



# West Hills Middle

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**2021**

## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE:

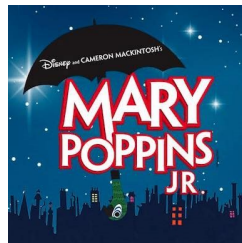
I hope you all enjoyed the fall break! It was well deserved and timely. We are happy to have the students back. I love that we get to have re-starts every ten weeks or to reflect on what we did well and where we can improve. Here's to always learning. Thank you to the parents for the support in their student's growth and in WHMS growth, as a whole.

## SCHOOL MUSICAL INFORMATION:

**REHEARSALS BEGIN** November 1st after school

We appreciate everyone that is applying to help with our musical. We may not be able to accommodate everyone. However, we will let you know either way. If you have any questions, feel free to email [westhillsmusical@gmail.com](mailto:westhillsmusical@gmail.com)

The dates for the play: March 3,4,5 and 7



**\*\*\*Here is the website for the musical:  
[westhillsmusical.wordpress.com](http://westhillsmusical.wordpress.com)\*\*\***

## CLOTHES DRIVE:

PTSA Student Reps will be collecting coats, hats and gloves for the month of **NOVEMBER**. The home-room with the most weight in clothes will get a prize.



## MEMORY BOOK:

### ATTENTIONS ALL STUDENTS:



We thought it would be fun this year to have your help with the Memory Book cover this year. All entries need to be submitted by the 19th of November. We will then decide a front and back cover. We are so excited to see your entries. If you have any questions, Please feel free to contact me at: [rdyatt.whmspts@gmail.com](mailto:rdyatt.whmspts@gmail.com).

**\*\*Students can submit more than one entry\*\***

## SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY:

Parents, you received an email requesting participation in our Stakeholder Survey. We look forward to hearing from you. We appreciate the feedback in what we are doing well in and where we can improve. If you can take a minute to fill out this survey, we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you!

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### Upcoming Events

- 11/8-12 - School Psychology week
- 11/11 - School community council @ 4:30 in the WHMS media center
- 11/19 - Flexible Friday
- 11/19 - Deadline for Memory book cover
- 11/24-26 - Thanks-giving break

### COUNSELING OFFICE INFORMATION:

- 8th grade PCCRs are starting this month.
- Counselors will be visiting 7th grade classes and giving Suicide Prevention lessons.

## DRESS CODE UPDATE:

New policy was approved on Tuesday, October 26th. A draft version of the "Student Conduct, Dress & Appearance Guidelines" is provided for you below...

### Student Conduct, Dress & Appearance Guidelines

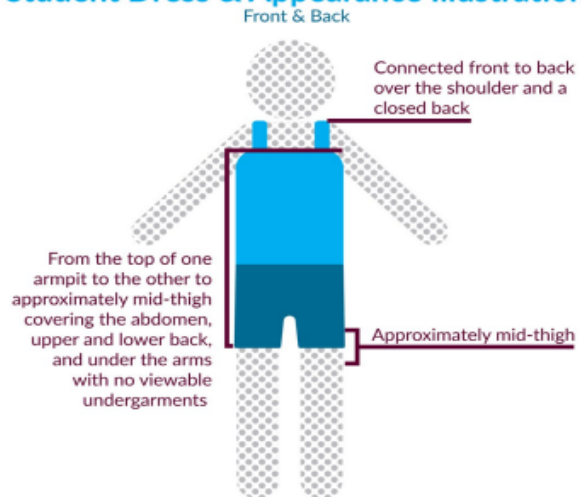
School administrators are responsible for the implementation and enforcement of student conduct, dress and appearance standards contained in District policy [AA419-Student Conduct, Dress, and Appearance](#) and these guidelines. The legal concept of "reasonableness" shall be the guiding principle in the application and discipline of student conduct, dress and appearance. Adherence to the conduct, dress, and appearance standards and these guidelines will be the responsibility of the student and their parent(s)/guardian(s). School administrators will have final judgement on all matters concerning interpretation of student conduct, dress, and appearance.

