



# *In the Middle Of It All*

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## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

- Nov. 18 1st Trimester Ends
  - Nov. 21 2nd Trimester Begins
  - Nov. 23-25 **NO SCHOOL**– Thanksgiving Break
  - Nov. 28 Classes resume
  - Nov. 30 Upper PTO Meeting @ Middle School Library 7pm
  - Dec. 7 Holiday Band Concert
  - Dec. 9 & 10 Middle School Musical
  - Dec. 11 Middle School Musical 2pm
  - Dec. 14 Winter Choral Concert
  - Dec. 19 2nd Quarter Ends/ 1st Semester Ends
  - Dec. 20 **NO SCHOOL**– Professional Development– Teachers Only
  - Dec. 21 **NO SCHOOL**– Teacher Record Day
  - Dec. 22-Jan. 2 **NO SCHOOL**– Winter Break
  - Jan. 3 Classes Resume/3rd Quarter Begins/2nd Semester Begins
  - Jan. 16 **NO SCHOOL**– Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
  - Feb. 20 **NO SCHOOL**– Presidents' Day
  - Feb. 22 6th Grade Camp Fitch Parent Meeting
- \* All evening events start at 7:00 p.m. at WGMS unless otherwise indicated.



**ATTENTION 6TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS:** Sixth Grade Camp has been scheduled for March 22-24, 2017. A parent meeting is scheduled for **February 22nd**. Students will be receiving an informational letter /permission slip for Camp Fitch in the upcoming weeks. Please contact Mr. Raines at [scott.raines@westg.org](mailto:scott.raines@westg.org) with any questions.

### ***Parent/Teacher Conferences***

The West Geauga Middle School staff and administration would like to **THANK YOU** for attending. It is always an informative and rewarding evening for both parents and staff.

**REMINDER: GEAUGA WEST LIBRARY PASSES**– With a pass, students can ride a bus to the Geauga West Library immediately after school. Passes will be issued by the middle school office when we have a signed permission slip from a parent/guardian.

**STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WALK TO THE LIBRARY OR THE HIGH SCHOOL.**



# WEST GEAUGA MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS 2016-2017



**PHYSICALS:** In order for any athlete to participate or TRYOUT in a winter sport, they must have an UPDATED OHSAA Physical on file in the office. Please visit the middle school webpage or OHSAA.org for a copy of this form.

**PARTICIPATION FEE:** There is a one-time fee each school year for students who participate in the Middle School Athletics. The fee is \$110.00 and is valid for the entire 2016-2017 school year. Please make checks payable to West Geauga Board of Education.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All athletes must be eligible according to Ohio High School Athletic Association for Middle School athletics, as well as West Geauga Local School District Bylaw and Policy # 2431.

**FinalForms:** The High School and Middle School Athletic Departments are going paperless! We are now using FinalForms for all rosters, medical information, etc. If your child is planning on participating in a school sport, they need to be registered on FinalForms. Please visit the West Geauga Middle School Athletic page for the link and instructions.

## Girls Basketball

7<sup>th</sup> grade will play first on  
Monday/Tuesday

8<sup>th</sup> grade will play first on  
Wednesday/Thursday

**Thursday, November 3**

4:00pm Home VS Independence

**Monday, November 7**

4:00pm 7th Grade @ Chagrin Falls

4:00pm 8th Grade Home VS Cardinal

**Thursday, November 10**

4:30pm Home VS Perry

**Tuesday, November 15**

4:30p @ Fairport

**Thursday, November 17**

4:30pm @ Heritage (Harvey)

**Monday, November 21**

4:00pm @ Berkshire

**Tuesday, November 29**

4:30pm @ Geneva

**Thursday, December 1**

4:00pm Home VS Kirtland

**Tuesday, December 6**

4:00pm @ Independence

**Thursday, December 8**

4:00pm @ Cardinal

**Monday, December 12**

4:30pm @ Perry

**Tuesday, December 13**

4:30pm Home VS Fairport

**Thursday, December 15**

4:30pm Home VS Heritage (Harvey)

**Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

4:00pm Home VS Berkshire

**Thursday, January 5, 2017**

4:30pm Home VS Geneva

**Monday, January 9, 2017**

4:00pm @ Kirtland

**Wednesday, January 11, 2017**

4:00pm Tournament - TBD

**Thursday, January 12, 2017**

4:00pm Tournament - TBD

**Saturday, January 14, 2017**

8:00am Tournament - TBD

## Boys Basketball/ Cheerleading

Tryouts begin: Monday November 28

7th grade will play first on  
Monday/Tuesday

8th grade will play first on  
Wednesday/Thursday

**Thursday, January 12**

4:00pm Scrimmage @ Hawken

**Tuesday, January 17,**

4:30pm Home VS Berkshire

**Thursday, January 19**

4:30pm @ Geneva

**Tuesday, January 24**

4:30pm @ Perry

**Thursday, January 26**

4:00pm Home VS Richmond Hts

**Monday, January 30**

4:30pm @ Fairport

**Tuesday, January 31**

4:00pm Home VS Kirtland

**Thursday, February 2**

4:00pm Home VS Cardinal

**Monday, February 6**

4:30pm @ Heritage (Harvey)

**Tuesday, February 7**

4:30pm @ Berkshire

**Thursday, February 9**

4:30pm Home VS Geneva

**Monday, February 13**

4:30pm Home VS Perry

**Tuesday, February 14**

4:00pm @ Richmond Hts

**Thursday, February 16**

4:30pm Home VS Fairport

**Tuesday, February 21**

4:00pm @ Kirtland

**Thursday, February 23**

4:00pm @ Cardinal

**Monday, February 27**

4:30pm Home VS Heritage (Harvey)

**Wednesday, March 1**

4:00pm CVC Tournament - TBD

**Thursday, March 2**

4:00pm CVC Tournament - TBD

**Saturday, March 4**

8:00am CVC Tournament - TBD

## Wrestling

**Monday, November 21**

4:30pm Home with Orange, Perry, and Beachwood

**Wednesday, November 30**

4:00pm Home with Cuyahoga Hts. and Heritage (Harvey)

**Tuesday, December 6**

4:30pm @ Geneva with Kirtland and Wickliffe

**Tuesday, December 13**

4:00pm @ Cardinal with Hawken and Berkshire

**Saturday, December 17**

8:00am @ Perry Superquad

**Thursday, December 29**

10:00am @ Waterloo Tournament

**Tuesday, January 10, 2017**

4:30pm @ Chagrin with Independence

**Saturday, January 14, 2017**

10:00am CVC Tournament @ Cardinal

**Saturday, January 21, 2017**

8:00am Home for BIG 10 Tournament

**Wednesday, January 25, 2017**

4:30pm @ Chardon with Ravenna Southeast

**Friday, February 3, 2017**

5:00pm @ Twinsburg

**Saturday, February 4, 2017**

9:30am @ Twinsburg



**WEST GEAUGA MIDDLE SCHOOL  
NEWS 2016**

**GUIDANCE NEWS-** Winter in the guidance office brings a lot of interaction with our 8th graders! This fall, our 8th grade students will be taking the PSAT8. The PSAT 8/9 is highly relevant to your future success and focuses on the skills and knowledge at the heart of education. It measures: What you learn in school and what you need to succeed in college. (Taken from <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9/inside-the-test>). Mrs. Timmons recently visited 8th graders in history class to play "High School Lingo Bingo," where students tested their knowledge about high school, college prep and different opportunities offered at WGHS. 8th graders also took a Learning Style Inventory that helped to identify the ways in which the students learn best. In the next month, Mrs. Timmons will also be helping students to write letters to their high school counselors about their interests, goals and questions about the future.

In 6th grade, Mr. Landies, one of the school counselor interns, has been visiting social studies classes to conduct career exploration lessons. 6th graders took Career Interest Inventories through a software system call Naviance to see how their interests align with possible career choices. Mr. Landies is also leading an anxiety group for any student who may be going through a stressful time at school or at home. For questions about the group or how to get your child involved, contact Mr. Landies at [colin.landies@westg.org](mailto:colin.landies@westg.org).

In 7th grade, Miss Day, another of the school counselor interns, has also been working in Naviance with students to conduct a Do What You Are survey. This helps students see the correlation between their personality traits and the careers choices that might fit best. Miss Day is leading the second round of an organization group to help teach students how to prioritize, set goals, and keep themselves organized. For more information on this group, please contact Miss Day at [danielle.day@westg.org](mailto:danielle.day@westg.org).

