

**2nd Quarter
2023**

Wolverine News



The Official newsletter of Watson Junior High

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

Important upcoming dates

- 11/07 Wrestling vs. Skyview, 3:30 PM**
- 11/08 Girls Soccer vs. Falcon, 3:30 PM**
- 11/09 Wrestling vs. Horizon, 3:30 PM**
- 11/10 No Students/Staff Workday**
- 11/13 Girls Soccer vs Grand Mtn., 3:30 PM**
- 11/14 Wrestling vs Carson, 3:30 PM**
- 11/20-11/24 Thanksgiving Break-Schools Closed**
- 11/30 Girls Basketball vs Carson, 3:30 PM**

- 12/05 Girls Basketball vs Janitell, 3:30 PM**
- 12/07 Girls Basketball vs Sproul, 3:30 PM**
- 12/09 D3 Elementary/Junior High Choir Festival**
- 12/11 Girls Basketball @ Falcon, 3:30 PM**
- 12/11 Choir Concert, 6:30 PM**
- 12/13 Girls Basketball @ Grand Mountain, 3:45 PM**
- 12/15 Orchestra Concert, 6:30 PM**
- 12/18 Band Concert, 6:30 PM**
- 12/20 2.5 Hour Late Start, Entry Bell Rings @ 9:48 AM**

- 12/21/23-1/7/24 Winter Break-Schools Closed**

Check out our website for more dates and information:
www.wsd3.org/watson

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Letter from the Principal

A Message from our Principal:

Welcome Wolverines and parents to the 2023-2024 school year! As I enter my second year leading and supporting Watson as Principal, I am so excited about the opportunities that lay ahead for our building. While this is my second year as principal, I have served six years as the Assistant Principal/Athletic Director and was a science teacher at Watson for seven years. This building is my second home, and I hope that your children will feel the same way during their time here.

We have a highly intelligent, dedicated, and passionate staff who positively changes lives of our students every day. While there is great focus on the academic skills, we spend a great deal of time as well developing students to demonstrate exceptional character in their school and community.

This year our curricular focus will be on pushing students to high levels of academic achievement through solid instructional best practices as well as getting students involved in a variety of after school activities. In the classroom we continue our work with our AVID whole school approach. Through the AVID program, all students get support and instruction on the many soft skills that lead to success both in the near term, as well as when they either enter the workforce or pursue higher education opportunities. This involves interview practice, organizational strategies, and exposure to college and career pathways. Through this AVID focus, it allows for strong student-teacher relationships to be formed, a place to develop a positive peer group for students, and a way to develop a sense of hope and personal achievement through hard work and determination.

To help close achievement gaps, we have instituted building wide interventions in the areas of math and language arts. This year our district has provided funding to hire a mathematics instructional coach. Our math coach, Mrs. Malaznik, has worked with our math department to identify and tailor individual guided practice for all students regardless of ability level. At Watson ensuring our students gain valuable skills for their future is a top priority.

After school we continue to provide a varied set of club and sport offerings to help encourage our students to explore things outside of the classroom, as well as their comfort zone. New this year is our Drone Club, where they will have the opportunity to compete across the region in order to test their piloting skills and programing knowledge. Eighth grade students have also begun exploring our STEMology Lab during their home room period. The Watson STEMology Lab has cutting-edge stations that cover computer game coding, robotics, and the physics of flight.

Our interscholastic sports teams are off to a great start, and Watson is offering soccer for the first time in its history, for both boys and girls. We encourage all students to get involved to grow both for their physical and mental health during these formative years.

I encourage you to take time to read through our newsletter for important information. Also, please visit our website/social media account! It will have the most up-to-date information. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please call us at 719-391-3255. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you around Watson!

