

Worcester Central School



Strive, Support, Succeed!

September 2020

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A Message From the Superintendent

Dear Worcester Families,

On behalf of all the dedicated staff members at Worcester Central School I would like to say, welcome back to school. We are looking forward to an amazing year with our students!

As we open the 2020-2021 school year by remote instruction, we are just as anxious as you to have our students return to a 'normal' school year. I appreciate your continued flexibility as we enter the school year amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year we welcome some great new staff: Mrs. Noelle Jackman, Elementary Principal; Kathleen Zdeb, Food Service Helper, Valerie Joern, 4th Grade Teacher, and Lyz Mortati, Music Teacher. All are fantastic additions to our WCS staff!

Undoubtedly there will be challenges along the way, but I am certain our staff is up for the challenge of what may be ahead. We have been working hard in preparation for the new school year and I thank you for entrusting us with your children. It takes a partnership with every member of a school community to educate, shape and raise our students into the best individuals they can be.

Respectfully,

Mr. Tim Gonzales
Superintendent



**Classes start by
Remote Learning
Tuesday, Sept. 8**

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Introducing Our New Elementary Principal

Hello Worcester Central School Families!

I'm Noelle Jackman and I'm very pleased to be the new elementary principal. It is truly an honor to be joining the Worcester family. It is obvious that this school is a very special community and I am so happy to be a part of it.

I look forward to a time when I can meet and get to know each of you on a 1:1 basis, to learn about your hopes and dreams for this school. My philosophy is that genuine collaboration between teachers, parents, students and administrators is what fosters and creates a rich school culture and mutual ownership in a school's success. And I believe that my main responsibility is to put our teachers in the best possible position to succeed, as they will in turn put our children in the best possible position to succeed. Supporting our kids to learn, grow, strive, and thrive at school and at home, is at the heart of the work we do as educators.

While we wait for a time when we can meet in person, let me take this opportunity to share with you a little bit about my background. I come from a family of educators and have been around this profession all of my life. I saw the positive impact that my parents had on their students and was inspired to follow in their footsteps. I have over 20 years of experience as an educator. I began my career in education by spending over 15 years teaching all levels of elementary, and then went on to hold additional roles in administration. Most recently I was the Summer School Principal in Schenectady and the Schoharie Program Director at SCCASA in Cobleskill. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Education, a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction, and a Principal License in both Colorado and New York. These many experiences have allowed me to see the school system from the vantagepoint of all of the key internal stakeholders – teachers, support staff, and administrators. I look forward to putting all of the experience and insights I've gained to work for WCS.

I believe wholeheartedly that every student deserves a quality education and that only happens when the school and the families work together for the best interest of our children. With that in mind I will be calling on all of our faculty, staff, and parents to work as a singular unit so we can best serve our children.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you and learning about your family. Until then, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas you would like to share. Thank you for this opportunity to introduce myself and I look forward to an outstanding school year.

Very Sincerely,

Noelle Jackman
njackman@worcestercs.org

Visit the district website for school supply lists,
menus, student handbooks, the 2020-21 calendar
and much more.
www.worcestercs.org

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

WCS uses "School Messenger" to notify all students and families of emergency closures, delays and event cancellations. This system makes phone calls directly to every student's household, including cell phone numbers as provided. It is also used to communicate additions and changes to previously scheduled events.

Please make sure your contact information is current to ensure you receive these important calls. Please contact Mrs. Peggy Nelson in the Guidance Office at (607) 397-8785, ext.104, to update your contact information.

WCS also utilizes the services of the following radio and television stations to announce school closings, delays and early dismissals: WBNG TV WKTV TV WGY WRGB WNYT WTEN WRVE WFLY News 10 Time Warner Cable WZOZ WSRK

2020-2021 Remote Learning Schedule PreK-6

Google Meet Schedule PreK-6 (up to one hour)

PreK-1st Grade - Individual Communication

2nd Grade - 11:00 a.m.

3rd Grade - 12:00 p.m.

4th Grade - 12:00 p.m.

5th Grade - 1:00 p.m.

6th Grade - 1:00 p.m.

(Check-ins @ 8 a.m.)

Cover Coughs and Sneezes

Stop the spread of germs
that can make you and others sick!



Cover your
mouth and nose
with a **tissue**
when you
sneeze or cough.



If you don't
have a tissue,
use your
elbow.



