

# WB MIDDLE SCHOOL

# News



Back to School Edition – August 2025

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to school, Warriors! I am Mr. Schlueter, the West Branch Middle School principal. My entire staff and I are looking forward to meeting our new students and getting this school year off to a good start!

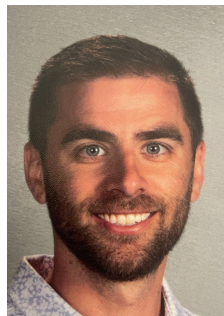
The Middle School runs on two schedules, One for Grades 6-7 and one for Grades 3-5. The start and dismissal times for both schedules are the same as last year:

- Grades 6-7
  - Start Time 7:40
  - Dismissal Time: 2:50
- Grades 3-5
  - Start Time - 8:55
  - Dismissal Time - 3:40



The WBMS Open House for all grades is Monday, August 25, from 3:30 - 5:30 pm. Please note that no one will be permitted to enter the building prior to 3:30 pm in order to allow teachers time to prepare for the open house.

I am excited to welcome the new WBMS Assistant Principal, Mr. Matt Tafe. He is a 2009 West Branch graduate who has spent 11 years in the Alliance City Schools. Look for him at our open house on August 25.



I look forward to serving you and your children as their principal. If you any questions, feel free to call me at the school at (330) 938-4300 (x37403).

*Mr. Schlueter*

## Mark Your Calendars!

- 8/22 3rd-5th Class Lists Posted (8:00)
- 8/25 Open House (3:30 - 5:30)
- 9/3 1st Day of School
- 9/12 6th-7th Grade Stay After
- 9/15-19 Start with Hello Week
- 9/18 Picture Day
- 9/19 Back to School Bash and  
Elem. Night at the Football Game
- 9/23-27 Spirit Week

## Water Bottles

Any water bottle that is taken into the classroom is to be "clear and capped" (sealable). Other types of water bottles are to be kept in lockers and may be used during lunch time. This change was implemented last year and was very successful in reducing classroom disruptions related to water bottles.

## West Branch Local Schools

### Vision:

Efforts Today, Rewards Tomorrow

### Mission Statement:

The mission of the West Branch Local School District is to prepare all students for their tomorrow, today.

