



WLS MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL FALL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! I hope you have had an outstanding summer. It's hard to believe that it is August and school will be starting next month. Summer break gives all of us a great opportunity to rest and relax. It also allows us to clear our minds and enter the new school year with a new sense of focus and a positive outlook. I hope we all choose to make this a great year. To do that, we need to focus on getting better each day. I like the way Lorenzo Snow said it, "Be better today than you were yesterday, and be better tomorrow than you are today." Let's make the 2018-2019 school year better than last year. Please read this letter as it contains some important information for students and parents. I am excited about the new school year and I hope you are as well!

*Sincerely,
Greg Johnson, MS/HS Principal*



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for students is TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH!
Please join us for an open house on **Wednesday, August 29th from 4-6 pm.**

SCHOOL HOURS 7:40 am-2:54 pm The building is open for students at 7:25 each day. Students are not allowed in the building prior to 7:25 unless they have made arrangements with a staff member and must enter through the front door. After 7:40, students will be counted tardy and must sign in at the office.

SCHOOL FEES

All payments should be paid in full by November 2, 2018. Cash or Check only, no debit/credit cards. If needed, payment plans are available, please contact Mrs. Nieman, ext. 102, to make arrangements. To access Parent Viewer and to receive grade cards, fees need to be paid in full or contact Mrs. Nieman.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Seventh and twelfth graders may bring in proof of their updated immunization record to the MS/HS office prior to the start of school during normal office hours. For more information, go to www.shotsforschool.org/tdaplaw.

ORIENTATIONS

9th Grade Orientation: Wednesday, August 22nd, 8:00 am-12:00 pm

This is for all incoming 9th graders and is designed to introduce students to high school. It is a fun-filled and very active orientation planned and carried out by our Link Crew students. More detailed information will be sent directly to the parents of freshmen. Students only (no parents) are expected to attend the full session and they will receive their schedules during the orientation.

6th Grade Orientation: Wednesday, August 22nd, 12:30 pm-4:00 pm

This is for all incoming 6th graders and is designed to introduce students to middle school. A group of eighth grade students called W.E.B. (Where Everybody Belongs) organizes this orientation. More detailed information will be sent directly to the parents of sixth graders. Students only (no parents) are expected to attend the full session and they will receive their schedules during the orientation.

CODE OF CONDUCT CHANGES OR AREAS OF FOCUS

Dress Code: There will be an increased focus on enforcing the written code including:

- No hats or hoods worn while in the building between 7:40 am – 2:54 pm
- All shorts, dresses, pants, shirts, etc. need to follow dress code

Technology:

- No headphones/ear buds on/in ears outside of the classroom or cafeteria
- iPads are for educational use only in class, study hall, and homeroom



PARENT VIEWER TO ACCESS GRADES

You may access and view your student's current grades, assignments, schedule and more by visiting the Parent Viewer link. Go to www.wlstigers.org>parents>progress book parent viewer. To get a unique username and password for your student(s), please contact Mrs. Nieman at jnieman@wlstigers.org or at 465-1060, ext. 102 between 7:15 am -3:15 pm. To have access to parent viewer, student fees must either be paid in full by Nov. 2nd or have a quarterly payment plan set up.

TRANSPORTATION

If your student is riding the bus to an alternative location besides home, it is imperative that transportation forms (one form per family is fine) be completed and turned in ASAP to the front office. Forms may be obtained in the office or at [wlstigers.org](http://www.wlstigers.org)>about>district forms>transportation request change form. Any student who will be riding to/from school on a different bus with a friend must have a signed parent note turned into the office by 1:00 pm that day. Please direct questions to our Transportation Supervisor: Linda Harr, 465-1060, ext. 127 or email lharr@wlstigers.org.

PARKING PERMITS

All student drivers must register online: [wlstigers.org](http://www.wlstigers.org)>HS School>student life>student parking pass form. **Drivers are asked to come to the office the same day they are scheduled to pick up their IPADS** to select a spot, pay \$5, and receive their pass. Seniors Aug. 20th; Juniors Aug. 21st; Sophomores Aug. 22nd; Freshman Aug. 23rd and/or 24th. **EVERY student driving and parking at school must have a permit** or will be subject to towing.

CAFETERIA

Lunch = \$3.00, Reduced Lunch Cost = .40 cents.

Breakfast = \$1.65, Reduced Breakfast cost = .30 cents (Breakfast served daily)

Students who may qualify for a free/reduced lunch should fill out a form obtained in the front office or online at [wlstigers.org](http://www.wlstigers.org). Parents may pay online for their child's lunch account through "PayForIt.net" at [wlstigers.org](http://www.wlstigers.org)>find it fast. You will need your student's 6-digit ID#. Please note: It may take up to 4 hours before money is available in the account after being deposited online.

WEST LIBERTY-SALEM ATHLETICS

If your student is planning on participating in Athletics at WL-S this year, they must be **registered online prior to the student's first competition**. Log onto <https://westliberty.8to18.com> to begin and create your account. If you have any questions regarding athletics, please email Jake Vitt at jvitt@wlstigers.org. Directions for away OHC Schools can be found at www.wlstigers.org. Follow the athletic department on twitter at @sportswls! **Starting in September, visit the athletic page to order Tiger Store Spirit gear!** If you have any sports related injuries during your season or even in the off-season, do not hesitate to contact our Trainer, Nicki Clark: email nclark@wlstigers.org (services provided by Mary Rutan Hospital). **Athletic Sports passes will be on sale in the central office starting Monday, August 13th during normal business hours.**

NEW WEBSITE DESIGN! ([wlstigers.org](http://www.wlstigers.org))

We have redesigned our website and hope you find it easier and more informative! Along with information on each department, you may access MS and HS **Bell Schedules** for a normal day, 1-hour delay, 2-hour delay, and pep rally schedule. Go to [wlstigers.org](http://www.wlstigers.org)>high school>student life>bell schedules. **Credit Flex** – The WL-S Flexible Credit Plan (including the **PE Waiver**) is also posted on the school website under the Guidance Dept.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER!

9/13	Homecoming Parade	9/19	1-hour delay	10/10	1-hour delay
9/14	Homecoming Game	9/25	Picture Day (gr. 6-11)	10/10	Josten's Info Mtg
9/15	Homecoming Dance	9/28	No School	10/17	Josten's Order Day

STAFF CHANGES AND ADDITIONS!

Dan Robb – HS Intervention
Sean Stormes – HS Govt./Economics
Emily Bair – 7th Language Arts (Job Share)

Taran Clapp – 8th Intervention
Beth Powers – 8th Science (Job Share)

