



**WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

The first few weeks of school have gone remarkably well! I cannot believe we completed our 30th day of school today and we are quickly approaching the end of the first quarter. The school year is moving quickly and smoothly.

I'd like to take a moment to share a few key ways you can continue to support your child's success as we move forward:

### **Monitor Progress and Stay Informed**

By now, you've likely seen some graded work coming home. If not, it's a good time to log into our Parent Portal System to check on your child's progress. Look for any areas where they might need additional support and encourage them to reach out to their teachers if they're struggling. 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.

### **Establish Consistent Routines**

Routines are crucial to middle school success. Encourage consistent bedtime and homework schedules to help your child manage their workload and maintain a balance between academics and other activities. Ask them about their day regularly to stay connected to their experiences.

### **Encourage Involvement in Extracurricular Activities**

Middle school is a wonderful time for students to explore new interests through clubs, sports, and other extracurricular activities. These opportunities can foster teamwork, build confidence, and enhance social skills. If your child isn't involved yet, it's not too late to explore options that fit their interests.

### **Communicate with Teachers**

We strongly encourage open lines of communication between parents and teachers. If you have any concerns, whether academic, behavioral, or social, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teachers. A partnership between home and school is vital for student success.

### **Check-in on Social and Emotional Well-being**

Transitioning through middle school can be a challenging time socially and emotionally. Encourage your child to share their feelings and experiences with you. If they are facing any challenges—whether peer-related or academic—remind them that our counseling staff is here to help.

### **Keep an Eye on Attendance**

Regular attendance is key to academic achievement. If your child has missed a few days, make sure they're staying caught up on missed assignments. Encourage them to stay on top of their attendance, as consistent participation in the classroom leads to stronger understanding and engagement.

We do have a few upcoming events to share with you as well as additional information:

### **SCHOOL PICTURES RETAKES & NEW STUDENT PICTURES**

Interstate will return for School Picture Retakes Thursday, November 7th.

### **HALLOWEEN**

Students may show their Halloween spirit by wearing orange and black or a Halloween costume to school on October 31st if they so choose. With that said, there are a few stipulations:

- Costumes must adhere to the school dress code.
- Full face masks, weapons/props, or anything too gory will not be permitted.
- If any costume is deemed inappropriate or causes a distraction to the learning environment, the student will be required to modify the costume or change.

### **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](mailto:swalch@wilsoncsd.org)).

### **1st QUARTER**

The first quarter ends November 6th. 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 7th. Students and staff have become accustomed to procedures and expectations for this school year.

### **10th PERIOD/EXTRA HELP**

Teachers are available for extra help on Monday - Thursday during 10th 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 10th 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 10TH PERIOD.**
  - Ear buds may be worn in class when they are being utilized as part of the lesson.

### **VETERANS DAY**

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

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

10/16	7:00	Variety Show (Aud)
11/1 & 11/2		Junior High All-State @ Akron
11/5		Superintendent Conference Day - <b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>
11/6		End of 1st Quarter
11/6	2:30	Read 25 Read-A-Thon
11/6	7:00	WJHS Induction (Aud)
11/7		2nd Quarter Begins
11/7		School Picture Retakes
11/11		Veterans' Day Observance
11/12 - 11/14	2:30	HS/MS Musical Auditions
11/19		1st Quarter Report Cards Distributed
11/20		Clubs Photoshoot
11/20	7:00	Mental Health Concert @ Wilson (Aud)
11/27 - 11/29		Thanksgiving Recess
12/1		Wreath Lighting Ceremony (Ransomville)
12/4	8:00	Senior Citizens Breakfast
12/12	7:00	MS Band Holiday Concert
12/17	7:00	MS Chorus Holiday Concert
12/23 - 1/1		Christmas Recess
1/2		School Resumes

Please contact Principal Benton with questions/concerns.

Be Better Today Than Yesterday.

Take care,

Scott Benton, Principal  
Wilson Middle School