



WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS CLIPS FOR NOVEMBER 2024

PICTURE RETAKES ARE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH AT 7:30AM IN THE CAFETERIA

Parents/Guardians – New Policy ... Please make sure to call the school and give permission if you are having someone from your Emergency Contact list (or someone not on your Emergency Contact list) picking up your student for any reason.

Our **EXTRA_CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES** this nine-week session includes sixth, seventh and eighth grade wrestling, and sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls' basketball. We remind students and parents that **a doctor's physical** is required to be on file with our school before student's practice/participation in any sport. Also, a fee of \$25 per sport is due at the beginning of participation.

REMINDER: BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL DROP OFF AND AFTERNOON PICK UP FOR STUDENTS...We wish to remind drivers who are bringing our students to school in the morning, or picking them up in the afternoon, please pull into the proper drop-off areas. **NO STUDENTS ARE TO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CROSSWALKS, IN THE FRONT CIRCLE (this is for busses), IN THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL, OR IN THE BLACK HILLS WORKS PARKING LOT.** In the afternoon, all students should be out of the building by 3:15pm and off the school grounds by 3:30pm unless they have an after-school activity. We appreciate your consideration of these issues.

6th grade students will be dropped off and picked up in the Westminster Presbyterian Church parking lot across the street, using the crosswalk and waiting in front of the glass hallway. Students will enter the building using the north/south glass hallway doors and the main entrance.

7th grade students will be dropped off in front of the community center parking lot and Science wing; there is a pull through (**not for parking**) before the parking spots right in front of the community center. Students need to walk around the community center to the courtyard where there are four entry ways to come in the building.

8th grade students will be dropped off in the community center parking lot, there is a loop already built in and this is where 8th graders will also park if they are driving themselves to school. Students will walk around to the courtyard where there are four entry ways to come into the building.

PARKING DURING AND AFTER SCHOOL...Westminster Presbyterian Church has been generous in allowing us to use their parking lot. However, they are asking that parents and staff of West Middle School remember to **not park** anywhere next to the church building. There are designated spaces for church use only, and there are **"No Parking"** zones we cannot use. The rest of the parking lot is available to us, so please be considerate of their generosity. We need to respect the no parking zones both during the school day and for evening sports events and conference nights. For after school pickup you can also utilize the Community Center parking lot, and the visitor parking available on the north end of the building. Remember, there is no student drop off or pickup in the front circle (this is for buses), or in the back of the building. Thank you for your consideration.

School issued Chromebooks are to be used for academic purposes only. Laptop activity and websites, you visit are monitored daily, whether you are at school or at home. The District IT department can search website history whether you are logged in at home or at school. Please remember to be digitally responsible when using the school laptop. It is a privilege and there are consequences for misusing school technology and/or the laptop will be confiscated. Thank you, Administration



DAILY BULLETIN...is offered on the West Middle School website under Announcements. This is posted daily.

HOMework INFORMATION...
You can find your students homework on **CANVAS**





WMS Student Council Officers for the 2024-2025 school year are: Dalton Porisch, Gianna Grigg, Kellen Hoffman, Emily Waldie, Eryn O’Laughlin, Ardyn Swango, Brody Aker, Emory Parrish, Emma Sweeden, Analise Rossknecht, Sophie Hammell, Kaylee Miller

West’s Builders Club: Students Making a Difference

The WMS Builders Club kicked off its 17th year in October. The goal of the club is to help students "build" leadership skills while performing community service projects that benefit the school and those in need in our community. We have started the planning process for our first service project, and we have also elected our club officers. Congratulations to this year’s officers: President – Mikaela Stephens, Vice-President – Zeva Dailey, Secretary – Leah Hoffmann, Treasurer – Ardyn Swango. The club meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in room 203 from 3:10 to about 4:00. It is not too late to join; all students are invited to join us at any meeting. If you have any questions, you may email Mrs. Ley at trista.ley@K12.sd.us

Mrs. Trista Ley



We want to thank the parents of WMS PAWS who brought treats for the teachers’ lounge in September & October and provided the staff with supper during Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 10. West Middle School staff members continue to be very grateful for their generosity.

Congratulations

STUDENT OF THE MONTH nominees chosen by the core teachers for the month of **October** are:

6th grade

- Aliannah Jiron
- Liberty Lundin
- Reed Newstrom
- Joseph Tyon

7th grade

- Dalton Porisch
- Brooklyn Rathe
- Sawyer Shryock
- Emily Waldie

8th grade

- Brendan Christensen
- Ian Grenz
- Gianna Grigg
- Victoria Hresko

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- EARLY RELEASE – 1:00**
- Band Solo & Ensemble @ North 3:30-7:00pm**
- Daylight savings time ends – set your clocks back 1 hour**
- NO SCHOOL – Staff PD Day**
- PICTURE RETAKES - 7:30am Cafeteria**
- NO SCHOOL – Veterans Day**
- 8th grade Career Fair @ Monument 8:15-10:30am**
- NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK**

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https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/south_dakota/rapidcity/west-middle-school

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS ARE NUMEROUS

Please encourage your child to check the designated area for items he/she may be missing. All lost and found items will be taken to Good Will during the

