

MISSION

The mission of Westside Middle School, as an exemplary model of early adolescent education, is to prepare students to become responsible citizens by providing a quality, success-oriented program through a caring school/family/community partnership.

Dates to Remember

**School Begins
Tuesday, August 15,
2017**

7th grade Only: 8:00 am-
12:00 pm

School buses will run their normal times for the morning run; however, only the 7th grade students will be on those buses. Lunch will be served for 7th grade.

The buses will return the 7th grade students home between 12:15 - 12:30 pm.

August 16th, 2017

School resumes for both 7th and 8th grade students

8:00 am - 3:22 pm

A Note From The Principal

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer break. It's hard to believe, but it will not be long before your son or daughter will be getting ready to return to school. I would like to extend a sincere welcome to any new students to WMS and to our new incoming 7 th grade students and parents. On behalf of the staff, we're glad you're joining the WMS family.

WMS Warrior Walk About Transition Day Camp

New this summer, WMS will be providing a free, transition day camp (Warrior Walk About) for 7 th grade students to help them acclimate to the building on July 27 th and August 2 nd . There are two sessions for families, both from 8:00-12:00 pm, and families may choose one of the two days to attend. During the Warrior Walk About, students will be touring the school, practicing lockers, participating in mini-classes, receiving their 2017-2018 schedules, and getting to know other incoming 7 th grade students.

Different than in previous years, there will not be an open house for students to walk the building. Rather, any 7 th grade student not attending the Warrior Walk About transition camp and 8 th grades students may pick up a student schedule on August 3 rd from 3-7 pm. Due to the construction, there will not be any student tours available until the first day of school.

First Day of School

The first day of school will be exclusively reserved for 7 th grade students only. Seventh graders will spend the morning of August 15 th , from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, in their Homeroom. 8 th graders will not be attending school on August 15 th . Rather, 8 th grade students first day of school will be August 16th.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Eymann or myself if we can be of any assistance. You can reach me at olsen.russell@westside66.net or Mrs. Eymann at eymann.kimberly@westside66.net, follow our school's webpage at <http://wms.westside66.org>, or follow me on twitter @Principal_Olsen. If you have questions or concerns about your child, please contact us. I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing summer and I'm looking forward working with each of you. It is a privilege to be the principal at WMS. Please stop by and say hello!

Russ Olsen

Principal

Westside Middle School

Please Save the Date for WMS Curriculum Nights

WMS is offering two curriculum nights for 7th and 8th grade parents. The 7th grade curriculum night is August 24th and the 8th grade curriculum night is August 29th. The Principal's presentation will begin in the Performing Arts Center at 6:00 p.m. At approximately 6:30 p.m. parents will have the opportunity to move throughout the building, using the remaining time to visit with teachers and view classrooms.

Westside Connection Show Choir 2017-2018

Auditions for the award winning Westside Connection show choir will be held on Saturday, August 26th in the WMS vocal music room. Any WMS student enrolled in Music 7 and/or Chorus 8/Band/Strings Chorus is encouraged to audition. Interested students should attend the learning clinics each day (Monday, Aug. 21-Friday, Aug. 25) at 7:00 AM in the vocal music room. During clinics, students will learn and practice the audition material as well as be given opportunities for feedback and instruction. Watch for more details coming in the August Update. Formal auditions will be held on Saturday, August 26th between 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Contact Mr. Djernes with any questions you may have at djernes.nicholas@westside66.net

Good luck!

Communication from WMS Community Club

Barbara Wimmer, WMSCC President

Hello Westside Middle School Families! I hope you have been enjoying your summer. It's crazy but it is already time to start thinking about our upcoming 2017/2018 school year. With that stated I'd like to invite you participate in our Community Club! I am looking for parents to hold positions within the club as well as head up or assist me with our sponsored events.

The WMSCC is a volunteer group of parents who work closely with the administration, staff, and other members of the WMS community to support the students and staff throughout the school year. The WMSCC is a great way to meet other parents of middle school students and keep up with and help participate in WMS activities.

Our sponsored events include Parent/Teacher Conference Dinners, WMS Staff Appreciation Week, Student Recognition Events, and last but not least - LOGO WEAR! WMSCC will have tables set up at the Warrior Walk about days on July 27th and August 2nd for 7th graders and Student Schedule pick-up on August 3rd for 8th graders. You will be able to purchase logo wear cash and carry as well as sign up to assist with the above mentioned WMSCC events.

