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WELCOME TO THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR!



A Message from our Superintendent

Dear Families and Community of Wyoming Public Schools,

I am honored to enter my second year as the Superintendent of Wyoming Public Schools! As a result of the dedicated leadership of our WPS Board of Education, staff, and community, our school district is in a position to enter the 2019-20 school year with the amazing opportunity to provide meaningful and memorable experiences to the students, and families, we are fortunate to serve. We are excited to welcome back our amazing staff and students and to share with them the theme for this school year; Never Give Up! Just as we do each day, we will encourage our WPS family to Never Give Up on themselves or each other.

In Wyoming Public Schools, we are committed to working together to support our students' growth and development. To that end, we will lead in such a fashion that each and every student experience will provide purposeful opportunities to explore, discover, reflect, and build upon, so that they take personal pride in their hard work and success. Drawing from the many great things that have taken place within our school community, due to the hard working Wyoming Public Schools staff, we are committed to maximizing every opportunity we have to support students. By encouraging them to persevere, no matter the challenge, meaningful, memory making experiences will take place. Never giving up on a single opportunity will lead to ongoing student development.

With appreciation to our previous district leadership, we have a bright future ahead of us. A special thank you goes to Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Administrative Services, Matt Lewis, for his unwavering, and ongoing commitment to overseeing the appropriate implementation of financial resources, and to making sure progress continues per the improvement calendar. As construction has been in process at our high school, improvements to our other buildings will follow according to our master plan over the coming 5 years. The goal to enhance learning spaces throughout the district would not have been realized if our administration and school board had given up after two failed bond attempts. Their love for our Wyoming community, and their perseverance has resulted in the creation of a learning environment that will serve our students and families for generations to come.

We, as the WPS staff, are privileged to have the opportunity, yet recognize our responsibility, to educate, and grow, the students of Wyoming Public Schools. Following our district theme, we won't give up on them, and we won't allow them to give up when they face challenges. Our commitment is to encourage them and celebrate their ideas, thinking, creativity and discovery! While facilitating our students' growth and development, we will continue to support OUR student leaders in every possible way.

As you enjoy the remainder of the summer, please make note that our first day of school is Tuesday, August 20, with a half day of instruction in the morning. If you have questions about the beginning of the school year, any of our programs, or how you can become

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In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Elliot-Larson Civil Rights Act of 1977, and the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, it is the policy of Wyoming Public School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, age, disability, height, weight, or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program, activity, or in employment. The lack of English skills will not be barrier to admission or participation in educational programs. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies. Inquiries related to discrimination on the basis of race, color, origin, age, height, weight, sex, or marital status should be directed to Mrs. Sarah Earnest, Assistant Superintendent for Employee Relations, 3575 Gladiola, Wyoming, MI 49519, (616) 530-7554. Inquiries related to discrimination on the basis of disability or religion should be directed to Jason Maas, Director of Student Services, 3575 Gladiola, Wyoming, MI, 49519, (616) 530-7525.

involved, please contact one of our principals or program directors. I encourage our parents and community members to meet with teachers, join a building parent group, volunteer, and get involved in school district activities. In addition, Wyoming Public Schools has many opportunities for families and community members to experience performances, sporting events, academic competitions, and numerous other extracurricular activities. Please check our district calendar and come out to show our talented Wolves your support!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me (616) 530-7550 or email me at hoekstc@wyomingps.org.

Better Together,

Mr. Craig Hoekstra Superintendent



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WPS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Shared Values. One Purpose. Better Together.

Vision: Wyoming Public Schools will be the first choice for education and the pride of our community.

Mission: Wyoming Public Schools will empower all students to discover and achieve their potential in an inclusive, inspiring, and innovative culture of learning.

Our Values:

Character: We believe actions express priorities. We believe modeling the core principles of kindness, compassion, grace, trust, integrity, respect, and acceptance strengthens us as a community.

Continuous Improvement: We believe success is linked to high expectations. We believe that greatness is achieved through ongoing, incremental improvement.

Collaboration: We are better together. We believe authentic relationships and shared responsibility are fundamental to success.

Diversity: We are strengthened by our diversity! We believe our differences challenge our points of view and lead to better outcomes.

Open to the Public!

Regular Board meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the Month and the 4th Monday of the Month in the Board room at the Administration Building, 3575 Gladiola Regular Board meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 6:00pm (unless otherwise noted) in the Board room at the Administration Building. Board meetings are open to the public.

