

October 28, 2022

Dear West Sylvan Families,

We hope that the end of October is going well for your family! It's hard to believe that we're already nearing November! We wanted to say a big thank you to our West Sylvan Middle School Foundation, and to Mr. Denley Arce and all of the Scholar Musicians

Celebrations!

Congratulations to Arwen Danzmayr (Flute), Yui Naka (Violin) and Erin McDowell (Alto Voice), on their selections to the All State Band and Choir. To be accepted, they had to record and submit auditions. They were selected amongst hundreds of other musicians from around the state based on the quality of their auditions. From January 12-15, West Sylvan musicians who were accepted will have the opportunity to participate in intense rehearsals leading up to a concert with other accepted musicians from around the state. We celebrate all who applied for consideration for this honor!

Staffing News:

Mr. Spencer Crum, our PE and Health Educator, recently accepted an offer to become an Assistant Principal at Ockley Green Middle School in PPS. We are happy for Mr. Crum and his new role as a School Administrator within PPS. His final day at WSMS was Thursday 10/27. Our team will be interviewing candidates to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Crum's promotion. While we search for a qualified replacement Educator, there will be substitute coverage for the PE/Health classes assigned to Mr. Crum.

Mr. Nathaniel Lee, Paraeducator, is joining the WSMS ISC team! We look forward to the additional support that Mr. Lee will bring to our Scholars in the Intensive Skills Class.

Run a club! Family Volunteers to Run Clubs on Fridays!

We are looking for PPS-approved volunteers to help run clubs with Students during Advisory period on Fridays. If you are interested in volunteering from 3:15PM-3:45PM on Fridays to run a club, [please complete the form here.](#)

WSMS 2022-2023 Yearbook Orders:

Each year our Yearbook class, with Educator Mr. Gilley, creates the school yearbook. Check out [this video](#) message from our Yearbook staff, go to yearbookordercenter.com, and enter code 6339 to order the 2022-23 yearbook as a memory for your scholar.

ParentVUE Yearly Verification:

WSMS Foundation News:

Don't Miss Out! Sign-up for the West Sylvan Foundation Directory Today!

Interested in getting information about Foundation scholar and parent events, volunteering opportunities and ways to support West Sylvan? Then sign-up for the new Family Directory [here](#). It allows you to connect with the Foundation and other West Sylvan families and will begin to be the main way we share information. This is a big change from how we have communicated in previous years!

7th & 8th Grade families - many of you have not registered. There are events coming up for your scholars and registering ensures you get the information so your scholar can join the fun! Your information is not automatically entered - everyone has to do it themselves. You can also opt to just receive our emails about scholar events and Foundation activities and not share your information with others, if you choose.

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American Sign Language Morning Club :

Beginning October 27th in the Library at 8:30AM there will be a virtual club run by Lincoln High School's senior ASL students. The LHS students will meet with WSMS students over GoogleMeet to teach and practice basic ASL items, such as learning the alphabet and some simple signs. ASL is one of the languages offered at LHS, so this club could be a nice introduction to some basic ASL learning in preparation for a future class at LHS. [The poster with dates is here.](#) The teacher overseeing the students running the club is Ben Malbin, LHS Educator.

Lost and Found End of Quarter Clean Out:

With the end of the first quarter coming, it's time to clear out the Lost and Found. Any of our families who have volunteered or visited recently can attest to how full the Lost and Found is right now with many clothes, refillable water bottles, lunch packs, school supplies and all sorts of items. The Lost and Found is directly across from the upper gym, and it is visible and accessible to all Scholars each day. Anything unclaimed by Thursday, November 3rd will be donated to the WSMS Clothes Closet.

Bus Behavior:

Several school bus drivers are submitting referrals for Scholars due to inappropriate behavior on the school buses. The bus ride to and from the campus is considered part of the school day, and all PPS Conduct and Discipline policies apply during those periods. If Scholars receive bus referrals and are creating an unsafe environment on the bus, they may be suspended from riding the school bus. Families would have to transport Scholars if bus rules cannot be respected. While we want everyone to have a transportation option to school, the ride experience must be safe for all. Families are being contacted if bus safety is compromised to discuss next steps for their individual Scholars.

School Volunteers:

Thank you to our family members who recently helped in 8th Grade classes with literature circles! We also sincerely appreciate all family members who have been volunteering in our Main Office, our Library, and joining us for school lunch periods and recess to help with supervision! The additional adults around campus really help with these busier

