

# West Deptford Middle School

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## OCTOBER 31

Tuesday, October 31, will be **Orange** and **Black** Day at WDMS. Students are NOT permitted to wear costumes at school.

## OUTSIDE TREATS

Reminder that any outside treats brought into WDMS must be peanut free, factory produced with the ingredient label attached. All items will be checked by the nurse prior to distribution

## GCIT VISIT

GCIT will present their high school program to all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on Thursday, October 12 at 1:45pm. If you have any questions, please contact either Stefanie Paglione at [spaglione@wdeptford.k12.nj.us](mailto:spaglione@wdeptford.k12.nj.us), extension 3241, or Liza Lecher at [llecher@wdeptford.k12.nj.us](mailto:llecher@wdeptford.k12.nj.us), extension 3005. In addition to our school presentation, GCIT will host two parent sessions on October 25 and November 16, at 6:30pm at GCIT.

## INTERIM REPORTS

Your child's Quarter 1 interim will come to a conclusion on October 5th. Please refer to your email to receive an electronic copy on October 10th. The interim report will provide students and parents with an indication of their mid marking period progress in each of their courses. If you should have any questions regarding your child's grade or academic progress, please contact their teacher or guidance counselor.

## HALF DAY-EARLY DISMISSAL

There will be several early dismissal days this year. Students will be dismissed at 12:29pm. There will no late buses on these days. Lunches will NOT be served. Students may bring a snack to eat during their lunch period. Please remember students must be in school for a full four hours, even on early dismissal days, to receive credit for the day. Below is a list of the scheduled half day-early dismissal days.

10/6	2/15
11/22	3/29
12/22	5/11
1/12	6/14



## Upcoming Events

### October 2-4

6<sup>th</sup> gr Camp Mason trip

### October 6

Early Dismissal-12:29pm

### October 9

School Closed

### October 10

Girls Basketball Meeting, Gr. 7/8

### October 11

Boys Basketball Meeting, Gr. 7/8

### October 12

Wrestling Meeting, Gr. 6, 7, 8

### October 17

PE Cross Country meet

### October 26

G&T Quiz Bowl-St Augustine Prep

### October 31

Orange & Black Day (no costumes)

## 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.

## CONFERENCES

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 December 11 – 14 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. More information regarding Parent/Teacher conferences and sign-up will be provided in the beginning of November. Parents will need to provide their email at Back-to-School Night to allow the teacher to email an invitation to join the group.

## 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 return 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 the "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.

## 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.



### 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 during the drop-off. We will do our best to notify your student that the item has been dropped off.

### BIKES, SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS

Students who ride bicycles, scooters, or skateboards to and from school must wear a protective helmet when riding as per New Jersey state law. Any student that does not have a helmet will not be permitted to ride their bike, scooter or skateboard home. Students who ride bicycles or scooters are required to lock them in the racks located in front of the school. The school district will not be held responsible for damage or theft of bicycles or scooters while parked on the school grounds. Students may not ride around the building or on the property while waiting to enter the building.

### BOX TOPS AND SODA TABS

WDMS is collecting box tops and soda tabs. Box tops are used by the PTO as another source of revenue. To encourage students to participate, we have monthly contests to see which homeroom collects the most Box Tops. The students in the winning homeroom each receive a free pretzel. Our Recycling Club will be collecting soda tabs in an effort to help Ronald McDonald house. Thank you for your support!

### WDMS CROSS COUNTRY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Versus</u>	<u>Location</u>
10/3	4:45	Haddon Twp/Lindenwold	WD Park
10/5	4:00	Williamstown	WD Park
10/10	4:15	Delsea Regional	WD Park
10/16	4:00	Frosh/Soph Open	RCGC
10/18	4:20	Col. Conf. Championships	Haddonfld

### STAYING CONNECTED AT WDMS

Please register for a PowerParent account in the main office (if you do not already have a PowerParent login). Fifth grade parents will receive their PowerParent account info at Back-to-School Night. 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.

### PTO NEWS - OCTOBER 2017

- 1 - 5K Trail Run (benefit Operation Blessing) 9:00am
- 3 - PTO Meeting 6:30
- 4 - Mums orders due
- 6 - Claire's Gourmet begins with assemblies during lunch recess and Pretzel & Water sale
- 7 - Mums pick up at Michael William Florist & Greenhouse
- 13 - Spiritwear orders due
- 25 - Wendy's 5pm8pm
- 26 - Claire's Gourmet orders due
- 31 - Wimpy Kid orders due

Visit the WDMS website under the PTO tab for more information.

### WDMS FIELD HOCKEY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Versus</u>	<u>Location</u>
10/4	4:00	Haddon Twp	WDMS
10/10	4:00	Collingswood	Collingswood
10/11	4:00	Haddon Hghts	Haddon Hghts
10/13	4:15	Delsea Regional	WDMS
10/16	4:00	Pine Hill	WDMS
10/17	4:15	Sterling	WDMS
10/18	4:00	Clearview	WDMS
10/19	4:00	Haddonfield	WDMS

# GO EAGLES!