

Starting and Stopping Times Announced for 2018-2019 School Year in Westerville

Classes for most Westerville City Schools students will begin on Thursday, August

16. Elementary pupils will start school at 9:05 a.m. and dismiss at 3:30 p.m. The middle school day will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 2:45 p.m. High school classes will commence at 7:25 a.m. and finish at 2:05 p.m.

Kindergarten and special needs preschool starts Tuesday, August 21. Morning kindergarten runs from 9:05 to 11:40 a.m. Afternoon kindergarten sessions will be held from 12:55 to 3:30 p.m. Morning preschool classes will begin at 8:45 a.m. and dismiss at 11:15 a.m. Afternoon preschool classes will begin at 12:45 p.m. and end at 3:15 p.m.

Are you new to the Westerville City School District? Have you moved back recently? Those who have not yet registered should visit the district's website at www.wcsoh.org, click on the green "Enrolling" box on the home page, fill out the 2018-19 Enrollment online application for registration and schedule an appointment to complete their enrollment. Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to finalize this process as soon as possible to ensure placement in their child's assigned school.

To ensure your child will be able to attend the first day of school (Thursday, August 16), you must have your enrollment appointment scheduled and completed by Monday, August 13.

Enrollment appointments scheduled after August 13 will mean a school start date of two business days following the completion of your enrollment. (For example, an enrollment date of Tuesday, August 14, means your child's first day of school will take place on Friday, August

17. Wednesday appointments will start your student on Monday, August 20.)

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Online Transportation Information and School Bus Route Schedules

Families whose children will receive transportation services for the 2018-2019 school year may obtain their student's school bus information through three different options listed below. Bus schedules will be available the week of August 6.

1. Transportation school bus schedules will be available through PowerSchool's Parent Portal on the Transportation tab. After logging into your child's PowerSchool page, you can click on the Transportation tab to obtain bus number, stop location and stop times.
2. Also for your convenience, located on the Westerville City Schools Transportation link at www.wcsoh.org/mybus you will find an online tool called "Infofinder I." This tool allows you to enter your home address to obtain bus number, stop location and stop times.
3. As always, school bus schedules are sent to your student's school of attendance.

Please visit Transportation's web page for Westerville City Schools at www.wcsoh.org/mybus. Here, you will find answers to frequently asked transportation questions as well as news regarding the Transportation Department.

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Student Fees Cover Consumable Supplies; Families Can Opt to Pay Online

Families in the Westerville City School District may pay their elementary and middle school grade-level fees online by credit card beginning August 1. High school grade level fees and athletic fees will be available August 6. Simply go to www.wcsdh.org and click on EZPay under the Resources section. Checks (made payable to WBOE), cash and money orders will also be accepted. Fees must be paid prior to or during Back to School Days. Parents who qualify for free or reduced-price meals will need to fill out an on-line form allowing school districts to share a student's free and reduced lunch status in order to adjust fees. Westerville student fees for consumable instructional materials for the 2018-2019 school year are as follows:

Elementary supply fees to be collected are: preschool, \$15.50; kindergarten, \$18.50; grade 1, \$32.00; grade 2, \$32.00; grade 3, \$28.00; grade 4, \$30.00; and grade 5, \$30.00.

The general instructional materials fee for grades 6 - 7 is \$40, plus specific course fees. The instructional materials fee for grade 8 is \$35, plus specific course fees. Extracurricular fees are \$75 for the first sport, \$50 for the second sport, and \$0.00 for the third sport. There is a family cap of \$300 for extracurricular fees.

The general instructional materials fee for high school students is \$20 for all students. There may be other course specific fees for consumable materials. Class dues will be assessed in the amount of \$5 per student per year. The replacement fee for a second photo identification card will be \$5.00. A school campus parking permit is \$30 per student per year. The Advanced Placement test fee is \$93 and International Baccalaureate anticipated fees are \$175 per year for registration; and approximately \$120 per test. Extracurricular fees are \$150 for the first sport, \$75 for the second sport, and \$0.00 for the third sport. There is a family cap of \$300 for extracurricular fees.

