

The General News

December 12, 2025

Upcoming Dates



December 15-19 - Spirit Week!

December 17 - Pre Choir Concert Karaoke 5:30-6:45 PM

December 17 - Choir Concert 7:00 WMS

December 19 - Last day of school before Winter Break

January 5 - First day back from Winter Break

January 15 - 8th Grade Promotion Pictures

January 16 - 8th Grade Electives Expo Fieldtrip to WAHS

January 21 - WAHS Open House 5:30-7:30

Date	Club/Activity	Time	Location
Monday 12.15.25	Movie Club	3:40	109
Tuesday 12.16.25	Homework Club	3:40-4:40	105
	Anime Club	3:40-5:00	131
Wednesday 12.17.25	Art Club	3:40-5:00	154
	Dungeons & Dragons	3:40-5:00	Tech Center
	Fitness Club	3:40-5:00	Fitness Room
	Science Club	3:40-5:00	108
Thursday 12.18.25	Homework Club	3:40-4:40	105
	Red Cooking Club	3:40-5:00	Tech Ctr
Friday 12.19.25	Early Morning Choir	7:30	153
	Math Club	7:30	125



Is coming to Washington Middle School for the
Boys' Basketball Tournament
on Saturday, December 13th from 8 am - 12 pm

- Donuts: 10 for \$5, 17 for \$7, 28 for \$10
 - \$6 peppermint smoothies,
 - \$5 other flavored smoothies
 - WMS Concessions available, too
- CASH ONLY!**

Holiday Spirit Week

Week of December 15th-19th

Monday

Ugly Sweater Day



Tuesday

Dress like
your
favorite
celebrity



Wednesday

Wear sparkles or
dress like you're
in a holiday card!



Thursday

Pajama Day



Friday

Dress cozy!
6th grade = Red
7th grade = Green
8th grade = White,
Gold, or Silver





PRE-CHOIR CONCERT
KARAOKE
CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 17, WMS CAFETERIA
5:30PM - 6:45PM

CHOIR CONCERT FOLLOWING AT 7:00PM

Gather your family or friends and come
sing your favorite Christmas tune!
All karaoke participants will be entered to win
a wireless, bluetooth karaoke microphone!
Four microphones will be raffled.

FREE

Hot chocolate with toppings

Popcorn

Photo station

sponsored by Washington PTA



WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIRS PRESENTS

WINTER CONCERT

Wednesday December 17th, 2025

7pm

Washington MS Gym



5TH - 8TH GRADE COED FOOTBALL CAMPS

RECEIVERS AND DBS

6PM TO 7PM ON MONDAYS
JAN 5, 12, 26 & FEB 2

RUNNING BACKS

6PM TO 7PM ON SUNDAYS
FEB 1, 15, 22 & MAR 1

SPEED AND TACKLING

6PM TO 7PM ON MONDAYS
MAR 9, 16, 23 & APR 6

- ALL CAMPS ARE AT WEST HIGH
- CAMPS ARE RUN BY THE VARSITY COACHING STAFF
- SPACE IS LIMITED
- \$40 PER CAMP

Registration is open now at
BlackhawkFootballAcademy.com





Pantry2Go

Drive-up now available every Friday!

Quick. Easy. Contactless. Every Friday, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m

As always, you can receive food from the **Aurora Food Pantry (1110 Jericho Road, Aurora, IL 60506)** once a week. With our drive-up service, visit the pantry and a food box will be loaded into your car for you! **No pre-registration needed.** All you need to do is show up.

For all food distribution options, visit:

aurorafoodpantry.org

¡Ahora Drive-up todos los viernes!

Rápido. Fácil. Sin contacto. Todos los viernes, de 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Como siempre, puede recibir alimentos de **Aurora Food Pantry (1110 Jericho Road, Aurora, IL 60506)** una vez a la semana. Con nuestro servicio drive-up, visite la despensa y le cargarán una caja de alimentos en su coche. **No es necesario registrarse antes.** Solo tiene que presentarse.

