

Starting and Stopping Times Announced for 2019-2020 School Year in Westerville

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

13. Elementary pupils will start school that day at 9:05 a.m. and dismiss at 3:30 p.m.

Kindergarten starts on Friday, August 16. Morning kindergarten runs from 9:05 to 11:45 a.m.

Afternoon kindergarten sessions will be held from 12:50 to 3:30 p.m.

Special needs preschool starts at the Early Learning Center on Monday, August 19. Morning preschool classes will begin at 8:35 a.m. and dismiss at 11:15 a.m. Afternoon preschool classes will begin at 12:45 p.m. and end at 3:25 p.m.

The first day of school for 6th grade students is Tuesday, August 13. Pupils in grades 7 and 8 will start school on Wednesday, August 14. The middle school day will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 2:45 p.m.

High school classes, which begin August 13, will commence at 7:25 a.m. and finish at 2:05 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.wcsd.org, click on the green "Enrolling" box on the home page, fill out the 2019-2020 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 (Tuesday, August 13), you must have your registration appointment and enrollment completed by the end of the day on Thursday, August 8. All registration appointments scheduled after August 8 will mean a school

start date of two (2) business days following the completion of your enrollment. (For example, a registration appointment date of Friday, August 9, means your child will start their first day of school on Wednesday, August 14; Monday registration appointments will start your student on Thursday, August 15, and so on.)

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School Bus Route Schedule Access Announced; District Seeking Additional Drivers

Families whose children will receive transportation services for the 2019-2020 school year may obtain their student's school bus information through three different options, listed below. Bus schedules will be available beginning the week of August 5.

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, please click on the Transportation tab to obtain bus number, stop location and stop times. PowerSchool is the preferred way to obtain your student's most accurate information.
2. For your convenience, you can also access an online resource called "Infofinder I." This resource allows you to identify bus route information, including stop location(s), bus number(s) and stop time(s) upon entering your address of residence. Again, PowerSchool is the preferred way to obtain the most accurate information.
3. As always, school bus schedules are sent to your student's school of attendance.

The Transportation Department is hiring new drivers! Are you or someone you know looking for employment in the Westerville City School District? Check out career opportunities at www.wcsd.org/drive. We are pleased to offer paid training, covering your up-front costs, along with flexible work schedules, health insurance, vision and dental benefits. Qualified candidates also receive signing bonuses.

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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, middle school, high school and athletic fees online by credit card beginning approximately July 29. The Westerville City School District is waiving the online administrative fee for those who use EZPay to pay fees by August 31. Simply go to www.wcsd.org and click on EZPay under the “Resources” section. Checks (made payable to WBOE), cash and money orders will also be accepted. Fees should 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 2019-2020 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 middle school general instructional materials fee for grades 6 - 7 is \$40. The instructional materials fee for grade 8 is \$35. 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 pupils is \$30 for all students. 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. A school campus parking permit costs \$30 per student per year. The Advanced Placement test fee is \$94 per exam. For students who qualify for free or reduced lunch, the cost is \$10 per exam with a cap at \$30. A fee of \$40, required by the College Board, will apply to all exams that are either added or canceled after November 15, 2019. This fee will also apply for exams canceled after March 1. The International Baccalaureate test fee is approximately \$122 per test. For students who qualify for free or reduced lunch, the cost is \$10 per test with a cap at \$30. 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 \$300.00 for co-curricular, extracurricular and club 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 available);
- 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 2019–2020, only a SFA that had a negative balance in the nonprofit school food service account as of January 31, 2019, 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 2019-2020 paid lunch prices.

As of January 31, 2019 Westerville City Schools Food Service account has a positive lunch balance and school meal prices for the 2019-2020 school year will remain the same as the 2018-2019 school year (see below).

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
<u>Elementary</u>	\$1.25	\$2.75
<u>Middle</u>	\$1.50	\$3.00
<u>High</u>	\$1.50	\$3.00

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Free and Reduced Eligibility Policy Announced

Westerville City Schools today announced its 2019-2020 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.

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; the form is available in the parent portal on PowerSchool.

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.

Please check with the Franklin County Public Health department for the 2019 Back to School Immunization clinic schedule. For details, or to schedule an appointment, please call 614/525-3719 or visit <https://myfcph.org/health-wellness/shots/>.

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Help Keep Our Schools Safe with the Safe School Helpline

Use the Safe School Helpline to report threats of violence, suicide, bullying and illegal activity that could harm students in our schools. Your call is private, confidential, and anonymous.

Through state funds, the Westerville City School District has once again implemented the Safe School Hotline (1-800-418-6423 ext. 359). This is a 24-hour-a-day service designed so callers, anonymously, can report concerns regarding student safety in the district, including reports of bullying. Help-line users receive an identification number when they call in; enabling them to call back and get an update regarding what has been done to address the situation they reported.