Soon after each meeting is called to order, the Board president will ask any individuals wishing to address the Board to identify themselves by name, and state the topic they would like to discuss. Those individuals will be recognized under "New Business."

In the spirit of compliance with the ADA, Individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Office of the Superintendent by phone (616)530-7555 if requesting special services to effectively participate in this meeting.

August 12, 2019 – 5:00 PM August 26, 2019 – 6:00 PM September 9, 2019 – 6:00 PM September 23, 2019 – 6:00 PM October 14, 2019 – 6:00 PM October 28, 2019 – 6:00 PM November 11, 2019 – 6:00 PM December 9, 2019 – 6:00 PM





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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

Tuesday, August 20, 2019 Student ½ Day – AM Only

2019-20 Back To School Registration Times & Dates

Elementary (Gladiola, Oriole Park, Parkview & West):

Grades K -4^{th} Wednesday, August 7^{th} 11:30 AM -6:00 PM Thursday, August 8^{th} 11:30 AM -6:00 PM

Kindergarten Smart Start Friday, August 16th 8:45 AM – 10:45 AM

Wyoming Intermediate:

Pick up registration packet on the following dates:

5th & 6th Grades Wednesday, August 7th 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday, August 8th 11:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Drop off completed registration packet and meet your teacher on the following dates:

5th Grade Wednesday, August 14th 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM 6th Grade Thursday, August 15th 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Wyoming Junior High:

School pictures will be taken for school I.D.s and parents may purchase picture packets. Registration will be held in the gym.

7th Grade Smart Start Tuesday, August 6th 7:00 AM – 10:30 AM

8th & 9th Grades

Tuesday, August 6th
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM (Drop In)
8th & 9th Grades

Wednesday, August 7th
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM (Drop In)

Wyoming High School:

Students are expected to stay for the entirety of their two (2) hour orientation.

They will meet with staff, review expectations for the upcoming school year, participate in Keys to Success, tour the high school, receive their schedules and lockers, have the ability to purchase a parking permit and have school and I.D. pictures taken. Parents are not required to attend.

Seniors Tuesday, August 6^{th} 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Juniors Tuesday, August 6^{th} 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Sophomore Smart Start Wednesday, August 7^{th} 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Wyoming Regional Center:

Open House Thursday, August 8th 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

New Student Enrollment Information

Wyoming Public Schools provides central registration for new families to the District at the WPS Administration Building located at 3575 Gladiol a Ave. SW in Wyoming, Michigan. We can be reached by phone at (616) 53 0-7550. You may register all of your children at one time.

The following documentation must be presented to the Registrar at the time of enrollment:

- ✓ Original Birth Certificate
- ✓ Immunization records showing all required and up-to-date booster shots
- ✓ Two (2) proofs of residency (utility bill, lease agreement, buy/sell agreement, phone bill, etc.)
- ✓ Parent I.D. with photo
- ✓ Legal documentation proving custody rights (if necessary)

Additional Documents Needed:

Kindergarten Students: Physical & Hearing/Vision Screening **9**th **Grade Students:** A copy of your child's 8th grade report card **10**th – **12**th **Grade Students:** A copy of your child's transcript

The WPS Central Registration is open all year long! Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM until 3:30 PM

Special dates and times for Central Office Fall 2019 NEW Enrollment: August 7th, 8th, 14th & 15th from 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM

WYOMING COMMUNITY EDUCATION

3600 Byron Center Ave., Wyoming, MI 616-530-7500 (at the corner of 36th Street and Byron Center Ave.)

There are several programs available, General Education Diploma (GED), High School Completion (HSC) and English As a Second Language (ESL). Students are expected to attend every day to maximize their opportunities.

In order to be eligible for these programs, students must be 18 years of age or older. The Wyoming Community Education office will be open Monday through Friday beginning August 5, 2019 from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm to answer your questions/needs.

Registration dates: August 15-16 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

August 19-21 9:00 am - 1:00 pm August 20 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Kent County Preschool – Great Start & Head Start



Complete online application at preschool.kentisd.org



Children must be 4 on or before September 1.