Wash hands
often, **especially**
after coughing
or sneezing.



cdc.gov/coronavirus

2020-2021 Remote Learning Schedules 7-12

7th Grade					
Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Google Meets- follow your individual schedule for times	ELA	Math		ELA	Math
	SS	Science		SS	Science
	RTI ELA * if on schedule for ACE/BDF	RTI Math * if on schedule for ACE/BDF		RTI ELA * if on schedule for ACE/BDF	RTI Math * if on schedule for ACE/BDF
	PE	Health		Lib	STEM
	Literacy Skills			Music 7	
	Art	Band/Chorus		Bus Comm.	Band/Chorus
	RR 7 Google Meets Daily				
8th Grade					
Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Google Meets- follow your individual schedule for times	Math	ELA		Math	ELA
	Science	SS		Science	SS
	RTI Math * if on schedule for ACE/BDF	RTI ELA * if on schedule for ACE/BDF	Professional Skills	RTI Math * if on schedule for ACE/BDF	RTI ELA * if on schedule for ACE/BDF
	Home & Careers	Spanish		Home & Careers	Spanish
	Literacy Skills				
	PE (ACE)	Band/Chorus		PE (ACE)	Band/Chorus
RR 8- Google Meets Daily					
9th Grade					
Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Google Meets- follow your individual schedule for times	Algebra	ELA		Algebra	ELA
	Liv Env.	Global I		Liv Env.	Global I
	Liv Env. Lab ACE	Spanish I		Liv Env. Lab BDF	Spanish I
	PE (ACE)	Studio Art I/Comp Apps		PE (BDF)	Studio Art I/ Comp Apps
	Band/Chorus			Band/Chorus	
	RR 9 Google Meets Daily				

10th Grade					
Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Google Meets - follow your individual schedule for times	ELA	Math 10/Geometry		ELA	Math 10/Geometry
	Global II	Earth Sci.		Global II	Earth Sci.
	Spanish II	Earth Sci Lab (ACE)		Spanish II	Earth Sci Lab (BDF)
	Sports Marketing /Health ACE	Sports Marketing /Health BDF		Sports Marketing /Health ACE	Sports Marketing /Health BDF
	Music Elective	Drawing & Painting 1		Music Elective	
	Band/Chorus	PE (ACE)		Band/Chorus	PE (BDF)
	RR 10 Google Meets Daily				
11th Grade					
Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Google Meets- follow your individual schedule for times	ELA	Algebra 2/ MFA		ELA	Algebra 2/ MFA
	US History	Chemistry/ Chemistry Lab (ACE)		US History	Chemistry/ Chemistry Lab (ACE)
	Forensics	PE (ACE)	College & Career	Forensics	PE (ACE)
	PE (BDF)	Spanish III		PE (BDF)	Spanish III
	Astronomy	PE (BDF) Swing		Astronomy	PE (BDF) Swing
	Band/Chorus	Military History		Band/Chorus	Military History
		Drawing & Painting 1			Drawing & Painting 1 (ACE)
RR 11 Google Meets Daily					
12th Grade					
Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Google Meets- follow your individual schedule for times	Pre-Calculus	Government		Pre-Calculus	Government
	Spanish IV	<u>Pysch</u> /Local History		Spanish IV	<u>Pysch</u> /Local History
	Forensics	Fantasy/SciFi	College & Career	Forensics	Fantasy/SciFi
	Astronomy			Astronomy	
	Band/Chorus	PE (BDF)		Band/Chorus	PE (BDF)
RR 12 Google Meets Daily					

HELPFUL TIPS FOR STUDENTS

- **Everyday** you need to login to your first period Google Classroom for attendance. The teacher will have a quick question and your answer will log your email and time for attendance.
- Follow your master schedule for classes. On days listed above for Google Meets you should join the Meet during your scheduled class time. *For example, if you have ELA second period, you would join a Google Meet on Mondays and Thursdays second period.* Keep in mind that the Google Meets may not run for an entire period so it is important to join at the start of the period.
- Classroom expectations should still be followed just as if you were in school.
- Communicate with your teachers if you need assistance, cannot make a Google Meet, need extra help or extended time, etc.
- We will continue to follow PBIS and students are eligible to earn PAWs and prizes.
- Students must complete an attendance form in their first period Google Classroom each day. Attendance must be logged Monday-Friday (including Mindful Wednesdays).

