

WMS Paw Print 2024.01.19

Bringing you the middle school scoop...

Principal's Message

January 19, 2024

As we enter the second half of the year we start to think more about the transition from grade to grade. Each year we have our formal Orientation for Incoming 6th Graders and Westlake High School has their Freshman Orientation, but what happens in between takes some adjusting as well.

We seek to transition students from 6th Grade through 8th with increasing rigor in school work and increasing expectations around responsibility, reflection, and resilience. Below are some of the things we ask our 7th Graders to reflect upon as they prepare to select 8th Grade courses.

- Do I email my teacher about making up missing work?
- Do I ask for help or attend office hours after school when work is challenging?
- Do I use feedback to improve work or make changes in my work habits?

Above all else, the increasing levels and expectations for independence are what students should be the most prepared for. We find that the most successful families talk about these things and highlight the changes as we guide students through middle school.

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A glance at the upcoming week...

Week of 1/22-1/26

Monday - Day B

- 2:15-3:15 pm: Peer Tutoring (Math)
- 2:25-3:15 pm: Spanish Club
- 2:45-4:00 pm: Science Olympiad
- 3:30-7:00 pm: Elf Jr. Rehearsal Green Cast Tech Rehearsal

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Tuesday - Day C

- 2:15-3:15 pm: Peer Tutoring (Chess)
- 2:45-4:00 pm: Science Olympiad
- 3:30-7:00 pm: Elf Jr. Rehearsal Red Cast Tech Rehearsal

Wednesday - Day D

- 2:15-3:15 pm: Peer Tutoring (ELA)
- 2:20-3:20 pm: Environmental Club
- 2:30-3:00 pm: Student Council
- 2:45-4:00 pm: Science Olympiad
- 3:30-7:00 pm: Elf Jr. Rehearsal Green Cast Tech Rehearsal

Thursday - Day E

- 2:15-3:15 pm: Peer Tutoring (Social Studies)
- 7:00 pm: Elf Jr. Opening Night Red Cast

Friday - Day F

- 7:00 pm: Elf Jr. Opening Night Green Cast

Upcoming Dates:

- February 19th-23rd: School Closed for Winter Recess

Important New Information, Upcoming Events, and Reminders

January 31st - National Junior Honor Society Interest Form Due

All students have the Google Classroom Code for NJHS. A primary goal of the process is to foster motivation and independence. We encourage parents to use this as an early teachable moment for future experiences in high school and college, such as college applications.



Students are responsible for meeting deadlines. The deadline for The Interest Form and Teacher Recommendation Requests is January 31st. All other materials are due April 15th.

Additional prompts and questions for the writing requirement have been added to the Google Classroom page. The expectation is that students reflect and share what makes them a strong candidate for The National Junior Honor Society. They DO NOT need to write a long essay. They can answer one or more of the questions or prompts.

January 30th at 7:00 p.m. - WMS Incoming 8th Grade Course Selection Parent Meeting

We will be hosting a meeting on January 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the WMS Cafeteria to share information about Mathematics and Science courses available in 8th Grade. Students will receive information in school prior to this meeting and we will share additional information in the coming weeks.



Course Selections for 7th Grade 2024 - 2025 School Year

6th Grade Students and parents will receive information about course selections for next year at the end of February. This includes Music and Language Courses. We encourage students to take an active role in course selections as they prepare for more diverse selections in high school and college.

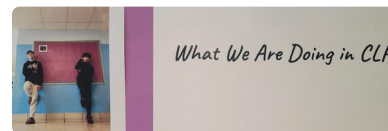


Our Language Teachers will be guiding students in making a selection. Students should be thinking about what language and culture motivates them to want to learn another language. Selections should be based on interest. All languages are difficult to learn so motivation and interest should be factors in the decision.

Principal's Leadership Group - Snapshots of What's Happening

Sharing Community Leadership Projects

Two 8th Grade Leaders have stepped up to start documenting the projects that are unfolding and advertise them on a hallway bulletin board. I am appreciative of their work as it will my my work of sharing in the Paw Print easier. Thanks Daniel and Darren!



Save The Dates and Flyers

A flyer for an event called "THE CAVE". The background is dark red with colorful diagonal lines in yellow, pink, blue, and green. The text is white and light blue. It includes details about the location, target audience, activities, fees, and a QR code for registration.

THE CAVE

Located in Bethel, CT

For Grades 6, 7, and 8


FEBRUARY 21st

Join us for mini-golf, laser tag, ropes course, bumper cars! Each participant will receive a \$10 game card!

The bus will leave the Mt. Pleasant Community Center at 10am and return at 4pm

Resident Fee: \$60
Non Resident Fee: \$72
Activity #: 911234 A

Scan to register!



Register with the Mt. Pleasant Recreation Department!