Turn in all required documentation



- Proof of birth copy of legal birth certificate, passport, hospital record, baptismal record or other government form
- Proof of income income tax form, W-2, pay stub, unemployment, written statement from employer, foster care reimbursement, SSI documentation, child support, alimony, or pensions
- Proof of residency drivers license with current address, current utility bill, rent receipt, tax bill or land contract
- Most recent Physical or Well child Checkup or Health Appraisal form
- Immunization Record
- If your child has an IEP we will need a copy

Email to KCPI@kentisd.org or mail to KCPI, 2930 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525 Or call intake staff: Great Start Readiness 616-447-2409 or HeadStart 616-453-4145



Placement You will be contacted by email as soon as placement is made for your child. Placements will start Mid-July and will continue until all spots are filled. Placements are made based on need using the State of Michigan required placement process.

Special Education Early Childhood Program

This program is located at Huntington Woods Early Childhood Center, 4334 Byron Center Ave.

Wyoming Schools' Student Services Department provides a special education program and services for children 2.5 through 5 years of age who may need special help to be better prepared for Early Childhood instruction.

We will evaluate your child if you feel there may be some developmental difficulties in the following areas of development: Cognitive, Language, Perceptual, Fine Motor, Gross Motor, or Social-Emotional.

Through close cooperation with parents, the program offers individual testing and goal setting designed just for your child. Instruction includes half day sessions five days a week with specially trained teachers using equipment designed to meet special needs. The services of speech therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, psychologists, and social workers are available.

For more information, call Renee Thomas at 616-530-7525

We Have Great Meal Program News!

We are pleased to inform you that Wyoming Public Schools will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) as part of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the School Year 2019-2020.

The GREAT NEWS is that ALL students enrolled at our school can receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at NO CHARGE to your household each day.

In place of the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application we still need your household to **fill out and sign the Household Information Report**. This report is **critical** in determining the amount of money that our school receives from a variety of State and Federal supplemental programs like Title I A, At-risk (31a), Title II A, E- Rate, etc.

These supplemental programs have the potential to offer supports and services for our students including, but not limited to:

- Instructional supports (staff, supplies & materials, etc.) Non-instructional services (counseling, social work, health services, etc.)
- Professional Learning for staff
 Parent and Community engagement supplies and activities
 Technology

We are asking that you please complete and submit it as soon as possible to ensure that additional funding for our school is available to meet the needs of our students. All information on the report submitted is confidential. Without your assistance in completing and returning the attached report, our school cannot maximize the use of available State and Federal funds.

If you have any questions or if we can be of any further assistance, please contact WPS Food Service at (616) 530-7522.

Food service begins on the first day of school, Tuesday, August 20, 2019

One carton of milk is included with each meal and a la carte milk is available for \$.50 each. Additional a la carte menu items are also available for charge. Complete meal pricing is available in the cafeterias and on menus.

A la carte items can be purchased with WPS' online system. SendMoneytoSchool.com allows you to make deposits as well as check balances and review meal histories from any computer with internet access.

Setting up an account is easy. Go to www. sendmoneytoschool.com and click on "Create a New Account". Your child's account number will be needed for set-up. If you don't know



their number, please call the Food Service office at 530-7522 and we'll be happy to provide it to you. SendMoneytoSchool.com is a great way to keep up with your kid's meals at school!

Lunch menus will be available at the Wyoming Public Schools web site under "Resources" and "Lunch & Breakfast" in mid August. They will also be sent home with elementary students and be available for all secondary students in the school office. Menus are also available online at wyoming.nutrislice.com

Please feel free to contact the Food Service Office at 530-7522 if you have any questions.



Bus run schedules will be available at the August registrations at each school. Schedules will also be posted on Wyoming Public School's website (www.wyomingps.org) after August 1.

BUS ROUTES AND STOPS

Safety is the most important factor in transporting WPS students. The following information is offered to help make transportation safe and successful.

- 1. Bus stops and routes are established on the basis of safety, efficiency, the age of students, and in accordance with the State laws, recommendations, and School Board policy. Bus stop locations must avoid as much traffic as possible. Stops shall not be on a hill or before or after a curve. Buses shall be visible in both directions when stopped.
- 2. It is each parent's responsibility to get her/his student to and from the school bus stop safely.
- 3. Bus stops shall not be located on cul-de-sac streets. The Michigan Department of Education recommends that backing of a school bus shall be avoided whenever possible.
- 4. Students should arrive at the bus stop and be lined up ready to be loaded on the bus five minutes prior to the scheduled arrival of the bus. This will allow time to catch the bus but not enough time for problems to arise among students. Bus departure times are subject to change. PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR STUDENTS UNTIL THE BUS ARRIVES.
- 5. By state law, students MUST cross in front of the school bus. They will receive instruction on proper crossing procedures from bus drivers. PARENTS/ GUARDIANS WHO MEET STUDENTS AT THE