Learn more by visiting www.wcsoh.org and clicking on “Safe School Helpline” under “District Links” at the bottom of the page.

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Elementary Schools Prepare to Welcome Students

Students attending Westerville City Schools, in grades 1 - 5, will begin classes on Tuesday, August 13. Elementary schools in the district will provide an opportunity for each family to learn of their child's teacher/class placement for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Westerville City School District is collecting Emergency Medical and Parent Permission information through the PowerSchool Parent Portal, which should open by August 1. 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 2019-2020 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 7 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. A School Walk-Through is scheduled for August 12 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Kindergarten Parent Orientation is also scheduled for August 12 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Curriculum Night for grades 1-5 is slated for August 29 from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. (2nd grade - 5:00 p.m.; 1st grade - 5:30 p.m.; 3rd grade - 6:00 p.m.; 4th grade - 6:30 p.m.; and 5th grade - 7:00 p.m.).

- Annehurst Back to School Day is Wednesday, August 7 from 10:00 a.m. - noon; and 4:00 - 7:00 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. In addition, Westerville Library, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will have representatives here to answer questions. Meet the Teacher is Monday, August 12 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 27, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Curriculum Night for Grades 1 - 5 is Thursday, 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 5 from 10:00 a.m. - noon; and from 5:00 - 7:00 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 12 from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. 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 6 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 12 from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Curriculum night for grades 4 and 5 will be on August 28 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Curriculum Night for grades 1, 2, and 3 will be held on August 29 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. 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 on August 16 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on the playground.
- Fouse Elementary School will hold Back to School Day on August 6 from 10:00 a.m. - noon and 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. During these times, money can be added to lunch accounts and class assignments will be given. Families may also choose to pay school fees at this

time. Computers will be available for those who need to complete lunch applications and required forms. Families may come to either session. During Open House on August 12 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. The Fouse PTO will also be on hand in the cafeteria to share ways in which parents and volunteers can be involved with school. The Fouse PTO will also sponsor its annual Back to School Picnic on the Fouse lawn on Sunday, August 18, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Kindergarten Parent Night will take place at 6:30 p.m. on August 12. Curriculum Night for grades 1 and 2 is August 20 at 6:30 p.m. Curriculum night for grades 3, 4 and 5 will take place at 6:30 p.m. on August 27.

- Robert Frost Elementary School will hold Back to School Days on Wednesday, August 7. 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. Frost families are invited to walk through the building and meet teachers on August 12 anytime between 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Kindergarten Parent Orientation and Curriculum Night will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7. Curriculum Night for parents of students in grades 1 - 5 will all be held on August 20; 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 Tuesday, August 6 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 Monday, August 12 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Curriculum night will take place for all parents on August 15: 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 Alum Creek North on September 5 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 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 12 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 run from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., based on grade level, as follows. 4th grade, 5:00 p.m.; 2nd grade, 5:30 p.m.; 3rd grade, 6:00 p.m.; 1st grade, 6:30 p.m.; and 5th grade, 7:00 p.m. Kindergarten Parent Orientation will be held on August 12 at 6:30 p.m.
- Huber Ridge Elementary School will hold one Back to School Day on Monday, August 5 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. On Monday, August 12, 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 Monday, August 12, at 7:00 p.m. Curriculum Night for all grades K-5 will be held on Thursday, August 29 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Longfellow Elementary School will host Back to School Day on Wednesday, August 7 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Parents may come to either session. During these times, parents will attend an orientation meeting and pay fees. Computers will be available for those who need to complete lunch applications and/or the parent portal. Kindergarten Gentle Start will be held on August 13, 14 or 15. A letter will be mailed to each family in late July with the assigned date. Transportation is not provided for Gentle Start. The first day of kindergarten is Friday, August 16.
- McVay Elementary will host its "Back to School Days" on Monday, August 5 from 10:00 a.m. - noon or 5:30 - 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 Monday, August 12 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. The

PTA will host a Playground Party at 3:30 p.m. Kindergarten Parent Orientation will take place on Monday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m. Curriculum Nights for grades 1-5 will be held on Thursday, August 29. Grades 1-3 will be held from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. and grades 4 and 5 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