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Registration is now open for the following:

Tee-Ball 5 & 6 (Co-Ed)

Baseball AA/AAA 7 & 8

Minors Baseball 9 & 10

Majors Baseball 11 & 12

Softball 8U, 10U & 12U

Please visit Shermanparkll.com to register

Early Bird discount ends 1/15/24

Registration closes 2/24/24

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Save the Date

8th Grade Moving Up Dance

Sponsored by the WMS PTA

Club Infinity

404 Irvington Street
Pleasantville

June 25th

7:00-10:00

Full Buffet Dinner

&

DJ



Westlake Wildcat Sports

Please check the Westlake Wildcats Sports Calendar for ANY updates or changes.

CALENDAR: <http://www.westlakewildcats.org/calendar>

Athletic Office contacts:

Shawn Baumann, Athletic Director at sbaumann@mtplcsd.org

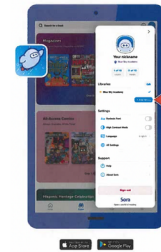
Maria DiNota, Athletic Secretary at mdinota@mtplcsd.org



Sora Access

Keep reading! Sora is a digital reading option that all students have. Students can access Sora through Classlink or by following these instructions. Thank you Ms. Rotanelli.

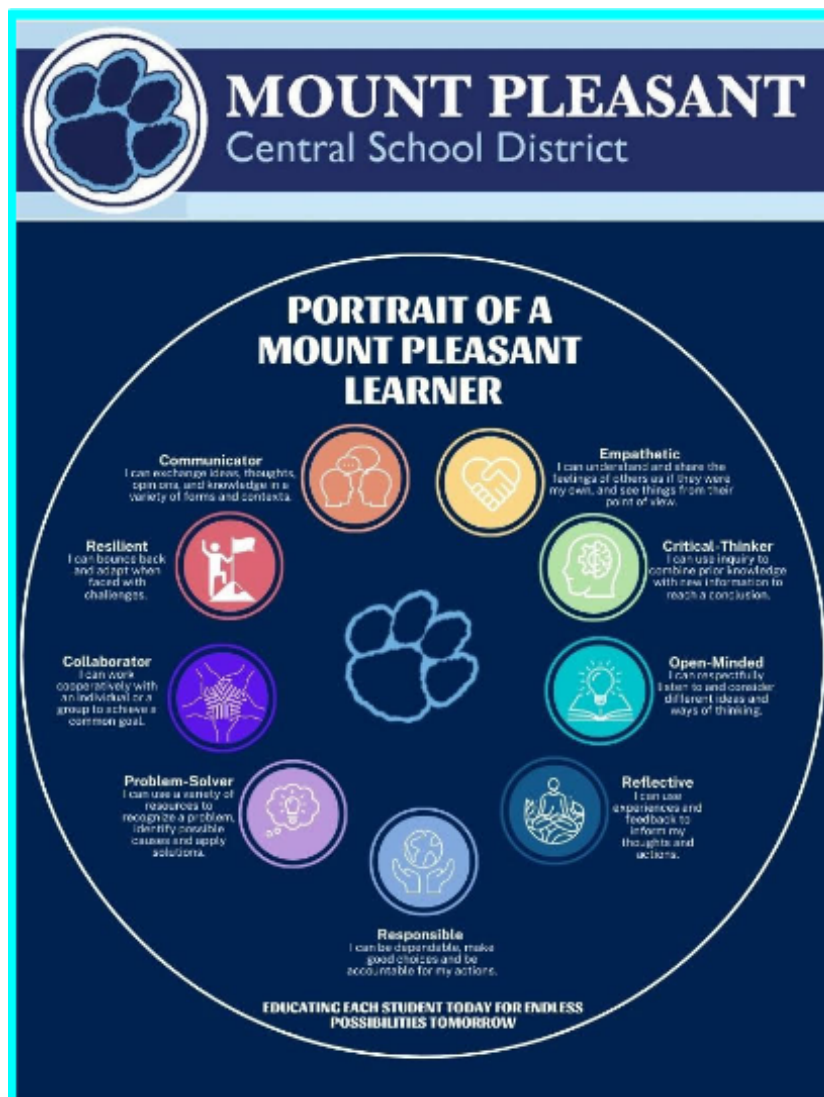
Sora offers the ability for students to explore age-appropriate digital books from NY Reads



- Here's how to access titles from this State-wide collection through Sora:
1. In Sora, sign into Southern Westchester BOCES with your school district credentials.
 2. Click or tap menu icon and select Add library.
 3. Use the search box to find and select NY Reads.
 4. Find and select your school district to continue.
 5. Sign in with your school credentials.
 6. Now when you search for books, it will look in both collections. When browsing, you can choose which collection to look at.

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