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TERRIER TIDBITS

SMALL BITS OF BIG NEWS AT WILLIAM BYRD MIDDLE SCHOOL



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

BY PRINCIPAL KATIE HUTCHISON

We are off to a fantastic start at William Byrd Middle School! Our students have settled into routines, our classrooms are full of learning, and we are grateful to our families for your continued partnership and support. A smooth start to the school year truly takes all of us working together!

On our first staff workday, we asked our faculty and staff to identify the characteristics they believe define a WBMS Terrier. Five words rose to the top: strong, resilient, determined, kind, and respectful. These qualities represent who we want to be as a school community and what it means to be Terrier Strong.

As we move through the year, we look forward to recognizing and celebrating these qualities in our students—in the classroom, in our hallways, on the field, and throughout our community. We are excited for all that this year has in store!

We are William Byrd—Terrier Strong—Future Ready!



PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

📞 NEW SCHOOL PHONE SYSTEM – AUTO ATTENDANT

We are excited to share that our school will be using the new Roanoke County Public Schools Auto Attendant to help make it easier for families to reach the appropriate department or staff member.
When you call the school, you will hear the following menu:

Thank you for calling William Byrd Middle School.
If you know your party's extension, you may dial it at any time.
For Attendance, press 1.
For Counseling, press 2.
For the School Nurse, press 3.
For the Cafeteria Manager, press 4.
For Athletics, press 5.
To speak with the Main Office, press 0.
To repeat this menu, press 9.

We hope this new system will make connecting with our school staff quicker and more convenient for our families.



BUS TRANSPORTATION REMINDER FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

If your student will be riding a different bus than their regularly assigned bus, they must bring a handwritten note to school each day this occurs.

For the note to be accepted, please include all of the following information:

- **Student's Full Name**
- **Bus # the Student Will Be Riding**
- **Full Name of the Student They Will Be Riding With**
- **Date**
- **Parent/Guardian Signature**

Please make sure all required information is included. Notes that are missing information or a parent/guardian signature may not be approved.
Thank you for helping us keep our students safe and ensuring that we have accurate transportation information.

PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

ATTENDANCE REMINDER:

If your student will be out of school for any reason, please contact attendance at 540-890-1035 option #1 or email attendance at wbmattendance@rcps.us

PLEASE LABEL YOUR STUDENT'S BELONGINGS WITH THEIR FIRST AND LAST NAME. THIS MAKES IT EASIER FOR US TO GET THE ITEMS BACK TO THEIR OWNER.

THE ART ROOM IS COLLECTING ANY OLD/LEFTOVER YARN. ANY TYPE OF YARN AND ANY COLOR.









WBHS MARCHING TERRIERS HAVE COMPETITIONS ON SEPTEMPER 19 AT SALEM STADIUM AND SEPTEMBER 26 AT FLEMING. THEY ALSO PERFORM AT ALL HOME FOOTBALL GAMES. COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR FANTASTIC 8TH GRADE BAND MEMBERS WHO ARE PERFORMING WITH THE HIGH SCHOOLERS!

PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

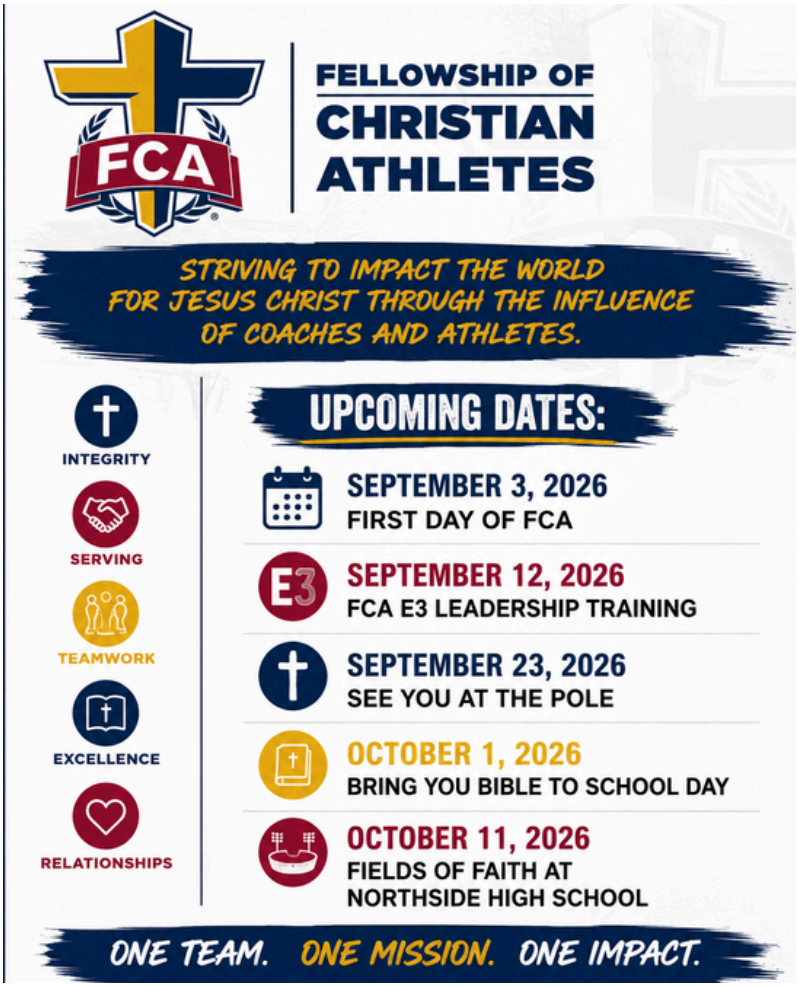
INFORMATION AND REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

