



The Journal

Ready to take on the 2021-22 school year

by Susan G. Trombley
Board of Education President



Welcome back to the 2021-2022 school year! Whether your child/children are in-person or in our virtu-

al academy, I am very happy to have our students back and ready to take on the new school year.

Throughout the summer, Warren Consolidated Schools offered a large selection of extended learning opportunities for students at every level to regain what they may have lost the past year due to the coronavirus pandemic. The district offered the traditional summer school and special education programs for our students to brush up on skills such as reading and math. I appreciate the teachers and support staff who worked hard to provide these classes to our students. Both the extended learning opportunities and summer school programs were extremely successful.

The WCS staff has been extremely busy this summer getting our schools, buildings, buses, locker rooms, bathrooms, athletic facilities, etc. together for the return of our students for the 2021/2022 school year. The health and safety of our students, staff, and visitors is WCS's number one priority. Our custodial staff has done an extraordinary job providing a deep clean in classrooms and all areas of the buildings.

The district is continuing to utilize the Clorox Total 360 system that provides a more effective clean. I am also pleased to announce that our district has purchased and installed a new air purification system, Global Plasma Solutions

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Welcome Back



District installs new air purification system

As Warren Consolidated Schools welcomed back students and staff on August 31, the district is continuing to work extremely hard to make sure that they are meeting and exceeding the district's number one goal, which is the health and safety of its students, staff and visitors.

Throughout the summer, a new air purification system, Global Plasma Solutions (GPS), was installed in all classroom and building HVAC units throughout the district to reduce airborne pathogens such as COVID—19.

Needlepoint bipolar ionization from GPS is a patented technology that safely cleans the air by introducing ions into the space via airflow in a ventilation system, eliminating particulates, odors, and pathogens.

"Global Plasma Solutions is very effective in the fight against COVID-19 and other airborne pathogens," Superintendent Robert D. Livernois, Ph.D. said.

Livernois said the new units were easily installed in the district's current HVAC system and will also lower the district's carbon footprint, reducing outdoor air intake, as well as reducing energy consumption.

GPS technology reduces the volume of infectious airborne pathogens to make air cleaner and safer to breathe.

The technology deactivates viruses so they are no longer infectious by disrupting surface proteins, rendering them inactive and unable to replicate.



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Back-to-school health information

Below is important information to help students and families during the 2021-22 school year:

- Masks are required for all students, staff, and visitors indoors. According to federal law, masks are mandatory on school buses. The district will continue to supply masks and hand sanitizer in its schools and on the buses.
- A student's school will only contact a parent/guardian if the student is somehow affected by exposure to COVID or they become symptomatic at school.
- Upload a vaccine card at WCSKIDS.net. The link may be found on the homepage under *Latest News from WCS*. Vaccinated students do not have to quarantine and can stay in school if they are exposed to COVID.
- If a child is experiencing COVID symptoms, please keep them home, and if a student tests positive for COVID, please notify the school office.
- Please email COVID-19 related questions to wcshealth@wcskids.net.

Summer extended learning success!

Throughout the summer, WCS students participated in a large selection of summer extended learning opportunities.

WCS provided the opportunities for students as a way to regain what they may have lost the previous year due to the coronavirus pandemic, as well as explore and engage in activities of interest to them.

More than 360 students participated in an assortment of free summer enrichment classes.

"Our summer extended learning opportunities were a huge success," Superintendent Robert D. Livernois, Ph.D. said. "It was great to see students from all grade levels back in our classrooms learning new skills. I am thankful to the teachers who offered these classes to our community."

From literacy and math programs, to STEM exploration, SAT prep, pottery, theatre and film classes, art, painting, baking, creative writing, and sports fitness, there was something for every student.

The district also offered its traditional summer school program, credit recovery, as well as K-8 Special Education programs.



Students learned how to make buttercream frosting in the Baking from Scratch class.

Accelerating learning in students

by Robert D. Livernois, Ph.D.—Superintendent of Schools



Welcome Back! I hope you and your family had a great summer. We have been very busy the past several weeks getting our buildings ready for the return of our students on August 31, and wrapping up our summer programs.

Throughout the past several months, we had approximately 1,300 students participate in our summer programs.

