

# The Viking Voice West Middle School

Late Fall 2021

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*From the Principal....*



Dear West Families,

We hope you are staying safe and healthy during this time.

We are well into our 2nd rotation and quarter 2 and we want to thank you for partnering with us over the last few months of school. Although COVID-19 continues to present us with challenges and limitations, our goal remains consistent, and daily we strive to provide the best academic experiences possible. We continue to support our students both academically and socially and appreciate the opportunity to work with you.

Our WMS teachers and staff have been hard at work making sure we utilize the most effective teaching tools and practices to ensure that our students are learning. The academic success of our students is what we strive for and if your student needs additional academic support in any class, we offer after school tutoring on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:45- 3:45. Unfortunately, due to a shortage of bus drivers, we are unable to provide an after-school activity bus. Any student who stays afterschool for academic support must have a ride home. Please feel free to reach out via email or phone with any questions you may have regarding your student's progress in class.

Just a few announcements and reminders:

Parent/Teacher Conferences are this week of November 9th and November 11th. We understand that many of our WMS parents and guardians work during the day or evening and we want to be as flexible as possible so that we are available to meet with you. If you are unable to meet with your student's teachers during the scheduled times, please contact them and they will be happy to schedule a time to meet that works in your schedule. Grades for **Interim Grade Reports 3 (IPRs)** are due next Tuesday, November 16th and will be available for viewing on Home Access Thursday, November 18th.

We understand how important it is to communicate all the awesome things happening at WMS; and if you're interested in knowing what's happening at WMS daily, please check out our daily announcements which you can locate on our webpage under the Family Resources tab. Additionally, we send out weekly and monthly newsletters to remind you of our weekly and monthly school activities and events.

Please consider supporting our WMS Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes. During the month of November, we will collect canned goods and non-perishable food items for our Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes that we will provide to our WMS families. We are able to include a turkey or ham in each box because of the generous support and donations we receive from several local organizations. If you would like to participate by donating canned goods towards this cause, please feel free to drop off food donations during school hours. If you're interested in a box, please contact our office and we will add your name to our list.

Our Fall sports season has wrapped up and our cross country, volleyball, football teams and cheerleaders did a great job representing WMS. We have transitioned into our winter season of basketball and our teams have started competing! Please check the school website for our winter sports schedule. Our 7th grade basketball teams play weekly on Mondays and Wednesdays and our 8th graders play on Tuesdays and Thursday. Please visit our website or contact the office for additional information.

We appreciate the opportunity to partner with you during this challenging time. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at 573-214-3230.

Melita Walker,  
Principal



### **After School Activities**

We currently do not have activity buses for after school events, but we will continue to offer after school clubs, activities, and athletics for our students. Please make arrangements for your student to get home if they are staying after school.

Daily after school clubs are announced each morning during the announcements and are also located on our website.

## **VIKING ATHLETICS**

### **Basketball**

November is the month that our basketball games kick off. With a team of seventh grade girls, seventh grade boys, eighth grade girls, and eighth grade boys, we have games most nights of the week. Admission is \$2 for students and \$3 for adults.

### **Viking Athlete Shout Out!**

If you would like to give a special shout out to your athlete during half time, please donate \$1 at the ticket table and complete the Viking Game Shout Out form. This must be completed at the beginning of each game.

Come support our Viking Athletes!



## School Not In Session/Early Dismissal

November 12—Teacher Work Day

November 24-25—Thanksgiving Break

December 22-31—Winter Break

January 3—Teacher Work Day

January 17—Martin Luther King's Birthday

January 25—Early Dismissal at 12:05 pm

## Upcoming Events

### Sports:

November 11—Brass Showcase Performance in Café B 3:30 pm

November 11—Parent/Teacher Conferences through Zoom 3:30-7:00 pm

November 11—PTSA Meeting in Café B 6:00 pm

December 2—Tentative Shelter Insurance Tree Lighting 5:00 pm

December 2—8th Grade Orchestra Concert @ Hickman High School 7:00 pm

December 15—Orchestra Concert in Gym 6:00 pm

December 16—Choir Concert in Gym 6:00 pm

December 16—Band Concert in Gym 7:00 pm

(Please check our website for basketball game dates and times.)