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Westerville Schools Continue to Meet USDA Nutrition Standards, Meal Price Guidelines

Westerville City Schools will continue to serve school meals that meet the federal nutrition standards, ensuring that meals are healthy, well balanced, and provide students the nutrition they need to succeed at school.

School meals offer students a variety of milk, fruits, vegetables, proteins, and grains; and must meet strict limits on saturated fat and portion size, while also meeting the following standards.

- Age appropriate calorie limits;
- Larger servings of vegetables and fruits (students must take at least one serving of a fruit or a vegetable);
- A wider variety of vegetables, including dark green and red/orange vegetables, and legumes;
- Fat-free or 1% milk (flavored milk must be fat-free);
- More whole grains; and
- Less sodium.

“We continue to work on offering Westerville students healthier and tastier choices,” said Kari Dennis, Manager of Food Services & Purchasing. “In addition to meeting the USDA nutrition standards, we continue to offer locally grown foods, healthy new menu options, student tastings, and nutrition education. We also have fresh produce bars in all of our school buildings, increasing the daily variety of fresh fruits and vegetables available to our students.” School meals are a great value and a huge convenience for busy families too!

School Program regulations at 7 CFR 210.14(e) require school food authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program to ensure sufficient funds are provided to the nonprofit school food service account for meals served to students not eligible for free or

reduced price meals. Historically there were two ways to meet this requirement: either through the prices charged for “paid” meals or through other non-Federal sources provided to the nonprofit school food service account. Per the Fiscal Year 2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 115-141) for school year 2018–2019, only a SFA that had a negative balance in the nonprofit school food service account as of January 31, 2018, shall be required to establish a price for paid lunches in accordance with Section 12(p) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1760(p). In summary, if the SFA had a positive balance in the nonprofit school food service account on January 31, no further action is needed in terms of adjusting school year 2018-2019 paid lunch prices.

As of January 31, 2018 Westerville City Schools Food Service account has a positive lunch balance and school meal prices for the 2018-2019 school year will remain the same as the 2017-2018 school year (see below).

	Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary	\$1.25	\$2.75
Middle	\$1.50	\$3.00
High	\$1.50	\$3.00

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Free and Reduced Eligibility Policy Announced

Westerville City Schools today announced its 2018-2019 program year policy for free and reduced-price meals for students unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast, After School Care Snack or Special Milk Program. Each school office and the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines will be used for determining eligibility. Children from families whose annual income is at or below the Federal Guidelines are eligible for free and reduced price meals or free milk if the school participates in the Special Milk Program.

Westerville City Schools is excited to announce that families can apply on-line for their children to receive free or reduced price school meals. The application will be sent from a secure website directly to Westerville City Schools. Your personal information remains confidential and secure. www.LunchApplication.com has been designed to make it easy for you to know exactly what information you will need to guide you through the process. Simply go to www.LunchApplication.com and click on Apply Now.

Paper application forms are also available at each school, the Enrollment Center, the Food Service website and the Food Service Office ([125 E. Walnut St.](#)). To apply for free and reduced price benefits, households should either complete the on-line application at www.LunchApplication.com or fill out the paper application and return it to the school. A complete application is required. Households which currently receive Special Nutrition Assistance Program Benefits (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps) or Ohio Works First (OWF) funds for a child must provide the child's name, the SNAP or OWF case number and signature of an adult household member on the application. Households which do not receive SNAP or OWF funds must provide the names of all household members, the last four digits of the Social Security Number of the adult signing the application or state "none" if the adult does

not have a Social Security Number, the amount and source of gross income received by each household member, (state the income and how often received) and the signature of an adult household member. If any of this information is missing, the district cannot process the application.

As a new process this year, parents who qualify for free or reduced-price meals will need to fill out an on-line form allowing school districts to share a student's free and reduced lunch status in order to adjust fees.

Free Health Care: Families with children eligible for school meals may be eligible for free health care coverage through Medicaid and/or Ohio's Healthy Start & Healthy Families programs. These programs include coverage for doctor visits, immunizations, physicals, prescriptions, dental, vision, mental health, substance abuse and more. Please call 1/800/324-8680 for more information or to request an application. Information can also be found on the web at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/consumers/familychild.stm>. Anyone who has an Ohio Medicaid card is already receiving these services.

