



WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Parents and Guardians,

Woodbridge Middle School will have a busy two weeks before we break for fall recess. We want to update all of our parents and guardians about events that are occurring at our school.

Important Dates:

- Week of October 19-23, 2026: School Violence Awareness Week (see below)
- Thursday, October 29, 2026: Make-Up Picture Day (see below)
- Thursday, October 29, 2026: WMS Masquerade Dance (see below)
- Week of November 2-6, 2026: Fall Break - No School for Students
- Tuesday, November 10, 2026: WMS Recognizes Veterans Day (see below)
- November 11, 2026: Veterans Day - No School for Students
- Thursday, November 12, 2026: WMS Community Thanksgiving Dinner (see below)
- Friday, November 13, 2026: End of first marking period

Genesis Check Ins: All parents/guardians with access to the Genesis Parent Portal are encouraged to see the "Check Ins" tab under their student's profile. In this area, you will see all of their movement throughout the school day to places other than their assigned classes. This includes visits to the nurse's office, restrooms, counselors, and extracurricular clubs/activities such as Extended Day Tutoring. This feature has been turned on so that you, as parents/guardians, have a better understanding of how your student is approaching their academic responsibilities, and to promote an open dialogue between you and your student regarding time spent out of the classroom setting.

School Violence Awareness Week (October 19-23, 2026): New Jersey designates the third full week of October each year as "School Violence Awareness Week." Students will be presented information that will focus on preventing school violence and promoting peace and safety. Woodbridge Middle School students, faculty, and staff will recognize these events through various spirit days that focus on one of the themes of this week. These themes can be found on the WMS Calendar.

School Picture Make-Ups on Thursday, October 29, 2026: Make-up picture day is only for students who were absent on the previous picture days, as well as anyone who has purchased pictures. If you purchased pictures, please have your child bring in the pictures that you received. All parents should have gotten an email from LORS to preview their child's picture following picture day. If you did not, please call the LORS customer service number: 908-964-0847. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Kaschak (patricia.kaschak@wtsdnj.com) and Mrs. Maneri (sarah.maneri@wtsdnj.com).

WMS Masquerade Dance on Thursday, October 29, 2026: The WMS PTO will host a Masquerade Dance for our students on Thursday, 10/29/26, in the gymnasium from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

- Advanced tickets are required.
- Permission slips will be distributed the week of 10/19 and must be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to the WMS Main Office with payment by Monday, 10/26/26. No tickets will be sold after Monday, 10/26/26.
- Costumes optional.
- NO accessories (weapons, shields, poles, sticks, etc).

- Additional snacks for sale.
- Tickets will be distributed in school on the day of the dance. Students must be present in school on 10/29/26 to attend the dance.
- 7th and 8th grade dismissal will be through Door #6, the auditorium lot. 6th grade dismissal will be through Door #1, the main office/gymnasium lot.
- Please reach out to the PTO by email at ptowoodbridgemiddleschool@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering for this event, as it is only open to current PTO parents. All [volunteers](#) must be approved by Woodbridge Township School District through the Security Department. Please see the linked flier for additional information.

PTO Membership: We encourage all of our families to [please consider becoming a PTO member](#).

PTO Sponsored Spiritwear: The WMS PTO is running an ongoing [Spiritwear Sale through 1st Place Spiritwear](#). Items can be ordered through the website and shipped directly to your residence. With the weather changes, this is a great time to grab WMS branded cold-weather gear.

Genesis Grading Access Closed During Grading Window: Effective Tuesday, November 10th, parent access to the Genesis Grading Module will be restricted as teachers enter and finalize grades for the first marking period. Access will be restored when report cards are released on Friday, November 20th. If you have a question or concern, please contact your student's counselor.

Tuesday, November 10th: WMS Recognizes Veterans Day. Woodbridge Middle School will recognize on Tuesday, November 10th throughout the school day. Our internal program will feature one of math faculty members, Mr. Lee, an active Lieutenant Colonel with 24 years of service.

In addition, WMS will be participating in Red, White & Blue Day. For nearly 15 years, Red, White & Blue Day (formerly *Jeans for Troops Day*) has been a simple and meaningful way for school communities to honor our service members and veterans. Participation is straightforward—staff and students wear red, white, and blue and make a small voluntary donation (typically \$5). All proceeds directly support New Jersey veterans through employment assistance, housing support, and other critical services. Please consider contributing via [WMS GI Go Fund](#).

WMS Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 12th: Woodbridge Middle School will host a free Thanksgiving Dinner for our students and their families in the WMS Cafeteria on November 12, 2026. This event is a collaboration between the WTSD Food Services Provider, Pomptonian, the WTEA, and the WMS PTO with members of our student body volunteering to work during the event.

There will be two sittings for this event. The first sitting will be from 5:00-6:00 pm. The second sitting will be from 6:30-7:30 pm. WMS students can attend with up to three guests and must reserve seats by Monday, November 9, 2026 by using [Sign Up Genius Form](#).

Pomptonian, the WTSD food service provider, will be supplying the dinner. Families can donate wrapped, store bought desserts should they want to contribute. Please drop those items off before the event via the Main Office at Door #1 so that they can be displayed and available. Reach out to the Main Office of WMS at 732-602-8690 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jamison Panko