



**WELCOME!**  
**WISH IT, DREAM IT, DO IT,**  
**BE GIANT!**

**Incoming Student  
Parent/Guardian Orientation  
June 17, 2015, 6:30 PM**

## MEET YOUR WMS ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM...

- **Virginia Grossman, Superintendent**
- **Matt Andris, WMS Principal**
- **Debra Keeney, Supervisor Special Services**
- **Jen Murray, Supervisor Curriculum & Instruction**



We hope our students have a great year – one in which we can all be proud! The success of all students is promoted by facilitation and development of a vision of learning that is shared by the entire school community. We are looking forward to our partnership throughout the middle school years. Please feel free to contact us with any questions that you may have. Thank you.



# MEET YOUR WESTAMPTON PTA

- President: Susan Oliveri
- Vice President: Monica Jetter
- Corresponding Secretary: Kimberly Baisley-Byers
- Recording Secretary: Alicia Hellmann
- Treasurer: Terry Adams
- Ad-Hoc Committee Chair: Marianna Olsen-Logue

***JOIN US!***

**FIRST MEETING:**

**September (TBD)**

**7:00 pm**

**Holly Hills School**




# OUR WESTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT VISION STATEMENT

*Our shared vision is to create a climate where the Community and District support the instructional process by incorporating an effective, comprehensive communication system that incorporates the whole child as its driving force involving parents, staff and the Community by utilizing appropriate data to challenge the students and teachers to maximize each student's level of achievement.*



## OUR DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

*The Westampton Township  
School District, in partnership  
with its Community, shall do whatever  
it takes to ensure that  
every child achieves or exceeds  
proficiency in the current  
New Jersey Core  
Curriculum Content Standards.  
Be open! Be creative! Be accountable!*



## SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

- Friday Folders
- Global Alerts
- Student Data – Parent Portal
- Emergency Cards



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- *How will information be sent to parents?* We will use a “Friday Folder.”
- *Is the handbook is online for review before school starts?* Yes the handbook is available on line at [www.westamptonschools.org](http://www.westamptonschools.org)



## FAQ's

- *How do I read the schedule and what are specials?*
  - A/B day schedule
  - A/C/M/WL means  
Art/Computers/Music/World  
Language on schedules
  - Q1 – Quarter 1 Q2 – Quarter 2 etc.





○ *Are special education services available?*

- Yes! The same programs are provided at the Middle School as at Holly Hills.
- We have services ranging from Inclusion to Pull-Out Resource Center to Self-Contained.
- Related services such as Speech, OT, and PT are provided.
- CST Case Management and evaluations are also available.



## FAQ'S

### ○ *What are Student Drop off/pick-up procedures?*

Students are encouraged to take the bus to and from school. Please notify us of any concerns so that the bus ride can be a pleasant experience.

If you choose to transport your child via private vehicle, enter to the right of the parking lot, follow the line of cars and wait in line until all buses depart.

For student safety, please wait patiently until students unload from buses. You must remain in line until all busses have left school property. Please do not exit through the entrance.



# FAQ'S

## ○ *What are the bus procedures? Students Must*

- Board/exit at assigned bus stop only.
- Sit in assigned seat at all times with the seatbelt securely fastened.
- No eating or drinking on the bus.
- Keep all body parts and possessions inside the bus.
- No throwing of objects on the bus.
- Obey the bus driver. Report inappropriate behavior immediately
- All electronic devices are prohibited
- All students must ride their assigned bus per Board of Education Policy



## FAQ'S

### ○ *What do I do at Back to School Night? When is Back to School Night?*

- Back to School Night is Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 6:15 pm for grades 5 and 6. Grade 7 and 8 at 8 pm.
- We provide a map of the building, signs, and student helpers from the WMS Student Council. Please note that room numbers are not sequential.



# FAQ'S

- ***What are the homework expectations/policies?***
  - Homework will be assigned that reflects classroom instruction and the District's curriculum. Homework assignments not completed or turned in late will receive an academic penalty. Students who have medically documented or excused absences will be given an opportunity to complete missed homework based on the length of their absence.



# FAQ'S

- *What time does middle school start? When are students dismissed?*

Students are permitted to enter the building at 7:55 a.m. after the bell. They proceed to their lockers, and/or homeroom. Homeroom begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. The First Period of the day begins at 8:10 a.m.

- Dismissal is as follows: 

<b><u>Full Day</u></b>	<b><u>Half Day</u></b>
3:05 p.m.	12:35 p.m.



# FAQ'S

- *What are the rules?*

We expect our students to be respectful of all people and property, to take responsibility for their choices and to exhibit honesty and integrity. As a member of our school community, students are expected to conduct themselves as responsible individuals.

Good behavior is recognized and rewarded at middle schools. It goes beyond the classroom. In the halls and other public areas, students are expected to be orderly and courteous. Also, these expectations apply on the way to and from school, during school hours and in all activities and programs supervised by the school, including field trips, intramurals, clubs, athletic events, dances, social activities, etc. School rules apply in all of these situations.

Our expectation is that students willingly cooperate with their instructors and exhibit maturity and self-control.

- A detailed explanation of four middle school merit system will be found in our student handbook, on line at [www.westamptonschools.org](http://www.westamptonschools.org).



## FAQ's

- *What supplies will my child need?*

Detailed supply lists will be available on our website:

[www.westamptonschools.org](http://www.westamptonschools.org)

Lists are made by grade level.





# FAQ'S

## ○ *What should my child wear?*

The Middle School Dress Code is designed to establish guidelines that assist students in making responsible decisions as they select attire that is appropriate for school. It is important for both parents/guardians and students to understand that the attire one selects has a direct effect on their attitude and behavior.

Students are expected to follow the dress code guidelines A detailed explanation of four middle school dress code can be found in our student handbook, on line at [www.westamptonschools.org](http://www.westamptonschools.org) .



## FAQ's

- What is the WMS Birthday Club?

Schools are bound by a state mandated nutrition policy, as well as a food safety (bio-hazard) policy.

For your convenience our food service, NutriServe, offers Birthday Club. Details are provided in the school opening packet that each student receives on the first day.



# ADDITIONAL FAQ'S