Para conocer todas las opciones de distribución de alimentos, visite:

aurorafoodpantry.org

Food Resources / Recursos de Alimentos



Distribution Hours/Horas

Those in need of food may visit the Pantry one time each week/Ustedes lo visitan un tiempo de cada semana



Monday/Lunes: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Tuesday/Martes: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Thursday/Jueves: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

630-897-2127

Getting food is now
more accessible than ever

Obtener alimentos es ahora
más accesible que nunca

Curbside Pickup

Order online, pick up on Friday
Haga su pedido en línea y recójalo el viernes

OR // O

Pantry2Go

Order online, home delivery on Wednesday or Friday
Haga su pedido en línea, entrega a domicilio los miércoles o los viernes



Loaves & Fishes
Community Services

Aurora Hub

Curbside Grocery Pre-Pack

580 Exchange Court, Aurora, IL 60504

(630) 355-3663

Monday/lunes: 5:00-6:30pm

Saturday/sabado: 8:00am - 12:00pm

Marie's pantry shares groceries to supplement your household's nutrition, relieving the pressure of difficult times. **Guests may visit one location per week.**

Wed. 11:00 - 2 pm Marie's West Pantry
834 N. Highland Ave. Aurora IL (Drive-thru service)

Fri. 12:30 - 4 pm West Pantry
834 N. Highland Ave. Aurora IL (Drive-thru service)

Sat. 8 - 11 am East Pantry
Drive-through service, 801 Zeigler Ave. (behind East Aurora High School)

Sat. 10 - 12 am
Walk-in service, 551 Fourth St. (Church - Iglesia Carismatica Jesucristo es la Verdad)

Everyone needs a well-balanced diet. Nourishing food sustains our bodies, helping us meet life's challenges with dignity. Friendly staff and volunteers are



mariewilkinsonfoodpantry.org/

Salvation Army Aurora
550 Redwood Drive
Aurora, IL 60506
630-897-7265

Holy Angels Pantry
204 S. Russell Ave
Aurora, IL 60506
630-897-2478



FoodFinder®

Look up online:
foodfinder.us

EAT MOVE SAVE

Aurora Food Pantry
1110 Jericho Road
Aurora, IL 60506

Drive Up Services Fridays 11am -1pm
Order for Delivery on Wednesdays
<https://www.aurorafoodpantry.org/pantrytogo/>

Masjid Hidayath Islamic
Center of Aurora*

543 S. Lake St.
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 780-6580

*For diapers, baby supplies and medical clinic

Fox Valley Hispanic Seventh Day
Adventist Church-Food Pantry

505 E New York St
Aurora, IL 60505
Wednesdays 6am-8am

Jo-Ana's Salon
374 High St.
Aurora, IL 60505
Open 24/7

Wesley United
Methodist Church
14 N May St
Aurora, IL 60506

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Loaves & Fishes
Food Pantry

1871 High Grove Lane
Naperville, IL 60540
Registration online
required

Salvation Army
Food Pantry

550 Redwood Dr.
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 897-726
Tuesdays 10am-12pm
OG Fridge

Northern Illinois
Food Bank
Local Pantry Food Finder

<https://solvehungertoday.org/get-groceries-resources/>

November Mobile Market - see next page



**NEIGHBORS.
EMPOWERED.**



JOIN the WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA!

Just \$10.00 for a family membership

We encourage all families of students to join the PTA!

Your membership in PTA will further strengthen our ability to provide programs that address education, health, and social concerns. There are two easy ways to join:

Option 1: Complete the bottom of this form and pay \$10 by cash or check

Option 2: Purchase a membership online at <https://washingtonmiddleschool.memberhub.com> or simply scan the QR code above and pay by via checking account or credit card (Note: there is a small fee to purchase online.)

As always, becoming a PTA member does not mean that you need to attend meetings or even volunteer, it simply demonstrates your commitment to helping us support your students and their families.

Some events the PTA helps sponsor are:

- 8th Grade Dance ◦ Sports Concessions ◦ Seasonal Athletic Pizza Parties ◦ Mega Fun Park End of Year Day ◦
- Friday Frenzy events ◦ Food for Title I events (Math & Literacy Nights) ◦ Teacher Appreciation events ◦

We believe in the partnership of schools and families and try to make that evident at WMS.

On behalf of your WMS PTA, thank you in advance for your continued support.

\$10.00 for a family membership

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Contact information – Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Please tell us about your Washington student(s):

Child's Name

Grade

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Payment (please check one): ☐ Cash \$ _____ ☐ Check \$ _____

(For office use: check # _____)



¡ÚNASE a la PTA de la ESCUELA SECUNDARIA DE WASHINGTON!