How Can We Help You?

For information on academic programs, including Pre-Kindergarten, State testing, remedial programs, guidance and counseling, special education and CSE matters, student discipline and extra-curricular activities, please contact:

Mrs. Noelle Jackman: Elementary Principal (Grades PK-6)
 Mrs. Melissa Leonard: Secondary Principal (Grades 7-12)
 Mr. Steve Fancher: School Counselor (Grades 7-12)
 Mrs. Poletta Louis: School Counselor (Grades PK-6)
 Mrs. Peggy Nelson: Guidance/CSE Secretary
 Mrs. Jessica Kenyon: Receptionist/Building Secretary

For information on the Board of Education, district finances, facilities and maintenance, community use of facilities, cafeteria and transportation services and administrative and personnel matters, please contact:

DISTRICT OFFICE

Mr. Tim Gonzales: Superintendent
 Mrs. Wendy Elliott: Secretary to the Superintendent and District Clerk
 Mr. Gary Pochkar: District Treasurer

BUS GARAGE

Mr. Eric Haley: Head Bus Driver

School phone number: (607) 397-8785
 Bus garage phone number: (607) 397-8873
www.worcestercs.org

Attendance Reminder



If your child is absent from school, you will receive the automated phone call.

Please call us if there is a concern at **(607)397-8785**.

A parent/guardian written excuse is required if the child is sick.

A Doctor's note is required for any appointments in order to be considered a **legal excuse**.

Easily pay for school meals
at myschoolbucks.com



Simple & Secure

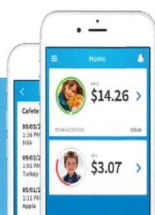


Low Balance Alerts



Automatic Payments

MY
SCHOOL
BUCKS



MAKE MEAL PAYMENTS
WHEREVER YOU GO



Back Pack Program is ready for 2020-2021



Regional
Food Bank
OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

Program Goals and Mission:

The BackPack Program is designed to meet the needs of hungry children on weekends when school breakfasts and lunches aren't available. The program provides bags filled with food that is child-friendly, nonperishable and easily consumed. Bags are packed each week by school staff and discreetly distributed to participating children every Friday afternoon. Know a child at WCS in need?

Contact Dody Lindberg at (607)-397-9467

Screening Your Child Before School

As part of the social contract to keep each other safe during the pandemic, Worcester Central School is counting on our students, families, faculty and staff to screen themselves and adhere to the guidelines of the social contract. WCS is additionally screening students, faculty and staff within our school environment when symptoms are present.

In a joint effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our school community, students, faculty and staff must stay home if:

- They are sick.
- They have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19.
- They have tested positive for or are showing COVID-19 symptoms.
- They have traveled to a state or country requiring a 14 day quarantine as determined by NYSDOH.

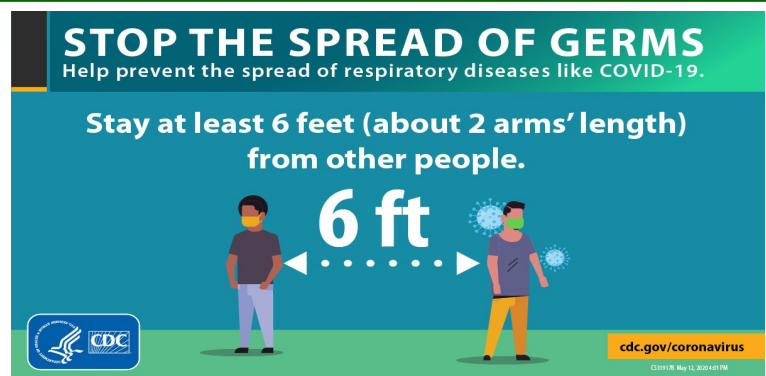
List of Symptoms

Students and staff may not come to school, or will be sent home if they display any of the following symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle aches
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Congestion or runny nose
- Cough
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell

This List of Symptoms will be used by all WCS personnel asked to conduct visual screenings of students. A visual determination by WCS personnel of any of these symptoms is sufficient to justify further screening or another action to be taken by the school nurse. If the nurse is not available the student and members of their household that attend WCS will be required to go home and follow up with their healthcare provider.

