

Wolverine Beat

The Official Newsletter of Watson Junior High



Important upcoming dates

Check out our website www.watson.wsd3.org

December 7th, Winter Dance

December 20th– January 4th, winter Break

January 17th , No School– MLK Day!

January 24th, Wrestling practice starts

February 11th, No School professional development day

February 21st , Presidents' Day

February 23rd, School dance

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Letter from the Principal

A Message from the Principal:

The holiday season is upon us and again, it is hard to believe we are getting close to finishing the first half of the school year. We still have many exciting events coming in the next couple of months here at Watson. Our fall sports had some outstanding games and matches through their season and consistently displayed good sportsmanship. Our winter sports are in full swing, girls' basketball has already started, and wrestling will be starting soon. Our choirs, bands, and orchestra groups are also doing well so far and just finished our annual Veterans Day assembly along with our National Junior Honor Society. This is an amazing event for the community and student body that honors our nation and those who have served or are serving in the military.

As a school, we will also be participating in the district wide toy drive again this year. I am proud to say that our student body is really excited about the opportunity to help their community by collecting toys for those in need. There are a number of afterschool clubs and activities for your student to become involved in – from the Homework Club, Weightlifting Club, and many others. On behalf of the Watson staff, I thank you for promoting your student being involved in an extra-curricular activity.

As we approach the middle of second quarter, it is important that you continue to check on your student's behavior and academic progress. Each student should be doing this in their AVID Homeroom classes each week, but it is good to check in on them when possible. At this time of year, some of our students tend to fall into the slump of not completing work, being organized and/or falling behind in their classes. Please continue to ask your student for his/her planner and require them to fill it out on a daily basis. Remember Second Quarter ends on Dec. 17th. If you have concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your student's teacher or counselor at 391-3255.

As we enter the holiday season, the staff of Watson Junior High would like to extend warm wishes to you and your family. Our thoughts are especially with those families whose loved ones are currently deployed to different parts of the world. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Justin D. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mr. Justin D. Lee
Principal
Watson Junior High

Some Notes from the Main Office

Reporting Student Absences: If your student is going to be absent from school please call or email the office (719-391-3256/325, watsonoffice@wsd3.org) by 9:00 a.m. Please provide the following information: the student's full name and grade, your full name and relationship to the student, and the reason for the absence. For your student's safety please report their absence as soon as possible. We are also experiencing a **HIGH** volume of tardiness. The entry bell rings at 7:18am, the students need to be in their class and ready to learn at 7:25am. Multiple tardies will result in **In School Detention**.

School Visits: If you are a **parent/guardian** visiting the school for any reason please remember you will be required to request access to the school via a buzzer/intercom system. Please be prepared to: state your full name, your child's full name, the reason for your visit, and show ID before entering the building. Access will be approved/granted once you are identified and confirmed through our Infinite Campus student information database. This may take a few moments so please be patient. You may also be required to sign in and wear a visitor tag while you are in the building. These procedures are in place to help ensure the safety of our students. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Non-parent/guardian visitors must also show proper identification and demonstrate their purpose for the visit. **WE HAVE A 100% ID CHECK POLICY.**

Student Messages: We encourage you to make after school arrangements with your child before they come to school in the morning; however, should you need to get a message to your child during the school day please call the office before 2:30 p.m. This allows us time to get the message to your child as our office can get very busy, especially at the end of the day. Thank you!

Office Phone: Students may use the phone in the office for school business only, ie; sickness/need medicine, missed the bus, etc. They may NOT use the phone to "check-in" or arrange a ride home after school, for permission to attend an afterschool club or activity, or to ask permission to go to a friend's house after school. We encourage you to make these arrangements with your child prior to the school day.

Homework requests: All homework/ missed assignments will be provided online. Students will have 2 days for each excused absent day to make up the work.

Contact Information: Is your contact information correct? Has your phone number changed? Has your address changed? Please make sure we have the correct information for you by verifying with the office at 719-391-3255. You never know when there could be an emergency. This is a safety and security issue. Thank you!

Widefield School District 3

Inclement Weather Procedure

DISTRICT 3 WILL:

- make inclement weather decision(s) based on students' safety,
- collect data at the earliest appropriate time,
- make the decision as to whether schools will be open and announce no later than 5:30 am by calling radio stations and TV stations.
- not penalize students if parents keep them home or pick them up from school early on questionable snow days.

IN THE EVENT THE DECISION MADE EARLIER IS TO OPEN SCHOOLS AND THE STORM WORSENS UNEXPECTEDLY, DISTRICT 3 WILL:

- inform the same media as stated above that schools will dismiss students early,
- keep buildings open as long as necessary to evacuate all students safely,
- announce that if an early dismissal occurs, afternoon kindergarten, afternoon activities, and evening events will be cancelled.

PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- be responsible for custody of children,
- listen to the news broadcasts on stormy days,
- decide whether or not to send children to school on threatening, stormy days.

IN THE EVENT THE DECISION MADE EARLIER IS TO OPEN SCHOOLS AND THE STORM WORSENS, PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- know that students may be dismissed earlier than normal.
- listen for an early dismissal announcement,
- make sure children know what to do and where to go if dismissed early,
- not rely on telephones to make last minute arrangements for their children. (Lines tend to malfunction during storms.)

Red Flag Days:

Consistency in the use of the red flag day will assist our parent community.

We request that you adhere to the following guidelines regarding red flag days:

- ☐ The Red Flag Temperature will be 25 degrees including wind chill. This is for all schools prior to the start of the school day.
- ☐ Each school will have the flexibility to determine when they will take children out for their daily recesses - this may be when the temperature is between 10 and 25 degrees including wind chill.
- ☐ Communicate this information to your staff and parent community in your newsletters, mailings, and handbooks.
- ☐ The Weather Channel: This is the site we use at the district level to make weather related decisions.

Notes from the Health Office

STAY HOME IF SICK

- Anyone who is sick should stay home.
- If a student has COVID-like symptoms or has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID, they should get tested.
- Ensuring sick people stay home is critical to preventing the spread of illnesses.

QUARANTINE/ISOLATION

- We will not be quarantining fully vaccinated, non-symptomatic students and staff.
- We will work directly with El Paso County Public Health to determine if a quarantine is necessary for unvaccinated individuals exposed to COVID-19.
- We are required to report positive cases to EPCPH.
- Students or staff members who test positive for COVID-19 will be asked to isolate for 10 days. Schools will provide educational instruction to students who are quarantined.
- CDPHE guidance states: *Colorado will move from an individual case-based response strategy to a transmission mitigation strategy, where instead of quarantining students and staff after individual exposures, the risk of the whole school community, including the risk of interruptions to learning, is considered. **Because in-person learning is essential for communities and students to thrive, CDPHE is recommending reduced incidents of quarantine in schools and child care specifically.***

6th Grade Parents:

Please send in proof of your students TDAP vaccine if you have not done so already!!





Pre –Order the Watson 2021-2022 yearbook now at its lowest price of \$30. You can purchase with cash or check in the front office or online with a credit card at Jostens.com. Price will increase in December
Question? Please send gmail to spanglera@wsd3.org

Athletics and Afterschool Activities

Just a reminder if your student is interested in any of the remaining sports for the year, all sports require a sports physical and the required district forms on file in the office **BEFORE** your student can try out/ practice. Also, all afterschool activities to include sports, clubs and dances require a signed **AYPYN** form to be on file. Please see the next page for a checklist of the required forms. Your student may pick these forms up in the office.

GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS START NOVEMBER 29th
CHEER TRYOUTS NOVEMBER 29th
WRESTLING PRACTICE BEGINS JANUARY 24th

In addition to sports there are many after school clubs. Please encourage your child to get involved. Check out the calendar on our website for a schedule of clubs. Students: pay attention to your KWJH News for club and activity updates.



Athletic Tryout Forms

In order for your student to participate in Watson Athletics the following forms need to be completed & on file in the office before the first day of tryouts/practice. Your student(s) can pick these forms up in the office.

Parent checklist

_____ Blue Emergency Information Card
_____ Parent Permission Form
_____ Medical History Form
_____ Sports Physical Form
_____ Athletic Handbook Signature Page

Fall Sports

Football 7th and 8th only
Cross Country
Volleyball
Boys' Basketball

Winter Sports

Girls' Basketball
Wrestling

Spring Sports

Softball (fast-pitch)
Track (co-ed)

ALL AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES require an AYPYN form to be on file in the office. This needs to be updated every new school year.



Check Out What's New!

Did you know Watson has a Facebook page? The link can be found on our website.



Like our page and get up to date information and special announcements



Check out our school store on Jostens.com

Link located on our website homepage



Watson Merchandise

**Huge selection and variety.
100's of items all
customizable!**



WE ARE WATSON!

Let's make it a great year!

Attention Parents!

Newsletters will be posted on the school website www.watson.wsd3.org. If you prefer to receive your newsletter by mail, please contact the front office at 719-391-3255.

Thank You!

Mission Statement

Watson Junior High School exists to provide students with a rigorous curriculum in an environment of relevance to develop knowledge and skill for future success. Our faculty, staff, students, and community are dedicated to promoting positive relationships that encourage life-long learning and personal development.