### **West Branch Middle School**

14409 Beloit-Snodes Road

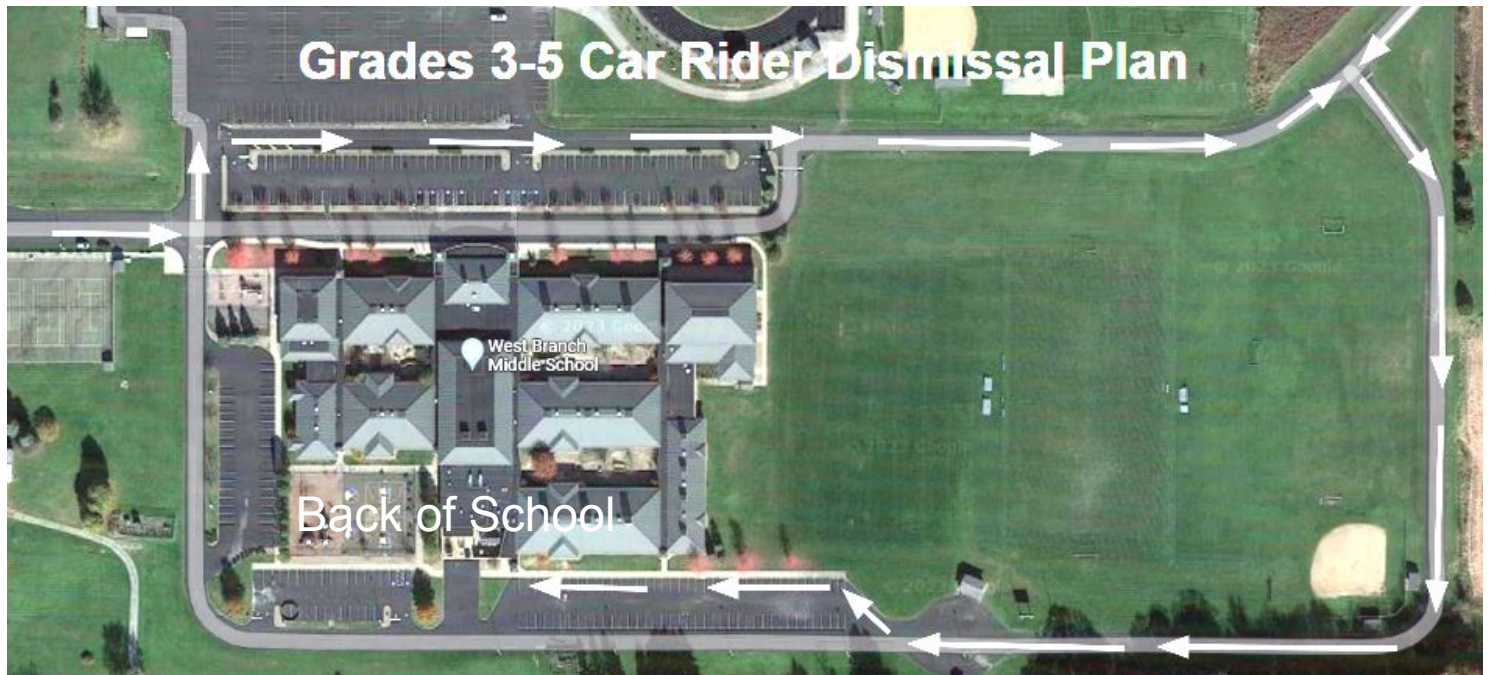
Beloit, Ohio 44609

Phone: (330) 938-4300 Fax: (330) 938-4301

# Car Rider Procedures - Grades 3-5

- Car Rider drop-off and pick-up is in the back of the building.
- Please unload your child once your vehicle stops anywhere along the sidewalk.
- Do not wait until you are directly outside the doors to unload your child.
- Grades 3-5 School Day: 8:55 - 3:40
  - Doors will open at 8:30 for car riders to enter the building. I recommend that students arrive by 8:45 in order to have time to prepare for the day.
- Car rider pick-up will be the same as last year.
  - Cars entering from Ellet Road will turn left at the first drive and circle around the JV softball field to line up.
  - Cars entering from Beloit-Snodes Road will turn left and then right at the stop signs, pass between the middle school and high school parking lots, turn right at the drive, and circle around the JV softball field to line up.
  - This will create 1 line for all cars with no need to merge. Please see the below map.

Thank you for your support.



## Car Rider Tags - Grades 3-5 (only)

- Car Rider Tags are required to pick up your child in the car line after school. The first car rider tag is free this year. Additional car tags are \$1.00.
- Additional Car Rider Tags may be picked up for \$1.00 in the office anytime during the school year.
- Please display the car tag on the passenger side sun visor of your car when you pick up your child. This helps us speed up the dismissal procedure and provides added security.
- If you need to pick up your child, but do not have a car tag, you will have to come into the office to sign your child out. **This is not to be a normal procedure, only an exception.** Please sign out your child no later than 3:00 so that they may be called to the office prior to the end of the school day.
- Car Rider Tags will be available at Open House on August 25th.



# Car Rider Procedures - Grades 6-7

- Car Rider drop-off and pick-up is in the back of the building.
- Please unload your child once your vehicle stops anywhere along the sidewalk.
- Do not wait until you are directly outside the doors to unload your child.
- Grades 6-7 School Day: 7:40 - 2:50
  - Doors will open at 7:10 for car riders to enter the building. I recommend students arrive by 7:30 in order to have time to prepare for the day.
- We are implementing the same car pick-up routing system as last year.
  - Cars entering from Ellet Road will turn left at the first drive and circle around the JV softball field to line up.
  - Cars entering from Beloit-Snodes Road will turn right and circle around and pick up students in the parking lot adjacent to the playground in the back of the building.
    - This will create 2 lines for pick-up.
    - Please inform your child which line you will be in.

Thank you for your support.



## Final Forms

Parents must go on to the the school website and complete their online forms using the Final Forms program. Please complete these forms BEFORE the start of school so that we have the most up-to-date information in the event of an emergency. If you have questions contact Mrs. Hughes at (330) 938-4300.



## Parent Activity Committee

The parent group is called the PAC - Parent Activity Committee. They provide support to the Middle School as well as the ELC. I encourage you to get involved and join the PAC.



## Attendance and Tardies

In order for children to be successful in school, they need to be here.

Attendance is an important part of a student's academic, social, and emotional success. It is recommended that your student arrives to school by the below times so that they can get prepared in their classrooms for a great school day.

- 7:30 am - grades 6-7
- 8:45 am - grades 3-5

Students will be marked tardy if they arrive after the following times:

- 7:40 am - grades 6-7
- 8:55 am - grades 3-5

Any time a child is absent, his/her parent must call the child off at (330)938-4300. Upon the child's return to school, he/she must provide a doctor's excuse or parent written note.

