

# WARREN WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2009



Mon. Oct. 5  
Tues. Oct. 6  
Mon. Oct. 12  
Tues. Oct. 13  
Fri. Oct. 16  
Tues. Oct. 20  
Wed. Oct. 21  
Thurs. Oct. 22  
Thurs. Oct. 29



Tues. Nov. 3  
Wed. Nov. 4  
Thurs. Nov. 12

Tues. Nov. 17  
Fri. Nov. 20  
Wed. Nov. 25  
Thurs. Nov. 26  
Fri. Nov. 27  
Mon. Nov. 30



## Parent drop-off and pick-up

Please be reminded that all students are to be dropped off in the Schoenherr parking lot in the morning. The Auditorium lot and the front parking lot are for **buses only**. After school students are to be picked up in the Schoenherr lot. **The front parking lot is not for student pick-up.** We appreciate your cooperation with the parent drop-off and pick-up situation.

## Cell Phones and Electronic devices

It is in violation of our school board policy for students to have cell phones during school hours. If you need to reach your student please call the front office. If a student is in violation of our electronic device policy (cell phones, MP3 players, IPODS, hand held video games, etc) the first offense is a warning. The second offense the parent must pick up the device. The third offense and each offense after will result in an out of school suspension.



## IMPORTANT DATES

### October

Picture Retakes 8:30 am-noon  
PTC meeting 6 pm  
MEAPS begin  
PTC American Pizza Pie Night  
PTC "Fridays" 7-9 pm  
Early release-Dismissal 1:40 pm  
WWMS Band concert 7 pm  
WWMS Choir concert 7pm  
MEAPS end



### November

PTC meeting 6:00 pm  
Delayed Start 9:20 am  
Half Day-11:00 am Dismissal  
Parent/Teacher conferences, 12:30-3:30 pm & 5:30 -8:30 pm  
Early release, Dismissal 1:40 pm  
PTC "Fridays" 7-9 pm  
Half Day, Dismissal 11:00 am  
NO SCHOOL  
NO SCHOOL  
School resumes



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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS



**WWMS MAIN OFFICE**  
586-439-4403

**24 HR. ATTENDANCE**  
586-439-4682

**FAX NUMBER**  
586-574-9830

**TRANSPORTATION**  
586-439-4975

**COUNSELING**  
586-439-4676

## WWMS SCHOOL HOURS

8:10 AM-3:10 PM

### HALF DAYS

8:10AM-11:00 AM

### DELAYED START

9:20 AM-3:10PM

\*\*\*\*\*EARLY\*\*\*\*\*

## RELEASE

1:40 PM

**\*NEW THIS YEAR\***

WWMS will be using early release days to work on our school improvement goals. On the third Tuesday of every month students will be dismissed at 1:40 so staff can work on improving student achievement. School buses will run just as if we dismissed at 3:10 pm.



## **Band and Choir**

The WWMS Bands will be performing their first concert of the year on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 in the WWMS Auditorium. Look for a newsletter to

come home the week before with more details about this exciting event.

A quick “heads up” on the uniform requirements for each of the Bands:

Beginning Band: Black shoes, socks, and pants with a white shirt. Gentlemen are expected to wear a tie.

Cadet Band: Black shoes, socks, pants and ties with a white shirt. WWMS Band vests will be provided.

Varsity Band: Black shoes, socks, pants and ties with a white shirt. WWMS Band vests will be provided.

Looking at the other side of the music spectrum, the WWMS Choir will be performing its first concert of the year on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Warren Woods Middle School Cafeteria. Choir members should also be bringing home a newsletter with more details during the week before their concert.

The WWMS Choir will be wearing black pants or long skirts with a white shirt.



## **MEAP Testing**

During the month of October all of our students will be participating in the statewide MEAP testing. The weeks for testing are Tuesday, October 13 through Thursday, October 29, 2009. We will be testing in the morning so be sure your student eats a good breakfast and gets a good night’s sleep. Also, be sure your student is on time to school.



## **Homework Club**

Due to budget cuts at the State level we will no longer be able to offer Homework Club after school. The staff is discussing ways to offer help to students at various times. If your student needs help from a teacher they can always set up a time to meet with that teacher.



## **Army Garrison After School Program**

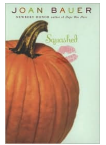
The TACOM/Army Garrison after school program that was offered last year at Hawthorne will no longer be offered. The Warren Woods community did not have enough military families utilizing the program.

## **Advisory Activities**

Mr. Gulick is our intramural organizer and has been working hard to plan activities for the Advisory classes to participate in throughout the year. Last spring we had our first annual Kickball Championship tournament. The winning Advisory classes were: 6<sup>th</sup> grade- Mrs. Elliott, 7<sup>th</sup> grade-Mr. Caverly, 8<sup>th</sup> grade- Mrs. Smith. This fall students are competing in the preliminary rounds of kickball to determine their placement in the tournament this spring. Mr. Gulick will also schedule other activities throughout the year for students during Advisory time.