## MEDICATION POLICY

A parent, guardian or adult must bring the medication to school.

**Scheduled drugs** (ex: Adderall, Ritalin, etc.) or **prescription pain medications** cannot be carried by students at any time. These medications must be stored and administered through the health office.

**Over-the counter meds** (ex: pain reliever, cough drops, etc.) and **prescription meds** (ex: antibiotic), may be carried, but only if you follow these guidelines:

+Medication must be in a properly labeled bottle:

-Prescription medications in a pharmacy bottle

-OTC medications in the original bottle from the manufacturer

*(No baggies!)*

+**The student may only carry enough medicine for one school day**

**Asthma inhalers** may be carried by the student if there is a current asthma action plan on file in the nurse's office. Some physicians provide this for their asthma patients or a health plan will be available, for completion by parent, from the school nurse.

**\*\*SCHOOL MEDICATIONS:** Medications to be administered at school will be accepted by the school nurse at schedule pick up night or in the health office beginning August 8, 2018.

**New paperwork will also need to be completed and signed.**

**Thank you in advance for your cooperation!**

## Attention Parents!

Whenever possible, please avoid scheduling appointments for your child during the school day, especially during assessment testing weeks. We will notify you of when the tests will occur so you may be prepared.

## Home Access



Columbia Public Schools utilizes eSchoolPlus for its Student Information System. This software will allow parents to view information about their student(s), including attendance, schedule, course assignments, interim progress and semester grades, and demographic information. Interim Progress Reports will also be sent home with students along with posted on Home Access. End of Year report cards will be mailed to your home address. Parents will also be able to directly contact teachers and guidance counselors via email through the Home Access Center.

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER



*October 22nd – IPR grades went home with students and were posted on Home Access.*

*November 18th– The third IPR grades go home with students and will be posted on Home Access.*

\*Now that we are half way through the semester, grades are indicating much more about progress in classes.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences** are from 3:30-7pm on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Counselors will be available if you want to make an appointment to visit with them.

Debbie Poesse – Students with Last Names A-H and AVID students – [dpoesse@cpsk12.org](mailto:dpoesse@cpsk12.org)

Joel Harris – Students with Last Names I-N – [jharris@cpsk12.org](mailto:jharris@cpsk12.org)

Lauren Truelove – Students with Last Names O-Z – [ltruelove@cpsk12.org](mailto:ltruelove@cpsk12.org)

**The week of November 29<sup>th</sup>**, counselors will be in Advisories, EEE, Reading, and Skills classes talking about alcohol and other drugs.

Counselors will meet with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students early in January to discuss 4-year plans for high school. Something for 8<sup>th</sup> grade families to keep in mind about high school - The following credits are required to graduate from high school:

Language Arts – 4 credits	Physical Education – 1 credit
Math – 3 credits (4 for many colleges)	Health - .5 (1/2) credit
Science – 3 credits	Practical Art – 1 credit (Personal Finance is .5 of this)
Social Studies – 3 credits	Electives – 7.5 credits
Fine Art – 1 credit	<b>Total = 24 credits</b>

High School counselors will be at West the week of January 17<sup>th</sup> to talk to students about their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year and enrollment for 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

Columbia Area Career Center Showcase will be held on January 20<sup>th</sup>. More information to come.

### 2021 Information

#### Collection & Distribution December 6 – 11 at Woodcrest Chapel

##### Sponsor Information

Please note that collection and distribution for our Holiday Program will take place on **December 6<sup>th</sup> - December 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**VAC recommends \$50 to \$75 per eligible individual in the family for gifts. We also ask for \$20 per person for food** so they can have a nice meal.

