

West Somerville Neighborhood School Weekly Memo

September 6th, 2019

From Ms. Seward

Dear WSNS Family,

It was wonderful to welcome our Kindergarten and PreK students to school this week. Students all around the school are getting to know each other, learning school routines, and starting their journey of learning. This is going to be a great year!

If you have not done so already, please take some time this weekend to complete the online re-registration process. You received an email from Powerschool with the information for how to do this. Having updated information each year is important for us to communicate with you and to keep your child safe in school. (I will be completing the online registration for my three kids tonight!) You have until the end of next week to get this done. We currently have 158 returning registrations submitted and 235 left to go. If you need help with this process, you can contact our parent liaison, Lee Anne King.

Students have been doing a great job getting lined up in the morning and ready to enter the building on time. Families have also been doing a great job of saying goodbye to students on the school yard and in the good-bye zone and allowing them to transition into the building with their classes. Having a clear spot to separate in the mornings makes for a better start to the school day for all of our students. I also want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that we need parents and all visitors to stop in the main office and sign in any time that you are in the building during the school day. Once you sign in, you will get a visitor's badge and then all staff members will know that you are a visitor who has signed in. This is an important procedure so that we know who is in our building and to ensure student safety. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with both of these procedures.

Enjoy the weekend!

Best,

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Middle School Intramural Sports

Registration for Middle School Baseball, Softball and Cross-Country for this upcoming fall is now open. The registration link on Family ID is below.

<https://www.familyid.com/somerville-athletics-intramurals/middle-school-inter-scholastic-sports-fall-2019-cross-country-baseball-pending-softball-pending>

Math Club

The WSNS math club will be an introduction to contest math for students in grades 4 through 6. Students will meet for one hour a week to take practice contests, learn interesting concepts and techniques, and teach each other. Come find out how much fun you can have solving math problems!

The club meets on Thursdays from 2:45-4:00, and it is led by parent Joon Pahk, joonpahk@gmail.com. Please email Joon if you are interested in having your child participate. The club will start next Thursday, September 12th.

Upcoming Dates

*All dates can also be found on the google calendar that is on the WSNS webpage.

September

Principle of the month:

"Cooperation is the student's ability to establish new relationships, maintain positive relationships and friendships, avoid social isolation, resolve conflicts, accept differences, be a contributing member of the classroom and school community, and work productively and collaboratively with others"

9/9-9/28, STAR testing for grades 3-6, DIBELS K-3

9/13, PTA-Sponsored Parent/Guardian Coffee Hour, 8:15-9:00, room 222

9/18, Noon dismissal for students (SMILE 11:30)

9/18, PTA-Sponsored Spirit Day. Students and staff are invited to dress according to a theme. Theme:

9/19, Back to School Night, 5:00-7:30. This is an adult event.

5:00-5:30 PTA Business Meeting in the cafeteria

5:30-7:30 -Classroom presentations. 7/8 teachers will meet with parents in the cafeteria. Homeroom teachers (including 7th and 8th grade) will run two sessions of their presentation- 5:30-6:30 and 6:30-7:30 Specialist teachers (Spanish, art, PE, music, library, reading etc.) will be available in their rooms to meet with parents on a drop in basis from 5:30-7:30.

7:00-7:30, Parent meeting for Nature's Classroom Trip (6th grade)

9/25, School Council Meeting, 5:00-6:30, Room 205