**ACCEPTANCE COMMITTEE-** The Acceptance Committee has been very busy this Fall. The annual kick-off was a huge success with our key speaker, David Petrovic. He addressed the entire school and spoke to them about respect and acceptance of others. In October, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade AC members attended a Kindness Rally at Mentor High School. The program focused on teaching our students how to initiate kindness projects that positively impact the culture of their school and it inspired them to treat others with kindness and respect. Also, on October 19th, WGMS held a Unity Rally to acknowledge Unity Day. Unity day is nationally recognized as a day school's and communities come together and show that they are united together against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

**YEARBOOK:** Orders may be submitted for the 2015-2016 WGMS Yearbook by visiting [pastorphoto.com](http://pastorphoto.com) website or follow the link on the Middle School webpage. The cost is \$25.00. Yearbook orders will not be taken at school.

**Congratulations to the following 8th grade Mural Club students:**

**New Murals:** Brandon Nerone, Mary Brookes, Joey Hefler, Ashley Fleck, Lauren Lance, Samantha Skerbec, Kayla Megla, Allison Fahey, Emma Clark, Emma Heim, Nicole Velasquez, Hannah Taupeika.

**Restoration Crew:** Catelyn Chase, Evelyn Converse, Valerie Angie, Savannah Speiser and Aaron Winterich.

Restoration Crew will have a meeting on **Tuesday, November 15th, 2:30 - 4:15pm.**

## WEST GEAUGA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS 2016

### **Football Season 2016**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade football team completed a successful season with a 5-3 record. With signature wins against Perry and Geneva, the team continuously improved as the year progressed. This is a talented group of players, and we look forward to watching these young men play Wolverine football in the years to come. Get better every day. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade coaching staff thanks the parents of our student athletes for their support. Special thanks to Mr. Kish, Mr. Krippel, Mr. Baker, Mr. Cavasinni (our announcer) and Mrs. Larrick (game films) for all they do.

The 7th grade football team ended their 2016 season with a 1-6-1 record. Their team effort was great! They learned a complicated offense that they will be able to build on through out their entire West Geauga Football Career. Their progression as players and as a team were evident to the coaches. They started the year with 24 players and ended with the same number. This fact showed a dedication to the program, system and each other and is a encouraging starting point for next year. The 7th grade coaching staff would like to thank the boys for their commitment. Good luck next year!

### **Volleyball Season 2016**

The 7th grade volleyball finished their season with a 15-4 season. Congratulations to these girls on a great season: Preston Clayman, Isabella Costa, Ella Flowers, Tara Gall, Kaedyn Hass, Jane Javorek, Hannah Laurich, Bella Maguire, Stephanie Meyer, Allison Mueller, Sophie Simone, and Meghan Zebrowski. The 8th grade Lady Wolverines finished their volleyball season 10-6. They really worked hard all season as a team. The team consisted of Marissa Bican, Emma Heim, Brooke Henriksen, Athena Hocevar, Sammi Hornyak, Lauren Kretschman, Lauren Lance, Brinn MacLellan, Alexa Pistone-Nascone, Samantha Skerbec, Elana Zebrowski and Ally Ziegler.

### **Cross Country 2016**

The Cross Country teams made 2016 the best season in school history. Both the boys' and girls' teams won the CVC Championships, as well as being awarded overall champions at the Perry Invitational and Cardinal Invitational. Both teams also finished undefeated in dual meets during the season. The girls' team was led by Cantrelle Williams and Julia Martinez who earned 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at the state meet in Columbus. The boys were led by Johnny Patterson, who was the boys' Individual CVC Champion. Congratulations to all members of the team for putting in the hard work needed to have such great season. Let's do it again next year!

### **Message from the Principal**

It is amazing how quickly the first nine weeks has flown by this year, and the great summer weather has transformed into a beautiful fall season. We have begun many new learning opportunities at WGMS for our students this year. Our teachers have worked diligently to learn new and engaging strategies to use with our children. Hopefully, your child is coming home excited about their middle school experience. As we move throughout the year, we will continue to emphasize the academics needed for success in an environment that is fun and positive for our students. Please be sure to speak to your child daily about their school experience and communicate regularly with school personnel.

Mr. Kish