1. Purchase the gifts, gift cards and deliver them to our Holiday Distribution Center.
2. Deliver a monetary donation or gift card for food.

For the families without an assigned sponsor, VAC will ensure that they will have something to pick up with regards to gifts/food from donations by individuals, businesses and organizations to the Holiday program in general.

##### Volunteer

Interested in helping with Collection & Distribution. Holiday Program runs Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

[Sign up here](#)

##### Participant Requirement & Information

Each Holiday season we match families with children, disabled adults, and seniors with individuals, families, businesses, or groups who will provide gifts and food for the holidays. In addition to toys, books, and games families will receive needed clothing and household supplies through this program.

presenting sponsor



**SIGN UP TO SPONSOR A FAMILY**  
Families assigned in October

**DONATE TO THE PROGRAM**

## Resources for the Holidays:

### Toys for Tots in Columbia and Boone County

This is the main Christmas and holiday assistance program in Boone County. Thousands of low income families and the working poor get help each year. The USMC runs it with local organizations and stores, including Dollar General, Menards, and Family Dollar. Based on donations, kids under the age of 14 can get toys, gift cards, clothes, books, games, and much more at Christmas. It is a free service. URL is <https://columbia-mo.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/request-toys.aspx>

### Assistance League Of Mid Missouri

1729 West Broadway, Suite 1 A  
Columbia, Missouri 65203

The thrift store is at (573) 445-4803

Now they focus on selling low cost items. This may include Christmas and/or birthday toys. They also have clothes, free school supplies, small gifts and more. Note the items will generally have a low cost and be gently used, but it can be a good option for a low income family seeking help at Christmas.

### Salvation Army Family Services

1108 W Ash St  
Columbia, MO 65203  
(573) 442-3229

Many emergency financial aid programs as well as social services are run. Some of the holiday programs include the following. There is also shelter, a low-cost Family Store, and other aid.

Angel Tree – Unwrapped new Christmas gifts and presents. Thanksgiving dinner, meals, and free turkeys. Adopt a Family as well, for free toys, clothes, and more for the entire family.  
Meals on Wheels for the homebound in Columbia.

Holiday food, meals, stocking stuffers for children and other holiday help (in the form of referrals) is from **Central Pantry**. Call (573) 874-7848 for locations in Boone County.

**First Chance for Children** focuses on very young kids. They are at Location is 1010 Fay Street, Columbia, Missouri 65201. Some small toys for new moms and dads may be given, including during the holidays. The phone

PLEASE save your aluminum pull tabs for  
The Ronald McDonald House



Each year, Student Council encourages families to save all aluminum pull tabs for The Ronald McDonald House. There is a competition between middle schools in the central Missouri area each April to see which middle school collects and turns in the most tabs by weight.

Thank you for your participation!





Don't forget to include these important dates in your calendars. If you have questions, please contact your child's band director.

[juswope@cpsk12.org](mailto:juswope@cpsk12.org)  
[kdonnelly@cpsk12.org](mailto:kdonnelly@cpsk12.org)

#### **6<sup>th</sup> GRADE FLUTES/CLARINETS/PERCUSSION**

**SHOWCASE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> West Middle School 3:30pm; Band Room**  
(This concert is for Woodwinds and Percussion only.) Students should dress nicely this day.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> GRADE TRUMPETS/TROMBONES**

**SHOWCASE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> West Middle School 3:30pm; Band Room**  
(This concert is for BRASS students only.) Students should dress nicely this day.

On the day of the student's Showcase, they will stay after school with Mrs. Swope and Mr. Donnelly. They will set up, rehearse, and prepare for the Showcase. Family and friends will arrive and enter through the exterior band room doors (no need to enter into the main part of the building). The band room doors are located towards the end of the large parking lot on the South side of the building. There is a ramp and a set of stairs that lead to the band room entrance. The Showcase will be held in the **BAND ROOM!**

Students should dress up on the day of their Showcase. The performance will last about 30 minutes. At the conclusion of the performance, students will put away their instruments and then they may leave with their family. Parent/Teacher Conferences will also be held on Tuesday and Thursday. You will receive information from your student's teachers.