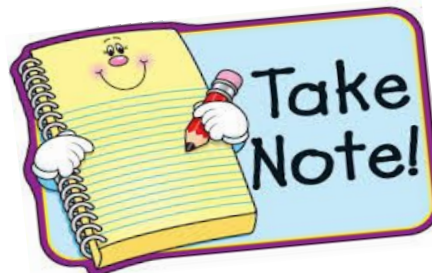
## ClassDojo

ClassDojo is the communication platform that we will be using at VVB Middle School this year. Your child's teacher, as well as the principal and school counselor will be able to communicate with you via ClassDojo. It is a free service.

## Dress Code

A complete copy is available in the student handbook which can be found on the school website under the "Parents" tab. Please keep in mind the following:

- No pajama pants are permitted
- Hats/Hoods are not allowed to be worn in the building
- No clothes with excessive holes
- Shorts/Skirts should be at least mid-thigh in length
- Flip flops are permitted, but other shoes must be sent in for recess and/or gym
- The principal is the final decision maker in all matters concerning the dress code.



## No Toys or Electronics

To limit distractions, toys including, but not limited to, spinners, poppets, and pokemon cards are not permitted in the school. Any electronic devices that are sent with students are to remain in their lockers or classroom cubbies unless otherwise directed by their teacher.

Any student who does not follow these rules will have the toys/devices taken by the teachers and they will be kept in the office until the parent picks them up. Thank you for your understanding in helping to create classrooms conducive to learning.



WEST BRANCH LOCAL SCHOOLS

ANONYMOUS TIPLINE



# STAY SAFE SPEAK UP

Your voice matters. If you see or hear something that threatens the safety or well-being of a student, let us know—anononymously and confidentially.

## WAYS TO REPORT A CONCERN:

Call or Text: (330) 938-4477

Online Submission:  
[westbranch.tipline.info](http://westbranch.tipline.info)

## HOW IT WORKS:

Submit your concern with as much detail as possible.

You'll receive a private incident number.

Use this number to follow up anonymously.



Scan the QR Code to watch  
a short video tutorial.

## TOGETHER, WE CAN KEEP OUR SCHOOLS SAFE.

A safe school is everyone's responsibility. Let's create a community where everyone feels supported, seen, and secure.

# Specials Rotation

Grades 3-5 will have an X-Y-Z specials schedule.  
1st Semester:

- Music
- Stem
- Library (5th grade Computers)

2nd Semester:

- Physical Ed
- Art
- Library (5th grade Computers)

Teachers will notify you of the special that your child has on each day. If school is cancelled, the special your child had scheduled on that day will be rescheduled for the day of return so that no specials are skipped.



## In Need of School Supplies?

If your child is in need of any school supplies, please don't hesitate to ask. If you need any assistance, please contact me by phone: (330)938-4300 x37403 or email:

[fritz.schlueter@wbwarriors.org](mailto:fritz.schlueter@wbwarriors.org)

Any requests will remain completely confidential. Thank you to our community for its support!

# WEST BRANCH CAFETERIA

*Meal Prices*  
25/26

## Lunch Times

### Breakfast

K-12 ~ \$1.50

Adult ~ \$1.75

~served daily before school

### Lunch

K-5 ~ \$2.75

6-12 ~ \$3.00

Adult ~ \$4.00

Milk only ~ \$.50

Bottled Water ~ \$1.00

\*Other a la carte items available for purchase. Must have funds in account to purchase extras.

Grade 6: 10:35-11:00

Grade 7 10:50-11:15

Grade 5: 11:20-11:50

Grade 3: 11:55-12:25

Grade 4: 12:35-1:05

**\*\*West Branch encourages all families to fill out the Free/Reduced Meal Application found on the district website under the 'Families' tab. Free and reduced priced meals benefit students, families, and the school district.\*\***

## September 2025

| Monday         | Tuesday        | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday     |
|----------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1<br>Labor Day | 2<br>No School | 3<br>X     | 4<br>Y     | 5<br>Z     |
| 8<br>X         | 9<br>Y         | 10<br>Z    | 11<br>X    | 12<br>Y    |
| 15<br>Z        | 16<br>X        | 17<br>Y    | 18<br>Z    | 19<br>X    |
| 22<br>Y        | 23<br>Z        | 24<br>X    | 25<br>Y    | 26<br>Z    |
| 29<br>X        | 30<br>Y        | Oct 1<br>Z | Oct 2<br>X | Oct 3<br>Y |