth grade students created holiday cards for a critically-ill 11-year-old New Jersey boy in need of some holiday well-wishes.

Warren Middle School - The Buddy-to-Buddy Club stuffed holiday stockings with treats to share with others.

As we prepare for the coming of a new year, I am inspired by our students and staff and hope that these small examples inspire others as well. Happy holidays and happy new year!

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.