- Pointview Elementary Back to School Days will take place on August 5 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 12 from 2:00 - 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 12 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Curriculum Night/Open House for Kindergarten will be August 15 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 Wednesday, August 7, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Meet the Teacher Open House will be held on Monday, August 12, for grades K-5 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Curriculum Night is scheduled on Wednesday, August 21, at 5:00 p.m. for 5th grade, 5:30 p.m. for 1st grade, 6:00 p.m. for 2nd grade, 6:30 p.m. for 3rd grade, and 7:00 p.m. for 4th grade. Kindergarten will be starting at 5:30 p.m.
- Whittier's Back to School registration is planned for August 7 from 10:00 a.m. - noon and 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Kindergarten Parent Orientation will take place on August 8 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Meet the Teacher Open House will be held on Monday, August 12, from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Curriculum Night will be held September 5 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 7, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. “Meet the Teacher” is Monday, August 12, from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please bring school supplies. Curriculum Nights are scheduled on Thursday, August 29, for grades 3, 4, and 5, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; and Thursday, September 5, for grades Kindergarten, 1, and 2, 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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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 Tuesday, August 13. 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 school for 6th grade students is Tuesday, August 13. Pupils in grades 7 and 8 will start school on Wednesday, August 14.

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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 6, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Then again on Wednesday, August 7, 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 6. Yearbook and photo I.D. pictures will be taken during all schedule pick-up sessions with a picture make-up day on August 22 after homeroom. Please look for your picture package order form in the mail from HR Imaging. Curriculum night will take place on Thursday, August 22 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Genoa students may pick up their schedules on August 6 from 4:00 - 7:00 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. 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 6:45 p.m. on August 6. Schedule pick-up sessions for seventh and eighth grade students will be August 7 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. School and I.D. pictures for seventh and eighth graders will be taken during schedule pick-up. The first day of school for sixth grade will be Tuesday, August 13. Seventh and eighth grade students will begin the school year on Wednesday, August 14. Curriculum Night will be held on Thursday, August 22 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

- Heritage Middle School's Back-to-School days will be August 6 and 7. On August 6, 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. in the gymnasium. On August 7, seventh and eighth graders will pick up their schedules and have their school/I.D. pictures taken from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. or 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Picture order forms have been mailed home from HR Imaging, and extra forms will be available during Back-to-School days. Curriculum Night for all students and families will take place on Thursday, August 29 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Walnut Springs Schedule Pick-Up will take place on August 6 from 4:00 - 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 families of new students and sixth graders. The annual hot dog party for new students will also be held on August 6 immediately following the orientation program on the football field/cafe (weather permitting). Schedule Pick-Up for seventh and eighth grade students will be August 7 from 8:30 -10:30 a.m. and 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. School/I.D. pictures will be taken during Schedule Pick-Up; order forms have been mailed to home from HR Imaging. Sixth grade Middle School 101 Family workshops will be held August 13 from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. or 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. Curriculum Night will be held August 22 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 Tuesday, August 13.

The Westerville City School District is collecting Emergency Medical and Parent Permission information through the PowerSchool Parent Portal, which should open by August 1. 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 6 between 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.; and sophomores, August 7 from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Freshmen will be divided up by the birth month over the four sessions. August 6, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. (January - March), August 6, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. (April - June), August 7, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. (July - September), August 7, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. (October - December). Parents must complete the emergency medical and parent permission forms online using the PowerSchool Parent Portal. We will be collecting school fees for the 2019-2020 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 EZPay and complete online forms at home. A new student orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. All students are strongly encouraged to attend schedule pick-up.

- Westerville North High School students should pick up schedules on Wednesday, August 7, from 8:00 a.m. to noon or from 3:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. New this year: School photographers are taking school pictures and printing student ID's during Schedule Pick-up so please plan to attend! That evening at 7:00 p.m., we are holding an Orientation in the Warrior Performing Arts Center for all students new to North. All forms must be completed online through PowerSchool Parent Portal. School fees can be paid online using EZPay beginning on July 30, or at schedule pickup, with cash, check or money order. On August 13, students should report to Advisory by 7:25 a.m. to receive their "Official Schedule" printed on blue paper. Our annual Senior Yellow Rose Ceremony will take place at 7:30 a.m. in the Main Gym on August 14. Senior Parents are invited and encouraged to attend! On that day, freshman, sophomores, and juniors should again report to Advisory by 7:25 a.m., but seniors must report to the Warrior Performing Arts Center by 7:15 a.m.
- Westerville South High School sophomores, juniors and seniors should pick up their schedules and take school and ID photos on Tuesday, August 6 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 6 in the iStudio. Freshmen Orientation is slated for Wednesday, August 7, from noon to 5:30 p.m. Participants should plan to attend the entire time. Registration/check in and lunch will be held from noon to 12:30 p.m. Activities will include a pep rally, schedule receipt, locker information, team building activities, school and ID photos, and tour of the building. Lunch will be provided for all incoming freshmen participants. A meeting for parents of freshmen is scheduled that same day from 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

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Westerville High School Athletic Departments Announce Fall Sports Information

