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WMS: Student Schedules and Important Information

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Dear Wydown Families,

Our schedules and teams are almost complete and will be available to view on PowerSchool on Saturday, Aug. 13. However, just a reminder that in order to be able to access your schedule, your PowerSchool forms will need to be completed and fines will need to be paid. More information about PowerSchool is listed below. If you have any questions about your access, please feel free to reach out to our main office: 314-854-6400.

Please reassure your students that they will still be able to use their backpacks during the school day. With the addition of Chromebooks and the use of online technology, we have very few textbooks that are assigned to students. In the past we have found that many students didn't use their lockers and didn't actually lock their lockers, therefore we will not be handing out a locker to every child. However, we believe in individualizing the needs of each child. So if your child would like a locker, please complete this [google form](#).

Lastly, we are also asking that if a student has a cell phone, they are to put their phone away. Their phone is not to be seen or used throughout the school day. In evaluating our policies and thinking about the impact of cell phones on learning, we feel this is best for our adolescent learners. We ask families that if your child has a cell phone, you refrain from texting your child during the school day. If you need to get a message to your child, please feel free to contact the main office and we will deliver any important information to them. We will be working with our parent groups and our counseling department to teach students how to have healthy relationships with social media and phones as they grow into adults. We will also be sharing information with parents on how to navigate smart cell phones and social media use during middle school.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is anything that we can help with to make the beginning of the year as smooth and fun as possible!

See you on August 18!

Jamie Jordan

Welcome, Dr. Daniels!



Dr. Neil Daniels, II, has been appointed to serve as assistant principal at Wydown Middle School. He will serve as the grade-level administrator in place of Dr. Tarita Rhimes, who was recently selected to be the next principal of Glenridge Elementary School.

“Wydown is thrilled to have Dr. Daniels to join our team,” explained WMS Principal Dr. Jamie Jordan. “It’s clear that he really cares about students and understands the importance of building trust in his relationships. I look forward to working with him as part of Wydown’s journey to be a model of equity and innovation.”

For the last 11 years, Dr. Daniels has served students at Parkway Southwest Middle School where he was named that school’s Teacher of the Year for 2019-2020. In addition to teaching sixth grade communication arts and, most recently, seventh grade world history, Dr. Daniels has held a variety of leadership roles supporting students and colleagues in the Parkway School District. Dr. Daniels received his doctoral degree in educational leadership from Maryville University. He also holds a Master of Education in Communications Arts from Webster University and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications-Public Relations from Fontbonne University.

“I am very excited and enthused for the opportunity to begin my journey as an administrator at Wydown Middle School,” said Daniels. “I am ready to get to work for the students and staff at Wydown, listening emphatically, fostering community and being the best advocate I can be for each and every one of my students and colleagues.”

Dr. Daniels officially began his work at Wydown on July 1.

Join us in welcoming Dr. Daniels to the Wydown family!

Important Information Regarding PowerSchool Forms and Student Schedules: Deadline is Today, Aug. 12, at 3 p.m.!

PowerSchool forms must be resubmitted every year before the first day of school. Completion of the forms enables your child to retain access to their google account and continued Chromebook usage. Completed forms are required to view your child's 22-23 class schedule when they become available on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022.

If you are newly enrolled and will be attending Wydown for the first time this fall, look for an email from our registrar, Steffie Stout. This email describes how to set up your parent portal in PowerSchool. If you need technical assistance, please contact the Help Desk by emailing techsupport@claytonschools.net or calling 314-854-6033.

Please be sure to complete the parent forms in PowerSchool by **Friday, Aug. 12, 2022, by 3 p.m.** All forms will need to be completed, along with any fines paid and books returned, to have access to your child's schedule. Schedules will be available in PowerSchool on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022. It may be difficult to complete these forms on a phone app, a computer may be needed. The forms are located in your PowerSchool account under the "Navigation" tab on the left-hand side. **These forms also need to be completed to ensure receiving communication from the District and school (such as**

newsletters, memos, emergency phone messages, inclement weather notifications, etc.) at the correct email address and phone number.

The following forms need to be completed:

For Parents:

PowerSchool Introduction/Instruction Form - Read Only Form

Back-To-School Health Checklist - Read Only Form

Annual Student Health Information Form

Parent, Guardian and Emergency Contact Information

Permissions Form

Student Device Expectations

For Students:

Acceptable Use Policy

Student Device Expectations

If you need assistance, please stop by Wydown on any weekday between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. and we will be able to assist you.

If you have any questions, please contact the main office at 314-854-6400.