Sólo \$10.00 por una membresía familiar

¡Animamos a todas las familias de estudiantes a unirse a la PTA!

Su membresía en la PTA fortalecerá aún más nuestra capacidad de brindar programas que abordan inquietudes sociales, de salud y de educación. Hay dos formas sencillas de unirse:

Opción 1: Complete la parte inferior de este formulario y pague \$10 en efectivo o con cheque.

Opción 2: Compre una membresía en línea en <https://washingtonmiddleschool.memberhub.com> o simplemente escanee el código QR de arriba y pague mediante cuenta corriente o tarjeta de crédito (Nota: hay una pequeña tarifa por comprar en línea).

Como siempre, convertirse en miembro de la PTA no significa que deba asistir a reuniones o incluso ser voluntario, simplemente demuestra su compromiso de ayudarnos a apoyar a sus estudiantes y sus familias.

Algunos eventos que la PTA ayuda a patrocinar son:

- Baile de octavo grado
- Concesiones deportivas
- Fiestas de pizza atléticas de temporada
- Día de fin de año en el Mega Fun Park
- Eventos Friday Frenzy
- Eventos de comida para el Título I (Noches de Matemáticas y Alfabetización)
- Eventos de agradecimiento a los maestros

Creemos en la asociación entre escuelas y familias y tratamos de hacerlo evidente en WMS.

En nombre de su PTA de WMS, gracias de antemano por su continuo apoyo.

\$10.00 por una membresía familiar

Nombre de los padres o tutores: _____

Información de contacto – Móvil: _____

Correo electrónico: _____

Por favor cuéntenos acerca de su(s) estudiante(s) en Washington:

Nombre del niño	Grado
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Pago (por favor marque uno): ☐ Efectivo \$ _____ ☐ Cheque \$ _____
(Para uso en oficina: marque # _____)



OFF AND AWAY

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

STORE IT SAFELY:





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.

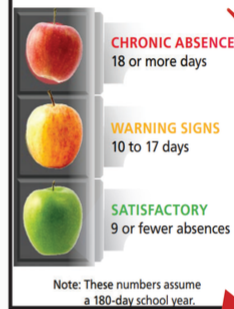
Nudge Letter

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.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



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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Escuela Secundaria

Guía de asistencia

2025-2026

Creemos que todos los alumnos pueden aprender y prosperar en nuestras escuelas si asisten a clases diariamente. Según la ley estatal de Illinois: 105 ILCS, los niños de 6 a 17 años deben asistir a la escuela. Esta guía le ayudará a comprender las expectativas del distrito en cuanto a la asistencia. Si un alumno falta a la escuela, con o sin justificación, se considera un día de inasistencia, ya que ha perdido clases.

Palabras importantes de asistencia que debe saber:

Falta de asistencia

Esto se refiere a cualquier día, periodo de clase y/o periodo de tiempo en que un estudiante no asiste a la escuela e incluye tanto ausencias justificadas como injustificadas.

Ausentismo crónico

Esto se refiere a ausencias que totalizan el 10% o más de los días escolares del año escolar académico. Incluidas las ausencias con y sin causa válida... - 105 ILCS 5/26-18

Inasistencia crónica

Un estudiante es considerado "ausente crónico" si falta al 5% o más de los 180 días escolares sin una causa válida o justificación.

Ausencia justificada*

Ausencias que caen dentro de la categoría de justificadas y que han sido comunicadas a la escuela.

Ausencia injustificada**

Se considerarán injustificadas aquellas ausencias que no entren en las categorías de justificadas, así como cualquier ausencia que no haya sido comunicada a la escuela.

Carta de Incentivo

Cartas trimestrales enviadas a casa que detallan el número de días de inasistencia que un estudiante ha acumulado.

Tardanza

Estudiantes que llegan a la escuela o clase después del timbre que marca la llegada tarde a clases.

¿Cuándo se convierten las ausencias en un problema?



Nota: Estos números se basan en un año escolar de 180 días.

¿Qué puede hacer?