The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program official. To discourage the possibility of misrepresentation, the application forms contain a statement above the space for signature certifying that all information furnished is true and correct. Applications are being made in connection with the receipt of federal funds. Schools or other officials may check the information on the application at any time during the school year. Deliberate misrepresentation of information may subject the applicant to prosecution under applicable state and federal laws. Households will be notified of approval or denial of benefits.

Foster children are categorically eligible for free meal benefits regardless of the household's income. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals or milk for them, contact the school for more information.

Under the provision of the policy, Karisa Dennis, Manager of Food Services and Purchasing, will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian disagrees with the decision on the application or the result of verification, the decision may be discussed with the determining official on an informal basis. If a formal appeal is desired, the household has the right to a fair hearing. A fair hearing can be requested either orally or in writing from: Mark Hershiser, Deputy Superintendent, [936 Eastwind Dr., Westerville, OH 43081](mailto:936.Eastwind.Dr.,Westerville.OH.43081). The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

Households may apply for benefits any time during the school year. If a household is not currently eligible and if the household size increases or income decreases because of unemployment or other reasons, the family should submit a new application using the www.LunchApplication.com site or submit a new paper application to the Food Service Office. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for free or reduced-price benefits if the family income falls at or below the levels shown above.

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Ohio Law Requires Vaccinations for 7th and 12th Grade Students

Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, meningitis vaccine requirements for 7th and 12th graders were changed.

- 7th grade students are required one dose of the meningitis vaccine and one dose of the Tdap vaccine.
- 12th grade students are required one or two doses of the meningitis vaccine. (If the first dose was given on or after the 16th birthday, the second dose is not required).

Check with your child's pediatrician to make sure all immunizations, including boosters, are up to date. Please provide updated immunization records to the school nurse as soon as possible. Students, by law, will be excluded if they are not compliant, which affects both academics and sports participation.

Franklin County Public Health is hosting 2018 Back to School Immunization Clinics at several locations on August 4, August 20, August 30, September 15 and September 29. For details, or to schedule an appointment, please call 614/525-3719 or visit www.myfcph.org/shots.

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Elementary Schools Prepare to Welcome Students

Students attending Westerville City Schools, in grades 1 - 5, will begin classes on Thursday, August 16. Elementary schools in the district will provide an opportunity for each family to learn of their child's teacher/class placement for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Westerville City School District is collecting Emergency Medical and Parent Permission information through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All forms should be completed online, including the Emergency Medical Form, the Student Code of Conduct, the Publicity Consent Form, and the Walking Field Trip form. Parents and guardians of returning students should have already created a PowerSchool Parent Portal account to access student information. Please contact your school office if you have forgotten your login information or if you have a student new to the district and have not yet created your account.

Fees must be paid prior to or during Back to School Days. Payment can be made through EZPay, check, cash, or money order.

Elementary school supply lists for the 2018-2019 school year are now available on the Westerville Schools website. These can be accessed from a link on the district's home page as well as from each school's home page. Go to www.wcsd.org/backtoschool for details.

- Alcott Elementary Back-to-School Days will take place on August 9 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. A School Walk-Through is scheduled for August 15 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Kindergarten Parent Orientation is also scheduled for August 15 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Curriculum Night for grades 1-5 is slated for August 22 from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. (1st grade, 5:00 p.m.; 2nd grade, 7:00 p.m.; 3rd grade, 5:30 p.m.; 4th grade, 6:00 p.m.; and 5th grade, 6:30 p.m.).