WCS offered its traditional summer programs such as elementary literacy and math, middle school Math Mindset, high school credit recovery, and K-8 Special Education.

The district also offered free extended learning opportunities for students to explore and participate in activities of their choice. Each class was taught by our highly-qualified WCS teachers. There were classes for students at all grade levels such as rocketry, pottery, baking, exercise and fitness classes and even a course dedicated to Michigan fun facts and history.

As we get ready to welcome back our students next week, much planning and focus for the 2021-22 school year is on accelerating learning in students.

The Board of Education approved the purchase of the eSpark learning program to assist in accelerating students' growth in math and reading. eSpark is an adaptive, online program that provides K-5 math and reading instruction at each student's level.

At-home STEM kits were distributed to every third-grade student to enhance their knowledge and creativity in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

To support our students' mental health, we will now have counselors in every school across the district, supporting our strong focus on Social Emotional Learning. Likewise, a third nurse was added to our district-wide health team to support our students' medical needs.

As you help prepare your children for returning to school, I encourage you to set high expectations for them, which helps them meet their potential. While we often forget, they are our future, and they do best when we expect progress from them with love and support.

I look forward to seeing you in the community throughout year!

Class of 2034—Ready for Kindergarten



To prepare for the first day of school, Black Elementary School hosted Kindergarten and first grade camp during the summer. Students spent four days getting acclimated to the building, meeting their teacher, enjoying lunch in the lunchroom, plus much more.

2021-2022 School and Program Start Times

Grades 9th-12th	Start	End	Half Day
Cousino, Mott, Sterling	7:15	2:15	10:25
Community High	7:57	2:57	11:08
Career Prep - Session A	6:55	8:44	
Career Prep - Session B	9:24	11:13	
Career Prep - Session C	12:20	2:09	
MMSTC AM	6:41	9:42	9:42
MMSTC PM	11:00	2:01	6:41-9:42
WCSPA AM	7:05	10:29	10:25
WCSPA PM	12:30	2:20	7:05-10:25
Grades 6th-8th	Start	End	Half Day
Beer, Carleton, Carter, Grissom	7:51	2:45	10:59
(MS) ² TC AM	7:23	10:22	10:22
(MS) ² TC PM	11:42	2:41	7:24-10:25
MSVPA AM	7:23	10:22	10:25
MSVPA PM	11:42	2:41	7:24-10:25
Grades PreK-5th	Start	End	Half Day
Black, Green Acres(TK), Jefferson(TK), Wilkerson (TK)	8:20	3:25	11:30
Cromie(TK), Harwood(TK), Holden(TK), Lean(TK), Siersma(TK), Susick, Wilde, Willow Woods	8:50	3:55	12:00
Programs/Special Needs	Start	End	Half Day
Cousino - MOCI	7:05	2:05	10:15
Sterling - MICI	7:15	2:15	10:25
Carleton-MOCI/MICI	7:51	2:45	10:59
Carter - EI and ASD	7:41	2:35	10:49
Black - MOCI	8:10	3:15	11:20
Holden - EI	8:40	3:45	11:50
Siersma - Bridges/ECSE			
Bridges	8:58	3:35	11:49
AM	8:42	11:33	11:33
PM	12:44	3:35	8:42-11:33
Wilde - MICI and ASD	8:40	3:45	11:50
Willow - Cross Categorical	8:40	3:45	11:50

*Times are subject to change

District hosts Back-to-School event at CCF



Warren Consolidated Schools and the Chaldean Community Foundation recently hosted a Back-to-School Open House for families to learn about the various programs and services offered by the district. Each family in attendance received a backpack.

Important information from around WCS

Latchkey registration now open

New this year—students must be registered and attendance dates must be pre-selected a minimum of two weeks in advance to attend Latchkey. Please note that space is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.



Registration is \$50 and must be paid in order to pre-select attendance dates.

WCS Latchkey is hiring full and part-time staff members. WCS students may attend Latchkey at no cost if a parent is employed at WCS as a Latchkey Caregiver. Applications are available on the district's website.

Additional information is available at WCSKIDS.net or by calling **586-698-4046**.

