



WATSON JUNIOR HIGH
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Building real relationships, strong character, and a college/career ready foundation for future leaders.

August 1, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome Wolverines and parents to the 2020-21 school year! It is with great excitement and honor that I have the opportunity to serve as principal for a tenth year, even under these circumstances. As a former Watson student myself, I know what a special place Watson Junior High School is and how much potential it has to build foundations for our students' futures. Watson continues to be rated as one of the high-performance achieving schools in the area of academic growth according to the Colorado State Performance Indicators; and remains a top choice for junior high students looking to grow and develop their future potential.

At Watson, we have summarized our mission into a single statement; **“Building real relationships, strong character, and a college/career ready foundation for future leaders.”** I firmly believe in that mission for Watson Junior High. At the junior high level, students are building foundations for their futures and it is critical that those foundations become balanced with the right essentials. This is especially critical as we face all the issues COVID 19 had brought up. At Watson, each of our teachers work to build positive real relationships with our students. We believe that, out of relationships, students will be motivated to learn at much higher levels. We also believe in building strong character to help our young people become responsible, hard-working, productive citizens. Too often, building a strong positive character is not a priority in our schools and without good character, students miss the true reasons to perform well, learn and become successful. Finally, we believe in building a solid college/career ready foundation for our students through our rigorous academia. Students need to be challenged with their learning and grow to become lifelong learners. Our goal at Watson is to ensure that students have a foundation that will ready them for college level academics at the high school level and beyond. We continue to work at creating an environment where students can strive to reach their highest potential, including their college and career plans. We plan to work to do all of these things to the best of our ability even under these circumstances.

We are also very excited that Watson will continue to offer Pre-AP courses in most core subject areas for seventh and eighth grade. In addition, we will continue to offer Pre-AP courses for Math and Language Arts for sixth grade. We will also continue to offer advanced band and orchestra classes. These courses will provide our students an opportunity to challenge themselves and will help them to build critical thinking skills. We will be selecting students based on assessment scores and staff recommendations, but if you feel that your student might be interested in taking one of these courses, contact one of the counselors at Watson for more information. We are also building on our AVID Program next year to include AVID Fusion Time (AFT) classes. These classes will be combo electives to help students remain more organized, stay focused on their academics, and build foundations for their future. This is what makes us Watson!

I encourage you to take time to visit our website; it will have the most up-to-date information posted. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please call us at 391-3255. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you around Watson!

Sincerely,

Mr. Justin D. Lee
Principal
Watson Junior High



INFORMATION FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Hours of Operation & New Student Registration

Main Office: Re-Opens July 10, 2020
Hours of Operation 7:00-3:30 p.m.
(719)391-3255

Attendance Office: Re-opens July 23, 2020
Hours of Operation 7:00-3:30 p.m.
(719)391-3256

Counseling Center: Re-Opens August 3, 2020
Hours of Operation 7:30-3:00 p.m.
Mrs. Nora Andrews- Last name beginning with A-L (719)391-3278
Mrs. Lindsay Jones- Last name beginning with M-Z (719)391-3278

***All registration paperwork must be completed online.**

SCHOOL HOURS (When we return)

For the 2020-21 school year, Watson's hours will be 7:26 a.m. to 2:47 p.m. Students should be at their door by 7:19 a.m. Do not have students at school earlier than 7:10 AM as there will not be staff present for supervision.

Please visit Watson's website for further information and to buy school supplies!

2020-2021 BEGINNING OF YEAR SCHEDULE

August 5 th	Sports Physical Night - \$20 (cash only)	See times below
August 5 th & 6 th	New Student Registration can also be completed at any time through our website watson.wsd3.org	8-11 am & 1-3 pm (Watson)
August 14 th	7th and 8th Grade Back to School Event Schedule Pick-Up, School Pictures, and more	8 th Grade by Last Name: A-F 7:30-8:00 G-L 8:10-8:40 M-R 8:50-9:20 S-Z 9:30-10:00 7 th Grade by Last Name: A-F 10:10-10:40 G-L 10:50-11:20 M-R 11:30-12:00 S-Z 12:30-1:00
August 14 th	6th Grade Back to School Event Schedule Pick-up, Pictures, and more	6 th Grade by Last Name: A-F 1:10-1:40 G-L 1:50-2:20 PM M-R 2:30-3:00 S-Z 3:10-3:40

