

WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL 374 Lake Street / P.O. Box 648 Wilson, New York 14172 (716) 751-9341, Ext. 124 <u>WWW.WILSONCSD.ORG</u>

October 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

The first few weeks of school have gone remarkably well! I cannot believe we completed our 31st day of school today and we are quickly approaching the end of the first quarter. The school year is moving quickly and smoothly.

There are a couple things to pass along at this time as students are working hard to be the best students they can be and staff members are working hard to establish a consistent work ethic in our students.

The majority of office referrals (student misconducts) have been from students not staying for 12th period for not completing homework. If your child is assigned a 12th period from a staff member, they will have two chances to stay. If a student does not stay the student will be referred to the office and I will assign a late night detention. Students that are assigned late night detention are required to be picked up from the MS office at 4:45. Transportation is not provided by the district.

Grade level teams are meeting with parents on a consistent basis. If you feel your child is not meeting expectations, please call Mrs. Phillips at 751-9341 ext. 124 to schedule a meeting with the grade level team.

SCHOOL PICTURES RETAKES & NEW STUDENT PICTURES

Interstate will return for School Picture Retakes Tuesday, October 25.

HALLOWEEN DANCE - Friday, 10/28 from 6:30 - 9:00 (location to be determined)

- Admission to the dance is free.
- Halloween costumes are encouraged and must adhere to the school dress code. Full face masks are not permitted.
- Prizes will be awarded for the best costume.
- Concessions will be available.
- Guests must be signed up by Thursday, October 27 in the MS office and guests must be in grades 6th 8th and approved by Mr. Benton.
- Students will not be permitted to leave early unless a parent meets with Mr. Benton.
- Students must be academically eligible in order to attend.
- See Pg. 11 of the student handbook for general guidelines.

HALLOWEEN

We will show our Halloween spirit at Wilson Middle School by wearing orange and black at school on Monday, October 31st. Halloween costumes are not to be worn to school. Thank you for your cooperation.

HEALTH

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

1st QUARTER

The first quarter ends November 10th. There are plenty of opportunities to bring up unsatisfactory grades. Our dedicated teachers are here to help all our students. Please encourage your student to see their teacher for help if they are struggling. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers, guidance counselor or Principal Benton.

2nd QUARTER

The 2nd quarter starts on November 14th. Students and staff have become accustomed to procedures and expectations for this school year.

12th PERIOD/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. Note: Faculty meetings are scheduled the 1st Monday of each month and students should not stay 12th period.

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. If your child is on the ineligibility list they are on the list for the entire ineligible period (Monday - Sunday) and until the next list is published. See Pg. 9 of the student handbook for more information.

PARENT PORTAL

Parent Portal is an excellent tool that allows parents to keep close tabs on grades and attendance. Please contact your child's guidance counselor if you need assistance setting up your Parent Portal Account.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is one area where we can use the assistance of a few of you. Please encourage your child to attend school regularly. Students who maintain excellent attendance generally also do very well academically. Being in school is the best way for your child to access the resources needed in order for them to be successful. Unfortunately, there are circumstances that may prevent your child from attending at times. If your child is absent for an extended period of time, please encourage your child to check Google Classroom and email the teachers regularly for assignments and materials. Please contact me if I can be of assistance in helping your child improve his/her attendance.

CELL PHONES & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- Cell Phones/SmartWatches/Earbuds
 - Must be turned off and in your locker from the time students enter the building until departure. 7:30 3:08 INCLUDES BEFORE HOMEROOM AND 12TH PERIOD.
 - Ear buds may be worn in class when they are being utilized as part of the lesson.

VETERANS DAY

No school Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

TURKEY TROT

The MS Turkey Trot will be held Wednesday, November 23rd @ 10:00. Parents are invited to participate or attend. Information will be sent home soon regarding the Turkey Trot.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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10/25	8:00 - 2:30	New student pictures & Retakes
10/25	7:00	BOE Work Session (Aud)
10/26	2:30 - 4:30	Read-A-Thon (LMC)
10/26	3:30	MS SDMT Meeting (LMC)
10/28	6:30 - 9:00	Halloween Dance
11/2	7:00	Wilson Junior Honor Society Induction (Aud)
11/4 & 11/5		Junior High Area All State
11/7	2:35	Faculty Meeting (Room 24)
11/8	6:00	PTSA Meeting (LMC)
11/8	7:00	BOE Meeting (Aud)
11/10		End of 1st Quarter
11/11		Veterans' Day Observance
11/14		2nd Quarter begins
11/17	3:30	WCSD SDMT Meeting (Room 18)
11/17	8:00 - 1:00	Clubs Photoshoot
11/22		1st Quarter report cards distributed
11/22	7:00	BOE Work Session (Aud)
11/23		MS Turkey Trot
11/23	11:00	¹ / ₂ day dismissal for MS/HS students
11/24-11/27		Thanksgiving Recess
11/30	3:30	MS SDMT Meeting (LMC)
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Please contact Principal Benton with questions/concerns.

Be Better Today Than Yesterday.

Take care,

Scott Benton, Principal Wilson Middle School