STOP SHOULD SET THE EXAMPLE AND ALSO FOLLOW THIS IMPORTANT SAFETY RULE

WALK AND RIDE POLICY

Students may find it necessary to walk some distance to their designated bus stops or to school. In compliance with state laws, Wyoming Public Schools walk/ride policy is:

- Elementary School students, grades K-4, may be expected to walk up to 1/2 mile to school or up to 1/2 mile to a bus stop.
- Intermediate School grades 5-6 may be expected to walk up to 3/4 mile to school or up to 3/4 mile to a bus stop.
- · Junior and Senior High School students, grades 7-12, may be expected to walk up to 1 mile to school or up to 1 mile to a bus stop.

Upon request by a parent/guardian, the district may approve transportation for an individual student regardless of residential distance from the school if a travel route is judged to be hazardous, as deemed by the district or if other extenuating circumstances exist.

NOTE: Once a student boards a bus, they must remain on that bus until they reach their final destination.

For Questions Contact the Transportation Office 2181 Prairie Parkway 616-530-7545

CROSSING PROCEDURE

Please review these important safety procedures with all of your children. Parents who escort their children to and from the bus must set the example for their children and also adhere to these important safety procedures when crossing. Everyone needs to know that not all cars stop as required by state law, even when the red lights are flashing on school buses.

When crossing the street to board the bus:

- 1. Students wait in a group at the designated bus stop at least 10 feet away from the edge of the roadway and look to the bus driver for the signal to cross.
- 2. Bus drivers will display a sign to indicate when it is safe to cross the street. If it is dark, drivers may turn on an inside light to be seen more easily.
- 3. Students proceed directly across the road, always staying well in front of the bus, and board the bus.
- 4. Do not stop in the middle of the street or cross behind the bus.

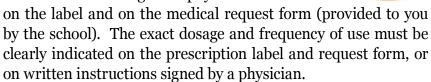
When crossing the street after leaving the bus:

- 1. Students will exit the bus and take 10 steps straight out from the side.
- 2. Students stand in a group and look to the bus driver for the signal to cross.
- 3. Bus drivers will display a sign to indicate when it is safe to cross the street. If it is dark, drivers may turn on an inside light to be seen more easily. Red means "STOP" DO NOT CROSS STREET and Green means "GO" IT IS SAFE TO CROSS THE STREET.
- 4. Students proceed to a point even with the left side of the bus and stop.
- 5. Students look left and right for passing cars.
- 6. Students look to the driver for instruction to complete the crossing.
- 7. Do not cross behind the bus.
- 8. If a paper or article goes under the school bus, always ask the bus driver for help.
- 9. Do not get mail from roadside mailboxes until after the bus leaves the stop.
- 10. At all times stay out of the "BUS DANGER ZONE".

School Buses are Like Traffic Signals When overhead lights are flashing red: When hazard warning lights are flashing: Prepare to Stop Stop! Proceed with Caution

SENDING MEDS TO SCHOOL

If a student is required to take prescription medication during the school hours, and a parent or guardian of this student cannot be at school to administer the medication, the school principal and the principal's designee(s) will administer the medication according to the physician's instructions



In a situation that threatens the life or health of the pupil, the requirement for two adults to be present when administering medication will not apply.

Medications should be brought to the school by a parent or guardian in a clear zip-lock bag clearly marked with the student's name, along with instructions (on the medication request form), signed by a parent or guardian and student's physician. <u>Do not send medications to school with your student.</u>

Please also remember to stop in the school office at the end of the school year to pick up any remaining medications.

IMMUNIZATIONS

All schools in Michigan are required to report the immunization status of all children entering kindergarten, all seventh grade students, and all children changing school districts. This is to assure that children are adequately immunized against preventable diseases before they reach adolescence, when some of these diseases become a great threat to their health.

If your child needs immunizations, please try to have these completed during the remainder of the summer. Please be advised that any student who has not had all of his/her immunizations will not be allowed to start school in August.

If you have any questions, please call Lisette Perez at the Wyoming Public Schools Administration Building at 530-7550.