FREE breakfast and lunch for the 2021-22 school year



All WCS students are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at no charge to families for the 2021-22 school year.

The district is participating in the Seamless Summer Option as part of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the school year. Breakfast is served 15 minutes prior to the start of school.

Families are encouraged to fill out and sign the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application or Household Income Report at LUNCHAPP.com. This information is critical in determining the amount of money that WCS receives from a variety of State and Federal supplemental programs such as Title I A, At-risk (31a), Title II A, E-Rate, etc.

Elementary families please complete the Household Income Report; secondary families please complete the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application. For families with students in both elementary and secondary schools, please only complete the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application. All information on the application submitted is confidential.

Laptops available to WCS students

Parents may request a laptop for their student(s) by visiting WCSKIDS.NET and filling out the Technology Request Survey located under the Latest News from WCS tab. After completing the survey, a laptop will be configured for the student and the parent will be notified when it is ready to be picked up. Laptops assigned to individual students are expected to be used both at home and in the classroom. For assistance with technology, contact the WCS helpdesk at **(586) 782-6999**.

English as a Second Language (ESL) registration

ESL - Adult Education is currently accepting registration by appointment at Fillmore Educational Center (8655 Irving, Sterling Heights). Classes are FREE and are available to students 20 and up.

The Adult Education ESL program prepares the adult learner, with listening, speaking, reading and English writing skills.

To schedule an appointment or for further information, please call **586-698-4305**.

2021-2022 WCS District Calendar

- **October 5**—K-12 Early Release
 - **October 6**—Official Student Count Day
 - **October 19**—K-12 Early Release
 - **October 29**—K-12 half day; AM ECSE only; No PM ECSE
 - **November 2**—NO SCHOOL; District-wide
 - **November 9**—K-12 Early Release
 - **November 12**—K-12 half day; No AM ECSE; PM reports in the AM
 - **November 22**—K-12 full day; Evening parent teacher conferences
 - **November 23**—K-12 half day; No AM ECSE; PM reports in AM; Afternoon and evening parent teacher conferences
 - **November 24-26**—NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving recess
 - **November 29**—Classes resume
 - **December 7**—K-12 Early Release
 - **December 21**—K-12 half day; AM ECSE only; No PM ECSE
 - **December 22-January 4**—NO SCHOOL - Holiday Break
 - **January 5**—Classes resume
 - **January 12**—9-12 half day; High School exams
 - **January 13**—9-12 half day; High School exams
 - **January 14**—K-12 half day; AM ECSE only; No PM ECSE; High School exams
 - **January 17**—NO SCHOOL - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 - **January 25**—K-12 Early Release
 - **February 8**—K-12 Early Release
 - **February 9**—Supplemental Student Count Day
 - **February 18**—K-12 half day; No AM ECSE; PM Report in AM
 - **February 21-25**—NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
 - **February 28**—Classes Resume
 - **March 8**—K-12 Early Release
 - **March 17**—K-12 half day; AM ECSE only; No PM ECSE; Afternoon and evening Parent Teacher Conferences
 - **March 22**—K-12 Early Release
 - **March 25**—K-12 half day; No AM ECSE; PM reports in AM
 - **April 1**—K-12 half day; AM ECSE only; No PM ECSE
 - **April 4-8**—NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
 - **April 11**—Classes resume
 - **April 12**—MS/HS Testing Day; Schedules to follow
 - **April 15**—K-12 half day; No AM ECSE; PM reports in AM
 - **April 19**—K-12 Early Release
 - **May 3**—NO SCHOOL
 - **May 17**—K-12 Early Release
 - **May 7**—K-12 half day; AM ECSE; No PM ECSE
 - **May 27**—K-12 half day; AM ECSE Only; No PM ECSE; Senior Last Day
 - **May 30**—NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
 - **May 31**—Classes resume
 - **June 4**—High School Graduation Ceremonies
 - **June 14**—Half day High School only; High School exams
 - **June 15**—Half day High School only; High School exams
 - **June 16**—K-11 half day; No AM ECSE; PM reports in AM; High School exams
- *(Dates subject to change)

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- Nutrition Services
- Lunchroom Supervisor

- Skilled Trades
- Latchkey
- Bus Drivers

Visit WCSKIDS.NET or call **586.698.4521** for employment opportunities

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(GPS), to fight against COVID-19 and other airborne pathogens. Be sure to read about the system in this newsletter.

