The General News

August 29, 2025

Upcoming Dates

September 3 & 4 - Reading iReady Testing
September 4 - PTA 7:00
September 13 - The General Jog 9:00AM

Date	Club/Activity	Time	Location
Monday 9.1.25			
Tuesday 9.2.25	Drama Club	3:45-5:00	Cafeteria
Wednesday 9.3.25			
Thursday 9.5.25			
Friday 9.5.25	Early Morning Choir	7:45	153

Date	Sport	Time	Location
Monday 9.1.25	NO SCHOOL		
Tuesday 9.2.25	Cross Country vs. St. Charles Wredling	4:30	St. Charles Wredling
Wednesday 9.3.25	7th/8th Soccer vs. Herget Cross Country v. Geneva South & Jewel	4:30 4:30	Herget Peck Farm
Thursday 9.4.25	**8th Grade Volleyball vs. St. C Thompson** 7th Grade Volleyball vs. St. C Thompson **7th/8th Grade Football vs. Herget**	**4:15** 4:30 **4:30**	**WMS** St. C Thompson **WMS**
Friday 9.5.25	**6th Grade Soccer vs. Jefferson** **6th Grade Volleyball vs. Jefferson**	**4:15** **4:15**	**WMS** **WMS**

Football Admission Policy

All middle school and elementary school students attending football games at West Aurora High School must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, who is also attending the game. Students not accompanied by a parent or guardian will not be admitted into the event.

Additionally, balls or other athletic equipment brought in by fans will not be allowed at West Aurora Football games. We thank you for your cooperation.

#BuiltForThis

Thanks!

from the Parent Teacher Association

To all the parents, teachers, staff and students who helped make our bulletin board so welcoming during Walk the Building Days, THANK YOU!! It's going to be a great year!

Join us Thursday, September 4, 7:00–8:00 pm in Rm. 101

YOUR PTA WANTS YOU! Please join us in our efforts to create fun and engaging family events, support our students, staff and teachers, and be an active member of our Washington Middle School community! There are so many ways to get involved. Find out how. We meet on the first Thursday of every month from 7–8 pm, and all are welcome!

Use the QR or copy and paste the link below to join the PTA!

https://tinyurl.com/4x3vhh3d

Join TODAY! Being a member of the Parent Teacher Association not only invites you to have fun and build community, but it shows your support for the students, teachers and staff right here at Washington Middle School, AND—here's something you might not know—your $10 committment actually ensures that every student in Illinois has representation in government at the state level! Over the years, PTA representatives have fought for things students and families might take for granted today. Things such as the establishment of kindergarten, school lunch for all, and addressing lead in drinking water are among the very long list of good outcomes the PTA has helped accomplish for families in Illnois.

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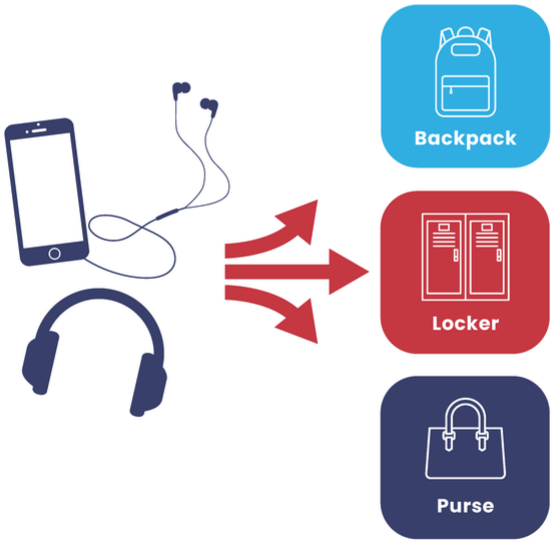
OFF AND AWAY

CELLPHONES, EARBUDS/HEADPHONES, AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES MUST BE OFF AND AWAY, ALL DAY.

STORE IT SAFELY:



To avoid interrupting classes, students will be notified through Schoology Message if an item is dropped off for them during the school day.

Middle School

Attendance Guide

2025-2026

We believe that all students can learn and thrive in our schools when they attend each day. According to the State of IL:105ILCS5, students ages 6-17 must attend school. This guide is to help you understand the district expectations surrounding attendance. If a student is absent from school, excused and unexcused, it is considered a Non-Attendance Day as the student has missed instruction.

Important Attendance Words To Know:

Non-Attendance

This refers to any day, class period and/or period of time that a student is not in attendance at school and includes both excused and unexcused absences.

Excused Absence*

Absences that fall under the excused category and that have been communicated to the school.

Chronic Absenteeism

This refers to absences that total 10% or more of school days of the most recent academic school year, including absences with and without valid cause ... - 105 ILCS 5/26-18

Unexcused Absence**

Absences that do not fall under the excused categories will be considered unexcused and any absence that has not been communicated to the school.

Chronic Truancy

A student is "Chronically Truant" if they missed 5% or more of the previous 180 school days without a valid cause.

Nudge Letter

Quarterly letters sent home that detail the number of non-attendance days a student has accumulated.

Tardy

Students arriving to school or class after the tardy bell.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?

CHRONIC ABSENCE
18 or more days

WARNING SIGNS
10 to 17 days

SATISFACTORY
9 or fewer absences

Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

What you can do?