Season tickets for 2019 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 2019-2020 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 16, when the girls' soccer team open the regular season hosting Bexley and the volleyball team hosts Pickerington Central. The first home football game will take place against Whitehall on Friday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m. The Homecoming Game is October 4 versus Olentangy Liberty. 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 28 and the other fall Warrior sports will meet Monday, July 29 (please visit www.westervillenorthathletics.com for more information). Ultimate Warrior passes are available for Westerville North athletic contests for \$75 for adults and \$45 for students, or a family pass (two adult and two student passes) for \$200. Visit the WNHS Athletic

Office during schedule pick-up (Wednesday, Aug 7), Open House or during regular school hours to purchase your season pass package. The first annual fall “Meet the Team” night will take place at Jim McCann Stadium on Friday, August 9 with a 6:00 p.m. start time. The Warrior’s first football game is home against Thomas Worthington on Friday, September 6, with kickoff set for 7:00 p.m. The 2019 homecoming game is Friday, September 20, with the Warriors hosting Canal Winchester. For additional information, please contact the Westerville North Athletic Department at 614/797-6240 or e-mail athletic director Wes Elifritz at elifritw@weso.org.

- Westerville South High School’s Fall OHSAA parent meeting will be held on July 29 at 6:00 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. Futbol Friday Night will allow the Wildcats soccer teams to play on Friday night under the lights. Both soccer teams host Westerville North on Friday, August 16, with the girls at 6:00 p.m. and the boys at 8:00 p.m. On Friday, August 30, the Wildcat varsity football team will travel to New Albany High School to open the season; kickoff is 7:00 p.m. For additional information, please contact the Westerville South Athletic Department at 614/797-6004 or e-mail athletic director Jeff Good at gooda@westerville.k12.oh.us.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 7/24/19

(Back to School)

Superintendent's Gold Appreciation Cards Available

Senior citizens who live in the Westerville City School District are invited to pick up their 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 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:

September 26, 2019

November 14, 2019

January 30, 2020

March 12, 2020

Westerville Educator Days are Friday, August 9, 2019 and Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Classes will not be held on those days.

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Westerville City Schools 2019-2020 School Year Calendar

First Period	8/13/19 - 10/11/19
Aug 8	Teacher Workday (No School)
Aug 9	Westerville Educator Day (No School)
Aug 12	Teacher Workday (No School)
Aug 13	Classes Begin (1-6; 9-12)
Aug 14	Classes Begin (7-8)
Aug 16	Classes Begin (kindergarten)
Aug 19	Classes Begin (preschool)
Sep 2	Labor Day (No School)
Oct 11	Last Day of Classes (First Grading Period)
Second Period	10/14/19 - 12/19/19
Oct 14	First Day of Classes (Second Grading Period)
Oct 18	Central OEA/NEA Day (No School)
Nov 5	Westerville Educator Day (No School)
Nov 27	No School
Nov 28-29	Thanksgiving Break (No School)
Dec 19	Last Day of Classes (Second Grading Period)
Dec 20	Teacher Workday (No School)
Dec 23-Jan 3	Winter Break (No School)
Third Period	1/6/20 - 3/10/20
Jan 6	Classes resume (Third Grading Period)
Jan 20	Martin Luther King Day (No School)
Feb 17	Presidents Day (No School)
Mar 10	Last Day of Classes (Third Grading Period)
Fourth Period	3/11/20 - 5/21/20
Mar 11	First Day of Classes (Fourth Grading Period)
Mar 23-Mar 27	Spring Break (No School)
Apr 10	No School
May 21	Last Day of Classes (Fourth Grading Period)
May 22	Teacher Professional Day (No School)
May 23	Commencement: Ohio Expo/Celeste Center North, 10:00 a.m.; Central, 2:00 p.m.; South, 6:00 p.m.
May 25	Memorial Day (No School)

One (1) Hour Early Release Sep 26, Nov 14, Jan 30, Mar 12

Parent-Teacher Conference/Comp Days: September 20 (no school, high school only); October 24 (no school, elementary only); October 25 (no school, elementary and middle school only); February 14 (no school, middle school and high school only).

If you are in crisis and need help, text HELLO to 741741 or call the Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-TALK (800-273-8255).

If you have recently changed a phone number, e-mail address, or other household contact information, please notify your child's school office to ensure your records are up to date. Maintaining accurate records in our Student Information System is critical to school safety and emergency communication efforts.

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 hágalos 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.

Nepali:

आमाबाबु/ संरक्षक: भाषा सहायताको लागि, कृपया तपाईंको बालबालिकाको निर्माण भवन वा भवन प्रशासकलाई सम्पर्क गर्नुहोस् र तिनीहरूलाई बोल्ने भाषा थाहा दिनुहोस्।