WEB - 6th Grade Orientation

Hello, families of new 6th Graders! We are very excited that your child will be attending Wydown Middle School, and we look forward to meeting them during 6th Grade Orientation on Thursday, Aug. 18. Our school has chosen to participate in the nationwide WEB Program, an organization that helps sixth graders feel comfortable and achieve success in their first year of middle school. WEB stands for "Where Everybody Belongs," and helps students find their place at Wydown. The purpose of this program is to make the transition from elementary school to middle school a positive one. Each student will be assigned an 8th Grade WEB Leader that will serve as a mentor and resource during their first year. During orientation, students will meet their WEB Leaders and participate in a variety of large and small group activities designed to address students' needs and concerns in a safe, fun, and enjoyable manner. Sixth-graders should wear comfortable clothes for this student-only event. Travel light - please leave your backpacks and cell phones at home. Sixth-graders will return to Wydown with their families for Sixth-Grade Walk-Through at 5 pm. If you have any questions about orientation, please contact the Front Office or one of our WEB Coordinators: [Frankie Synovec](#), [Chris Chisholm](#), or [Jason Thompson](#).

Walk-Through is This Thursday, August 18!

Mark your calendars now for Thursday, Aug. 18!

4-5 p.m.: 7th and 8th Grade Walk-Through

5-6 p.m.: 6th Grade Walk-Through

Wydown Walk-Through is a time for students to receive and "walk through" their schedule and purchase supplies. During the Walk-Through, families are welcome to come to Wydown to meet the team teachers, drop off bulk school supplies in your team area, turn in forms and get information on a variety of topics.

Walk-Through will take place in the gym and will include the following:

Visit the Band table to complete your forms for band materials/school instruments

Purchase your Wydown planner - **Cash or Check Only**

Purchase your Wydown PE shirt (7th and 8th Grade Only) - **Cash or Check Only**

Information on Picture Day

Information on ordering a Wydown Yearbook

Visit the PTO table and make your donation to Funds for Excellence

Learn about the Clayton All In Coalition
Nurse - Turn in physicals, shot records and medication
Opportunity to complete the online PowerSchool forms
Put money on your student's lunch account

A Note About PE Shirts:

The requirement for all PE students is that they must wear proper athletic tennis shoes that tie and clothing that they are free to move and be active in.

We have Wydown PE shirts available for purchase, but they are not required.

*Please note that payment is cash or check only.

If families are interested in tours of the building this will be done in small groups by our student leaders.

Free and Reduced Lunch and Clayton Ala Carte Snack Program Form

School meals continue to be some of the healthiest meal options for students and are an important part of the learning day. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been able to offer free meals for all students thanks to nationwide waivers for federally funded meal programs. As you may have heard, these waivers ended with last school year, which means schools must return to charging for breakfast and lunch and can only offer free or reduced-priced meals to students who qualify for those benefits. [Click here](#) to access the Free and Reduced Lunch Form and the Clayton A La Carte Snack Program Form. You may turn these forms in at our Walk-Through on Aug. 18. Parents are encouraged to make a deposit on their child's breakfast/lunch account when they attend the Walk-Through. Parents may also set up an account with [My School Bucks](#) under **The School District of Clayton** and deposit money on their child's account online. View more information on [Dining Services website](#).

Required Summer Reading for All Incoming 6-8 Graders

All Wydown students are required to read any book of their choice this summer.

[View more information here.](#)

Summer Math Work

Summer is a time to relax, have fun, and continue to grow as a mathematician.

If you are looking for summer math practice opportunities, please take a look at the options [on this site](#).

Important Contact Information

Here is some important contact information for you:

Jamie Jordan, Building Principal:

jamiejordan@claytonschoools.net

Doug Wehner, Assistant Principal for 6W and 7th Grade:

douglaswehner@claytonschoools.net

Neil Daniels, Assistant Principal for 6E, 6 Central and 8th Grade:

neildaniels@claytonschoools.net

Liz Tucker, Sixth Grade Counselor

liztucker@claytonschoools.net

Mark Snyder, Seventh Grade Counselor

marksnyder@claytonschoools.net

Jason Thompson, Eighth Grade Counselor

jasonthompson@claytonschoools.net

2022-2023 Core Teams

6 East: Sarah LaPierre (Lit), Nicole Kee (Science), Sarah Miller (Social Studies), Dave Wheeler (PE)

6 West: Rebecca Groves (Lit), Sarah Scatizzi (Science), Jennifer Hardt (Social Studies), Julie Connor (PE)

6 Central: Jennifer Kavanaugh (Lit), Chris Chisholm (Science), Jill Warner (Health)

7 East: April Fulstone (Literacy), Cassandra Conner (Science), Mark Solomon (Social Studies), Jason Lloyd (PE)

7 West: Erin Ott (Literacy), Caitlin Mooney (Science), Emily Szyman (Social Studies), Christine Schneiderhahn (PE)

7/8: Johanna Sowers (Literacy), Joshua Wilmsmeyer (Science), Aimee Snelling (Social Studies), Rachel Nicholson (Heath)

8 East: Debra Baker (Literacy), Barry Crook (Science), Richard Baugh (Social Studies), Lee Squibb (PE)
8 West: Rob Maesaka (Literacy), Kate Meier (Science), Aimee Beeson (Social Studies), Lloyd/Schneiderhahn/Connor/Wheeler (PE)

How Can I Contact My Child's Teacher?