Sincerely,

Mr. Ross W. Mishler

Principal

Watson Junior High

Compulsory School Attendance

In order to reduce the incidents of truancy, parents/guardians are hereby notified that: **Every child who has attained the age of six (6) on or before August 1 of each school year and is under the age of seventeen (17) shall attend public school for at least the following number of hours.**

One thousand fifty-six (1056) if secondary school pupil;

Nine hundred sixty-eight (968) if an elementary school pupil in a grade other than kindergarten;

Nine hundred hours (900) if a full-day kindergarten pupil;

Four hundred fifty hours (450) if a half day kindergarten pupil;

(Except as otherwise provided in CRS 22-33-104)

Reporting Student Absences & School Visits

Please include the following information when reporting your student's absence: student's name and grade, your name and relationship to the student, and the reason for the absence. If your student is going to be absent, please call before **9:00 a.m.** to report the absence. This allows the office staff to verify absences efficiently. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

If you are visiting the school for any reason, please have a valid ID ready to show at the door. Once you have stated the purpose of your visit and have been verified in our Student Information System you'll be granted access. Please note that you may be required to sign in at the front office and get a visitor's tag to wear while you are in the building.

Just a reminder that Attendance is considered with regards to Renaissance Cards, NJHS, team sports and other extra curricular activities.

**DAILY ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT TO
EDUCATION**

Regular Bell Schedule

Entry Bell	7:18am
Period 1	7:25-8:16
Period 2	8:19-9:10
Period 3	9:14-10:05
Period 4	10:08-10:59
7/8 Lunch	11:02-11:34
6th Homeroom	11:02-11:32
7/8 Homeroom	11:34-12:03
6th Lunch	11:32-12:03
Period 5	12:07-12:58
Period 6	1:01-1:52
Period 7	1:56-2:47

Office Hours 7:00-3:30

Teacher Hours 7:10-3:10

Annual FERPA Notice

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age (“eligible students”) certain rights with respect to the student’s education records. These rights are: 1. The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal [or appropriate school official] a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. 2. The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students may ask the school to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal [or appropriate official], clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing. 3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. [NOTE: FERPA requires a school district to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or eligible student of the records request unless it states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request.] 4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605

FERPA Compliance Guidelines for Teachers

The following guidelines are offered to assist teachers in complying with the confidentiality requirements concerning student education records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Colorado Public Records Act. For purposes of these guidelines, “education records” are defined to include all records, files, documents and other materials that are maintained by the School District and that contain personally identifiable information on any student, as well as the personally identifiable information itself.

What Teachers Cannot Do

1. Disclose education records to other School District employees who do not have a legitimate educational interest in the education records for purposes of carrying out their authorized duties, as determined by the School District.
2. Disclose education records to college-level student teachers, consultants, or authorized community volunteers or agents who do not have a legitimate educational interest in the education records for purposes of carrying out their authorized duties, as determined by the School District.
3. Disclose education records (including student addresses and/or telephone numbers) to persons who are not School District employees, college-level student teachers or authorized community volunteers or agents, unless permitted to do so by the building principal.
4. Disclose education records (including student addresses and/or telephone numbers) to other students. This includes allowing any student to see both the name and grade on another student’s work that has been recorded in the teacher’s grade book or is otherwise being maintained by the School District as it is being handed back from the teacher.
5. Display work with a student’s name or other personally identifiable information on it, if the work shows the student’s grade, corrections or other markings used to calculate a grade that has been recorded in the teacher’s grade book or is otherwise being maintained by the School District.

What Teachers Can Do

1. Disclose education records to other School District employees who have a legitimate educational interest in the education records for purposes of carrying out their authorized duties, as determined by the School District.
2. Disclose education records to college-level student teachers, consultants, and authorized community volunteers or agents who have a legitimate educational interest in the education records for purposes of carrying out their authorized duties, as determined by the School District.
3. Direct students to grade, edit, and/or correct each other's work, with or without results subsequently communicated to and/or recording by the teacher. Once the grades are recorded in the teacher's grade book, however the teacher should not disclose the grades unless otherwise permitted by these guidelines. Grades may not be shared aloud.
4. Display work with a student's name or other personally identifiable information on it, as long as the work does not show the student's grade, corrections, or other markings used to calculate a grade that has been recorded in the teacher's grade book or is otherwise being maintained by the School District.
5. Display anonymous student work showing a grade, corrections, or other markings used to calculate a grade that has been recorded in the teacher's grade book or is otherwise being maintained by the School District (i.e., an example of quality work for other students to emulate).
6. Allow students to grade, edit, and/or correct each other's work before the results are recorded in the teacher's grade book or otherwise maintained by the School District.
7. Allow student assistants and student volunteers to grade, edit and/or correct student work before the results are recorded in the teacher's grade book or otherwise maintained by the School District.
8. Disclose a student's grades, corrections or other markings used to calculate a grade that has been recorded in the teacher's grade book or is otherwise maintained by the School District if the parent of the student (or the student if he/she is 18 years of age or older) has given written permission to do so.

