WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a seamless start to the 2026-2027 school year at Woodbridge Middle School. Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who joined us for Open House. Your continued support of your child's education is what makes our school community thrive. Please review the information below for the start of the Fall Season.

Important Dates:

- Week of October 5-9, 2026: Week of Respect & Inclusion (see below)
- Tuesday, October 6, 2026: Start of Extended Day Math Tutoring (see below)
- Monday, October 12, 2026: Teacher In-Service - No School for Students
- Tuesday, October 13, 2026: NJHS "Pink Out" for Breast Cancer Awareness
- Wednesday, October 14, 2026: WMS Family Literacy Night (see below)
- Week of October 19-23, 2026: School Violence Awareness Week (see below)
- Thursday, October 29, 2026: Make-Up Picture Day
- Thursday, October 29, 2026: WMS Masquerade Dance (see below)
- Week of November 2-6, 2026: Fall Break - No School for Students

Clubs and Extracurricular Activities: WMS Clubs and Extracurricular Activities have started and will run until Thursday, May 20, 2027. Please review the **WMS Website** under "WMS Clubs" for a list of the WMS faculty members assigned as advisors to our diverse selection of organizations.

- All faculty advisors will be able to provide students with the requirements and expectations for participation.
- Club meetings will be scheduled by the faculty advisor. That schedule can be found through the faculty member's website.
- After school clubs are scheduled from 3:10 pm until 3:50 pm. At 3:50 pm, students will be dismissed from the meeting or activity. Students who normally walk home will be dismissed at this time. A late bus will be available around 4:00 pm for bus students only. The late bus will run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The late bus does not make all stops.
- All student participants must return a signed permission slip to the club advisor. Students should see the advisor for the permission slip.
- Please reach out to a WMS club advisor with any questions specific to their program.

Week of Respect & Inclusion (October 5-9, 2026): New Jersey designates the first full week of October each year as the "Week of Respect." We will celebrate character building and bullying prevention throughout the week. Additionally, this week will be celebrated as a "Week of Inclusion" across every school within the Woodbridge Township School District. The goal is to provide an opportunity to build an inclusive school culture where all students feel part of the school community. 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.

Math Tutoring: The WMS Math Department will run after school tutoring at WMS starting Tuesday,

October 6, 2026 until Thursday, May 20, 2027.

- Tutoring will focus exclusively on Math. Students are encouraged to bring classwork or homework to the session.
- Math tutoring will take place after school from 3:10 pm until 3:50 pm in a WMS classroom under the supervision of a WMS faculty member.
- Students in each grade can attend tutoring sessions up to twice a week:
    - Tuesdays: 6th and 7th Grade Tutoring
    - Wednesdays: 6th and 8th Grade Tutoring
    - Thursdays: 7th and 8th Grade Tutoring
- Your child's Math teachers will have additional information to share with your children about locations and assigned faculty members for each day.
- Please reach out to your child's Math teacher, Counselor, or an Administrator with any questions.

Fiesta de Libros Literacy Fair:
Woodbridge Middle School will collaborate with the Woodbridge Township Education Association to host a Family Literacy Event from 4:00 - 6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 14th in the school's cafeteria as a culminating event to Hispanic Heritage Month. Student members of the National Junior Honor Society, Student Council, and Tri-M Music Honor Society will be on hand to provide books, serve snacks, host games, and share music. Students and their families are invited to attend the event. Please use Door 5 located to the left of the auditorium for entrance.

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.

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 10/13 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.
- 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.

Sincerely,

Jamison Panko