- Annehurst Back to School Day is Wednesday, August 8 from 9:00 a.m. - noon; and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. At Back to School Day fees may be paid, lunch money can be added to student accounts, and class assignments will be given. Computers will be available for those who need to complete lunch applications. The Annehurst PTA will have information available regarding membership and upcoming activities. Meet the Teacher is Wednesday, August 15 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Feel free to bring your school supplies with you. Curriculum Night for parents of students in Kindergarten is Tuesday, August 14, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Curriculum Night is Wednesday, August 29. Parents of students in grades 1 and 2 will meet from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.; parents of students in grades 3 - 5 will meet from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Cherrington Elementary welcomes new and returning families to Back to School Days on August 9 from 9:00 a.m. - noon; and from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. During these times fees may be paid, class assignments will be given, and lunch money can be added to accounts. Families can learn about school activities and opportunities for the upcoming year. A school walk through will take place August 15 from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. and the PTA will host a snow cone social. On August 29, a Curriculum Night will take place for the entire school from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- Emerson World Cultures Magnet School Back to School Days will be held on August 9 from 10:00 a.m. - noon and 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Emerson families are invited to walk through the building and meet the teachers on August 15 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Curriculum Night for grades 1, 2, and 3 will be held on August 29 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Curriculum night for grades 4 and 5 will be on August 30 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. There will be plenty of parking available on the playground. Students and families are also invited to attend the Emerson PTA Back to School Social that will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on September 7.
- Fouse Elementary School will hold Back to School Day on August 7 from 10:00 a.m. - noon and 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. During these times, fees will be paid and class assignments will be given. Computers will be available for those who need to complete lunch

applications. Families may come to either session. On August 15 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., families are invited to walk through the building, drop off supplies, and meet their child(ren)'s teachers. During this time, the Fouse PTO will be on hand to share ways in which parents and volunteers can be involved with school, starting at 2:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Kindergarten Parent Night will take place at 6:30 p.m. on August 15. Curriculum Night for grades 1, 2 and 3 is August 21 at 6:30 p.m. Curriculum night for grades 4 and 5 will take place at 6:30 p.m. on August 28.

- Robert Frost Elementary School will hold Back to School Days on Thursday, August 9. On that day, families may come anytime between 10:00 a.m. - noon or 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. to pay school fees, learn their child's(ren's) assigned teacher(s) and receive information about the coming school year. School supplies will also be available to purchase on August 9. Frost families are invited to walk through the building and meet teachers on August 15 anytime between 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Kindergarten Parent Orientation and Curriculum Night will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14. Curriculum Night for parents of students in grades 1 - 5 will all be held on August 21; 1st grade at 5:00 p.m.; 2nd grade at 5:30 p.m.; 3rd grade at 6:00 p.m.; 4th grade at 6:30 p.m.; and 5th grade at 7:00 p.m.
- Hanby Magnet Elementary School will host Back to School Day on Thursday, August 9 from 10:00 a.m. - noon and 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. At this time, students will learn their classroom assignments. Computers will be available in order for online lunch applications to be completed. PTA representatives will also be present with information about the upcoming school year. Meet the Teacher day will be held on Wednesday, August 15 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Curriculum night will take place for all parents on August 21: grades 1 - 3 will begin at 5:30 p.m. and grades 4 and 5 will start at 6:45 p.m. The PTA will host a Back to School Picnic at Metzger Park on August 30 6:00 p.m.
- Hawthorne Elementary Back to School Day will take place on August 6 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; and 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Back to School Day will allow parents the opportunity

to pay their fees and find out their child's classroom assignment. Hawthorne's Meet the Teacher event will be held on August 15 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. This is a great time to not only meet your child's teacher but also drop off any school supplies to the classroom. Curriculum Nights for Hawthorne will be held from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. on August 30 for grades 3, 4, 5; and September 4 for grades K, 1, 2. Kindergarten Parent Orientation will be held on August 15 at 6:30

- Huber Ridge Elementary School will hold one Back to School Day on Tuesday, August 7 from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. On Wednesday, August 15, from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., families are invited to attend Huber Ridge's Meet the Teacher Event, during which time students and parents can drop-off supplies, meet their teacher, and see their classroom. Kindergarten Parent Orientation will also take place on Wednesday, August 15, at 6:30 p.m. Curriculum Night for all grades K-5 will be held on Wednesday, August 29 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Longfellow will once again be home to All Day Kindergarten classrooms. Back to School Days will take place on Wednesday, August 8 from noon to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. During these times, fees will be paid and computers will be available for those who need to complete the parent portal or lunch applications. Families may come to either session. Parents need to bring their student to one of the three Gentle Start days on August 16, 17 or 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Letters with the assigned Gentle Start date as well as additional details will be mailed by July 27. The official first day of Kindergarten is August 21. Curriculum night will be held Thursday, September 13.
- McVay Elementary will host its "Back to School Days" on Thursday, August 9 from 10:00 a.m. - noon or 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. During these times, fees will be paid and class assignments will be shared. Computers will also be available for those who need to complete lunch applications. Families are welcome to attend either session. A "Meet the Teacher, Open House" will be held on Wednesday, August 15 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. with a "Meet the Principal/Ice Cream Social" to follow on the playground. Kindergarten Parent Orientation will take place on Monday, August 13 at 6:00 p.m. Curriculum Night

