



WATTSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL



First Day Newsletter

WELCOME, New Teachers to WAMS

- Kyle Forte—Physical Education
- Stephanie Guild—Learning Support
- Annelise Hatton—6th Grade
- Rhonda Henry—8th Grade Math
- Chloe Hess—Learning Support
- Noelle Naughton—Learning Support
- Elizabeth Smith—School Nurse
- Branden Williams—7th Grade Math

School/Home Communication

Communication between school and home is an important responsibility that we share. All students will be given a School Agenda. The middle school's policies, rules and procedures are outlined in the handbook. Many of your questions and your child's questions about the school can be answered by looking at the handbook. It is very important that your children understand what is expected of them at school. **The plan book/handbook is intended to help students develop good time management and organization skills as well as a vehicle for you and your child to discuss expectations for assignments/homework.** We ask that you take a few minutes to look through the handbook with your child and review this book on a regular basis with your child throughout the year. Please make sure to read the District Policies that are included throughout the book. Each child will bring home a form to be signed by the child and the parent and **RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY, SEPT. 7th** - showing that they have read, understand, and will follow all rules and regulations. Conscientious use of this plan book will provide a daily update of assignments and grades.

Sapphire

Sapphire is the district's student information system (SIS). On the first page of the student agenda book are directions on how to access the Sapphire Community Web Portal. From the portal, you can see student grades, attendance, discipline, and schedule. If you have already created an account and you don't remember your PIN number, you will have to contact the technology department at 824-3400, ext. 4111. Checking your child's progress is an excellent way to be involved with the school and your child's education.

Parking Lot

Please remember that the first lane of the parking lot closest to the school is off limits to vehicles. All drop offs shall occur in the second lane only. Vehicles will then follow the arrows to exit the middle school parking lot.

Important dates to REMEMBER:

Monday, Sept. 3
No School, Labor Day

Fri. Sept. 10— Fri. Sept. 14
Scholastic Book Fair in the
Media Center

Tuesday, Sept. 11
WAMS OPEN HOUSE to
Meet the Teacher
6:00—8:00 pm

Tuesday, Sept. 25
School Picture Day

WAMS Open
House to
meet the
teacher is
scheduled for



Tuesday, September 11,
2018, from 6:00 to 8:00
pm. Students are
encouraged to attend.

**Future Newsletters, lunch
menus and calendars will
only be available on our
website. If you would like
a hard copy, you can
request a copy from the
office.**

FIRST DAY FORMS TO RETURN

Please take the time to fill out the following forms and return to WAMS:

- ◆ Student Data Sheet
- ◆ Agenda Book Signature Form (printed on bright green)
- ◆ Internet Agreement Form (printed on blue)

Breakfast & Lunch Prices

Breakfast - \$1.10

Lunch - \$2.60



END OF DAY AT WAMS

If you are picking up your child at dismissal time, you must sign him/her out at the office. Due to safety reasons we cannot allow your child to meet you in the parking lot. Please do not call the office to have your child excused at the end of the day. You need to be here by 2:25 to sign your child out at the office.



WAMS

FUNDRAISER

WAMS will be conducting a fundraiser starting October 1st and ending on October 12th. We will be selling the Save Around books at a cost of \$25.00 each.

More information will come home with your student at the time of the sale.

WAMS ACTIVITIES

Students who are involved in activities usually get better grades and they like school more. Reasons to participate in school activities include:

- * Spending time with friends and meeting new people
- * Trying something new
- * Providing a valuable service
- * Enjoying school more
- * Becoming a leader
- * Relieve stress
- * Develop your skills and talents
- * Having FUN

Activities at WAMS include:

- ◇ School newspaper, 6-8
- ◇ Memory Book 7 & 8
- ◇ Musicals/Stage crew as needed

- ◇ Chorus 5-8
- ◇ Band 5-8
- ◇ Science Olympiad
- ◇ Fuel Up to Play 60
- ◇ Lego Robotics, 7 & 8
- ◇ Walking Club, 5-8
- ◇ Football 7, 8
- ◇ Girls & Boys Basketball, 7 & 8
- ◇ Cross Country, 7 & 8
- ◇ Wrestling, 7 & 8
- ◇ Volleyball, 7 & 8
- ◇ Girls & Boys Soccer, 7 & 8
- ◇ Track and Field, 7 & 8
- ◇ Cheerleading, 8
- ◇ Intramural activities for 5th and 6th grade include girls and boys soccer, basketball, and cross country.