

# CMS NEWSLETTER



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Poverty in America Awareness is observed each January by spotlighting one of the most pervasive and persistent problems in society. This year's observance is more vital given the devastation in families and communities throughout the country due to the coronavirus pandemic and subsequent economic upheaval.

Learn More Here

<https://www.charities.org/news/january-national-poverty-america-awareness-month>

**January  
is  
Poverty  
in  
America  
Awareness  
Month**

 CMS	CMS OPEN CLUSTER MEETINGS January 2023
8th	Tigers: Jan. 9 (8:45-9:15) Room 105 Wolves: Jan. 18 (8:45-9:15) Room 203
7th	OWLS: Jan. 12 (11:40-12:15) Room 130 Falcons: Jan. 18 (11:40 - 2:15) Room 125
6th	Orcas Jan. 18 (10:15-10:45) Room 226 Dolphins Jan. 18 (10:15-10:45) Room 221



## JANUARY OPEN CLUSTER MEETINGS

Join us in person for our  
Open Cluster Meetings.  
Curriculum Updates  
Upcoming Events  
Counselors  
&  
Other Info



### CMS Webpage

<https://cms.westportps.org/>

Parents and students are encouraged to check out the CMS Webpage. It's a great place to find information.

### School Hours

Students 8:30-3:15  
Office 7:30-4:00

Students may enter the building at 8:00 a.m.

Reminder to charge **Chromebooks** each night and keep the protective cover on the device. Also, students are expected to follow the Acceptable Use Guidelines.

# Safe School Climate & Bullying Prevention Policies



At the start of school, on CTV, we reviewed the Safe School Climate and Bullying Prevention Policies. We connected these expectations to the WPS Guiding Principles. Below find a brief description of each policy and links to our BOE policies for both.

We reviewed the four **Guiding Principles**: *Emotionally & Socially Aware, Kind with Sincerity, Principled in Thought & Action, and Learning Always*. We provided a few examples of what this means and connected it to the work we will do as a school. See the link below for more information.

The **Safe School Climate Policy** states that each and every school community member should be treated with dignity and should have the opportunity to learn, work, interact, and socialize in physically, emotionally, and intellectually safe respectful, and positive school environments as well as the opportunity to experience high-quality relationships. We work together with staff, students, and community members to promote conditions designed to create, maintain, and nurture a positive school climate.

Visit  
The District  
Webpage to  
view the  
Policies

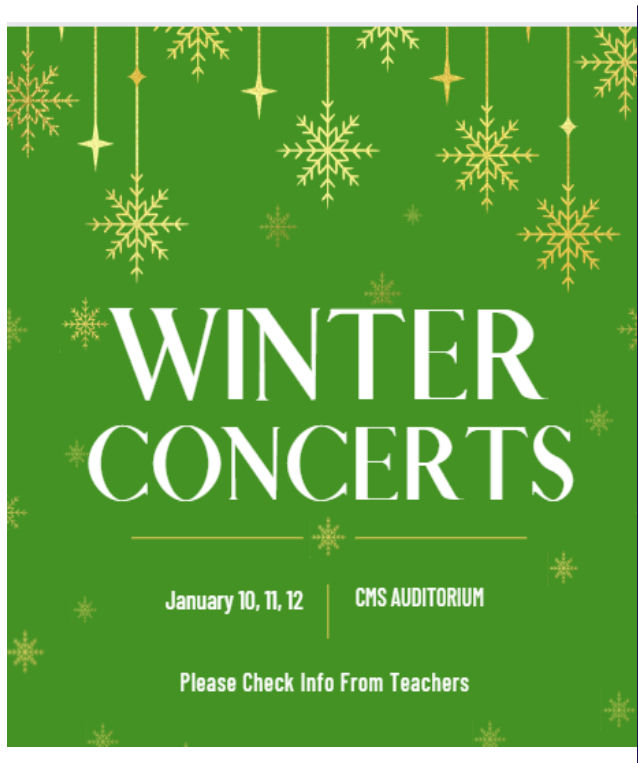
<https://www.westportps.org/board-of-education/policies>

The **Bullying Intervention and Prevention Policy** states that we are responsible for creating and maintaining an educational environment that is physically, emotionally, and intellectually safe and thus free from bullying, teen dating violence, harassment, and discrimination. In accordance with state law and the Board's Safe School Climate Plan, the Board expressly prohibits any form of bullying behavior on school grounds; at a school-sponsored or school-related activity, function, or program, whether on or off school grounds; at a school bus stop; on a school bus or other vehicle owned, leased, or used by a local or regional board of education; or through the use of an electronic device or an electronic mobile device owned, leased, or used by the Board of Education.

Please review these policies and discuss them with your children. Contact us if you have any questions regarding this information.

## WINTER CONCERTS

7:00 PM



**Jan. 10** Chorus 6-7-8 & Camerata

**Jan. 11** Band 6-7-8 & Wind Ensemble

**Jan. 12** Orchestra 6-7-8 & Chamber Orchestra