



Westerville South High School

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Mike Hinze, Principal

Good Morning Westerville South Families,

We hope you were able to refresh and recharge over summer break. Now we are excited to start the 2021-22 school year and welcome the class of 2025 to our family.

As a reminder, the **first day of school for all South students will be Thursday, August 12**. However, before the doors open for our first full day of school this year, we have some important information to share.

Upcoming Events, Dates, & Times

Schedules will be available on PowerSchool beginning on Monday, August 2nd.

Beginning on Monday, August 2, students will be able to log into their PowerSchool accounts to view their class schedules for the 21/22 school year. Due to the work that has been done by counselors ahead of schedule release, the only schedule changes that will be considered are for: seniors who need to make a change to meet graduation requirements, student-athletes who need to add a course to meet OHSAA requirements, not enough classes (Need to be enrolled in 5 courses), deleting a duplicate course, need to add a course for graduation, delete a course not on registration sheet, college Credit Plus questions or timing of classes, adding a courses to eliminate Study Halls, upgrade level of a course (Honors to AP).

Freshmen Orientation: Thursday, August 5th from noon to 5:30pm. We will have several **one-way** buses to provide free transportation to South beginning at about 11:20am. Pizza lunch will be provided to incoming 9th graders. After an afternoon of activities there will be a parent meeting at 5pm in the Auditorium. Families will transport students home at the end of the day.

Optional, In-Person Schedule Pickup: Friday, August 6th from 8:30am-11:30am and 4pm-7pm. Links to forms, fees, and schedules will also be available for those who wish to do this online.

Non-Freshman, New Student Orientation: We will have a brief new student orientation for non-freshmen on Friday, August 6th at 6pm in the Library. Newly enrolled students and students who were in WVA as 9th graders are invited to attend.

Lockers: Due to construction we are not able to provide students with lockers this fall. We understand this is not ideal and we are working on a solution.

Curriculum Night/Open House: Wednesday, September 1st, 6:30-8:30pm Families will have the opportunity to walk their student's schedule and briefly hear from teachers.

Important 'Back-to-School' Information for South Families

- **Instructional Material Fees and Class Dues have been assessed in PowerSchool and are available for viewing and payment, through EZ Pay.**
 - The district's preferred method for fee payment (and the only method for credit card payment) is the EZ Pay system. Only cash or checks can be accepted in the buildings.
 - The EZ Pay system should be open for payments beginning August 2. The district will be covering the cost of the convenience fee for all payments made via EZ Pay through 8/31.
 - To access EZ Pay, visit www.Westerville.k12.oh.us and scroll all the way to the blue bar at the bottom. Then, click on the EZ Pay link. From here, you will either login using your existing account or register for a new account.
 - For families wishing to pay in-person, please attend Schedule Pickup on Friday, August 6th (details above).

- **Important note about PowerSchool:** the district PowerSchool platform does not sync with the PowerSchool app (it is not a WCS app). Please make sure you use a web browser to review student fees on PowerSchool; please do not use the PowerSchool app.

- **Attendance Reporting for 2021-2022**
 - Once again for the 21/22 school year, all South families should continue to report student absences through the **SafeArrival** website or mobile app. New this year, WCS families may also now call a dedicated district phone number for absence reporting: 1-844-431-0874.
 - Please see the enclosed district communication that provides more information about how to access **SafeArrival**. Please check your email for an electronic copy of this communication with the active links.

- **Food Service Information**
 - The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended the free meal benefit program for all students for the 21/22 school year. This means that there will be free breakfasts and lunches available to ALL students for the entire 21/22 school year. To take advantage of this program, students are required to select the "meal deal" at lunch. The "Meal Deal" contains a protein/grain, up to two veggies/fruit, and 1% milk. Individual items (a la carte) and additional entrees will have additional fees.
 - **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** there is an important difference between the USDA's Free Lunch program for the 21/22 school year and the federal government's free/reduced lunch program. While all students will be eligible to receive a free lunch as part of the USDA's program, some families may be eligible to receive additional benefits as part of the free/reduced lunch program. If you think your family may qualify for free/reduced lunch and the additional benefits provided, then your family will need to apply for the federal government program. To continue the program, families must apply each year. To apply, please visit www.LunchApplication.com and click on the APPLY NOW button to submit an application.

- **Please find enclosed a vaccine consent form for the district's annual flu vaccine clinic**

Once again, please be on the lookout for additional information to come via email on Monday, August 2. We are very eager to welcome our students and families back into the building and we're excited to see what the 2021-2022 school year will bring for our Wildcats!