#### **7<sup>th</sup> GRADE BAND**

Preparations for this semester's performance will be held during RTI. Because of the shortage of Activity buses, we will have full band rehearsals during the school day.

**WINTER CONCERT THURSDAY: DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> WMS GYM AT 7:00pm**

This performance will consist of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade band, 8<sup>th</sup> grade band, and jazz band

#### **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BAND**

**SHELTER TREE LIGHTING COMMUNITY EVENT**

The West 8<sup>th</sup> grade band will perform for the Community at the Tree Lighting Ceremony  
Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:15pm Shelter Insurance Companies (1817 W Broadway)

\*Specific details will be coming to you via e-mail to 8<sup>th</sup> grade families.

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## Congratulations to our Vikings of the Week!

### 6th Grade:

Sophia Dutton  
Cassidy Nenninger  
Devin Mitchell  
Molly Servey  
Alexis Crane  
AJ Bonaparte  
Tresean Reagan  
Gannon Blakeman  
Blake Crawford  
Binh Pham  
Isaac Kuhlmann  
Gilly Quiros  
Bell Olivares  
Colin Sanders  
Aislyn O'Donnell  
Cyrus Holzhauser

Tre'Shawn White  
Luis Floyd  
Natalie Huggler  
Olyssa Herico  
Rah'zae Jones  
Kamil Elhag  
Bryana Kitchen  
Mahogany Patterson  
Kyleigh Jacobs  
Novimber Ridgeway  
Avery Carson  
Aislyn Simons  
Nevaeh Scott  
Logan Jackson  
Jayden Garcia  
Adrien Jackson

### 7th grade:

Vix McDowell  
Patton Shaon  
Mikell Spellman  
Aubrie Hough  
Natalie Sar  
Kailey Watson  
Nicholas Basi  
Dongyoun Won  
Faye Boland  
Jaidyn Silva  
Aspen Kendrick  
Nitasha Stevens  
Aubrey Garcia  
Vivi Chiarottino  
Jazzmyn Pallikkathayil  
Autumn Nixon

Matthew Landreth  
Anthony Theus  
Simone Walker  
Phoebe Lowenberger  
Gabe Scott  
Justin Moegling  
Carlee Spry  
Xyngea Davis  
Lillian Phipps  
Marissa Cruz  
Maliyah Tolson  
Tristen Akers  
John Moss  
Henry Hoyos  
Ivy Blakely

### 8th grade:

Lolonga Abekas  
Joseph Jones  
Neela Adair  
Tavish McCain  
John Kassel  
Hadleigh McFarland  
Bailey Mata  
Collin Wise  
Mera Blakemore  
Ana Mendez  
Jackson Gooch  
Rania Bellaoui  
Caden Showers  
Lorelei Hardin  
Eliza Collier  
Natalie Woods  
Harry Odette  
Olivia Chang

Ojima Adejo  
Jackson Riley  
Kaylin Sharp  
Alijah Bussey  
Austin Miller  
Wren Neely  
Cebilha Kateti  
Kaylie Brinkley  
Odin Osborn  
Terrence Elbert  
Cedric Dutton  
Caleb Rowland  
Kalie Adams  
Solomon Stephens  
Synaya Lewis  
Kris Journell  
Brandon Rodriguez  
Natalie Powelson

## Congratulations to our Viking Shout-Outs!

### 6th Grade:

Darcy Chegwiddden  
Coley Alter  
Gannon Blakeman  
Colin Sanders  
Jaymein Jones  
Chance Harrell  
Lily Parzych  
Dua'a Ali  
Jayson Woods  
Zayla Harris  
Ky'Ziyah Williams  
Gracelynn Carnahan  
Phoebe Tullock  
Keira Moorehead  
Ellen Dutton  
Leo Batchelder-Draper