Notice Concerning Directory Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Widefield School District No. 3 ("the District"), with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, the District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories - names, addresses and telephone listings - unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.¹ If you do not want the District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by September 20th each year. The District has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student's name
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Address
- Telephone listing
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Electronic mail address
- Photograph
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- Date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- Dates of attendance
- Grade level
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended

¹ These laws are: Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7908), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110), the education bill, and 10 U.S.C. 503, as amended by section 544, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (P.L. 107-107), the legislation that provides funding for the Nation's armed forces.

Opt-Out- Personal Identifiable Directory Information

Parents/Guardians:

In Widefield School District #3, the practice regarding release of appropriate information about students has been to publish the names in various school publications or on a list posted in the school regarding the following: Student's name, date, and place of birth, participation in activities and sports, awards, honor roll, scholarships, photographs, etc. A parent/guardian may elect to disallow directory information of this type listed above. The parent/guardian may notify the principal to that effect by means of appropriate communication and/or by using a form that may be picked up in the office.

Parent Opt-Out for Information To Military Recruiters

Names, addresses and home telephone numbers, as well a directory information, of secondary school students will be released to military recruiting officers within 90 days of the request unless a parent/guardian or eligible student submits a written request that such information not be released. Reasonable and customary actual expenses directly incurred by the district in furnishing this information will be paid by the requesting service. (Refer to form JRA/JRC-E2)

Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights

PPRA affords parents and students who are 18 or emancipated minors ("eligible students") certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

**Consent* before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U. S. Department of Education (ED)—

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with a lawyer, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

PPRA, continued

Receive notice and opportunity to opt student out of-

1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.

**Inspect, upon request and before administration or use—*

1. Protected information surveys of students;
2. Investments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

Widefield School District No. 3 will develop and adopt policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. Widefield School District No. 3 will directly notify parents and eligible students of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. Widefield School District No. 3 will also directly notify parents and eligible students, such as through U. S. Mail or e-mail, at least annually at the start of each school year of the specific or approximate dates of the following activities and provide an opportunity to opt a student out of participating in:

**Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales or other distribution.*

**Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by ED.*

**Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.*

Parents/eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

**Family Policy Compliance Office
U. S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-4605**

POLICY: Opt-Out Form for Student Image Publishing DISTRICT CODE: JRA/JRC-E3

OPT-OUT FORM FOR STUDENT IMAGE PUBLISHING

Classroom activities and school events are sometimes photographed or videotaped by the school or media groups (newspaper, television, university, district public relations, etc.) In addition, the district or school may want to post articles, video or photography on district or school websites.

This form applies to classroom activities and school events that are not open to the public. Public events such as sporting events, theatre productions, etc. are open to the public and are not covered by this form.

This form does not apply to yearbooks or school publications such as class newsletters which are not posted on the school or District website unless the appropriate box is checked below.

If you DO NOT want your child's photograph, video and/or electronic image to be published for news media or school publicity purposes, please complete this form and return it to your child's school by the first day of school. If you have turned in this form with the appropriate box(es) checked below, then if your student's image appears in any photograph or video that will be released by the media or District public relations, the image will be blurred or pixilated before release.

NOTE: Under FERPA, student photographs can be considered directory information, which is information that does not require written consent from the parent or eligible student prior to disclosure. FERPA requires the district to notify parents and eligible students of their right to refuse disclosure of directory information. 34 C.F.R 99.37(a)(2). The district must specify a "period of time" for parents/eligible students to tell the district not to disclose directory information. 34 C.F.R. 99.37(a)(3). Ideally, the deadline stated in the above paragraph of this exhibit will match the deadline for nondisclosure of directory information stated in accompanying policy JRA/JRC, Student Records/Release of Information on Students.

_____ I do NOT wish to have my child's photograph or videotaped image used for purposes of news coverage or school district publicity.