2019 WPS Mobile Pantry Schedule

Below are the dates for the WPS Mobile Pantry through Feeding America.

All distributions start at 4:30 PM and end at approximately 5:15 PM.

Trucks will have FREE fruits, vegetables, dairy products and baked goods!

Please bring your own boxes and bags.

The lines will begin at 4:15 PM.

August 12......West Elem.

August 26Parkview Elem.

September 9.....Gladiola Elem.

September 30....Parkview Elem.

October 14West Elem.

October 28Parkview Elem.

November 11....Gladiola Elem.

December 9West Elem.

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The Mobile Pantry is like a farmers' market on wheels, delivering a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products, and baked goods to people in need.

Strive for Less Than

Make every day count!

- Set appointments before or after school
- Plan vacations when school is out Build backup plans or a buddy system to
- get students to and from school

Give a High 5 for higher success!

- Missing more than 5 days in Kindergarten makes Did you know...
- 2. Missing more than 5 days any year hurts learning and 3. Students who miss more than 10% of school a year (just 2
- days a month) are more likely to drop out 4. Being late to school or leaving early leads to poor overall
- 5. Absences affect everyone when teachers have to help

Being in school all day every day gives students a greater shot at success. Every day, every hour in class is a learning opportunity. Students who are absent, arrive late or leave early get less learning time

than students with better attendance. That's why every student and every parent should Strive for Less Than 5 absences each school year.

#StriveForLessThan5

The Kent Intermediate Superintendents Association (KISA) has adopted the St ISD-wide initiative because regular attendance is critical to student successi Thanks to Pegeworks for sponsoring the printing of this flyer and sharing these important messages with o







BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2019



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TEACH ENRICH ACHIEVE MOVE

TEAM 21 is a free after-school program offered through Wyoming Public Schools and the City of Wyoming Parks and Recreation department. The program operates Monday – Thursday and provides homework help, enrichment and recreation activities, field trips and other engaging experiences. Dinner is served each day for all students and transportation is available to those students who qualify for bussing.

All students are welcome to apply and applicants will be notified of acceptance or waitlist placement prior to the start of the program. Applications are available at the administration office, participating schools' offices and online at www.wyomingmi.gov/team21.

The TEAM 21 programs are made possible through a partnership between the Wyoming Public Schools, the City of Wyoming Parks & Recreation Department, Godfrey-Lee Public Schools and Godwin Heights Public Schools. These programs are funded with 21st CCLC funds through grants awarded by the Michigan Department of Education.







Locations & Times:

Gladiola Elementary
Oriole Park Elementary
Parkview Elementary
West Elementary
Wyoming Intermediate
Wyoming Junior High

3:30 PM - 6:15 PM
3:30 PM - 6:15 PM
3:30 PM - 6:15 PM
3:00 PM - 5:30 PM
2:30 PM - 5:15 PM

DIRECTORY INFORMATION/PERSONAL IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION

"Personal identifiable information" about current students of the district will not be released without the consent of the student's parent(s), or the student if the student is 18 years or older, unless the information or the law permits disclosure without consent.

"Directory Information" means information contained in an education record of a student which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. It includes, but is not limited to the following areas: name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, grade, participation in school activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, honors and awards received, student picture, and the most recent educational institution attended.

A parent or eligible student has the right to refuse the designation of all or part of a student's personal identifiable information as directory information, except that directory information may be disclosed to government or other educational institutions as permitted by law.

Directory information may be disclosed without further notice or consent, unless the parent, or eligible student, refuses release of information by providing written notification to the Superintendent or Board of Education within thirty days of the date of the student's registration.

2019-20 PESTICIDE ADVISORY

Wyoming Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the District's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program **does not** rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pest from becoming a problem.

As required by Michigan law, you will receive advanced notice of non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation, which is made to the school, school grounds, or buildings. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given 48 hours before the application by the following two methods:

- 1) Posting at the primary entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the main entrance and those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot.
- 2) Posting in the common area located by the main office of the school.

Please note that notification is not given for use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or antimicrobial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods identified above.

You may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting Don Hebeler, WPS Director of Operations, at (616) 530-7570 or hebeled@wyomingps.org.

Parents or guardians of children attending the school are also entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the application, if they so request. If you would like to be notified by mail please contact the WPS Operations Department. Please provide the Department with your name, mailing address and what school(s) your child or children attend and your name will be placed on the advance notification by US Mail list.

