



Warren Township Schools

Shining Brighter Every Day



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is my pleasure to welcome Mr. Glen Lampa to Warren Middle School as our interim-Dean of Students. While Mr. Achtau is serving as the Central School Principal until the beginning of June, Mr. Lampa will be assisting our staff with the daily operations of WMS. Mr. Lampa is a retired school administrator who spent a substantial part of his career in Bernardsville, where he was the Principal of Bedwell Elementary and Assistant Superintendent. Most recently, he assisted with four separate interim positions in Madison, including both the Middle School Principal and Vice-Principal. We look forward to benefiting from his wisdom and expertise.

We have two important meetings in April. First, there will be a Meeting to Discuss the WMS Master Schedule on April 18. This meeting is for all WMS parents for the 2018-2019 school year. Our school nurse, Mrs. Lontai will present from 6:30 to 7 PM on sports physical and the requirements of being a student athlete at WMS. The general meeting will begin at 7 PM and will address course requirements and options for the coming year. This will include an explanation of math placement as well as world language options.

The other meeting is our Over-night Trip Meeting April 25. This informational meeting is for all parents of 7th and 8th grade students attending the Fairview Lakes or Philadelphia trips in June. This meeting will be from 7 to 8 PM and address itineraries, packing, and behavioral expectations, issue of health and medication.

Sincerely,

George Villar



Max's Blurb

Dear Seventh Grade Parents,

The seventh grade parent meeting for the annual Fairview Lake overnight trip will be held on Wednesday, April 25th from 6:30-7:00 PM. At this meeting, I will be disseminating all pertinent information and answering any questions. **Mark Your Calendar!** ☺

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 the trip and is constantly being updated.

Beginning March 26th I have been appointed interim Principal of Central School until the end of the school year. However, I look forward to seeing you on April 25th and wish you all Happy Spring!

Sincerely,

Max Achtau



Counselors' Corner

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

The Students of the Month for February are:

6th Grade Team

Elisabeth Decker
Paul Quense

7th Grade Team

Ashley Patetta
David Scali

8th Grade Team

Alexandria Angelini
Benjamin Tankel

Unified Arts

Madaline Arakelian
Ryan Hardy

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 70 WMS students participated in this challenging mathematics event this year. Congratulations to all participants. Special recognition goes out to three eighth graders, one seventh grader, and two sixth graders for scoring a 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 Middle School on Saturday, April 14th. WMS will bring a team to compete in this rigorous, technological challenge!! Good luck, Techies!

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 4th 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 23rd- May 4th 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 18 teams and ended in February with Warren 1 and Warren 2 teams losing in the quarter finals to teams from South Brunswick and Clark. Better luck next year! The WMS quiz bowl teams are gearing up for tournaments possibly in Bergen County and Washington DC. Stay Tuned!

Mock Trial New Jersey State Winners!

Congratulations to a group of WMS 7th graders who won Honorable Mention in the New Jersey State Bar Foundation's Annual Law Adventure Contest! Out of over 100 cases submitted from around the state, only 16 middle school entries are awarded recognition. The case called, "The Case of Civil War at BBMS" is a fictional story about an alleged First Amendment rights violation. In May, these students will perform their case in front of about 200 people at the New Jersey State Bar Foundation in New Brunswick. GREAT JOB!



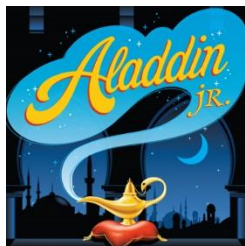
Nurse's Corner – Mrs. L. Lontai, R.N., MSN

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 *Aladdin* for an absolutely amazing, fabulous performance. Special kudos to Mrs. McCloskey, Mr. Van Tine, Mrs. MacGorman, Ms. Backus, Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Ronkiewicz 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 29 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 – April 25, Wednesday at 7 p.m. Our Music Parents Presidents, Mrs. Wang and Mrs. Wellerding, have exciting news for everyone. Please plan on attending if your student participates in Band, Chorus, or Orchestra.

The 2018 Long Hill Summer band/orchestra application and PTO scholarship forms are now available in the band hall foyer, the orchestra room, Middle School front office, and online, to download on Mr. Seremula's teacher page. The instrumental music camp will run for four weeks after school is out 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.

Again this summer, the program will have 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 ext. 6061; or call Eileen Shanager, the Longhill band camp program director at 908-432-5990/cell; or email her at: eshanagher@longhill.org.

April 2018 Calendar

3/30 – 4/4 Spring Recess
4/18 – Presentation of schedules for
2018-19 WMS - 7 – 8 PM
2018-19 Sports Physicals
And requirements – 6:30 – 7 PM

4/23 Gr. 8 Orientation@WHRHS – 7 PM
4/25 Grade 7 & 8 Parent Trip Meeting –6:30 PM
Music Parents Meeting – 7:00 PM



Superintendent's Corner

The Warren Township Board of Education will hold a public hearing of the 2018-19 budget on April 24, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Warren Middle School library.

Next year's budget supports the continuation of all current programs and services. In addition it:

1. Provides funding for security priorities.
2. Supports the implementation of a new master schedule at Warren Middle School.
3. Dedicates operating expenses as a deposit to capital reserves for future capital needs.
4. Increases the availability of mental health support staff for students.
5. Meets the demands of negotiated salary and benefit increases and increased fixed operational costs.
6. Expands enrichment opportunities for students.
7. Invests in updated classroom learning environments.
8. Reflects new revenues resulting from administrative changes in banking and after care providers.
9. Continues long-term replacement plans for vehicles, technology, and other equipment.

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 tentative budget approved by the Board on March 19, 2018, calls for a local tax levy increase of 1.51%. Detailed information about the budget can be found on the district's website.

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.