We ask that all families screen students for the List of Symptoms every morning. If any symptoms are found, please self-report to the school and keep the student home. Call the main office at (607) 397-8785.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

NYS School Vaccination Requirements:

Nonmedical exemptions for school vaccination requirements has ended for children attending Pre-K through 12th grade.

Religious exemptions are no longer allowed. Children with nonmedical exemptions must now be vaccinated to attend or remain in school.

There are no COVID-19 Pandemic exemptions recognized by the Department of Health.

Students are not allowed to attend school, in person or remote if they do not have all of their immunizations.

Remote Learning and Technology

As we enter the year in remote learning we are here to help!

Have a question about technology?

Need some help?

Google Meet not meeting?

Contact your child's teacher

or WCS Network

Administrator,

Kyle Fabiano

at:

kfabiano@worcestercs.org

We are happy to assist!



REMOTE LUNCH PROGRAM

Need meals during remote learning?

The USDA has extended meal offerings to all students during remote learning. Students in need of meals should contact Cafeteria Manager, Joe Calleja in writing either by email at jcalleja@worcestercs.org or mail at:

Worcester Central School
c/o Joe Calleja
198 Main St.
Worcester, NY 12197

Meal Pick Up Times

Monday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Monday Pick Up includes meals for Monday and Tuesday.

Wednesday Pick Up includes meals for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



School Breakfast and Lunch Program

NEW LUNCH PRICES- Breakfast:\$1.25 Lunch:\$2.50

We welcome your children back for a new school year. We are proud to provide your children with both breakfast and lunch while at school. The following will help to understand how the school cafeteria works:

1. Extra items not on the menu such as pretzels, ice cream, flavored waters are charged at posted prices. A la carte items do not get counted under the free/reduced meals plan. Full price must be collected for such items.
2. The system works best if you pay on your child's account in advance, and there are several ways to do this:
 - You can put any amount on their account (See the bottom of page 4 for details);
 - You can send the money in weekly or monthly with your child; or
 - You can mail checks, payable to Worcester Central School, to the school, to the attention of the Cafeteria.
3. Each student is given a four digit account number. When they go through the lunch line, at the end is a keypad where they enter their number. The cashier can see the student's name, number, and account balance. No one else can tell what the student is paying, therefore, no one can know if your child is paying full price or qualifies for free or reduced price meals. A student can ask the cashier the balance of their account.
4. The money you pay on your child's account carries over from week to week and remains there until it is used up. A student can still pay for a meal daily.
5. When you put money on your child's account you can tell us what they are allowed to use the money for. There is a form at the bottom of this page. Please complete it and send it in when you put money on the account the first time. It will remain in effect until you change it.
6. If your child runs out of money on their account before you have sent in additional money, they will only be allowed to charge a meal, not snacks or additional portions. It is expected that this will be paid as soon as possible.
7. A statement will be sent home monthly to parents owing money to the cafeteria. The school will initiate debt collection procedures for unpaid balances..

PLEASE NOTE: Please review the information consider applying. Information is confidential and no one knows if your child is free or reduced when going through the lunch line. There is no penalty to the school for children receiving free/reduced meals. If your children received Free/Reduced meals last year, that information stays and can be used for the first 30 operating days of this school year; but if you do not file a new application by October 15th, your children must be changed to full price meals.

----- Detach and return to Cafeteria Manager, Mr. Joe Calleja -----

2020-21 School Year

Students: _____ Grade _____
 _____ Grade _____
 _____ Grade _____
 _____ Grade _____

May use their cafeteria account to purchase the following items, provided that students have money on their accounts:

YES NO

Breakfast _____

Lunch _____

Extra portions of meal items _____

Snacks _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Worcester Central School Calendar

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

IMPORTANT DATES

September 2	Superintendent's Conf. Day
September 3	Superintendent's Conf. Day
September 7	Labor Day
September 8	Classes Begin
October 9	Early Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.
October 12	Columbus Day
November 3	Supt. Conf. Day (Parent/Teacher Conf.)
November 11	Veterans Day
November 25—27	Thanksgiving Recess
November 26	Thanksgiving Day
December 9	Early Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.
Dec 24—Jan 1	Holiday Vacation
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1	New Year's Day
January 18	M.L. King Jr. Day
February 10	Early Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.
February 15	Presidents Day
February 15—19	Winter Break
March 12	Superintendent's Conf. Day
April 2	Good Friday
April 2—9	Spring Break
May 19	Early Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.
May 31	Memorial Day
June 15	Last Day of School Grades 7-12
June 25	Last Day of School PK-6
June 27	Graduation