Help keep our Community Club running strong and please consider assisting physically, monetarily or both! All forms can be returned to: WMS Community Club c/o Westside Middle School 8601 Arbor Street Omaha, NE 68124.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing everyone soon! If you have any questions or need any additional information, please email me at wimmers@cox.net.

Go Warriors!

Barbara Wimmer

Westside Middle School Community Club, President

Notes from the A.D.

Dan Carlson, Athletic Director

Greetings! I hope you are having an enjoyable and relaxing summer. With the beginning of each school year, numerous questions arise concerning athletic programs at WMS. I hope that the following information is useful in answering some of these questions.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

The following chart lists our athletic programs, general length of each season, and coaching contacts. Coaches will conduct try-outs to determine team placement. We want our students to try new things and participate in athletics! All coaches listed below can be contacted at 390-6464.

Sport	Season	Coaching Contact
8th Grade Football	August-October	Dave Baker
7th Grade Intramural Football	August-September	Mike McCann
Cross Country	August-October	Emily Vlcek
Volleyball	August-October	Shelby Sedlacek
Intramural Volleyball	August-September	Liddy Mahacek
Boys Basketball	October-November	Bruce Zabel
Intramural Boys Basketball	November-December	Bruce Zabel
Girls Basketball	January-March	Lance Mosier
Wrestling	January-March	Lucas Apfelbeck
Intramural Girls Basketball	January-February	Liddy Mahacek
Girls Track	March-May	Beth Peitzmeier
Boys Track	March-May	Dave Baker

ATHLETIC PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS, PARENTAL CONSENT FORM, AND ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FEE

Each student athlete must have a Physical Examination and Parental Consent form completed and signed by all necessary individuals prior to the beginning of athletic practice. For 7th grade students, the physical examination requirement has likely been met as part of the WMS enrollment process. 8th graders, however, will need to have a current Athletic Physical Exam on file with the Athletic Director dated after May 1, 2017.

To assist in meeting this requirement, we are offering athletic physical examinations at Westside Middle School on August 7th and August 8th from 6-8 p.m. each night. No appointment is necessary. The charge is \$30 and we will be prepared to handle large quantities of students.

Coaches will distribute Parental Consent forms and schedules in the weeks prior to the beginning of each sport's season. Please read, sign, and have the student promptly return the forms.

All students who participate in sports at Westside Middle School must pay an athletic participation fee. The cost of this fee is \$25.00 and will cover all sports for the entire school year. Students who qualify for free and reduced lunch will be provided a waiver application to complete, these waiver forms are available at school. Athletes participating in a fall sport will need to pay this fee by September 1, 2017. Athletes playing a winter or spring sport will need to pay this fee prior to the start of the season.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call me at 408-8669. We are looking forward to a successful year!

Dan Carlson,
Athletic Director

IMPORTANT! UPDATE IN MEDICATION POLICY FOR 2017-2018!!!!

When a non-prescription medication, including cough drops, is to be given for more than 2 weeks, the medication authorization form must be signed by your health care provider.

What does this mean? The school health offices in the Westside School District can no longer keep non-prescription medication with a parent signature alone for more than a two week period. After two weeks a parent must either:

1. Pick up the medication from the health office, or it will be disposed of accordingly.
2. Fill out another Medication Authorization form with parental signature for an additional 2 weeks and so on.
3. Obtain health care provider signature for the non-prescription medication that needs to remain in the health office for greater than 2 weeks. Your health care provider can authorize the non-prescription medication be administered if needed for the length of the academic year.

There are no updates for prescription medication. Those require health care provider and parental signatures.

As a reminder, ALL medication must be in the original bottle with the original label stating the dose, student name, times to be given and all other pertinent information.

July/August Athletic Calendar

8/07/17	Mon.	Sports Physicals	WMS Cafeteria	6:00 - 8:00 PM
8/08/17	Tues.	Sports Physicals	WMS Cafeteria	6:00 - 8:00 PM

July/August Calendar

7/27/17	Thurs.	7th Grade Warrior Walk About	WMS	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
8/02/17	Wed.	7th Grade Warrior Walk About	WMS	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
8/15/17	Tues.	First Day of School 7th grade ONLY	All Levels WMS	8:00 - 12:00 PM
8/16/17	Wed.	First Day of School for 8th grade	WMS	8:00 - 2:44 PM
8/24/17	Thurs.	7th Grade Curriculum Night	WMS	5:30 - 8:00 PM
8/29/17	Tues.	8th Grade Curriculum Night	WMS	5:30 - 8:00 PM

The Westside Community School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, color, age, national origin or disability. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Kami Jessop, Director of Special Services, 390-2110.