The following specific guidelines have been established to aid students, parents, staff and administration in the implementation and enforcement of policy [AA419-Student Conduct, Dress, and Appearance](#):

Dress and Appearance Standards include (but are not limited to) the following:

1. Clothing should be clean and in good repair.
2. Hats and other headwear:
  - a. May be worn unless it disrupts the school or school activity, poses a danger to self or others, or limits the ability of others to identify the student.
  - b. Any headwear that does not allow the student's face to be visible is not allowed.
3. Clothing (See figure):
  - a. Must cover from the top of the armpit to approximately mid-thigh with no viewable undergarments (waistbands and bra straps excluded).
  - b. Must be from the top of one armpit to another and connected from the front to back over the shoulder, have fabric in the front (covering the abdomen), on the sides (under the arms), and have a closed back (covering the upper and lower back).
  - c. Provide coverage of the buttocks, genitals, and chest with a fabric that is not see-through.
4. Clothing, appearance, jewelry, accessory, footwear, or personal item shall be free of any writing, images, symbols, or any other insignias that:
  - a. Are lewd, vulgar, profane, obscene, or sexually suggestive.
  - b. Advocates, represents, or promotes racism, discrimination, violence or hate in any form.
  - c. Signifies or depicts gangs and/or illegal or criminal activities. (Administrators in consultation with law enforcement agencies will determine what signifies and/or depicts these activities.)
  - d. Shows or references tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or any illegal substance.
5. Except as a part of an approved school activity or medical reasons, sunglasses may not be worn in school during the school day.
6. Footwear, appropriate for the day's activities, shall be worn at all times.
7. Any dress or appearance item or practice that creates an unhealthy, unsafe, or disruption to the school or school activity may be prohibited.

#### Student Dress & Appearance Illustration



With the approval of District administration and the School Community Council, schools may make minor changes and/or adaptations to the dress and appearance standards in order to address local needs. Schools should seek input from various stakeholder groups.

## SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY WEEK: 8-12th

### What School Psychologists Do?

School psychologists provide direct support and interventions to students; consult with teachers, families, and other school-employed mental health professionals (i.e., school counselors, school social workers) to improve support strategies; work with school administrators to improve school-wide practices and policies; and collaborate with community providers to coordinate needed services.

This year's theme is "Let's Get in GEAR." (Grow, Engage, Advocate, Rise). The theme's acronym provides a challenge to **grow** both personally and professionally. It encourages us to **engage** in best practices and **advocate** for children's access to mental health and learning supports. To **rise** implies resilience and renewal despite the challenges of the past.

We would like to celebrate our School Psychologist, Betsy Smith, for her assistance with our students.

### RED RIBBON WEEK:

PTSA did such a great job providing fun activity days for our students. We were excited to see so many students participate in our daily dress-up themes. We also appreciate the teachers who participated in the teacher "dunk." Once again, a special thank you to the PTSA for their time and creative ideas.

### SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

#### Next Meeting

Date: November 11, 2021

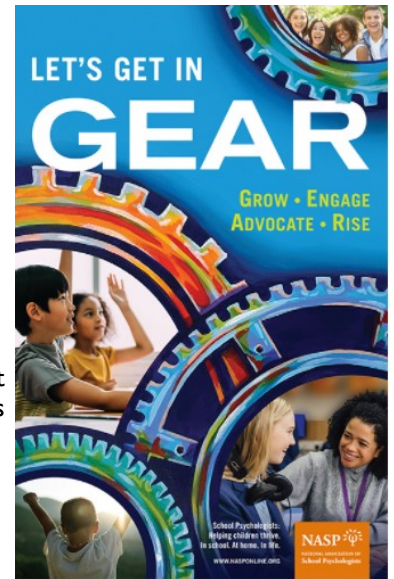
Time: 4:30PM

Place: WHMS Library Media Center

West Hills Middle School has an active School Community Council which consists of parents, school staff and the principal. School employees and parent members are elected by secret ballot. Parents must have a student at WHMS in order to serve on the SCC.

Four SCC meetings are held each year, usually on Wednesdays or Thursdays at 4:30 PM. The SCC participates in the development of our school improvement plan, the professional staff development plan, and approves the land trust budget each year. In addition, the SCC provides input for the school's child access routing plan which includes safe walking routes to school from each neighborhood within school boundaries. The SCC also partners with school administration in creating a safe and constructive internet environment for students.

The SCC is responsible for coordinating the annual fundraising activities of WHMS. The SCC provides a forum for community discussion of school related concerns and encourages citizens to express their views about educational issues. SCC information is available on this website. Upcoming meetings will be announced on our marquee and on our community bulletin board. We encourage any interested persons to join us. We value your input. Together we can make a stronger school.



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