## **News from the Warren Woods Middle School Library**

Warren Woods Middle School is Reading



### **Sixth Grade Book Club**

On October 22<sup>nd</sup> the Sixth Grade Book Club will meet to decorate pumpkins and receive the first book to be read this year! The book, written by Joan Bauer, is titled **Squashed**. We will meet in the library right after school for snacks, fun and pumpkin decorating. The cost to join the book club is \$10.00 per semester. This will cover the cost of the book (which students can keep) and any snacks or activities that are provided. A sign-up sheet will be located in the library.



### **The Seventh and Eighth grade Book Club**

Will meet on November 5<sup>th</sup> to collect their copy of **The Hunger Games**, written by Suzanne Collins. We will have a kick off party in the library right after school to discuss the book and to plan a November activity. The cost to join the book club is \$10.00 per semester. A sign-up sheet will be located in the library.



### **Book Fair**

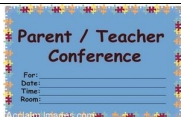
The Library will be hosting a book fair for parents and students. It will be held November 9-13 as well as during the parent teacher conferences. This might be a great gift idea for the Holidays!

## **ATHLETICS**

FOR SCHEDULES AND DIRECTIONS GO TO:  
[www.bb9.misd.net](http://www.bb9.misd.net)



## Parent Teacher Conferences



We will be holding our parent teacher conferences on Thursday, November 12, 2009. The afternoon session will be from 12:30-3:30 pm and the evening session will be from 5:30-8:30 pm. The teachers are set up in the gymnasium. We ask that you abide by the five-minute conference time limit. If you think you may need more time to talk with the teacher please give our counseling department a call to set-up a staffing with your child's teachers.

We would like to suggest a few tips to help you when you meet with your student's teachers. It can be challenging to get all the information about your child in a five-minute conference. We would like all conferences to be as informative as possible and by coming prepared with specific questions the conference can be more productive.

Some good questions to ask are these:

- Is my child in different groups for different subjects? Why?
- How well does my child get along with others?
- Is my child working up to his or her ability?
- Does my child participate in class discussions and activities?
- Have you noticed any sudden changes in the way my child acts? For example, have you noticed any squinting, tiredness or moodiness that might be a sign of physical or other problems?
- What kinds of tests are being done? What do the tests tell about my child's progress?
- How does my child handle taking tests?
- Ask specific questions about daily class work and homework. Should you expect homework every night?
- What area is your child's strength? What area does your child find challenging?
- How can you support your child's learning at home?

It's a good idea to ask your most important questions first, just in case time runs out before you and the teacher have a chance to discuss them all. Be sure to ask the teacher for specific suggestions on ways to help your child do better. This is the most important part of the meeting. It will become your action plan. If the teacher says something you don't quite understand, don't be shy about asking for an explanation. It's a good idea to end the conference by summing up decisions you've made together. If needed, ask to meet again.

## Report Cards and Progress Reports

**Progress reports** will be processed and sent home at the end of five (5) weeks each marking period. These are not intended to be report cards and are not required for all students.

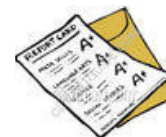
They will be used in the following situations:

- A student is doing poor or failing work
- The student has a behavior problem and, as a result of his/her actions, his/her work is being affected.
- The student is showing improvement and/or positive behavior, which the teacher wishes to recognize.
- Parents, who wish additional information, may contact the teacher/team.

Classroom grades are computed on a variety of activities including written tests, oral tests, performance skills, effort, projects, homework, and subjective evaluation of the students' use of classroom time. Each teacher is responsible for his/her own grades, and it is the teacher's duty to maintain a fair and honest system of grading. Students or parents may inquire about the students' grade in a specific class by contacting the teacher.

### ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

- A = Demonstrates Highest Quality Performance
- B = Demonstrates Strong Performance
- C = Demonstrates Satisfactory Performance
- D = Demonstrates Need to Improve
- E = Unacceptable Performance



### Reports Cards

Students receive report cards each ten weeks; four times during the school year.

### HONOR ROLL

A student is eligible for the honor roll if she/he has a B average in academic classes with no more than two C's in all classes and no more than one C in an academic class. Students cannot have any U's and no more than two N's in citizenship to be on the honor roll.

### CITIZENSHIP CODE FOR REPORT CARDS SCORE MEANING

#### O-Outstanding

Student displays exceptional social skills. Student uses appropriate and courteous behavior in the classroom and halls.

#### S-Satisfactory

Student displays acceptable social skills. Makes acceptable choices in terms of language, behavior, and manners in the classroom and halls.

#### N- Needs Improvement:

Student displays below average social skills. Needs to show improvement in terms of language, behavior and/or manners in the classroom and halls.

#### U-Unsatisfactory:

Student displays unacceptable social behavior.

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