_____ I do NOT wish to have my child's photograph included in the school yearbook.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Name

School Name

Student's Current Grade Level

Date

Educational Rights of Homeless children and Youth

Students have a right to:

- ☐ *Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there.*
- ☐ *Choose between the local school where they are living, the school they attended before they lost their housing, or the school where they were last enrolled.*
- ☐ *Enroll in school immediately, without proof of residency, immunizations, school records, or other documents.*
- ☐ *Get transportation to their school of origin,*
- ☐ *Get the school services they need,*
- ☐ *Be free from harassment and isolation; And*
- ☐ *Have disagreements with the school settled quickly.*

Medicaid

As a Medicaid provider, Widefield School District 3 will access Medicaid eligibility information for students enrolled in Widefield School District 3 from Health Care

Policy and Financing (HCPF). HCPF is the designated Medicaid agency in the state.

Directory information of name and date of birth will be released to HCPF to verify

Medicaid Eligibility of students in the District. The description of health and

health-related services delivered to Medicaid eligible students will be released to

Medicaid and/or the District claiming agent for proper administration of the program.

School of Choice/Boundary Waiver Information

*If you **live within** Widefield School District 3 boundaries and plan on attending a school other than your home school, you must complete a School of Choice Permit Application. Applications are available in the offices of all District 3 schools. They must be completed and returned to the school you wish to attend by the **last school day in February**. A copy of your child's most recent transcript or report card will be required.

*If you are currently attending a school in District 3 on a School of Choice Permit and would like to continue your education in District 3, you must reapply and return the permit to the appropriate school by the **last school day in February**. A copy of your child's most recent transcript or report card will be required.

*If you live **outside** of Widefield School District 3 and wish to attend a District 3 school, a School of Choice Permit Application must be completed and returned to the school you wish to attend by the **first Friday in May**. A copy of your child's most recent transcript or report card along with a copy of his/her birth certification and immunization record will be required.

A School of Choice Permit Application must be completed and returned every school year to the school you wish to attend.

If your student's application is received after the appropriate due date, his/her name may be placed on a waiting list.

Search and Seizure

Drug Dog Sweeps of Widefield School Buildings/Property

In our continuing efforts to ensure that our schools are safe and free of illegal drugs, Widefield School District will initiate a building program of random drug detection sweeps by utilizing trained, certified drug detection dogs and their police handlers. Students, parents, and staff of each participating building will be informed of the district's intent to conduct drug dog sweeps prior to the initiation of this program. School assemblies and question/answer forums will be held in each affected school.

At unannounced times, under the direction of the building administration, a sweep of student lockers and or all parking lots will be conducted with the assistance of the El Paso County Sheriff's Department Canine Units. The sweep may occur during school hours or after hours. The police and dogs will in no way interact with students nor interfere with the normal building activities other than when sweeping school during school hours. Students may be instructed to not be in the halls for a short period of time.

In the event that a dog indicates on a locker or vehicle, the building or district administrator (or designee, such as a campus supervisor) will conduct a search of the locker or vehicle. If illegal substances are determined to exist, such evidence shall be transmitted to the police for possible prosecution. Parents of involved students will be notified of the investigation. The assigned school resource officer will be notified if any evidence of illegal substance is found and such evidence shall be tendered to the officer. In addition to implementation of applicable Widefield School District disciplinary actions, the identification of illegal substances could result in criminal prosecution.

Law enforcement officials may request a court issued search warrant authorizing law enforcement officials to search a vehicle parked on Widefield School District property, a locker or other physical location within a Widefield School District facility or a student allegedly in possession of illegal substances. If a search warrant is issued, the law enforcement officer executing the warrant shall notify the building administrator of the issuance of a warrant.

Law enforcement officers will conduct any search pursuant to the search warrant. If illegal substances are discovered as a result of the warrant search, the law enforcement officers may arrest the alleged offender or issue a citation. Widefield School District will also implement applicable disciplinary actions, which may include parent/guardian contact, mandated suspension expulsion, and referral to counseling.

In the event a search warrant is issued, the property that is the subject of the search warrant is subject to the control of the law enforcement agency. In the event the search warrant is obtained for a locker, no one is permitted access to the locker and no contents may be removed until the law enforcement search has been completed. In the event the search warrant applies to an automobile parked on Widefield School District property, no one may enter the vehicle or otherwise remove any contents until the search has been completed.

If contraband other than illegal substances is found in the locker or vehicle, district procedures will be followed.