Fellowship of Christian Athletes
We meet every Thursday in the Auditorium
at 7:45!



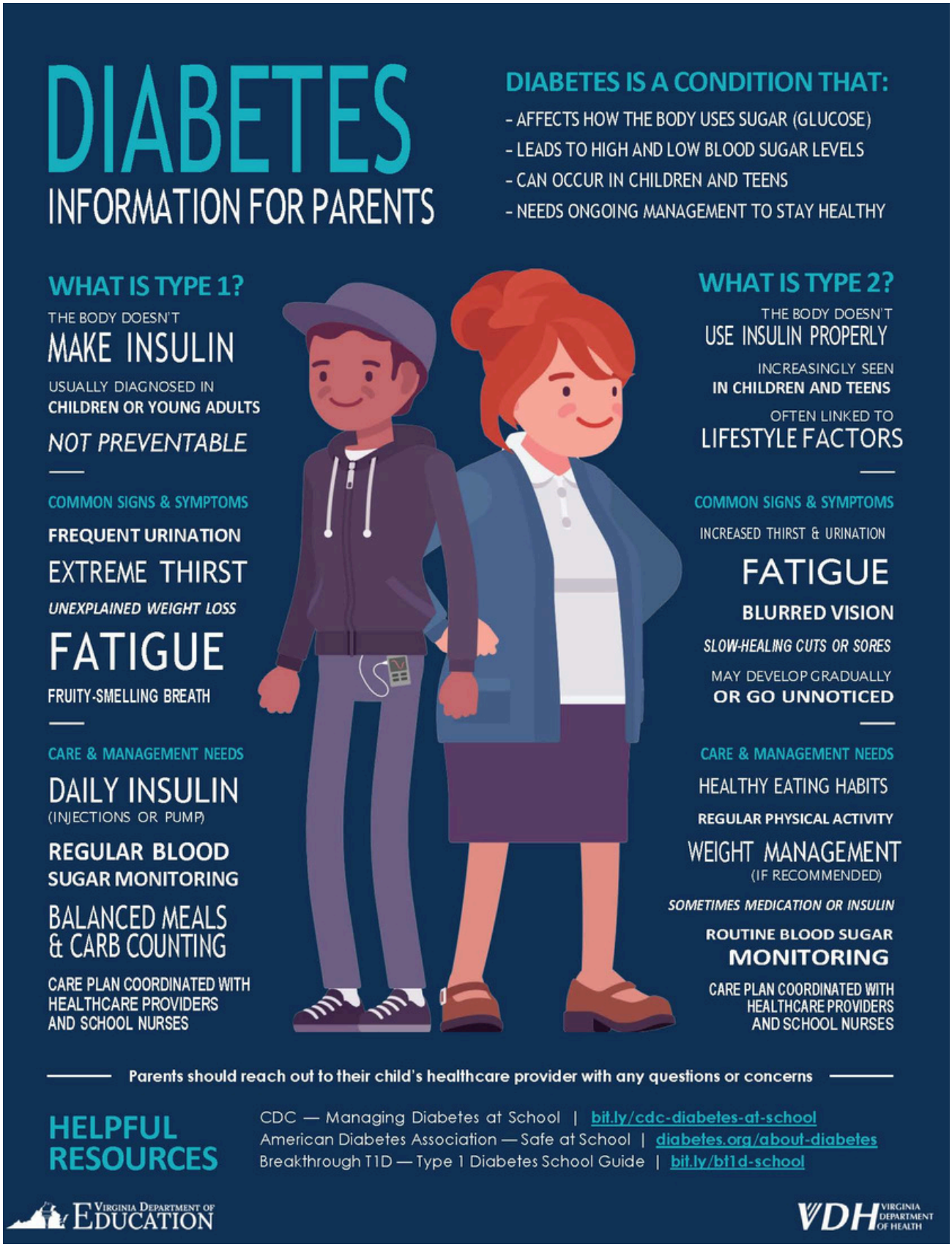
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PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS FOR PARENTS



PTO ANNOUNCEMENTS

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

Volunteer Opportunities Available:

- Sept 1: Fall Picture Day: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AA4A922AAFAC25-65437946-picture
- Sept 15: Vision and Hearing Screening: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AA4A922AAFAC25-65420916-hearing
- Ongoing: Donations for snacks for our Nurse's station: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AA4A922AAFAC25-65438847-snacks

If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the WBMS Volunteer Approval form. You must be approved prior to volunteering: https://portal.laserfiche.com/p1200/forms/remvg?utm_source=chatgpt.com





Fall Dance
September 25

Stay tuned for more details!



