



**Warren Township Schools**  
*Shining Brighter Every Day*



***From the Principal's Desk***

Dear Parents and Guardians,

During this year, the administrative team of Warren Middle School has been analyzing the impact of the new schedule that is used by Grade 6. At the Feb. 5 Board of Education meeting, Mr. Achtau and I made a recommendation to the BOE to adopt the same schedule for Grade 7 and 8, for the 2018-2019 school year. The BOE will be voting on this recommendation at its March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Our plan is to provide a full presentation of the master schedule at the WMS PTO meeting on March 7, and again in early April, to all WMS parents.

Once the schedule is defined for the coming school year, our guidance counselors will be able to begin the process of scheduling students for 2018-2019. We undertake this process with great consideration of student abilities, with the goal of creating the best possible experiences. With that said, I want to make you aware of two school policies that we adhere to with regard to parent requests.

First, the school policy is that parent request for specific teachers will not be accepted unless there has been a previous negative experience with a teacher and an older sibling. We do not consider hearsay and rumor as a valid reason for these kinds of request. Student experiences in class are unique and the circumstances of one person may be very different than another's.

Second, we base mathematical placement of students in our leveled math classes by considering past academic performance, standardized results, and teacher recommendation. When parents request a level change for mathematics, they may overlook such data, placing the student in an over-challenging situation that can cause frustration. I strongly encourage each parent to consult with the appropriate grade level counselor if you have a question about placement.

Sincerely,

*George J. Villar*



**Max's Blurb**

**Attention All Seventh Grade Parents!**

Looking ahead to April, the seventh grade parent meeting for the annual Fairview Lake overnight field trip will be on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. Please mark your calendar. At this meeting I will be discussing all pertinent information as well as the important roles and responsibilities of parent chaperones. Please consider volunteering as a parent chaperone since we need at least 15 male and 15 female chaperones in order for the trip to occur. The seventh grade PTO representatives and I have been working collaboratively since January to ensure a wonderful trip.

I look forward to seeing you on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Middle School Library.

Sincerely,

*Max Achtau*



### **Counselors' Corner**

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

### **Students of the Month for January are:**

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

Madeline Barros  
William Morreale

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

Mia Giegerich  
Wesley Liu

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

Justine Van Buskirk  
Jakob Stapleton

#### Unified Arts

Emily Rothenberg  
Michael Giuliano

Congratulations to all!



### **The E<sup>2</sup> Connection – Dr. S. Cooper**

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

### **Continental Math**

The final Continental Math competition takes place in March. As always, many students excelled in this national contest this year. Congratulations to all participants who took the initiative to partake in this self-selection activity this year. National Winners (those who scored perfect “6” on each meet) will be honored with national medals at the end of the year.

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

The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade E2 students have been preparing many projects for the upcoming months. Sixth graders are working on engineering activities using balls, eggs, and balloons, as well as learning basics of forensic science, debate, quiz bowl and math contests. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade “Polyology” class has been well attended and students have created some exciting lessons for fellow students. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Solar Car competition preparation classes and the after school clubs (on Tuesdays and Wednesdays) are in full swing. This project is a feat of engineering and the cars are cruising getting ready for our May 4<sup>th</sup> competition! Additionally, many students still enjoy the challenges of other academic competitions. In mid-February, all three of the three WMS ATOMS quiz bowl teams advanced to the sweet 16 in the ATOMS annual quiz bowl competition sponsored by Bridgewater Middle School. The outcome of this competition will be announced in late March. The most recent competitions of distinction include an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math League Press competition, the Plasma Physics Bowl and the American Scholastic Challenge. Other trips include: March 2<sup>nd</sup> – *Read Accross America Day* literacy activities at the elementary schools, March 3<sup>rd</sup>– FIRST Robotics trip to Mount Olive High School with our WMS Robotics Team, and upcoming trips will be for those students who are creating “Take it on the Road” Lessons for elementary students.

There’s always something fun, challenging, and exciting going on in E2!



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

Spring is finally upon us and hopefully everyone is feeling healthy and full of energy. However, with the start of spring comes the start of Spring Allergies! Remember to have your child start taking any allergy medication early, at least a week before the season starts. Pollen.com is a great resource for up-to-date information on pollen counts in our area.

If your child does suffer from seasonal allergies it can be very uncomfortable to sit in school with itchy eyes, and a runny nose. Please provide any medication that they may need to make it through the day to the nurse with the appropriate physician documentation. This way everyone can have a healthy, comfortable school day!



### **Music Department**

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

Our spring musical, *Aladdin Jr.*, is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, March 15th and 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the All Purpose Room at the Middle School.

The show promises to be an amazing presentation. Ticket information for *Aladdin Jr.* is available. Get your tickets early, as this show will be sold out.

The 2018 Long Hill Summer Band Camp application and PTO Scholarship form are now available in the band room, Room 33 and in room 37, the Orchestra Room or on Mr. Seremula's webpage. You will be able to download all forms on line this year. All instrumental students are encouraged to continue playing their instruments during the summer vacation time and what better way to do that than going to the Long Hill program where the students are given a lesson every day and play in the summer band every day. The session ends with a concert for all who participated.

The WMS PTO is again graciously awarding stipends to any of our deserving 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade instrumental music students. Please return your completed scholarship form to Mr. Seremula by Monday, June 11, 2018 to be considered for these scholarships. The Warren music teachers will then select the winning Warren Students.

For additional information, please contact Mr. Seremula or his teacher page at [jseremula@warrentboe.org](mailto:jseremula@warrentboe.org) or 908-753-5300 Ext 6061: or contact the Long Hill Township Band Camp coordinator Eileen Shanager at [Eshangher@longhill.org](mailto:Eshangher@longhill.org) or 908-435-5990.



## **MARCH 2018**

3/7	PTO Meeting – 9:00 AM
3/15 & 16	Aladdin School Musical – 7:00 PM
3/30 – 4/6	Spring Recess

**Sunday, March 11th, Daylight Savings Time begins. Remember to turn your clocks forward 1 hour!**



### **Superintendent's Corner**

Although Punxsutawney Phil predicts that winter will hang around a little longer, preparations are underway for Summer Fun 2018. This year's five-week program will be held at Mt. Horeb School beginning on June 26, 2018.

Summer Fun is a unique program offering students the opportunity to attend enrichment courses. Unlike other summer camp experiences, certified teachers instruct students in Summer Fun in a variety of areas such as music, arts, literature, science, technology, and physical education.

Early-bird registration is available through May 4, 2018, along with several discount options and extended-, early-, and after-care services are available for families as well.

This fully customizable experience allows families to choose one to four courses per day for any number of weeks. More information and a link to the registration form can be found at <https://www.warrentboe.org/schools/summerfun/>.

I hope you'll consider Summer Fun for an enriching experience this year!

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.