

July 2022

Dear Wyandot Run Wildcat families,

It is my pleasure to welcome back students, parents, staff and our entire Wyandot Run community to another great school year ahead! We are looking forward to the 2022-2023 school year and all that it will bring for our school family. Our teachers and staff have been hard at work preparing to fulfill our District's mission to facilitate maximum learning for every student. While it isn't quite time yet, please know we will be ready and waiting with enthusiasm in August.

Communication with our families is important to us and we have several places you can find back-to-school information as well as gather pertinent information throughout the year. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these resources and bookmark or download them.

**Website:** Bookmark [Wyandot Run website](#). You will be able to retrieve building specific information here throughout the year. Additionally, you will find district-level news and contact information here.

**OLSD App:** If you have not already done so, please download the district's free mobile app, Olentangy Schools, at the Apple Store or at Google Play to stay connected with our schools. Once you download the app, select the school(s) you would like to follow and set push notifications. Doing so allows you to receive customizable news, calendars, and notifications including district and building level news on your mobile devices.

**Schoology:** Schoology is used for classroom level communication from teachers about assignments, activities, homework and other classroom events. Parents can also communicate with teachers directly through this system. Schoology may also be accessed through the district mobile app.

**PowerSchool:** PowerSchool is where parents will complete and update important electronic forms at the start of the year, pay fees, receive student grades and report cards and district-level reports and letters. The district's mass notification system is integrated with PowerSchool and the contact information provided on the emergency medical form, so please make sure your information is accurate and updated throughout the year. New families should opt in to the district's text messaging service by texting YES to 87569.



**Social Media:** The district Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube and podcast pages share what makes Olentangy unique and special. Follow social media here:

Facebook - [www.facebook.com/olentangyschools/](http://www.facebook.com/olentangyschools/)

Twitter - [@olentangysd](https://twitter.com/olentangysd)

Instagram - [@olentangylocalschools](https://www.instagram.com/olentangylocalschools)

LinkedIn – Olentangy Local School District

YouTube - [www.youtube.com/user/OlentangySchools](http://www.youtube.com/user/OlentangySchools)

Podcast - [rss.com/podcasts/helloolentangy/](http://rss.com/podcasts/helloolentangy/)

Understanding and using these communication tools is the best way to stay in the know about events and information for not only our school but all of our Olentangy Schools.

**Arrival/Dismissal:** Please note that Wyandot Run's school day officially starts at 9:05am. Students who arrive after 9:05am will need to be checked into the office by an adult. We begin to allow students to enter the building at 8:55am. Prior to this, we will not have any staff on duty to supervise students. Please make arrangements so students are not waiting outside the school unattended prior to 8:55am.

School officially ends at 3:45pm. We begin our dismissal procedures daily for all students except bus riders at 3:40pm. Bus riders are dismissed at 3:45pm. **If you need to make a change in transportation for your child, please call the school office or email [jodie\\_feeney@olsd.us](mailto:jodie_feeney@olsd.us) and [sonya\\_dunnick@olsd.us](mailto:sonya_dunnick@olsd.us) as well as your child's teacher before 2:00pm. This ensures we get your child to the appropriate dismissal spot.**

**Parent drop-off** will be on the west side of the school, near the fields. As you enter school grounds on Carriage Road, continue to go straight and do not turn right toward the front of the school. **Cars should pull as far forward as possible. For safety reasons, please do not pull around other cars in line.** Safely let your child exit your car. They can enter the building through the doors off the blue hallway or the green hallway. We will have staff members on duty to help keep traffic moving. **I encourage all parents to pull as far up as possible and let your children out anywhere in between the staff members on duty and utilize either entrance. This will speed up the drop off process and ensures that we can start school at 9:05am.** If you arrive after 9:05am, please park in the front of the building, walk your child in and sign them in at the office. Our parent drop-off line can become very long. Please be patient and courteous of one another and our staff during this time. If you feel you need to help your child exit your vehicle, please contact the office so we can create a plan.

Parent pick up will still happen in the front loop **but we are asking all cars to enter school property at the entrance between Liberty Middle School and the Liberty Township YMCA. Parents should drive around the back of Liberty Middle School, by**



the outdoor classroom, around the east side of Wyandot Run and turn right into the front loop. As you approach the east side of the school, please do not block the area next to playground by the yellow hallway as we have some students that will be picked up at this location. Please allow the cars picking up here to pull in and exit after their children have loaded their vehicle. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER WYANDOT RUN FROM CARRIAGE ROAD.** This new entry to help ease congestion on Liberty Road. All families will receive signs with your child's name on it the first week of school. **Please display your sign when coming through the pick-up line. Even if we know who you are, this helps us quickly get the students lined up efficiently. If you lose your sign, please let the office know or feel free to make one yourself.** As you pull into the front loop of the school, a staff member will be standing by the road and will radio the names on the sign to another staff member at the front of the school. Please place the sign so the staff member can see it. Students will be directed to the curb where you will pick them up. **The office needs to be notified if you plan to pick up your children in this manner if they are not regularly scheduled for parent pick up.** If there is any question as to whether a child should be picked up, we will ask you to park until we clarify. **Please be patient in these situations as safety is our priority.** Students will be released for parent pick up at **3:40pm**, so if you arrive prior to this, please just wait in line until we dismiss. **Please consider waiting until 3:40pm to arrive at school. We typically can get all students in their cars and exited in 8-10 minutes once we start. We will continue parent pick up until 4:00pm. After 4:00pm, we will bring students into the office and a parent/guardian will need to come into the office to sign them out.**

