

November 2017

# West Deptford Middle School

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## STAFF VS STUDENTS SOCCER GAME

Our third annual STAFF VS STUDENTS SOCCER GAME will be Thursday, November 2, at 7:00pm WD Park- come out show your WDMS PRIDE! This year the proceeds will help support a long time WDMS tradition-CAMP MASON!

For the past 9 years, West Deptford 6<sup>TH</sup> grade students have been traveling to Camp Mason in Hardwick, New Jersey for a 3-day Outdoor Adventure. This excursion includes wilderness hikes, environmental education, cross-curricular activities, and an unforgettable team bonding experience for many years to come.

However, due to rising costs and the challenging economy, we must secure additional funding for this annual trip or the cost per student will prohibit the continuation of the trip.

Wristbands for admittance are available in the main office for a \$5 donation. There will be a snack stand and plenty of entertainment as the staff battle the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on the field.

## POINSETTIA SALE

Back by popular demand! Poinsettia plants from LUCAS Greenhouses. This year's sale will run from 11/13 through 12/1 and will benefit the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Order forms will be emailed home via School Messenger and can be found in the main office. Pick up will be in the WDMS library on Monday, 12/11, from 2-4pm and Tuesday, 12/12, from 9am-3pm.



## Upcoming Events

### November 2

Staff vs Students Soccer Game

### November 3

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade dance 6:30-8:30

### November 6-10

School closed for students

### November 13

Winter sport physicals due

### November 14

PTO Mtg-6:30pm WDMS library

### November 15

6<sup>th</sup> grade Skating Party 3:30-5:30

### November 13

Q1 report cards distributed- via School Messenger

### November 16

7<sup>th</sup> grade class trip

### November 16-22

PTO Book Fair in WDMS library

### November 17

7<sup>th</sup> grade Dance 6:30-8:30

### November 17, 20, 21

Girls' basketball tryouts

### November 22

Early Dismissal-12:29pm

### November 23-24

School closed-Thanksgiving holiday

### November 27, 28, 29

Boys' basketball tryouts

### November 27

Wrestling practice begins



## CONFERENCES: December 11 - 14

Over the past several years, parents have shared their concerns regarding Parent/Teacher conferences for students in Grade 6-8. Specifically, parents have indicated they would prefer to meet with the teacher(s) of the subject(s) they are having difficulty instead of the randomness of meeting with their child's period 2 teacher. In addition, parents of students doing well in all subjects would have preferred no conference at all.

Therefore, this year, Grade 6-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on an "as-needed" basis for students in Grades 6-8 that have been identified by their teachers as needing a conference to discuss academic and/or behavioral concerns. Parents of students who are not identified as needing a conference may contact their child's guidance counselor at any time during the year to schedule a teacher meeting or may request to be on a waiting list should conference times allow.

Grade 5 conferences will remain student-led with each parent and student having a conference.

All Special Area teachers will be available in the cafeteria for any parent that is interested in discussing content pertinent to their class.

More information regarding Parent/Teacher conferences and sign-up will be provided in the beginning of November.

## ATTENDANCE

If your will be absent from school, please call the school and select option "2". If your child will be leaving early, please provide the main office with a note on that day.

New Jersey Law and West Deptford Board of Education policy require that every student attend school regularly. Please note: All students must be in school a minimum of 4 hours for them to be considered present. This applies to both half days and full days of school. *Vacations are considered unexcused absences.*

On full days, students must arrive by 10:47 AM to receive credit for the day. Students leaving before 12:05 PM will be recorded as absent. Students who are absent are allowed one day for each day's absence to make up assignments missed. Upon returning to class, students must determine from their teachers any work to be made up. When a student fails to complete the work missed during any absence, he/she receives a zero for those assignments. A complete version of the WDMS attendance policy can be found on the middle school website under "For Students" tab.

## STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK-UP

The school day for students officially begins at 7:55am. Students must be in homeroom by 8:05am or they will be marked late. For your convenience, the doors will be open at 7:30am for students that wish to arrive early. These students will report directly to the cafeteria until 7:55am. Any student arriving before 7:30am will be left unsupervised and outside (in possible inclement weather) until 7:30am.

Although we realize emergencies do occur, if you know in advanced that you will need to pick your child up early, we ask that a note be sent in with your child the morning of the day he/she will be leaving early. Your child will then be given a pass to show his/her teacher at the indicated dismissal time. Without the parent note informing us of an early pick-up, no students will be called out of class until the parent arrives in the main office and proof of identification has been given. A parent phone call requesting the student to meet them in the main office for pick-up is not an option.

## PTO NEWS - NOVEMBER 2017

- 13 - Distribute Wimpy Kid orders
- 14 - PTO Meeting 6:30
- 15 - Book Fair Set-up
- 16 - Book Fair begins
  - Book Fair Family Night 3pm-8pm
  - P/U Claire's Gourmet orders 3pm-8pm
  - P/U Spiritwear orders 3pm-8pm
- 22 - Last Day Book Fair
  - Pretzel & Water Sale
- 29 - Wendy's 5pm-8pm



## WDMS ATHLETICS

Individual sport schedules and coach contact information are available on the WDMS website under the Athletic tab. Athletic late buses depart WDMS at approximately 4:30pm. Students may not stay after school without teacher supervision. If attending a sporting event as a spectator, students must leave and return at the beginning of the event. In the event an athletic event is postponed or canceled at the last minute, a "Remind" message will be sent from our Athletic Coordinator and a message will be posted in red at the top of the WDMS website. If interested in receiving Remind texts regarding the WDMS Athletics, please text @wdmsath to 81010 to sign up for Remind Text from our Athletic Coordinator, Mr. Jakubowski.

# GO EAGLES!

## LATE BUSES

Late buses are every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Late buses depart at 3:45pm. Late bus runs are typically longer as there are only four late buses covering a larger area. Students may not stay after school unless a teacher supervises them. If attending a sporting event as a spectator, students must leave and return at the beginning of the event.

## SCHOOL STORE

The WDMS Student Council School Store visits each grade level one day per week during homeroom. Various school supplies are sold including pencils, pens, earbuds, stylus pens, erasers, notepads, and more! In an effort to promote hydration and the use of our water bottle filling stations, the school store also sells WDMS water bottles.

## STAYING CONNECTED AT WDMS

Please register for a PowerParent account in the main office (if you do not already have a PowerParent login). In addition, our school website is a great resource to help you stay up-to-date. Almost every piece of vital information, from either the staff or main office, is posted on the WDMS website. It is important to stay on top of your student's grades, attendance, and school events. In addition, you can stay connected with WDMS via our Official Facebook and Twitter pages.

## TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Any student needing to ride home or walk home with another student (in an emergency daycare situation only) must:

1. Have his/her parent email transportation at [sthomashasko@wdeptford.k12.nj.us](mailto:sthomashasko@wdeptford.k12.nj.us)
2. A note is required from both the sending and receiving parent and must be brought to the main office.

Once the main office receives approval from transportation, a bus pass will be issued for that day only.

**Students will NOT be given permission by WDMS administration to walk to any other location (i.e. ice cream stand or pizza place) except home.**

## LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found is located in the cafeteria to allow for students to check for their missing items daily. Any found eyeglasses, purses/wallets, cell phones, or other electronics are kept in the main office until they are claimed. Once a month we notify students and parents that the lost and found is full and all unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.

## ITEM DROP OFF

Please understand that the WDMS Main Office is a busy location as it is the hub of our school. In the event your child left an item at home and a parent brings it to school, you will be asked to sign the item in when it is dropped off. We will do our best to notify your student that the item has been dropped off.