

September 5, 2020

Dear WCS Parents & Students:

This past week, our staff was hard at work participating in professional development and preparing for the start of school next week. We are excited to welcome back our students in-person on Wednesday, September 9th. While we previously shared details of our reopening plan, there are some important updates and reminders I wanted to share before our first day of school:

Student Materials Dropoff

While our building will be closed to students and parents up until the start of school on September 9th, parents may drop off supplies at the main entrance on Tuesday, September 8th between 8:15 AM and 3:30 PM. Please leave items inside the main door in bags with the student’s name clearly marked. School staff will ensure that these supplies are delivered to the appropriate classrooms.

School Day Times

- The PK-5 student school day will be from 8:00-2:00 this year.
- The 6-12 student school day will be from 9:00-3:10 this year.

Parent Dropoff/Pickup Times

- PK-5 students may not be dropped off or arrive at school prior to 7:55 AM.
- 6-12 students may not be dropped off or arrive at school prior to 8:55 AM.
- Pickup for PK-5 students will occur at 2:00 PM
- Pickup for 6-12 students will occur at 3:15 PM

Bus Pickup Times

The estimated pickup times for students on the first day of school are as follows. Please note that the time listed is the estimated time the bus will start picking up students on each street:

AM Elementary (PK-5) Estimated Pickup Times

Reber AM Run	Time	Essex AM Run	Time	Sunset/Pt. Am Run	Time
Reber Rd	7:00 AM	Route 22	7:00 AM	Sunset	7:05 AM
Spear Rd	7:10 AM	Leaning Rd	7:05 AM	Mt. View Drive	7:15 AM
Coonrod Rd	7:15 AM	Cook Rd	7:10 AM	Fish & Game Rd	7:20 AM
Middle Rd	7:20 AM	Angier Hill Rd	7:15 AM	Bay Lane	7:25 AM
Route 22 N.	7:30 AM	School St	7:20 AM	Farrell Rd	7:30 AM
		Route 22	7:25 AM	Buena Vista Park	7:35 AM
		Maple St	7:40 AM	Point Rd	7:40 AM

AM Secondary (6-12) Estimated Pickup Times

Reber AM Run	Time	Essex AM Run	Time	Sunset/Pt. Am Run	Time
Reber Rd	8:00 AM	Route 22	8:05 AM	Sunset	8:05 AM
Spear Rd	8:10 AM	Angier Hill Rd	8:15 AM	Mt. View Drive	8:15 AM
Coonrod Rd	8:15 AM	Route 22 N	8:25 AM	Fish & Game Rd	8:20 AM
Middle Rd	8:20 AM	Maple St	8:45 AM	Bay Lane	8:25 AM
Route 22 N.	8:40 AM			Farrell Rd	8:30 AM
				Point Rd	8:40 AM

Masks

- Students will need to wear a mask at all times when on school grounds, and when riding the school bus.
- The school has disposable and cloth masks available if needed, but all students should report to school on the first day wearing a mask.
- Mask breaks will be given throughout the day at the direction of classroom teachers.

Screening

- Parents are required to screen their children before school each day.
- Students must have their temperature taken at home each morning before leaving for school and any student with a temperature above 100° F should not attend that day.
- Thermometers are available for families that do not have access to one at home. Please contact the school if you are in need of a thermometer for home use.
- Additionally, parents should ensure that students are able to answer ‘no’ to the following questions:
 - Since your last visit here, have you had any COVID-19 symptoms?
 - Have you had a positive COVID-19 test within the last 14 days?
 - Have you had close contact with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 case within 14 days?
 - Have you traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the New York State Travel Advisory in the past 14 days?
- Any student that answers ‘yes’ to a screening question should not attend school that day.
- All students will have a secondary screening with a temperature check taken once arriving at school prior to entering the school building.

School Visitation

- Visitors, including parents, will not be allowed in the building.
- Parents should use the new ‘video doorbell’ at the main entrance to speak with a receptionist and will be allowed in the vestibule (area between inner and outer doors) when waiting to pick up students or when dropping off items.
- No entry beyond the vestibule will be allowed unless the visit is pre-approved by school administration.
- Parent meetings will occur by phone or video conference.

Chromebooks

- Students in grade 3-12 will be assigned a school-issued Chromebook for use at school and at home.
- Students will be required to keep their Chromebook in the school-issued case at all times.
- An optional Chromebook protection plan will be available for purchase for approximately \$25 through an outside vendor that will cover costs of lost or damaged devices. If a protection plan is not purchased, students will be responsible for the cost of any lost or damaged devices.
- More information about Chromebooks, including the device protection plan, will be sent home with students prior to them receiving their device.

School Updates

- School updates will be sent out using the following forms of communication:
 - School Website
 - School Facebook Page
 - Robocall System
 - Parent Emails

Lockers

- For the first few days of school, students in grades 7-12 will not have access to their lockers. They should only bring 1 binder and a writing utensil with them to the first day of class.
- After the first 3 days, a locker schedule will be given and students will be allowed to use their lockers at the beginning and end of the day.
- Teachers will assist students with storing materials since locker use will be limited.

While we continue to work hard to ensure a safe in-person return to school, please remember that there are many factors that could cause the District to quickly shift to remote instruction. If that becomes necessary at any point in the future, we will communicate those updates with our families as soon as possible as we understand the disruptions that would be caused by those change. However, as many of these factors are outside our control, changes could be made abruptly and with little notice. We thank you in advance for your patience and flexibility as we navigate these unprecedented circumstances.

If you have any further questions, please contact the school by phone at (518) 963-4456 or email at district@willsborocsd.org and as always, all reopening information can be easily located on the reopening page of our district website www.willsborocsd.org/re-opening.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday weekend and are able to enjoy some rest and relaxation before we kick off what is certain to be a memorable school year!

Best Regards and Take Care,



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