for grades 1-3 will be held on Thursday, August 23 from 6:00 - 7:45 p.m. and on Tuesday, August 28 for grades 4 and 5 from 6:00 - 7:45 p.m.

- Pointview Elementary Back to School Days will take place on August 9 from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. During this time, parents will be able to sign up for PTA, receive directions to update all forms on PowerSchool, and learn their grades 1-5 child's classroom assignment. Open House for grades 1-5 will be held on August 15 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. This is a great time for families to come and meet their child's teacher, take a sneak peek at the classrooms and drop off school supplies. Curriculum Night for grades 1-5 will be held on September 13 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Curriculum Night/Open House for Kindergarten will be August 20 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. At this time, families will learn their child's classroom assignment and have time to hear from their child's teacher.
- Mark Twain Elementary Back to School Days will take place on Thursday, August 9, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Meet the Teacher Open House will be held on Wednesday, August 15, for grades K-5 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Curriculum Night is scheduled on Thursday, August 23, from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. for 1st grade, 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. for 2nd grade, 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. for 3rd grade, 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. for 4th grade, and 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. for 5th grade. Kindergarten will be from 5:00 - 6:00 or 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Whittier's Back to School registration is planned for August 8 from 10:00 - noon and 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Meet the Teacher Open House will be held on Wednesday, August 15, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. The PTA will open the school store during the walk-through. Kindergarten orientation will take place from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. on August 14. Curriculum Night will be held September 6 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. for grades 1-5. Grade level teachers will present the same information during both sessions.
- Back-to-School at Wilder Elementary will take place on Wednesday, August 8, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. "Meet the Teacher" is Wednesday, August 15 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please bring school supplies. School planners may

be purchased for students in grades 3 - 5 at this time. Curriculum Nights are Thursday, August 30 for grades Kindergarten, 1, and 2, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; and Thursday, September 6 for grades 3, 4, and 5 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. To accommodate parents with multiple students, teachers will present two identical sessions each evening (6:00 - 6:40 p.m. and 6:50 - 7:30 p.m.).

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(Back to School)

YWCA Kids Place to Provide School-Age Childcare

Westerville City Schools parents who would like information about the YWCA's licensed and award winning before/after school childcare should visit www.ywcakidsplace.com for information about programming and tuition rates, and to complete the convenient online registration.

The YWCA is currently accepting enrollments for 10 elementary school locations (serving all 15 Westerville City Schools elementary schools). The first day of school is Thursday, August 16. In order for a child to start the YWCA's program on the first day of school she/he must have the YWCA Kids Place online registration completed no later than August 1. Registrations received after August 1 will be assigned a later start date.

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Middle Schools Schedule Pick-Up Times

The first day of classes for all middle school students is Thursday, August 16.

The Westerville City School District is collecting Emergency Medical and Parent Permission information through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All forms should be completed online, including the Emergency Medical Form, the Student Code of Conduct, the Publicity Consent Form, and the Walking Field Trip form. Parents and guardians of returning students should have already created a PowerSchool Parent Portal account to access student information. Please contact your school office if you have forgotten your login information or if you have a student new to the district and have not yet created your account.

Fees must be paid prior to or during schedule pick-up. Payment can be made through EZPay, check, cash, or money order.

