

August 27, 2021

Dear Wareham Middle School Families,

Our staff is so excited for the start of school! Please note that the first day of school for students is Monday, August 30, 2021. Students should report directly to their homerooms the first day. If they forget their homerooms, no worries! We will have staff in the hallways to help all students find their homerooms.

Masks are required to be worn in all public Massachusetts schools and buses by staff and students. Please note that bandanas, gaiters and masks with valves are not allowed in school. Cloth masks or disposable surgical masks are to be worn. Mask breaks will be provided.

During the first days of school, students will receive class schedules, technology forms, health registration forms, and other important documents. 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 1st**.

All students will receive a Chromebook to use at school for educational purposes on Wednesday, September 1st if the technology form has been returned by then. Chromebooks will be taken home each day so that homework can be completed and the Chromebook can be charged overnight.

Please Note:

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.

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. Special education 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. We expect students at school every day, EVERY DAY COUNTS! If your child has COVID symptoms, please contact our school nurse, Ms. Akins.

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 a lunch detention.
- Students with 5 or more tardies in one term will serve more than one lunch 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. If students bring such a device to school and use it inappropriately and/or at inappropriate times, administrators and professional 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 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 can not 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.

Breakfast and lunch are free for all students. Breakfast is served every day. Lunch is served every day except half days.

School Council Members are needed. Principal Cote at tcote@wareham.k12.ma.us if you are interested in being on our council.

PTA Email: WarehamPTA@gmail.com

Facebook: Wareham PTA

Upcoming Dates:

8/30/21	First Day of School
9/03/21	No School
9/6/21	No School Labor Day
9/09/21	Virtual Open House for parents 6 P.M./Google Meet links will be sent
9/14/21	Virtual PTA Meeting 6:30 P.M.

9/15/21 Early Release Day dismissal at 12:05

You can always obtain up to date information from:

WMS Website: www.warehamps.org

Facebook: Wareham Middle

Sincerely,

Tracie Cote

Principal