6TH-8TH GRADE BOYS AND GIRLS BEGINNING OF THE YEAR ATHLETIC INFORMATION

August 3 rd -5 th	Football Camp (7 th & 8 th Grade Only)	2:30-4:00 (Fields)7 th Grade 4:00-5:30 (Fields)8 th Grade
August 4 th -6 th	Volleyball Camp	2:00-3:00 (Big Gym)8 th Grade 3:00-4:00 (Big Gym)7 th Grade 4:00-5:00 (Big Gym)6 th Grade
TBD	Football practice begins (7 th & 8 th Grade Only)	TBD
TBD	Cross-Country practice begins	TBD
TBD	Volleyball tryouts	TBD
August 24 th (Virtual)	First Day of School	7:30 am

ALL PAPERWORK AND PHYSICALS MUST BE ON FILE FOR 6TH – 8TH GRADE STUDENTS BEFORE THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN ANY SPORTS TRYOUTS OR PRACTICE. WATSON WILL HAVE A PHYSICAL NIGHT FOR ALL STUDENTS INTERESTED ON AUG. 5TH AT 5:30-6:00 (6th) 6:00-6:30 (7th) 6:30-7:00 (8th) IN THE BIG GYM FOR \$20.

Watson Jr. High Athletic Department



Watson Families,

In our effort to continue to provide safe athletic opportunities for our student-athletes we would like to announce two voluntary camps that will be available for Watson student-athletes. Football will host a camp open to 7th and 8th graders only, and volleyball is hosting a camp for 6th-8th grade girls. In order to provide a safe environment to our student-athletes there are certain protocols that must be adhered to by all camp participants. These district guidelines were developed with guidance provided by the Colorado High School Athletic Association, National Federation of State High School Associations, and the El Paso County Health Department. If you have any questions regarding these protocols, please reach out to our main office number at 719-391-3255.

Requirements for attending Watson Camps

1. All students must sign and turn in the attached Summer Athletics/Activities Waiver when they arrive at camp. They will not be allowed to participate and will be asked to leave campus if this form is not turned in complete.
PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF ALL CAMP PARTICIPANTS
2. Students must participate in a CHSAA health screening with a coach prior to starting the camp. If the screening questions generate a health concern, student-athletes will be asked to leave campus and a parent will be notified.
3. All participants must have a mask readily available and must wear them when directed to by a coach. Parents, in an effort to minimize the amount of individuals at our campus, we ask that parents not be present while the camp is in session.

*****This list provides a general overview, but other specific requirements are located within the Summer Athletics/Activities Waiver.*****

Volleyball Camp	Football Camp
Grades: 6 th -8 th Girls	Grades: 7 th -8 th Boys and Girls
Location: Watson Big Gym	Location: Watson Football Field
Dates: Aug. 4, 5, 6	Dates: Aug. 3, 4, 5
Time: 8 th Grade-2:00-3:00 PM 7 th Grade-3:00-4:00 PM 6 th Grade-4:00-5:00 PM	Time: 7 th Grade-2:30-4:00 8 th Grade-4:00-5:30

Widefield School District No. 3

Summer Athletics / Activities Waiver

July 31, 2020

PARTICIPATING STUDENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic Widefield School District No. 3 (the “District”) will hold voluntary activities starting from August 3, 2020 running through August 6, 2020 for incoming 6th grade students through 8th grade students. The expectations to participate in the voluntary summer activities include the following:

Screening Process – Students and coaches will fill out a waiver form as well as have daily check-ins to review health questions. If a student or coach is sick, they will not be allowed to attend. If a student demonstrates any form of illness, they will contact their coach

- PPE Requirements – All Students and coaches/sponsors will bring a mask to camp. Coaches and sponsors will wear a mask for the duration of the camp. While on Watson’s campus students will wear a mask. If a student is outside they may take off their mask only while actively participating within their cohort group. If they are inside they must wear a mask at all times, regardless of activity level.
- There will be shared sports equipment used within cohort groups. If equipment is used with another cohort group the equipment will be sanitized with a district approved sanitation formula.
- Students and coaches/sponsors will practice appropriate social distancing when applicable.
- Students and coaches/sponsors will bring their own snacks/water. There will be no sharing of water/snacks.
- No more than 25 total participants per area in an outdoor setting depending on square footage of the area.
- No more than 10 total participants per area in an indoor setting depending on square footage of the area.