- Blendon's schedule pick-up will be held Tuesday, August 7, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Then again on Wednesday, August 8, from 10:00 a.m. - noon. Students new to Westerville and sixth graders who did not attend Movin' Up Night in the spring will have an opportunity to meet the administration of Blendon at a brief informational gathering in the gymnasium at 6:00 p.m. on August 7. Yearbook and photo I.D. pictures will be taken during all schedule pick-up sessions with a picture make-up day on August 24 after homeroom. Please look for your picture package order form in the mail from HR Imaging. Curriculum night will take place on Thursday, August 30 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Genoa students may pick up their schedules on August 8 from 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. for grade six only. School and I.D. pictures for sixth graders will be taken during schedule pick-up. Please check the mail for picture packages from HR Imaging. Students new to Westerville and sixth graders who did not attend Moving Up Night in the spring will

have an opportunity to meet the administration of Genoa at a brief informational gathering in the gymnasium at 6:30 p.m. on August 8. Schedule pick-up sessions for seventh and eighth grade students will be August 9 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. School and I.D. pictures for seventh and eighth graders will be taken during schedule pick-up. Curriculum Night will be held on Thursday, August 23 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

- Heritage Middle School's Back-to-School days will be August 8 and 9. On August 8, sixth graders will pick up their schedules and have their school/I.D. pictures taken from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Orientation for sixth graders and their families will be at 6:30 p.m. On August 9, seventh and eighth graders will pick up their schedules and have their school/I.D. pictures taken from 2:00 to 6:30 p.m. Picture order forms have been mailed home, and extra forms will be available during Back-to-School days. Curriculum Night for all students and families will take place on Thursday, August 30 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Walnut Springs schedule pick-up will take place on August 8 from 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. for grade six and new students only. An orientation program will be held that evening at 6:30 p.m. for new students and sixth graders. The annual hot dog party for new students will also be held on August 8 immediately following the orientation program on the football field. Schedule pick-up for seventh and eighth grade students will be August 9 from 1:00 -3:00 p.m. and 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. School/I.D. pictures will be taken during schedule pick-up; order forms have been mailed to home from HR Imaging. Curriculum Night will be held August 30 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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High School Schedule Pick-Up Announced

The first day of classes for Westerville high school students is Thursday, August 16.

The Westerville City School District is collecting Emergency Medical and Parent Permission information through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All forms should be completed online, including the Emergency Medical Form, the Student Code of Conduct, the Publicity Consent Form, and the Walking Field Trip form. Parents and guardians of returning students should have already created a PowerSchool Parent Portal account to access student information. Please contact your school office if you have forgotten your login information or if you have a student new to the district and have not yet created your account.

Fees must be paid prior to or during schedule pick-up. Payment can be made through EZPay, check, cash, or money order.

- Westerville Central High School students should observe the following times for schedule pick-up and school pictures: juniors and seniors, August 8 between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.; freshmen and sophomores, August 9 from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. Parents must complete the emergency medical and parent permission forms online using the PowerSchool Parent Portal. We will be collecting school fees for the 2018-2019 school year at schedule pick-up; all outstanding fees and fines must be paid prior to picking up a schedule. For your convenience, you can pay fees online using EZ PAY and complete online forms at home. A new student orientation will be held on Thursday, August 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. All students are strongly encouraged to attend schedule pick-up.
- Westerville North High School juniors and seniors should pick up schedules on Wednesday, August 8, between 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Freshmen

and sophomores can pick up their schedules on Thursday, August 9, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Freshmen and New Student Orientation will be held in the auditorium at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, August 9. All forms must be completed online through PowerSchool Parent Portal. You can pay school fees online using EZPay beginning on August 6 or at schedule pickup with check, cash or money order. On August 16, all students will follow their schedule. Our annual senior ceremony will take place at 7:30 a.m. in the gymnasium on Friday, August 17. On that day, freshmen, sophomores and juniors will report to their Advisory by 7:25 a.m. Seniors should report to the auditorium by 7:15 a.m.