Again, we look forward to working with parents, students, staff, and local law enforcement agencies to do everything possible to assure a safe and drug-free educational environment.

WSD3 Preschool Information

Our preschool program is for children ages 3-5 within our sites in Widefield School District 3. Between our North Preschool, Webster Elementary, and Grand Mountain school sites. Each program has different things to offer the children of the Widefield Community. We have many different activities throughout the year for parents and children to participate in with each other. If you are interested in registering for one of our programs please call (719) 391-3375. You can also visit the [Preschool Website](#).



Daylight Savings Time ends
on Saturday, November 5th.
Don't forget to "fall back!"

Secondary Achievement Summit & Late Start

October 20	NO STUDENTS TLC Professional Development
November 10	NO STUDENTS TLC Professional Development
November 20-24	Thanksgiving Break - Schools Closed
December 20	2 1/2 Hour Late Start @ 9:48 AM
December 21-January 5	Winter Break - Schools Closed

Students return from Winter Break on Monday, January 8, 2024.

Some Notes from the Main Office & Health Office

Reporting Student Absences: If your student is going to be absent from school please call the office (719-391-3256/3255) 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.

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.

Student Messages: We encourage you to make after school arrangements with your child before he/she comes 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.

HEALTH OFFICE

We'd like to take this opportunity to provide some clarification on the function of our Health Office here at Watson. We have a school nurse on staff but she is not at Watson full time as she supports two buildings. We do, however, have a full-time Health Tech and two back-up Health Techs.

Our Health Techs are here to assist students with minor health and very basic first aid issues. Health Techs are able to take temperatures, provide ice, band aids, give a student a moment to rest and assist students in contacting parents/guardians should they need to go home. Health Techs may also dispense medication under very controlled conditions, with detailed and specific instructions signed by a physician, as well as respond to emergencies.

Although they complete required district training every year, they are not licensed healthcare professionals; and as such are limited in what they can do for students. Health Techs cannot diagnose issues/illness or provide wraps, splints, antibiotic ointment, Vaseline, Chapstick, lotion or over-the-counter medications of any kind.

In conclusion, our health office is just that...a place where students can get a band aid, some ice, rest for a moment or call home. So we're asking for your assistance in regard to our students health and wellbeing. If your student is sick please keep him/her home. Our Health Techs don't have the qualifications or capability to make any sort of diagnosis, so if he/she is not feeling well please consult your physician.

Should you have questions or need further clarification please call our main office.

Immunizations: Please don't forget to update your child's immunization record with the main office. This is especially important for those 6th graders who have recently received the required Tdap booster. You can bring a copy into the office or email it to watsonoffice@wsd3.org

Please remember . . . important information is posted on our marquee out front and the main office voicemail; the most up-to-date information source is our website, watson.wsd3.org!

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.

☐ The Weather Channel is the site used at the district level to make weather related decisions.

Library News

We are excited to begin the 2023-2024 school year!

Here is information about your Watson Library:

Welcome to the Library! This year, we have a ton of fun books and activities for you!

First, join in our Get Booked Reading Challenge! All you have to do is read a book from one of our 25 categories, then go to the Watson Library page and click on “Get Booked” to fill out the Get Booked form. Not only will you get to read some awesome books, but you’ll also get prizes just for Getting Booked!

Next, we have activity days for our patron that anyone can participate in!

On Monday, join us for Board Game Day; Tuesday is Puzzle Day, Wednesday it’s Building Day; on Thursday try out Card Game Day; and on Friday, join us for Librarian’s choice.

You can come in and color any day!

Remember, at the Library, you can check out 3 books for two weeks at a time.

We also make replacement IDs for \$3 on Fridays. We are not open before school or during lunch, but you can come in during the day at any time.

Yearbook

You can purchase a Yearbook for \$45 (cash or check) at the main office, or you can pay with credit card online at our website, watson.wsd3.org.

For more information call the main office at 719-391-3255.

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

Cross Country Girls' Soccer
Football Wrestling
Volleyball

Winter Sports

Girls' Basketball
Boys' Basketball

Spring Sports

Softball (fast-pitch)
Track
Boys' Soccer



ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS & ACTIVITIES require an AYPYN form to be on file in the office. This needs to be updated every new school year. Forms are available in the Main Office.



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.