Rowan Mitchell  
Blake Crawford  
Keilani Joiner  
Ayla Williams  
Adryel Hampton  
Belldandy Olivares  
Daniel Mugisha  
Molly Servey  
Romeo Purdiman  
Ava Cammack  
Abby Stits  
Lexie Crane  
Matthew Leonard  
Essie Colaner  
Nicole Turner  
Gabby Kendrick

Ava McKinney  
Cobi Ballenger  
Ojali Adejo  
Kiyana Bursey  
Jayden Garcia  
Tristen Huffine  
Arilyah McLeod  
Helen Redmon  
Henry Reh  
Pong Gam  
Bailey Heishman  
Aadan Quan  
Matilda Schwinke  
Emma Mortimer  
Sophia Dutton  
Lexie Crane

### 7th grade:

Aaron Henderson  
Natalie Hoyt  
Trey Rainey  
Christyana Bell  
Kynaria Jackson  
Aubrey Garcia  
Sam Delaney  
Alex Eaton  
Simone Walker  
Owen Weathers  
Ja'leiah Williams  
Bryan Shackelford  
Lela Berry  
Winter Butterwick  
Aaron Zink

Laina Beattie  
Nick Basi  
Lilly Perez  
Xyngea Davis  
Nate Steven  
Anthony Theus  
Curien Larkins  
Matthew Landreth  
Cameron Rodriguez  
Eva Simmons  
Jacob Wright  
Hannah Wilhite  
Addy Rigdon  
Damen Coleman-Popejoy  
Tyler Anderson-King

### 8th grade:

Ta'Jae Johnson  
Cory Knopik  
Kaylee Brewer  
Hailey Morris  
Jacob Wieberg-Garcia  
Marcus Johnson  
Synaya Lewis  
Genesis Perkins  
Funan Zelly  
Gage Cross  
Gavin Franklin  
Kris Journell  
Allison Wakelin  
Mack Johnson  
Gavin Parnell  
Solomon Stephens

Miles Pratte  
Camora Clayton  
Jaxon Helwig  
Cal Sands  
Ella Showers  
Faith Jackson  
Unique Brown  
Georvaeh French  
Amelia Maltzbarger  
Dorian Jackson  
Micah Carson  
Lane'ya Sager  
Huck Almquist  
Dayna Depue  
Marquaveon Wallace-Wyatt  
Arianna Garcia-Parry  
Dakotaa Lathan  
Jayda Harris  
Jacob Cruse  
Jenna Ruleman  
Quinn Jambazian  
Fifer Matteson  
Richard Baum  
Nevaeh Lennox  
Harrison Odette  
Tbark Al Juboori  
Cameron Bush  
Sara Salmons  
Alex Johnson  
Malijha Watts





Yearbooks, yearbooks, yearbooks!

This year's yearbook is being sold for \$20, you can buy online [here](#) with an additional fee, OR in person by sending your student to the main office with payment.

Last year's yearbook (2020-2021) is also on sale for \$15.

Cash or checks made out to Columbia Public Schools is accepted.

**Book price increases to \$25 after January 30, 2022, as quantities are already set by this date.**

Please order sooner rather than later to reserve yours!

Emails can be sent to Miss Peterson at [apeterson@cpsk12.org](mailto:apeterson@cpsk12.org) if you have questions.

## Student Transportation of America (STA)

It is a good idea to have students waiting at the bus stop a little early for the first few days. Please direct all questions about buses and bus routes to STA at 573-214-3860.

### Safety First!

Please note that our buses load and unload in the Activity & Recreation Center (ARC) parking lot next to West's south parking lot. There is a gate for students to use going to and from the buses. For parents dropping students off at school, we recommend you use the east circle drive, off Clinkscales, after 7:05 a.m. each morning. We can never be too safe where our kids are concerned!