- Westerville South High School sophomores, juniors and seniors should pick up their schedules on Wednesday, August 8 from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.; or 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. A New Student (non-freshman) Orientation will take place at 5:00 p.m. on August 8 in the iStudio. Freshmen Orientation is slated for Friday, August 10, from noon to 5:30 p.m. Participants should plan to attend the entire time. Registration/check in will be held from noon to 12:15 p.m. Activities will include a pep rally, schedule receipt, locker information, ID cards, a mega fair, and tour of the building. Lunch will be provided for all attendees. A meeting for parents of freshmen is scheduled that same day from 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

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Westerville High Schools Offer Football Season Tickets

Season tickets for 2018 varsity home football games will be made available in the athletic offices at each Westerville high school. Regular varsity football home games begin at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets at the gate for varsity games cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Ultimate Passes cost \$45 for students and \$75 for adults. Ultimate Passes at all three high schools will admit holders to any athletic event at the high school of purchase during the 2018-2019 school year. Also, a family of four (two adults, two students) may purchase a Family Pass at their high school for \$200, with a \$30 cost for each additional student. Questions about purchasing these passes and paying athletic fees should be directed to each school's Athletic Department. Mandatory OHSAA Player/Parent preseason meetings for all fall sport athletes will take place at each high school.

- Ultimate Warhawk Student and Adult Season passes for Westerville Central home athletic events can be purchased at <http://www.locallevelvents.com/accounts/events/upcoming>. The first home event is Friday, August 17, when the soccer teams open the regular season with girls playing at 5:30 p.m. versus Logan and boys at 7:30 p.m. against Upper Arlington. The first home football game will take place against Grove City on Friday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m. The Homecoming Game is October 5 versus Westerville North. For additional information or questions, please contact the Westerville Central Athletic Department at 614/797-6827 or visit the athletic department website at www.westervillecentralathletics.com
- The fall football parent meeting at Westerville North will take place on Sunday, July 29 and the other fall Warrior sports will meet Monday, July 30. Ultimate Warrior passes are available for Westerville North athletic contests for \$75 for adults and \$45 for students. Visit the WNHS Athletic Office during schedule pick-up, Open House or during regular school hours to purchase, as the package is not available at the

gate. Returning for its second year, Futbol Friday Night will allow the Warrior soccer teams to play on Friday night under the lights. Both soccer teams host Grove City on Friday, August 17, with the girls at 6:00 p.m. and the boys at 8:00 p.m. The Warrior's first football game is home against Groveport-Madison on Friday, August 24, with North holding a First Responder Night." All North fans should wear blue to honor all our Westerville first responders that evening. Homecoming is Friday, September 21, with the Warriors hosting Franklin Heights. For additional information, please contact the Westerville North Athletic Department at 614/797-6240 or e-mail athletic director Wes Elifritz at elifritw@wcsoh.org.

- Westerville South High School's Fall OHSAA parent meeting will be held on July 31 at 7:00 pm. Athletics passes are available for Westerville South athletic contests for \$75 for adults and \$45 for students. Visit South's Athletic Office during schedule pick-up, open house or regular school hours to purchase, as the package is not available at the gate. Family passes can be purchased for \$200. On Friday, August 25, the Wildcat varsity football team will host New Albany to open the season. Kickoff is 7:00 p.m. Homecoming is Friday, September 14, when the Wildcats host Upper Arlington. Alumni Night will be held on Friday September 5. For additional information, please contact the Westerville South Athletic Department at 614/797-6004 or e-mail athletic director Josh DeVoll at devollj@wcsoh.org.

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Superintendent's Gold Appreciation Cards Available

Senior citizens who live in the Westerville City School District are invited to pick up their 2018-2019 Superintendent's Gold Appreciation Card.

The free cards are available weekdays from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the receptionist's desk at the Westerville City Schools Early Learning Center, which is located at 936 Eastwind Dr. They can also be obtained at the Westerville Senior Center at 310 W. Main St.; at the Blendon Township Senior Center, 6340 Hempstead Road; and at the Genoa Township Administration Office, 5111 South Old 3C Highway.

Gold Cards, given to district residents over the age of 60 who hold a Golden Buckeye Card, provide free admission to sports events, concerts, musicals and plays (advanced reservation required).

The cards are offered with appreciation to the senior community for their interest in, and support of, the students and programs in the Westerville City Schools. They are good for the entire school year.

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Child Find: Children with Disabilities

As required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA 2004), the Westerville City School District is conducting the annual Child Find campaign to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities from birth through age 21, residing within the school district. This includes Westerville children with disabilities who are homeless, wards of the state, or attending nonpublic schools, regardless of the severity of the disability.