DAYS IN SESSION

SEPTEMBER	19
OCTOBER	21
NOVEMBER	17
DECEMBER	17
JANUARY	19
FEBRUARY	15
MARCH	23
APRIL	16
MAY	20
JUNE	19
TOTAL	186

Emergency Days: 6

TESTING DATES

January 26—29	Regents Exams
April 19—26	ELA Tests Grades 3-8
May 3—10	Math Tests Grades 3-8
April 19—May 28	NYSESLAT: Speaking
May 17—28	NYSESLAT: L, R, W
May 25—June 4	Science Performance Grade 8
June 7	Science Written Test Grade 8
June 16—25	Regents Exams
June 25	Regents Rating Day

- = Vacation or Holiday
- = Half Day
- = Conference Day
- = Regents/State Exams

BOE Approval - 2/25/2020

SEPTEMBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

OCTOBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
			1	Progress Reports
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

NOVEMBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	Quarter 1 Ends
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

DECEMBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	Progress Reports
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

JANUARY				
M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	Quarter 2 Ends
25	26	27	28	29

FEBRUARY				
M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

MARCH				
M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	Progress Reports
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

APRIL				
M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	Quarter 3 Ends
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

MAY				
M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	Progress Reports
24	25	26	27	28
31				

JUNE				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	Rating Day
28	29	30		

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Public Notice

The Worcester Central School District is in compliance with the provisions of Title VI, Title IX, Section 504 and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. This agency does not discriminate due to race, national origin, sex, age or handicap. The Title IX Officer for Worcester Central School is the Superintendent.

Educational Services for Homeless Students

All District programs are available to homeless and/or unaccompanied youth. For more information on the services available to homeless and/or unaccompanied youth, please contact our District's Homeless Liaisons, Mrs. Melissa Leonard or Mrs. Nolle Jackman at (607) 387-8785.

Use of Video Cameras on School Grounds and Buses

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to promote and foster school safety and ensure a safe and effective learning environment. After having carefully considered and balanced the rights of privacy with the District's duty to promote discipline, health, welfare and safety of staff and students, as well as that of the general public who has occasion to use school facilities, the Board supports the use of surveillance cameras when necessary in its schools, its buses and/or on school grounds. District surveillance cameras will only be utilized in public areas where there is no "reasonable expectation of privacy." Audio recordings shall not be utilized by the School District officials; such prohibition does not preclude the use of audio recordings by law enforcement officials in accordance with their official duties and/or as otherwise authorized by law.



Asbestos Management Plan

Notice is hereby given to all employees, parents, students, PTO, and all other users of the facilities of the Worcester Central School District, that the District's original Asbestos Management Plan was submitted to the New York State Education Department in Albany, New York.

In accordance with EPA's "Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1987 (40 CFR Part 763) and the New York State Right to Know Law, annual notices pertaining to the inspection and availability of management plans have been posted in each building.

All management plan records are available for review during school hours. For further information please contact Mr. Glenn Jaquish, Building Maintenance Mechanic at 607-397-8785, ext. 123.

No Child Left Behind Act

As part of the federal regulations, parents of children attending Worcester Central School may request the school to provide information regarding the qualifications of teachers in the Title I/AIS program.

If you would like this information, please contact Tim Gonzales, Superintendent at 607-397-8785

View the District's Computer Acceptable Use Policy, ED2D Law Information, Attendance Policy, Code of Conduct, and Title I information on the District Web site at www.worcestercs.org

Pesticide Notifications

NYS Education Law Section 409H effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and non-public elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The Worcester Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in the school, please contact Mr. Glenn Jaquish, Building Maintenance Mechanic, at 607-397-8785, ext. 123.

Disclosure to the Military

Federal law requires school districts, upon request, release the name, home address and telephone number of high school students to military recruiters unless the student or the student's parent/guardian have directed the school not to release this information.

If you **DO NOT** want the school district to release this information to military recruiters, you must inform the district of request this in writing. You may make this request by writing a letter to Mrs. Melissa Leonard, Secondary Principal, or by completing and submitting the form below. Once you have completed this form, you do not need to do so again unless you wish to change your mind.