[Click here](#) for a directory of Wydown staff that includes email addresses and direct phone numbers.

If you look under [Wydown's Department Directory](#) you will be able to view teacher websites. You can also access the teacher websites [here](#).

Lockers

If you would like to request that your student is assigned a locker, please [fill out this form](#). Most of our students do not use a locker, but carry their supplies with them in their backpacks. Our teachers find that the students are more organized and are better about having the supplies they need when it is all in their backpacks. Students tend to prefer using backpacks due to the time limit between classes.

If you request a locker, your student will receive a lock and combination from the front office. Their team teachers will assign them a locker. The lock will need to be returned to the front office at the end of the year in order to avoid a fine.

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Important Dates

August 18: WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) 6th Grade Orientation, 8:30 a.m. - Noon

August 18: Walk Through, 4-5 p.m. for 7th and 8th Graders, 5-6 p.m. for 6th Graders

August 22: First Day of School

August 22: Beginning Band Instrument Display Night, 7 p.m. in the Gym

August 28: All School Back-to-School BBQ, 5-6:30 p.m., Enterprise Pavilion at Shaw Park

August 29: PTO Meeting, 9 a.m.

August 30: Fall Play Information Meeting, 3:15 p.m. in the Theatre

September 2: No School for Students, Professional Learning for Teachers

September 5: No School, Labor Day Holiday

School Supply Lists

School supply kits that were pre-ordered at the end of the last school year will be delivered directly to your home. If you did not pre-order your supply kit, the grade level supply lists are listed below.

[Sixth Grade Supply List](#)

[Seventh Grade Supply List](#)

[Eighth Grade Supply List](#)

After-School Activities

After-school activities will begin after Labor Day. Watch for more information coming soon.

PTO News

Join us for our monthly PTO meetings listed below:

Aug. 29 - 9 a.m.

Sept. 19 - 6 p.m.

Oct. 10 - Noon

Nov. 14 - 9 a.m.

Dec. 12 - 6 p.m.

Jan. 23 - Noon

Feb. 13 - 9 a.m.

Mar. 13 - 6 p.m.

Apr. 10- Noon

Be sure to check out the [PTO website](#) to learn more about Funds for Excellence and volunteer opportunities!

New for the 2022-2023 School Year: We Are Wydown!

We Are Wydown! is a series of social and volunteer events aimed at strengthening our school community and creating a sense of belonging for students, staff and parents alike. Keep an eye out for the PTO table at Walk-Through on Aug. 18, to see how you can get involved. Save the date for our first event, a back-to-school family BBQ at the Enterprise Pavilion at Shaw Park on Sunday, Aug. 28, from 5-6:30 p.m.

Clayton Connections: Support New WMS Families!

WMS Clayton Connections is still looking for volunteers to help the nearly 50 new families that will join our school community this year. By volunteering with Clayton Connections, you can make a meaningful difference helping these kids, parents, and caregivers feel welcome and included at WMS.

There are two ways to get involved in 2022-2023:

(1) Ongoing support to a new family: serve as a single point of contact for a new family about WMS events and activities and provide insider's info on how things work at the school and in Clayton (year-long commitment)
and/or

(2) Community-building activities: participate in one or more casual activities designed to broaden contact between new and current families and build WMS community overall.

Find more specifics and sign up to volunteer [here](#).

Questions? Contact WMS Clayton Connection co-chairs Kelley Karandjeff

(kelleyk75@gmail.com) and Maureen Satorius (msatorius@gmail.com).

Message From the Counseling Department

Welcome back! We hope you all have had a great summer break. If you have had the opportunity to travel and have come home with all the small personal hygiene products you get in your hotel rooms (shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc.) and are not sure what to do with all that you gathered, we would love to take them off your hands. Feel free to bring them to the Wydown counseling office and/or drop them off in the front office labeled with my name on them: Liz Tucker. Thanks so much! This will help add to our food and personal hygiene pantry.

Clayton Kid Zone is Hiring for the 2022-2023 School Year

We have positions in our afterschool program from two to five days a week working with students in our elementary schools. This is a fantastic opportunity for those wanting to make a difference in our Clayton community working in youth development. Positions offer flexibility, competitive wages, and a great team environment. Kid Zone also offers training and professional development for all staff throughout the year.

- Candidates must have reliable transportation to get to Captain, Glenridge, Meramec, and the Family Center (on Gay Ave).
- Apply [here](#) today.

Please contact Program Coordinator Tyler Kearns at tylerkearns@claytonschoools.net with questions.

Clayton School District Looking for Foodservice Workers

Clayton School District is looking for food service workers, kitchen leads and cooks for both full and part-time positions. No nights or weekends! You will also receive paid sick days and holidays. For more information or to apply, [view the flyer](#). If you know someone who may be interested, we would appreciate you sharing this information with them.

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