



**WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
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**January 2024**

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

We hope that the new year has started off well for all of you. We are busy with learning and activities every day here at Wilson Middle School.

Our focus remains to cultivate a positive climate and create the best learning environment possible. High quality instruction and student learning are our highest priorities. Everything that we do at Wilson Middle School is designed to help students learn in all areas and be successful well beyond their time in middle school. Once again, that partnership between school and home is a key ingredient for student success. With that said, we hope that your students are feeling safe and supported. This is an interesting time in their lives and development, and can be challenging at times. If you have questions and or concerns, we want to hear from you.

It is hard to believe that we are almost to the halfway point of the year. Students are settled in routines and understand our school-wide expectations. Teachers have worked hard to create meaningful learning opportunities and teach school-wide behavior expectations. Consistency and predictability are key factors for student success, as well as a calm learning environment to better focus on learning.

We're fortunate to work with your students every day. Thank you for allowing us to play a role in their development.

#### **REGENTS SCORING DAY**

- Next Friday, January 26th (regents scoring day)
- **NO SCHOOL FOR MS/HS STUDENTS.**

#### **CAREER NIGHT SURVEY**

We are *considering* having a career exploration night here at Wilson MS/HS towards the end of April. Please take a moment to provide some feedback as to how this type of event might best serve you and your family.

- Career Night Survey: <https://forms.gle/UgbHb8BPvhv2nyYH8>

#### **EARLY RELEASE DRILL**

The Wilson Central School District will be conducting an early release drill at Wilson Middle/High School in accordance with Education Commissioner's Regulation 155.17. The drill will be conducted at both the Middle and High schools on **February 9, 2024 at 2:15 PM.**

- Drill Details:

- Time: The early release drill will commence promptly at **2:15 PM on February 9, 2024.**
- Student Arrival Home: Students will arrive home approximately 10-15 minutes earlier than their normal dismissal time.
- We will send a separate correspondence to parents the week of January 29, 2024

### **DRESS CODE NOTE**

Please review the dress code portion of the student handbook/agenda (Pg. 3) with your child. Quite a few students have been in violation of the dress code wearing pajamas and/or garments advertising alcohol. **As a reminder, pajamas are not appropriate for school.** Thank you for your cooperation.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Please encourage your child to attend school regularly. Students who maintain excellent attendance generally also do well academically. Being in school is the best way for your child to access the resources needed for them to be successful. Unfortunately, there are circumstances that may prevent your child from attending school at times. If your child is absent for an extended period of time, please encourage your child to check Google Classroom and email their teachers regularly for assignments and materials. Please contact your child's guidance counselor or myself if we can be of assistance with attendance.

Please note that unexcused tardiness, absences, and/or early departures may result in disciplinary consequences. **Upon return from an absence, a written excuse, signed by a parent or person in parental relation should be presented by the student when returning to school following each absence.** Additionally, excessive absenteeism not only negatively impacts a student's ability to do well academically, but it may also impact a student's ability to earn course credit.

### **HEALTH**

We are looking forward to continued health and wellness at school. As winter is upon us and students inevitably get colds, we are hopeful that frequent hand washing and sanitizing will minimize our cold season. If you have questions regarding student illness or return to school procedures, please contact Mrs. Sandy Walch, Nurse at 751-9341 ext. 125 or via email at [swalch@wilsoncsd.org](mailto:swalch@wilsoncsd.org).

### **2nd QUARTER**

The 2nd quarter ends Friday, January 26th. 2nd Quarter Report Cards will be distributed in homerooms on Thursday, February 8th. Please encourage your child to communicate with their teacher(s) if they have questions or need extra help. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers, guidance counselor or Principal Benton. The 3rd quarter begins on Monday, January 29, 2024.

### **PARENT PORTAL CLOSURE**

Parent Portal will be closed from January 26th (end of business day) through February 5th (end of business day). This will allow teachers time to finalize grades and close out the 2nd quarter.

### **STUDENT CHROMEBOOKS, CHARGERS & HEADPHONES**

Please remind your student(s) occasionally to make certain their chromebooks are charged prior to arriving at school and that they utilize their chromebook case. **Also, please make certain that your student arrives at school with their headphones every day with their chromebook.**

### **EMERGENCY CLOSING/SNOW DAY**

If the district closes school with notice, Superintendent Carter will notify students, parents, and staff that asynchronous assignments will be posted to Google Classroom. Teachers may post an asynchronous activity for students and be available for questions throughout the day. Teachers may post an instructional video or link to be included on how to complete the assignment. If school is closed unexpectedly, staff will not post assignments and we will have a 'regular' snow day.

### **EXTRA HELP**

Teachers are available for extra help on Monday - Thursday during 12th period. If your child requires extra help, please have your child contact their teacher to make arrangements to stay after school.

### **INELIGIBILITY LIST**

If your child is placed on the ineligibility list, they should work with their teachers to find out what they need to do in order to improve their academic standing. The list is run on a weekly basis.

### **MID-WINTER RECESS**

No school Monday, February 19 - Friday, February 23. School resumes Monday, February 26.

### **NYS ASSESSMENTS DATES**

- All assessments will be CBT (Computer Based Testing)
- Grade 8 Science - April 10
- ELA - April 22 & 23
- Math - May 6 & 7

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| 1/25 - 1/27 | 7:00 | MS Musical (Willy Wonka)                       |
| 1/26        |      | End of 2nd quarter                             |
| 1/26        |      | Regents Scoring - NO SCHOOL FOR HS/MS STUDENTS |
| 1/29        |      | 3rd Quarter begins                             |
| 1/31        | 7:00 | On Broadway                                    |
| 2/1         |      | Grades due in guidance                         |
| 2/1 & 2     |      | NCMEA Festival I                               |
| 2/7         |      | National School Counseling Day                 |
| 2/8         |      | 2nd quarter report cards distributed           |
| 2/9 & 2/10  |      | NCMEA Festival II                              |
| 2/13        | 7:00 | BOE Meeting                                    |

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| 2/19        |      | President's Day  |
| 2/20 - 2/23 |      | Mid-Winter Recess                                      |
| 2/22        |      | School Bus Driver Appreciation Day                     |
| 2/26        |      | School resumes   |
| 2/27        | 7:00 | BOE Work Session                                       |
| 3/1 & 3/2   |      | NCMEA Festival III @ Wilson                            |
| 3/4         |      | Maintenance Worker Appreciation Day                    |
| 3/6         |      | National Social Worker Day                             |
| 3/7 - 3/9   | 7:00 | HS Drama Production                                    |
| 3/8         |      | Superintendent Conference Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS |
| 3/12        | 7:00 | BOE Meeting  |
| 3/15        |      | Progress reports printed/mailed                        |
| 3/26        | 7:00 | BOE Work Session                                       |
| 3/29 - 4/8  |      | Spring Recess  |

Sincerely,

Scott Benton, Principal  
Wilson Middle School