Request NOT to Release Directory Information to Military Recruiters

Student: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

(Must be over 18)

Visitors to School-(when permitted)

Although we encourage community involvement in school and school-related activities, please help us to ensure the safety of our children and support quality learning by following the guidelines and requirements for visitations below:

1. Anyone who is not a regular staff member or student of the school will be considered a visitor.
2. All visitors to the school must report to the main office upon arrival at the school. All visitors must log into the visitor's identification system and will be issued a visitor's identification badge, which must be worn at all times while in the school building and on school grounds. The visitor must also sign out on the visitor's identification system in the main office upon leaving the building.
3. Visitors attending school functions that are open to the public, such as parent-teacher organizations meetings or public gatherings, are not required to register.
4. Teachers are not able to take class time to discuss individual matters with visitors. Parents wishing to speak with the teacher should schedule an appointment that does not interfere with the teacher's instructional time.
5. Any unauthorized person on school property will be reported to an Administrator. Unauthorized persons may be asked to leave.
6. All visitors are expected to abide by the rules for public conduct on school property contained in the code of conduct. Law enforcement may be called if the situation warrants.

Your Rights Under FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

- The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the Worcester Central School receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

- The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the Worcester Central School to amend a record should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

- The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

- The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Worcester Central School to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

WCS is a Smoke-Free Zone



By law and by policy established by the Board of Education, tobacco products and electronic cigarettes and their use are strictly prohibited on school grounds. This prohibited use includes the use of such products by adults anywhere on school grounds during school events.

Please help to keep the campus clean and safe for students while also setting an example for children.

Important Information from the Health Office

The Health Office is the link between your child and health and safety. There are very important items below that must be addressed in order for the school to appropriately manage health concerns that can arise while your child is at school. Please help us to keep children safe.

Emergency Contact Forms

Annual Health History and Emergency Forms have been mailed to all parents. Please complete these forms and return them quickly. Please keep this information up to date; it is the only way we have of reaching you in an emergency.

Taking Medication In School

To assure the safety of our students while in school and comply with New York State Law, no medications are allowed in school without prior approval. If your child has a condition which requires him/her to take medication during the school day we will gladly cooperate with you and your doctor if you bring to us:

1. A provider's order indicating the name of the medication, dosage, time of administration, days to be given.
 - a. If order states student can self-carry/administer medication, the provider must sign an attestation permission form.
2. Permission note from parent or guardian,
3. Medication in the original container. This includes both prescription and over the counter medicine, including Tylenol, Advil, and cough drops. Medication must be brought to school by a parent or guardian.
4. Complete the **Authorization of Another Adult to Administer Medication** form.

MEDICATION CANNOT BE PROVIDED BY WCS.

Immunization Requirements for Students

New York State Public Health Law (section 2164) **requires** children entering **7th** and **12th** grades on or after September 1, 2017 to receive a vaccine against meningococcal disease. Vaccine names are Menactra or Menveo. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) requires this vaccine to be administered to all adolescents at age 11 or 12 years and a booster dose on or after the 16th birthday.

Tdap (Tetanus diphtheria and Pertussis): Students entering **6th** grade in the fall for the 2020-21 school year are **required** to have an immunization called Tdap.

NOTE: Religious exemptions are no longer allowed. All students must be vaccinated to attend school.

Screening Requirements

Vision

All new students and students in Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten and grades 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 11

Hearing

All new students and students in Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten and grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11

Scoliosis

All Students in grades 5 & 7 for girls; Grade 9 for boys

Health Examinations

A Health Examination including Body Mass Index and Weight Status Category information is required for all newly entering students and student in Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten and students in grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11

Dental Certificates

A dental certificate is requested for all newly entering students, students in Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten and students in grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11

Please call the Nurse's Office (607) 397-8785 x126 with any questions or concerns.

More information and forms can be found on our website.

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Approaching Events

September

- 8 First Day of School
- 23 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m. in the Cafenadium, Audit Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.

October

- 12 No School - Columbus Day
- 14 Classes resume hybrid or full in person (TBD)
- 19 12:15 Early Dismissal
- 28 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m. in the library

November

- 6 End of 1st Quarter
- 11 No School - Veterans Day
- 13 No School-Superintendent Conference Day
- 18 Board of Education Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the library
- 25-27 Thanksgiving Break

December

- 16 Board of Education Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the library
- 24-January 3 Holiday Break