

The General News

September 5, 2025

Upcoming Dates



September 22 - NO SCHOOL (Staff PD)

October 6 - Parent teacher conferences (evening)

October 10 - Parent teacher conferences (afternoon)

October 13 - NO SCHOOL

October 16 - Fall Pictures

**WASHINGTON MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

**GENERAL
JOG
CANCELED**

WE WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO SHARE THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, WE WILL NEED TO CANCEL OUR GENERAL JOG FOR FALL 2025 DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES. WHILE WE ARE DISAPPOINTED, WE ARE ALREADY LOOKING FORWARD TO BRINGING THIS TRADITION BACK IN FALL 2026 AND ONCE AGAIN FILLING THE SKY WITH COLOR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.



Date	Club/Activity	Time	Location
Monday 9.8.25			
Tuesday 9.9.25	Drama Club Homework Club	3:45-5:00 3:40-5:00	Cafeteria 105
Wednesday 9.10.25			
Thursday 9.11.25	Homework Club	3:40-5:00	105
Friday 9.12.25	Early Morning Choir	7:45	153

Date	Sport	Time	Location
Monday 9.8.25			
Tuesday 9.9.25	7th Grade Volleyball vs. Herget 8th Grade Volleyball vs. Herget Cross Country vs. Geneva North & Jewel	4:15 4:15 4:30	WMS Herget WMS
Wednesday 9.10.25	7th Grade Volleyball vs. Geneva South 8th Grade Volleyball vs. Geneva South	4:30 4:30	Geneva South WMS
Thursday 9.11.25	7th Grade Volleyball vs. Oswego Thompson 8th Grade Volleyball vs. Oswego Thompson Soccer vs. Magnet Academy Football vs. St. Charles Thompson	4:30 5:30 4:30 4:30	Thompson Thompson Stuarts Sports Thompson
Friday 9.12.25	6th Grade Soccer vs. Jewel 6th Grade Volleyball vs. Jewel	4:15 4:15	Jewel Jewel



Football Admission Policy

WEST AURORA HIGH SCHOOL

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



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 commitment 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 Illinois.

School Spirit



**WASHINGTON
GENERALS**

20% Off Grand Opening Sale. No min. | Code **SPIRIT20**

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HERE**



OFF AND AWAY

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

STORE IT SAFELY:



Backpack



Locker



Purse

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





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.

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

Chronic Truancy

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

Excused Absence*

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

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.

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.

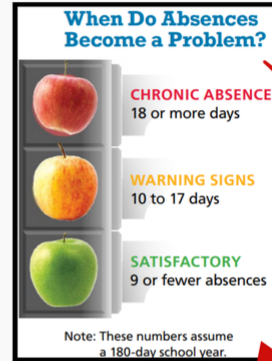
What you can do?

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.

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



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.

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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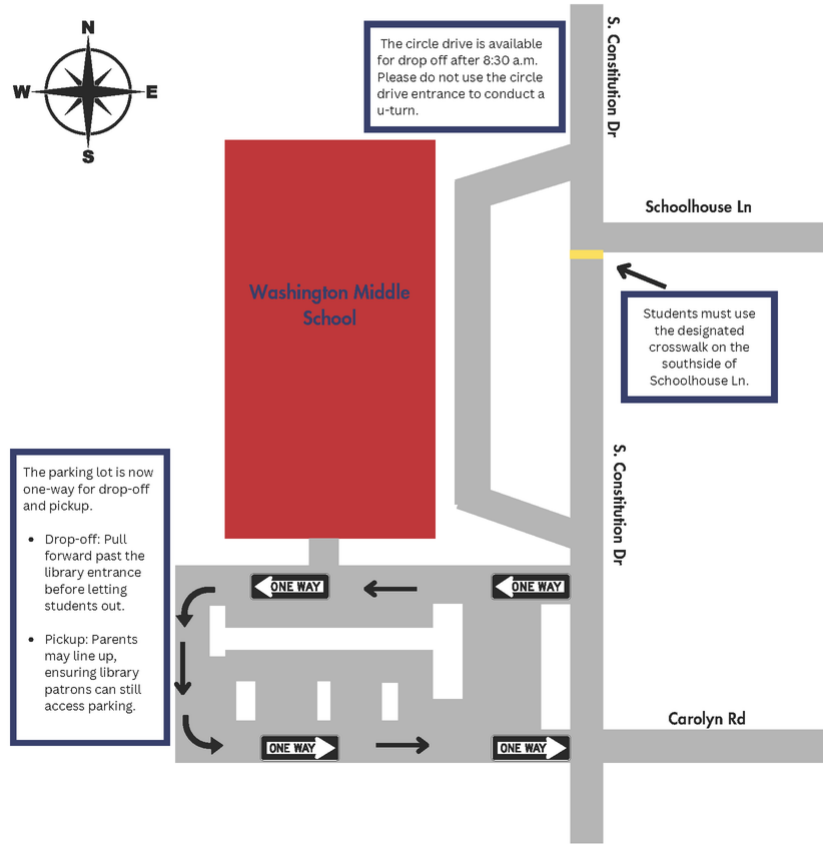
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Arrival and Dismissal Traffic Plan



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

Weekly Words of Wisdom:

Be the reason someone smiles today. – 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



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SI SU HIJO ESTÁ AUSENTE DE LA ESCUELA



630-301-5500



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Middle School Calendar & Bell Schedule



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