Upon being notified of a child who has a disability, or is suspected of having a disability, Westerville School District personnel will collaborate with the child's parent(s) or guardian(s), regarding a referral for assistance. The referral and all additional information provided will be used to determine the appropriate intervention procedures to follow. Interventions addressing areas of concern will be implemented and monitored by the parents and school team. Evaluations will be conducted when additional information is necessary to determine eligibility for special education.

If you know of a child with a disability, or a child suspected of having a disability, who is not currently receiving appropriate educational and related services, please contact Guerdie Glass, Director of Special Education, or Suzanne Kile, Director of Preschool Services, at 936 Eastwind Drive, Westerville, OH 43081; telephone 614/797-5900.

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Professional Development Scheduled

The mission of Westerville City Schools is to prepare students to contribute to the competitive and changing world in which we live. To accomplish this, the district has scheduled four times during the 2018-2019 school year for the purpose of staff professional development, when focus will be placed on meeting the goals of the Continuous Improvement Plan. Students will be released one hour earlier than normal on these dates, which are:

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Thursday, October 18, 2018

Thursday, January 31, 2019

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Westerville Educator Days are Monday, August 13, 2018, and Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Classes will not be held on those days.

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Westerville City Schools 2018-2019 School Year Calendar

First Period	8/16/18 - 10/17/18
Aug 13	Westerville Educator Day (No School)
Aug 14 & 15	Teacher Professional Days (No School)
Aug 16	Classes Begin (1-12)
Aug 21	Classes Begin (PK-KG)
Sep 3	Labor Day (No School)
Sep 21	Parent-Teacher Conference/Comp Days (No School – HS ONLY)
Oct 17	Last Day of Classes (First Grading Period)
Second Period	10/18/18 - 12/19/18
Oct 18	First Day of Classes (Second Grading Period)
Oct 19	Central OEA/NEA Day (No School)
Oct 25-26	Parent-Teacher Conference/Comp Days (No School - Elem/MS ONLY)
Nov 6	Westerville Educator Day (No School)
Nov 21	No School
Nov 22-23	Thanksgiving Break (No School)
Dec 19	Last Day of Classes (Second Grading Period)
Dec 20	Teacher Professional Day (No School)
Dec 21-Jan 1	Winter Break (No School)
Jan 2	Teacher Professional Day (No School)
Third Period	1/3/19 - 3/8/19
Jan 3	Classes resume (Third Grading Period)
Jan 21	Martin Luther King Day (No School)
Feb 8	Parent-Teacher Conference/Comp Days (No School - HS ONLY)
Feb 18	Presidents Day (No School)
Mar 8	Last Day of Classes (Third Grading Period)
Fourth Period	3/11/19 - 5/23/19
Mar 11	First Day of Classes (Fourth Grading Period)
Mar 25-29	Spring Break (No School)
Apr 19	No School
May 23	Last Day of Classes (Fourth Grading Period)
May 24	Teacher Professional Day (No School)
May 25	Commencement: Ohio Expo/Celeste Center Westerville Central @ 10:00 AM Westerville South @ 2:00 PM Westerville North @ 6:00 PM
May 27	Memorial Day (No School)

First Day of classes (1-12):	Thursday, 8/16/18
Winter Break & Teacher Workday:	Thursday, 12/20/18 - Tuesday, 1/2/19
Spring Break:	Monday, 3/25/19 - Friday, 3/29/19
Last Day of Classes:	Thursday, 5/23/19

Parents/Guardians: The District is sometimes able to provide free language assistance in other languages. If you need such assistance, please contact the building secretary or building administrator at your child's school and let them know the language you speak.

Spanish:

Padres / Guardianes: A veces el Distrito puede proporcionar asistencia gratis en otros idiomas. Si necesita esta ayuda, comuníquese con la secretaria del edificio o con el administrador del edificio en la escuela de su hijo y hágales saber el idioma que usted habla.

Somali:

Waalidiinta/Mas'uuliyiinta: Degmada Waxbarashadu waxay mararka qaarkood idinka caawin kartaa luqooyinka kale. Haddii aad u baahan tahay caawintaas, fadlan la xariir xoghaynta ama qofka maamula iskuulka ilmahaagu dhigto una sheeg luqadda aad ku hadashid.