MESSAGE FROM THE BOOKKEEPER

FUNDRAISING INFORMATION

Welcome to Fundraising at WBMS!!

This year we will have a couple fundraisers to help support our staff and students. Among the many things we buy for them are paper, tissues, online programs for the teacher to use, paper, tissues, pencils, posterboard, other items to upgrade our school which was built almost 40 years ago, paper, tissues, etc, etc.

- WBMS Mums for Middle- Help Grow our School started 8/28, orders are due 9/8 and the mums will be ready for pickup 9/10 from 12pm-6pm by the flagpoles.
- Virginia Diner/WBMS Tumbler fundraiser in later September.
- Mother's Day/Spring Flower Sale will happen in late April.
- Terrier Spirit wear is still for available!

FYI, the mums and spring flowers that we sell are locally grown by Turkey Mountain Greenhouse, located in Bedford.

Bookmark our Giveback site to place orders and earn rewards.
https://www.givebacks.com/causes/williambyrdmiddle/shop

Kroger Rewards
The easiest way for you to support us is if you shop at Kroger, please go in your account and add WBMS to receive rewards from Kroger. We receive between $400-$500 every quarter during the year. It doesn't cost you anything!! Family and friends can choose us, too.
https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards

You have 3 options to choose:
WBMS - GE258
WBMS Choir - QX183
WBMS PTO-TH335



MESSAGE FROM THE BOOKKEEPER (CONT.)

FUNDRAISING INFORMATION



8" Mums:
https://williambyrdmiddle.givebacks.com/shop/items/3745d424cc01







10" Mums:
https://williambyrdmiddle.givebacks.com/shop/items/5b43bc5668ccb4

MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

WBMS LIBRARY NEWS

September

SEPTEMBER LUNCH IN THE LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER 2: LEGOS IN THE LIBRARY

COME HANGOUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND LEGOS!

SEPTEMBER 9: PERLER BEAD CREATIONS

USE THE POWER OF HEAT TO SAFELY CREATE ART!

SEPTEMBER 16: CREATE A BOOKMARK

USE YOUR CREATIVE SKILLS TO DESIGN YOUR OWN PLACEHOLDER

SEPTEMBER 23: ORIGAMI

COME LEARN ABOUT THIS ANCIENT ART OF FOLDING PAPER

SEPTEMBER 30: BOARD GAMES

DEFINATELY A FAN FAVORITE!

The WBMS library is now open each morning from 8:00-8:15AM for anyone who would like a quiet place. Simply get a pass from the front office.

Join the WBMS Reader's Challenge Group: We meet one Wednesday of every month, starting in September, from 8:30-8:55 and during your lunch that day.

September's Challenge:
Read any book with a BLUE cover
Sign up in the library! We plan to meet on September 30th to discuss our books

JOIN US FOR LUNCH ACTIVITIES!

*Sign up in the library

*We'll send you a lunch pass to use for that date.

*Grab your lunch and give your pass to the adults in the cafeteria.

*Come to the library to eat and join in the fun!

Spots are limited for each activity, so sign up early!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES

A GLANCE AT THE MONTH AHEAD

September 1:
- Fall Picture day

September 2:
- Football A-Team **Home** vs. Northside @ 5:30pm

September 3:
- Volleyball **Away** vs. read Mountain @ 5:30Pm

September 7: Schools closed!!

September 8:
Volleyball **away** vs. Cave Spring @ 5:30pm

September 10:
- Football A-team **away** vs. Blacksburg @6:00pm

September 11:
- Interim/Midpoint

September 12:
- 6th grade band jumstart day for all beginning band members, as well as any horn or double reed players in the 7th and 8th grade @ northside middle.

September 14:
- Football B-Team **Away** vs. andrew lewis @ 5:00pm
- Volleyball **away** vs. andrew lewis @ 5:30pm

September 15:
- Fall Sports Picture day

September 16:
- Vision and Hearing Screening for 7th graders and new student

September 17:
- Football A-Team Home vs. Covington @ 5:30pm
- Volleyball **away** vs. Northside @ 5:30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES (CONT.)

A GLANCE AT THE MONTH AHEAD

September 18:

- Club day (adjusted bell schedule to allow time for clubs)

September 21:

- Football B-Team **away** vs. patrick henry @ 5:30pm
- Volleyball home vs. Read mountain @ 5:30pm

September 23: 3hr early dismissal

September 24:

- Football A-Team **home** vs. Cave spring @ 5:30pm
- volleyball **home** vs. hidden valley @5:30pm

September 28:

- Football b-team **home** vs. read mountain @ 5:30pm
- Volleyball **home** vs. ben franklin @ 5:30pm