Comunicarse con la Escuela

- Contacte a los maestros de su hijo/a adolescente e indíqueles cómo pueden comunicarse con usted.
- Solicite el horario de clases y la información de acceso para su estudiante.
- Solicite ayuda al personal escolar, proveedores de programas extracurriculares, otros padres o agencias comunitarias si tiene dificultades para conectarse en línea o necesita apoyo con alimentos, alojamiento o cualquier otro desafío.
- Conozca la política de asistencia escolar y las consecuencias por ausencias.
- Verifique la asistencia de su hijo/a para asegurarse de que esté asistiendo a todas sus clases.

¿Por qué es importante?

- Los estudiantes no deben faltar más de 9 días de clases al año para mantenerse comprometidos, motivados, exitosos y encaminados hacia la graduación.
- Las ausencias frecuentes pueden ser una señal de que un estudiante está perdiendo interés en la escuela, tiene dificultades con las tareas escolares, está enfrentando acoso escolar o alguna otra situación difícil.
- Para 6º grado, el ausentismo es uno de los tres indicadores de que un estudiante podría abandonar la escuela preparatoria.
- Para 9º grado, la asistencia es un mejor predictor de las tasas de graduación que los resultados de los exámenes de 8.º grado.
- Faltar el 10% del año escolar, lo que equivale a 2 días al mes, puede afectar el éxito académico de un estudiante.

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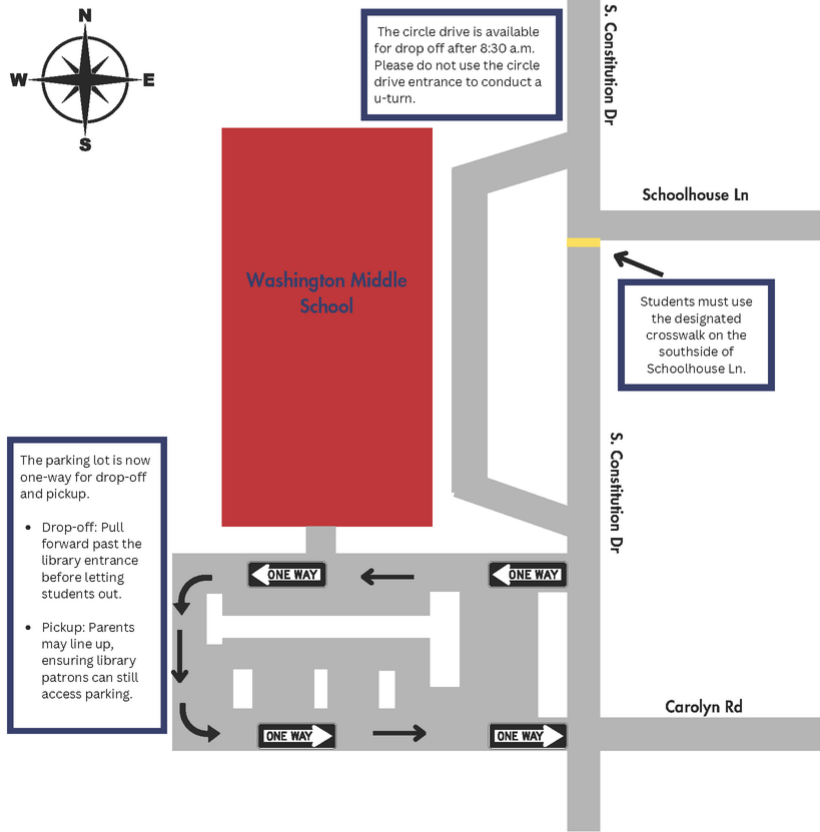
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Arrival and Dismissal Traffic Plan



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.



Weekly Words of Wisdom:

You are capable of amazing things. – 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



OFICINA DE ASISTENCIA PROFESIONAL:
MELISSA KRAUSE
630-301-5480

My Power Hub Parent Access

Middle School Calendar & Bell Schedule



Washington Middle School

231 S. Constitution Drive

Aurora, IL 60506

Email: washington@sd129.org

Website: washington.sd129.org

Location: [231 South Constitution Drive, Aurora, IL, USA](https://www.google.com/maps/place/231+S+Constitution+Drive,+Aurora,+IL+60506/@41.7625,88.3125,15z)

Phone: [630-301-5017](tel:630-301-5017)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonGeneralsAurora>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/wmsgenerals/>

Twitter: [@WMSGenerals129org](https://twitter.com/WMSGenerals129org)



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