Yours,



Mike Hinze
Principal, Westerville South High School



District launches SafeArrival for absence reporting, notifications

NOTE: All "Back to School" information/activities have been developed according to current guidance from state and federal authorities and remain subject to adjustments based upon new government orders/guidelines.

Beginning with the 2021-22 School Year, all WCSD families will report student absences through a secure system called **SafeArrival**. In addition to reducing the time it takes to verify student attendance, this system gives families more options to report a child's absence and allows our staff to immediately investigate discrepancies. This is especially important when a child is reported absent during attendance and the office has not notified that the student would be missing school that day. SafeArrival is part of the district's SchoolMessenger notification system.

Beginning in August, families will be able to report and/or schedule absences through any of the following options: an app on their mobile device, a secure website, or a dedicated toll-free telephone number (1-844-431-0874).

Please download the SafeArrival FAQ and also visit <https://go.schoolmessenger.com> to learn more. Be sure to create an account for the SchoolMessenger website and also download the free app for Apple devices or Android devices.

If a parent/guardian forgets to report their student's absence, they will begin to receive automated notifications once the child is marked absent at school. The notification process ends when the parent/guardian confirms the absence through SafeArrival. Safeguards are in place to prevent students from reporting their own absence.

Once implemented, these absence reporting options will be available to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Future absences, such as known medical appointments, can be scheduled at any time. The app is convenient, the toll-free number is districtwide, and the dedicated website also provides access to an archive of messages sent to families through the district's notification system. We're pleased to launch this new resource for our families!



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Important school information. Please have someone translate.

SPANISH - Informacion importante de la escuela - por favor que alguien traduzca.

NEPALI: लको मह पण ज्ञानकारी हो. कृपया कसैलाई अनुवाद गर्न लगाउनुहोस्।

SOMALI - Akhbaar muhiim ah oo ka socdaa dugsiiga. Fadlan qof haa ku turjumo.

ALL STUDENTS WILL EAT FREE!

The United States Department of Agriculture has extended free meal benefits to all students through the end of the 2021-22 school year. That means breakfast and lunch school meals available for students to eat at school will be free for the entire school year. The "Meal Deal" is required to qualify for free meals. All individual items, A la Carte, and additional entrees will have an additional fee.

The "Meal Deal" Consists of a protein/grain = main course, up to 2 veggies, and/or a fruit. 1% Milk is included with all meals.

FREE & REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

Lunch Applications for the 2021-22 School Year are **not required** to qualify for free school lunches. However, there are several District and external benefits that you may qualify for by filling out the lunch application. To begin the application process, please visit www.LunchApplication.com. Once you have agreed to the terms and conditions, select OH for Ohio and then choose Westerville City Schools.

TO APPLY: Simply go to www.LunchApplication.com and click on **APPLY NOW** then follow all the prompts. **You should have the six digit student ID number for each child on the application.**

www.LunchApplication.com is an easy, secure, and convenient way to apply free or reduced price school meals. **Please note that if you receive a letter from Food Service regarding Direct Certification, you do NOT need to submit an application as you have already been approved. These notifications will start going home August 6th via US Mail.**

Paper applications are available at your child's school, the Food Service office located at 936 Eastwind Dr. or the Westerville Enrollment Center at 300 Polaris Parkway, Suite 3200. You may also access the application through the district website or your student's school office.

MENUS: Menus can be found on the district website under Food Service Department, we have discontinued the use of the NutriSlice program.

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION THAT IS IMPORTANT FROM FOOD SERVICE!

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



ON LINE DEBIT/CREDIT CARD PAYMENT SYSTEM

SPS EZPay is a secure and convenient website application that allows parents to add to their child's meal account, pay school, class and activity fees, and Pre-School and Full Day Kindergarten Tuition over the Internet using any Visa, MasterCard, or American Express (including Debit Visa and MasterCard). ***Please note that Food Service cannot take credit card payments at our office or at the schools; this is only available over the Internet. The use of EZPay is optional; we will continue to accept cash and checks for payment of fees or deposits into meal accounts. EZ Pay access is available.***

A \$2.75 transaction fee will be applied to all online transactions. You may make deposits into multiple student accounts and pay one fee payment in "one" transaction. More detailed instructions on using the EZPay website can be found on the district website in the Food Services Departmental information section, or you may visit www.spsezipay.com/westerville. The convenience fee of \$2.75 per transaction will be paid by the District through August 31st.

FOOD ALLERGIES: Do you have a child with food allergies? Please visit the district website, follow the links to the Food Service Department, and you will find important information that is needed in order to make food substitutions in the cafeteria. If you have questions or need assistance related to food allergies, please contact Ginger Parsons, Manager of Food Services at 614/797-5993.