Communicate with the School

- Contact your teen's teachers and let them know how to reach you.
- Request a schedule of classes and log in information for your student.
- Ask for help from school officials, after-school program providers, other parents or community agencies if you're having trouble getting online or need help with food, housing or some other challenge.
- Know the school's attendance policy and the consequences for absences.
- Check on your teen's attendance to make sure they are attending all of their classes.

Why it matters?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

Herget Middle School
1550 Deerpath Rd.
Aurora, IL 60506
Main: 630.301.5006
Attendance: 630.301.5230

Jefferson Middle School
1151 Plum St.
Aurora, IL 60506
Main: 630.301.5009
Attendance: 630.301.5300

Jewel Middle School
1501 Waterford Rd.
North Aurora, IL 60542
Main: 630.301.5010
Attendance: 630.301.5345

Washington Middle School
231 Constitution Dr.
Aurora, IL 60506
Main: 630.301.5017
Attendance: 630.301.5500

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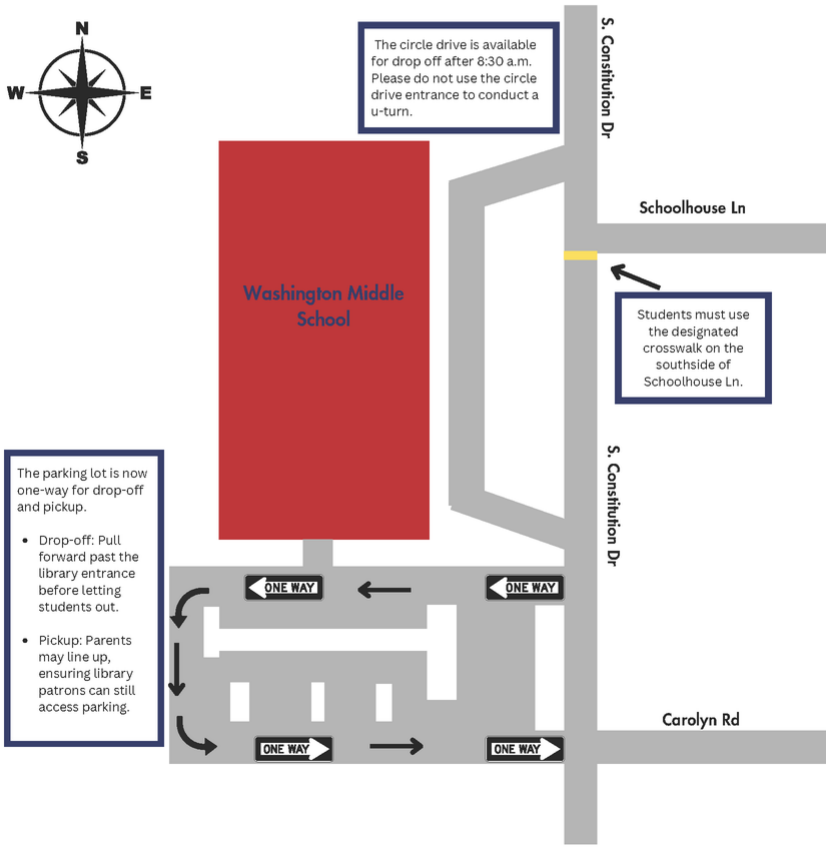
Washington Middle School

Arrival and Dismissal Traffic Plan

To ensure a safe and smooth arrival and dismissal, please follow these guidelines:

- Use the provided map to follow the one-way traffic flow.
- Form a single pick-up line without blocking open library parking spaces.
- Students must use the Constitution crosswalk—do not prompt them to cross elsewhere.
- Please park alongside the curb on Constitution when picking up your child.



BLACKHAWK
FOOTBALL ACADEMY

FALL FOOTBALL LEAGUES

Saturdays at West High | Aug. 23 - Oct. 18
$75 per child | Register Today!

1st & 2nd Grade
- Coed flag
- 9am to 11am*

3rd & 4th Grade
- Coed flag
- 9am to 11am*

5th & 6th Grade
- Boys 1 hand touch
- 10am to 12pm*

5th - 8th Grade
- Girls flag
- 10am to 12pm*

*Times for grade levels may change slightly based on final registration numbers

- This program is open to anyone living in D129 boundaries
- On October 18th we will play in the evening on the Varsity field under the stadium lights!
- August 23th is a player evaluation day
- There is no camp on August 30th
- The first practice and game is September 6th

Register and get more info at:
BlackhawkFootballAcademy.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO COACH
If interested, please email Coach McCann - amccann@sd129.org

Get Involved!

General Jog - 2025

Color Run | September 13

Save the Date @ WMS

Weekly Words of Wisdom:

Your attitude determines your direction. – Unknown

WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

REMEMBER TO CALL THE ABSENCE LINE IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

630-301-5500

ATTENDANCE OFFICE PROFESIONAL:
MELISSA KRAUSE
630-301-5480

ESCUELA MEDIA DE WASHINGTON

RECUERDE LLAMAR A LA LÍNEA DE AUSENCIAS SI SU HIJO ESTÁ AUSENTE DE LA ESCUELA

630-301-5500

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MELISSA KRAUSE
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Middle School Calendar & Bell Schedule

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