**Daycare:** Daycare buses will arrive on the east side of the school (yellow hallway) and will be met by a staff member who will supervise them as they enter the school. We contact all daycares prior to the start of school to provide them with instructions. We let the daycares know that if they do not see a staff member outside, please keep students on the bus until one arrives. Daycare bus dismissal will take place at the end of the blue hallway (new addition by preschool playground).

A staff member will check to make sure all buses have arrived in the morning and all students are accounted for at dismissal.

**Walkers:** All walkers will use the entrance on the West side of the school (Green Hallway). Doors will be unlocked at **8:55am**. Prior to 8:55am, doors will be locked, and no staff member will be on duty. A staff member will be at the crosswalk on Mendolin Way around **8:45am** to help students crossing the road. Walkers will be dismissed at **3:40pm** and will exit the same doors as walker arrival. A staff member will make sure students exit the school safely and cross Mendolin Way at the crosswalk. **Per the student handbook, we ask that all students riding bikes or scooters walk them on the path connecting WRES and the crosswalk at Mendolin Way.**



**Food Policy:** Students are not permitted to bring in food items to celebrate their birthdays. Please work with your child's teachers to find alternative ways to celebrate birthdays. The staff will also not be using food for students in any manner this year.

**Back-to-School Forms and Information:** Most of the forms and information that you will need for the start of school and during the school year are included on the Wyandot Run or district webpage. Please take time to look over the documents and update PowerSchool information for each of your children. Pay close attention to the demographic information and phone numbers in the event we need to contact you.

**School Visitors:** We are excited to have volunteers back in the building this year. Teachers will be communicating any volunteer activities soon. If you plan to join your child for lunch, we ask that you wait until Tuesday, September 7 so we can establish routines. Volunteer and visiting the building can change at any time.

As you begin to prepare for your own family's back-to-school routine, you may consider incorporating some of the following activities:

**Reading:** Read at home together at least 20 minutes each day, making it a fun, family tradition.

**Sleep:** Getting a good night's sleep is an essential key to a productive day for each of us. Establishing a school bedtime routine a week or two before the beginning of school makes adjusting to the school year easier for everyone in your home.

**Healthy start:** Planning ahead to start each day with a healthy breakfast helps ensure that your child has a great day at school and can focus on the day ahead.

**New Staff Members:** As always, each year we welcome new staff members to the WRES community. In early August, I will send an updated staff roster introducing new staff members.

#### **Back to School Important Dates;**

- Thursday, August 11: Class Placement released
- Thursday, August 11: Kindergarten Playdate and Open House (Please refer to the Kindergarten letter you received with your child's attendance days for more information)
- Tuesday, August 16: Open House for grades 1-5 (4pm-6pm) **Reminder, you do not need to come for the full 2 hours, you can stop by anytime between 4-6 to meet your teacher and see your classroom.**
- Thursday, August 18: First day of school for grades 1-5 and Monday/ Thursday Kindergarten students



- Friday, August 19: First day of school for Tuesday/ Friday Kindergarten students.
- Thursday, August 25: Curriculum Night for grades K-2, 6:00pm-6:45pm and 6:45-7:30pm. **(You only need to attend one of the sessions)**
- Thursday, September 1: Curriculum Night for grades 3-5, 6:00pm-6:45pm and 6:45-7:30pm. **(You only need to attend one of the sessions)**

Once again, we are excited for another year at Wyandot Run! If at any time you have questions or concerns about your child, please contact your child's teacher first and then our front office. We look forward to seeing all of you on our first day back to school, Thursday, August 18 (Friday, August 19 for Tuesday/ Friday Kindergarten students). If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [mo\\_ross@olsd.us](mailto:mo_ross@olsd.us) or [lauren\\_mcmahon@olsd.us](mailto:lauren_mcmahon@olsd.us) (Assistant Principal) or by calling the office at 740-657-4850. Miss Candy and Miss Anne have retired so the office will be closed until Monday, July 25 when Mrs. Jodie Feeney will assume the role of secretary. Mrs. Feeney can be reached at [jodie\\_feeney@olsd.us](mailto:jodie_feeney@olsd.us) in the meantime.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and Go Wildcats!

Sincerely,

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