WAIVER: To ensure that your lunch status is secure and recognized by all school authorities please make sure you fill out the online Waiver, which can be accessed on Power School as part of your back to school forms. All students must fill out this PowerSchool form. Hard copy of the waiver will be stored on the Food Service Website.

START your day the right way with School Breakfast!



School Breakfast will give you **MORE** energy, keep your body healthy, and help improve grades! Westerville City Schools offers breakfast daily and it is free for the 2021-2022 school year.



As a sponsor of the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program, Westerville City Schools must abide by the USDA regulations in the administration of this program.

Vaccine Consent Form

School Name: _____



PLEASE COMPLETE ALL OF THE INFORMATION BELOW - Please print using ink (incomplete forms will not be accepted)

FIRST NAME of Student:										LAST NAME of Student:									
Gender: Male Female					Birthdate: (mo,day,yr)					Age					Homeroom Teacher / Grade				
Address															Phone #				
City					Zip Code					State					Student Race: (Circle applicable) African American / Black White Alaskan/ Native American Asian Hawaiian / Pacific Islander Other Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic or Hispanic				

The current health care laws require us to bill your insurance company for the vaccine. The service is offered at no cost to you. Answers are always confidential. Please fill out the following questions pertaining to your child's Health Insurance:

Parent / Guardian Information														
First Name					Last Name					Mothers Maiden Name (for state registry)				

REQUIRED INSURANCE INFORMATION (MUST CHECK AN APPROPRIATE BOX)

MEDICAID & MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS

BUCKEYE	CARE SOURCE	MOLINA	PARAMOUNT ADVANTAGE	UHC COMMUNITY PLAN	STRAIGHT MEDICAID	OTHER: (PLEASE SPECIFY NAME)								
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MEMBER ID#										CASE #				
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MMIS# (PATIENT'S MEDICAID #) <small>NOTE: THIS IS THE ONLY # REQUIRED FOR BUCKEYE PATIENTS</small>										CURRENTLY HAVE NO INSURANCE <small>NOTE: IT IS FRAUDULENT TO CLAIM UNINSURED IF YOU HAVE INSURANCE</small>				
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PRIVATE INSURANCE COMPANIES

AETNA	BCBS	CIGNA	CORE SOURCE	HUMANA	MEDICAL MUTUAL	TRI-CARE	UHC	OTHER: (PLEASE SPECIFY NAME)						
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CARDHOLDER'S FIRST NAME					CARDHOLDER'S LAST NAME					CARDHOLDER'S DATE OF BIRTH (MO, DAY, YR)				
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IDENTIFICATION / MEMBER ID# / EMPLOYEE ID# <small>(INCLUDE ALPHA PREFIX, IF SHOWN ON CARD)</small>										PAYER ID# <small>(IF NOTED ON CARD)</small>				
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VACCINATION & HEALTH-RELATED QUESTIONS

1	Has your child ever had a life threatening reaction(s) to the flu vaccine in the past?	YES	NO
2	Has your child ever had Guillain-Barre' syndrome?	YES	NO
3	Does your child have an allergy to eggs?	YES	NO
4	Does your child have a blood disorder such as hemophilia?	YES	NO
5	Will this be the first time your child has ever received a flu vaccination?	YES	NO



IF YOU HAVE ANY HEALTH QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S PEDIATRICIAN OR CALL US AT 205-609-0268 TO SPEAK TO A REPRESENTATIVE.

I have read the information about the vaccine and special precautions on the Vaccine Information Sheet. I am aware that I can locate the most current Vaccine Information Statement and other information at www.immunize.org or www.cdc.gov. I have had an opportunity to ask questions regarding the vaccine and understand the risks and benefits. I request and voluntarily consent for the vaccine to be given to the person listed above of whom I am the parent or legal guardian and having legal authority to make medical decisions on their behalf. I acknowledge no guarantees have been made concerning the vaccine's success. I hereby release the school system, Health Heroes of Ohio, HNH Immunizations, Inc., MaxVax LLC., & subsidiaries, affiliated schools of nursing, their directors and employees from any and all liability arising from any accident or act of omission which arises during vaccination. I understand this consent is valid for 6 months and that I will make the school aware of any health changes prior to the vaccination clinic date. I acknowledge that I am giving permission for HNH Immunizations, Inc. to adjudicate and appeal claims with my insurance providers on my behalf. Clinic dates can be obtained from the school. I understand that the health-related information on this form will be used for insurance billing purposes and your privacy will be protected. I request and voluntarily consent for the vaccine to be given and recorded in the state registry for the person listed above.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Printed Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

VIS CDC IIV 08/15/2019
 LOT Number: _____ EXP Date: _____
 RN # _____ Date _____
AREA FOR OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATION USE ONLY

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 Union Springs, AL 36089
 AL@healthheroosa.com
 205-609-0268



VACCINE INFORMATION STATEMENT

Influenza (Flu) Vaccine (Inactivated or Recombinant): What you need to know

Many vaccine information statements are available in Spanish and other languages. See www.influenza.gov.
More information about your vaccine risks depends on whether you receive this vaccine. Visit www.influenza.gov/vs.

