

August 25, 2022

Dear Wareham Middle School Families,

Letters were sent to all families last week. If you did not receive a letter please email me at tcote@wareham.k12.ma.us. The letters include homeroom assignments. Power School is open to parents/guardians and students. If you forgot you Power School access, teachers will provide that to students the first week of school.

Our staff is so excited to welcome your children back to school! Please note that the first day of school for students is Monday, August 29, 2022. The regular school day for students is 7:40 A.M. to 2:02 P.M. Students should report directly to their homerooms the first day. There is no school on Friday, September 2, 2022 or Monday, September 5, 2022.

During the first days of school, students will receive class schedules, health registration forms, and other important documents. Information regarding Student Insurance will not be sent home. Please see the Wareham Public School website if you are interested in enrolling your child in this program. The Staff and Student Handbooks will be available online. There will be hard copies available in the office for those of you who want one. Please take time to review, complete, and return the required forms by Wednesday, September 7th.

Between 7:30 A.M. and 7:40 A.M., all parents/guardians who are dropping off their child must do so at or near the auditorium/gymnasium entrance to the middle school (Door #9). This entrance is located close to the Town Hall parking lot. Children will be let into the building at 7:30 A.M.

Parents/guardians dropping off their child should enter near the Town Hall and exit via the driveway near the Multi Service Center.

All large buses will unload at the front entrance to the middle school. Some buses will unload near the student drop-off area.

Any student being dropped off after 7:40 A.M., will be considered tardy and must use the main entrance to the school.

Viking Drive will not be accessible between 1:55 P.M. and 2:15 P.M. each day to ensure a safe and orderly student dismissal.

Attendance at school is required by law for children under the age of 16. The only absences that are excused are those necessary for personal illness (doctor's note required), religious holidays, court appearances and bereavement.

Students are expected to attend school regularly. Academic success and achievement begin with a commitment to being punctual and prepared for the rigors of school. Maintaining this high standard will positively affect your child's progress and grade as well as reinforce a strong work

ethic for the future. Regular attendance and punctuality are key elements in determining your child's success in school academically and socially.

Excessive tardies will result in the following actions:

- Students with 3 tardies in one term will be given a warning.
- Students with 4 tardies in one term will be assigned an office detention.
- Students with 5 or more tardies in one term will serve a Friday detention.

Mobile or handheld devices are inclusive of any electronic or wireless communication devices. Electronic equipment can infringe on student safety and be a distraction to the school's learning environment. Students are not allowed to use cell phones during the school day. If students bring such a device to school and use it inappropriately and/or at inappropriate times, administrators and staff may take any of these devices from students, request that parents/guardians claim the devices at school, and take appropriate disciplinary action.

No drinks from outside school are allowed in the building with students unless it is a clear bottle containing water only. Before entering the building, all outside drinks, including Dunkin Donuts' drinks, must be thrown away. There will be a barrel available at the entrance for students' convenience.

Backpacks, book bags, string bags, and gym bags may be brought to school but cannot be carried during the school day. Upon entering the building, all bags must be placed in student lockers. Appropriate times throughout the day will be provided for students to have access to their personal belongings in their lockers.

All students will receive a Chromebook to use at school for educational purposes. Chromebooks will be taken home each day so that homework can be completed and the Chromebook can be charged overnight. Students that did not return their Chromebooks or chargers at the end of last school year will not receive another one at the beginning of this school year until the old one is returned or paid for.

WMS is in need of a parent representative for our District Policy Review Committee. The **District Policy Review Committee** meets monthly at 5:00 via Zoom from October -April on Wednesdays. I am also in need of some parent/guardian representatives to serve on **WMS School Council**. The council meets 6 times a year on Thursdays for about an hour starting at 5 P.M.. Please email Principal Cote at tcote@wareham.k12.ma.us if you are interested in being a member of either.

[WAREHAM PTA Wants You](#) We have an active PTA and we are always looking for new members. [PTA Membership Form](#)

As always, my door is open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to set up an appointment with me, email or call me. You can always obtain up-to-date information from:

Up-Coming Events:

9/29/22 First Day of School
9/2/22 No School
9/5/22 No School
9/8/22 WMS Open House 5:30-7 P.M. More information will follow
9/8/22-9/9/22 PTA Book Fair
9/14/22 Early Release Day Dismissal at 12:05
9/30/22 Term 1 Progress Reports Issued

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Sincerely,
Tracie A. Cote
Principal