The south parking lot is closed from 2:25 - 2:50 p.m. - due to students leaving school to board their buses. By closing the lot to traffic, we believe we have drastically reduced the possibility of an accident or injury.

Parents picking up students can use the east circle drive or north circle drive (off Worley). Thank you for your cooperation to keep our students safe.



### Guidelines for Student Conduct and Safety for the School Transportation Program

In order to provide a safe and efficient school transportation program for all students, the following regulations shall be observed. Students shall:

#### Prior to and During Loading

1. Be extremely careful when approaching bus stops. Whenever possible, remain off the streets when walking to and from the bus stop and when waiting for the bus. Look in both directions before crossing the street.
2. **Observe reasonable rules of safety and good conduct** while walking to and from the bus stops and while waiting for the bus. Avoid pushing, shoving, etc.
3. Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop before moving forward to board the bus. Cross the street, when necessary, only after the driver signals it is safe. Cross at least ten feet in front of the school bus.
4. Board the bus in single file. Observe reasonable rules of safety and good conduct while boarding the bus.

#### Riding the School Bus

1. After boarding the bus, go directly to your seat without disturbing or crowding other students. **Remain seated until the bus reaches its destination.** The bus driver and/or school official may assign seats on the bus.
2. At all times, **observe reasonable rules of good and safe conduct.** Excessively loud talking and laughing, or other acts which cause unnecessary confusion, may divert the driver's attention from driving and could result in a serious accident.
3. Keep all portions of your body inside the bus at all times.
4. **Remain seated until the bus reaches its destination** and comes to a complete stop.

#### Leaving the School Bus

1. **Remain seated until the bus has stopped.**
2. Leave the bus in single file. **Observe reasonable rules of safe conduct.**
3. If it is necessary to cross the street, do so only after the driver signals that it is safe. Cross at least ten feet in front of the bus.
4. Be discharged from the bus only at regular designated stops near home or at school. If a parent wants his or her child to be dropped off at a location other than the regular stop, the student must have a bus pass which is signed by a school administrator. It is advisable that school administrators accompany an elementary student to the bus, especially when the student is riding a different bus than normal. The administrator should hand the bus pass to the bus driver while also communicating with the driver about the situation. This is to ensure the student reaches the correct destination.

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## Other Reminders

- Drivers' directions shall be followed promptly and courteously at all times.
- Smoking is not permitted on the school bus.
- Profanity is not permitted on the school bus.
- Objects shall not be thrown from and/or within the school bus.
- The bus shall be kept clean, sanitary, and safe. Large articles that cannot be held easily on your lap and items that are prohibited on school property are also prohibited on the bus.
- School bus equipment must be treated with reasonable care. Any damage caused by a student will be paid for by the student.
- No eating or drinking is permitted while riding the bus.
- Bullying will not be tolerated and will be reported to a school official.
- Keep aisles clear at all times.

Please visit the Columbia Public Schools website, [www.cpsk12.org](http://www.cpsk12.org),  
For additional transportation-related information.

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## Release of Student Information

The Columbia School District operates under the procedure of not making student information available unless permission is granted by parents, or as is provided in Section 438 of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended by S.J. Resolution 40; 20 U.S. Code 1232g. There is certain directory-type information, however, that the district may provide the general public. This information includes student's name; parent's name; address; telephone number; age; grade level; participation in officially recognized activities and sports, including audiovisual or photographic records; weight and height of members of athletic teams; degrees, honors, and awards received; most recent previous school attended; and photographs, including photographs of regular school activities that do not disclose specific academic information about the child and/or would not be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy. In the event that any parents do not wish the directory information released for currently enrolled students of Columbia Public Schools, they have until September 10, 2018, to provide notice in writing to the Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education or the Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education, 1818 West Worley Street, Columbia, MO 65203.