

## ***TIS TIPS for preparing for school this fall!***

We are looking forward to a GREAT start to the school year! We are excited to see the kids! They are energetic, enthusiastic, positive and so much fun to have here at school! We can't wait to see all that they accomplish this year!

### **1. Adjusting to school:**

We know that for 6th graders starting at an earlier time, finding all their classes, remembering teachers names and finding someone to sit with at lunch can be a huge burden on them! And for 7th graders just adjust to coming back to school, developing friendships, and getting back into the stride of taking on a little more responsibility as a student can feel overwhelming! Some students are able to work through these concerns faster than others. If you notice that your child is struggling, please don't hesitate to reach out to their teachers and school counselors. Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Armstrong are the school counselors. They are here to help students with a variety of needs. Their emails are here: [julie.taylor@washk12.org](mailto:julie.taylor@washk12.org) and [brian.armstrong@washk12.org](mailto:brian.armstrong@washk12.org) or you can call the school (435-688-2238) and set up an appointment to come in and meet with them.

### **2. Morning Drop-off:**

If you are a parent that drops off/picks up your child from school please pull as far forward as possible along the front sidewalk to make our drop off lane more efficient. There are signs to help guide parents to move forward. We also ask that you do curbside drop off as much as possible so that they do not have to cross the parking lot.

### **3. Buses:**

Parents can check for pick up and drop off times at

<https://www.washk12.org/transportation/parents-and-students/versatrans>

Times may have changed from last year, so please check this site the day before school begins for the most updated information. To be eligible to ride, 6th graders must live more than 1 ½ miles from the school and 7th graders must live more than 2 miles from the school. As per state mandates, students are required to wear face coverings while on the bus.

### **4. Safety Doors:**

When you enter the building you will see that we have new safety doors that have been installed over the summer. These were funded as part of the bond that was passed in 2018. In addition, we have a new attendance window for check-in/check-out procedures. Our new attendance secretary will be there to assist parents and students as needed.



### **5. Technology Balance Tip:**

On your journey to and from school we encourage you to engage with your child instead of having them engage with a technology device. Ask them questions about how they feel about school, what they like, what they don't, if they've seen anything that made them laugh or be sad. Time is so precious; our children grow so quickly. Take advantage of every moment you have with them.

6. **Temporary ID cards:** Students will receive temporary ID cards which have a barcode to be used at lunch and in the library. *Because of the coronavirus, all students must scan their ID in order to get lunch.* If a student has an ID card from their previous WCSD school, the barcode will be the same and may be used.
7. **Dressing for school:** We ask that your student comes to school in attire that conveys a readiness to learn (for their sake and for those around them). We encourage you to review the district's dress code policy if you have questions.  
<https://procedure.washk12.org/policy/2000/2200>

8. **PTA:**

Remember to join PTA and follow their social media pages:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tonaquinthawkspta/>

Instagram: @tonaquinthawkspta

9. **Suggested school supplies:**

As we get ready for the start of school (and of course, the Back To School sales), we wanted to get you a list of common student supplies that a student will use in the majority of their classes. Each list was combined with input from grade-level teachers to be used in classes throughout the year. We encourage your student to come prepared with their own supplies from this list that will help decrease the amount of shared "touch points" for our students. As always, if a student forgets a classroom supply, we will do our best to provide the item.

The items below are recommended personal supplies we encourage students to bring as they start the school year:

6th Grade List:

- \*Glue stick
- \*Colored pencils
- \*Pencils with sharpener or mechanical pencils
- \*Fine point markers
- \*Student safe scissors (Non-pointed)
- \*Inexpensive personal headphones for computer
- \*Ruler
- \*Personal hand sanitizer
- \*Pencil pouch

7th Grade List:

- \*Glue stick

- \*Colored pencils
- \*Pencils w/sharpener or mechanical pencil
- \*Inexpensive personal headphones for computer
- \*Highlighter
- \*Ruler
- \*Personal hand sanitizer
- \*Pencil pouch

(For all math classes, if you would like to bring your own calculator, we use the TI-34 or TI-30X in class.)

Again, this a recommended personal classroom supply list to help decrease the amount of touch points for students. If a student forgets any of the supplies listed, we will do our best to provide them with the item. Speciality classes (Art, Theater, STEM, etc.) may have a few additional supplies that will be communicated to you and your student by the teacher.)

Thank you for supporting our school! We appreciate you and your children!