Our district will continue to provide masks, hand sanitizer, and other COVID-19 protocols. We also will work with the Macomb County Health Department to monitor our schools.

I am confident the 2021-2022 school year will be a great one for our students, families, teachers, administrators, and support staff. I wish the WCS community a great year, and I look forward to seeing our students and families at sporting events, awards ceremonies, musicals, and events throughout the district. Together we can make this school year a healthy and safe one for all of our students, teachers, support staff and our WCS community.

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Annual Notices

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires Warren Consolidated Schools, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Warren Consolidated Schools may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow Warren Consolidated Schools to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local education agencies (LEA's) receiving assistance under the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) 2015* to provide military recruiters, upon request, with the following information—names, addresses and

telephone listings—unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without prior written consent.

If you do not want Warren Consolidated Schools to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing. Warren Consolidated Schools has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student's name
- Address
- Telephone listings
- Electronic mail address
- Photograph
- Date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- Dates of attendance
- Grade level
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Degrees, honors and awards received
- The most recent educational agency/institution attended
- Student ID number, user ID, or other unique personal identifier used to communicate in electronic systems that cannot be used to access education records without a PIN, password, etc. (A student's SSN, in whole or part, cannot be used for this purpose).

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that each year district workers and building occupants receive notification about asbestos activities such as response actions and inspections. The purpose of this correspondence is to meet those requirements and familiarize you with the asbestos related activities that have been conducted in Warren Consolidated Schools this past year.

Management Plans—In 1998, Warren Consolidated Schools contracted with Asbestos Management Inc. to conduct inspections for asbestos containing material within all district owned buildings. This information was then compiled into Asbestos Management Plans. These Management Plans are kept in each building and are available for review. A copy of each building management plan is also located in the Educational Service Center.

Surveillance Activities—The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) regulation requires surveillance of the condition of AMC every six months and re-inspections every three years. The periodic surveillance was conducted in January

2021. Since the last re-inspection was done in December 2020, the next three years re-inspection will be conducted in December 2023. Both of these surveillance activities will be included as part of the buildings' Management Plans.

Asbestos Abatement—It is anticipated that Warren Consolidated Schools will need to conduct asbestos abatement within its facilities over the next year removing materials such as, but not limited to, floor tile, floor tile mastic, fire doors and fire door frames. All remaining AMC will continue to be maintained under the Operations and Maintenance Program.

Any removal projects will be performed by a Michigan Licensed Asbestos Abatement Contractor and managed by Nova Environmental, Inc., the District's environmental consulting firm.

Asbestos documentation is available for review in each building file and at the Educational Service Center. For information, please contact Laura Mabee, Manager of Auxiliary Services at 586-698-4446.

Integrated Pest Management

The State of Michigan law requires that schools that may apply pesticides on school property must provide an annual advisory to parents or guardians of students attending a facility.

Please be advised that Warren Consolidated Schools utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a total pest management system with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize sanitation, pest exclusion and biological controls. One of the objectives of using an IPM approach is to reduce or eliminate the need for chemical applications of pesticides. However, certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized.

As required by State of Michigan law, you will receive advance notice regarding the non-emergency application of a pesticide such as an insecticide, fungicide or herbicide, other than a bait or gel formulation that is made to the school grounds or buildings during the school year. Please note that notification is not given for the infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be notified following any such application.

Advance notification of pesticide applications, other than a bait or gel formulation, will be given by at least two methods. The first method will be by posting at the main entrance to the school at least 48 hours in advance. The second method will be posting at the school's main office at least 48 hours in advance.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school are entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least three days before the pesticide application, if they so request. If you prefer to receive the notification by first class mail, contact Kenneth Matheny at Elite Pest Management who is contracted and responsible for all inspections and pesticide procedures. Elite Pest Management can be reached at 586-294-7055. The designated district employee responsible for pesticide application procedures is Laura Mabee, Manager of Auxiliary Services (586-698-4446 lmabee@wcskids.net). Forms are also available in the main offices of each school.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application, upon request.