PARTICIPATION IN THE SUMMER ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY PROGRAMS IS STRICTLY VOLUNTARY. NO NEW OR RETURNING PARTICIPANT WILL BE PENALIZED IN ANY WAY FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

For those Students who will participate in the summer voluntary programs, the following permission with waiver and hold harmless agreement must be signed by the Parents *and* the Student.

PERMISSION/REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE:

Please check the boxes and complete the following statements as applicable:

I, the undersigned, affirm that I am the parent or legal guardian of the following named Student, (dob) _____: _____ (the “Student”). I hereby give permission for the Student to participate in the District Summer Athletics/Activity Programs (the “Programs”) to be conducted at the **Watson Junior High School campus located at, 136 Fontaine Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80911 from August 3rd, 2020 through August 6, 2020**, and all essential activities connected therewith, as requested by the District.

PARENTS’/STUDENT’S REPRESENTATIONS: In consideration of permitting the Student to participate in the Program, and as an express inducement therefor, the Parents and Student hereby state, affirm, and agree to the following:

a. The Student does not have a COVID-19 infection, or any illness, condition, or impairment that would create a direct threat to the health or safety of the Student or others if the Student participates in the athletic camp. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Parents and Student attest that the following statements are true:

1) The Student who will attend the sports camp must not have any of the following symptoms (unless related to a chronic disease):

Fever, Cough, Shortness of Breath, Fatigue, Muscle Pain, Chills, Headache, Diarrhea, Nausea, Sore Throat.

2) The Student who will attend the sports camp must not have had close contact with a person suspected of having COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

3) The Student who will attend the sports camp does not live with or has not provided care to, without the use of a protective mask, a person suspected of having COVID-19.

4) The Student who will attend the sports camp has not shared the same closed environment (e.g., classroom, workspace, gym) with or traveled in close proximity (1 meter or 3 feet) to a person suspected of having COVID-19.

5) The Student who will attend the sports camp has not had face-to-face contact within 1 meter (3 feet) for longer than 15 minutes with a person suspected of having COVID-19.

a. The Parents and Student understand that the World Health Organization, the US Center for Disease Control, the Governor of the State of Colorado have declared a world-wide, nation-wide, and state-wide pandemic of the coronavirus that causes the disease called COVID-19, that there is currently no vaccine or medical cure for COVID-19, that the coronavirus that causes the disease is said to be extraordinarily easy to transmit between people, and that gatherings of large numbers of people or people in close proximity to one another are believed to be the main cause of the spread of COVID-19. Accordingly, any gathering of people, including the Program, is or can be inherently dangerous and unpredictable, and that serious illness or even death can occur as a result of a person's participation in such an activity.

b. The Parents, and Student understand and agree that the Student's participation in the Program shall be at the Parents' and Student's sole risk, and that, while the District plans to do everything reasonably feasible to ensure that participants in the Program are safe and protected, the District expressly disclaims any representation or undertaking that the Program is safe for the Student who will attend the Program and further disclaims any and all liability or responsibility for any illness or infection that may occur from or in connection with the Program.

c. **The Parents and Student affirm that they are aware of the kinds of risks they and their child will face in connection with the Program, and recognize that the District will not necessarily be able to protect them or their child from all such risks. The Parents and Student state expressly that they have made a decision to assume such risks and that they understand the District has relied upon this assumption of risk in permitting the Student to participate in the Program.**

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS: The Parents and Student hereby waive any and all claims and demands for relief, whether past or future and regardless of the legal or factual bases thereof, that could be asserted in any forum or manner whatsoever, based upon, related to, or concerning the Student's participation in the Program, expressly including but not limited to any claim arising from infection, illness, or death to persons or any economic damages, including those claims based on any alleged or actual NEGLIGENCE, any BREACH OF any express or implied statutory or other duty of care, or mistakes or errors in judgment of any kind, and expressly release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the District, its employees, Board of Education members, agents, and insurance carriers from and against any and all such claims and demands regardless when or by whom asserted.

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Telephone Number

Address

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Activity/Sport