1 Why get vaccinated?

Influenza vaccine can prevent influenza (flu).

Flu is a contagious disease that spreads around the United States every year, usually between October and May. Anyone can get the flu, but it is more dangerous for some people. Infants and young children, people 65 years of age and older, pregnant women, and people with certain health conditions or a weakened immune system are at greatest risk of flu complications.

Pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus infections and ear infections are examples of flu-related complications. If you have a medical condition, such as heart disease, cancer or diabetes, flu can make it worse.

Flu can cause fever and chills, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, cough, headache, and runny or stuffy nose. Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults. Each year **thousands of people in the United States die from flu**, and many more are hospitalized. Flu vaccine prevents millions of illnesses and flu-related visits to the doctor each year.

2 Influenza vaccine

CDC recommends everyone 6 months of age and older get vaccinated every flu season. **Children 6 months through 8 years of age** may need 2 doses during a single flu season. **Everyone else** needs only 1 dose each flu season.

It takes about 2 weeks for protection to develop after vaccination.

Many vaccine information statements are available in Spanish and other languages. See www.influenza.gov.

More information about your vaccine risks depends on whether you receive this vaccine. Visit www.influenza.gov/vs.

There are many flu viruses, and they are always changing. Each year a new flu vaccine is made to protect against three or four viruses that are likely to cause disease in the upcoming flu season. Even when the vaccine doesn't exactly match these viruses, it may still provide some protection.

Influenza vaccine **does not cause flu**.

Influenza vaccine may be given at the same time as other vaccines.

3 Talk with your health care provider

Tell your vaccine provider if the person getting the vaccine:

- Has had an **allergic reaction after a previous dose of influenza vaccine**, or has any **severe, life-threatening allergies**.
- Has ever had **Gullain-Barre Syndrome** (also called GBS).

In some cases, your health care provider may decide to postpone influenza vaccination to a future visit. People with minor illnesses, such as a cold, may be vaccinated. People who are moderately or severely ill should usually wait until they recover before getting influenza vaccine.

Your health care provider can give you more information.

4 Risks of a vaccine reaction

- Soreness, redness, and swelling where shot is given, fever, muscle aches, and headache can happen after influenza vaccine.
- There may be a very small increased risk of Gullain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) after inactivated influenza vaccine (the flu shot).

Young children who get the flu shot along with pneumococcal vaccine (PCV13), and/or DTap vaccine at the same time might be slightly more likely to have a seizure caused by fever. Tell your health care provider if a child who is getting flu vaccine has ever had a seizure.

People sometimes faint after medical procedures, including vaccination. Tell your provider if you feel dizzy or have vision changes or ringing in the ears. As with any medicine, there is a very remote chance of a vaccine causing a severe allergic reaction, other serious injury, or death.

5 What if there is a serious problem?

An allergic reaction could occur after the vaccinated person leaves the clinic. If you see signs of a severe allergic reaction (hives, swelling of the face and throat, difficulty breathing, a fast heartbeat, dizziness, or weakness), call 9-1-1 and get the person to the nearest hospital.

For other signs that concern you, call your health care provider.

Adverse reactions should be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). Your health care provider will usually file this report, or you can do it yourself. Visit the VAERS website at www.vaers.hhs.gov or call 1-800-822-7967. VAERS is *only for reporting reactions, and VAERS staff do not give medical advice*.

6 The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program

The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) is a federal program that was created to compensate people who may have been injured by certain vaccines. Visit the VICP website at www.hhsa.gov/vaccinecompensation or call 1-800-338-2382 to learn about the program and about filing a claim. There is a time limit to file a claim for compensation.

7 How can I learn more?

- Ask your healthcare provider.
- Call your local or state health department.
- Contact the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
Call 1-800-232-4636 (1-800-CDC-INFO) or
Visit CDC's www.cdc.gov/flu



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Vaccine Information Statement (Interim)
**Inactivated Influenza
Vaccine**

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