CLOSINGS & SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURES

During school hours, the Superintendent's office continuously monitors the weather and alerts each school in the event of approaching severe weather.

Announcements will be made on local radio and television stations regarding school cancellations prior to the start of the school day. There will also be a Robo Call made to all families and a notice on the district website under School Closings. Please make sure the school has your current phone number.

If students are in school when a tornado watch (meaning the possibility of a tornado exists) or thunderstorm warning is issued, students will remain in session until the regular dismissal time. If students are in school when a tornado warning is issued, students will remain in school, taking shelter in designated areas.

Parents, legal guardians, or predetermined individuals may pick up students at school during any severe weather warning. Please **do not** call school during severe weather warnings unless you have a particularly serious problem. It is important that school lines remain open.

WPS 2019-20 DISTRICT CALENDAR

FIRST SEMESTER:

August 20 Opening Day of School - AM Only August 30 & September 2 Labor Day Break November 27-29 Thanksgiving Break December 23 - January 3 Winter Break

SECOND SEMESTER:						
April 3 - 10 Spring Br	reak	May 25 Memorial Day	May 29 Last Day of School (Tentative)			
BACK TO SCHOOL ORIENTATION	August 6	7 AM - 10:30 AM	7th Grade Smart Start			
DATES & TIMES	August 6	9 AM - 11 AM	Senior Orientation			
	August 6	12 PM - 6 PM	8th & 9th Grade Orientation			
	August 6	12 PM - 2 PM	Junior Orientation			
Tuesday,	August 7	11:30 AM - 6 PM	Kindergarten - 4th Back To School Orientation			
August 20	August 7	11:30 AM - 6 PM	WIS - Pick Up Registration Packet			
	August 7	12 PM - 6 PM	8th & 9th Grade Orientation			
2019	August 7	1 PM - 3 PM	Sophomore Smart Start			
First Day August 8		11:30 AM - 6 PM	Kindergarten - 4th Back To School Orientation			
	August 8	11:30 AM - 6 PM	WIS - Pick Up Registration Packet			
of School	August 8	5:30 PM - 7 PM	Wyoming Regional Center Open House			
1/2 Day	August 14	-	5th Grade Orientation & Packet Drop Off			
	August 15	•	6th Grade Orientation & Packet Drop Off			
AM Only	WORLY August 16 8:45 AM - 10:45 AM		Kindergarten Smart Start			

<u> School Day – Elementary</u>					
School Day Half Day	Elementar 8:45-3:30 v 8:45-12:35	y v/30 min lunch	School Day 8	Intermediate 8:15-3:00 w/30 mi 8:15-12:05	n lunch
School Day Half Day	Regional C 8:00-2:45 v 8:00-11:50	Center v/30 min lunch	School Day 8	Early Childhood 8:15-3:00 w/30 mi 8:15-12:05	n lunch
High S	chool	Secondary - S	ix Period Day	Junior H	igh
First Period	7:30-8:30	Half Day	First Period	7:45-8:45	Half Day
Second Period	8:35-9:35	7:30-11:20	Second Period	8:50-9:50	7:45-11:35
Third Period	9:40-10:40	Lunch	Third Period	9:55-10:55	Lunch
Fourth Period (lunch)	10:45-12:10	A: 10:40-11:10	Fourth Period (lund	ch) 11:00-12:25	A: 10:55-11:25
Fifth Period	12:15-1:15	B: 11:10-11:40 C: 11:40-12:10	Fifth Period	12:30-1:25	B: 11:25-11:55 C: 11:55-12:25
Sixth Period	1:20-2:15		Sixth Period	1:30-2:30	



H.O.P.E. Gardens is a nonprofit organization that empowers children and families in west Michigan to grow their own food through gardening. Food insecurity affects 1 in 8 people in

this area, and among children, 1 in 5 is food insecure. H.O.P.E. Gardens has been working with students in eight Wyoming Public Schools since 2015. We offer experiential education programs for grades K-12, where we help students plant and tend a garden and teach related biology lessons.

"For four years, H.O.P.E. has worked with students at Team 21 after school and summer programs. Many kids ask when H.O.P.E. is coming next because they are excited to learn more!" says Miranda Lane, Parkview Elementary TEAM 21 Site Coordinator. "One student told me their favorite memory from the after-school program was when they got to take a tomato plant home, because they planted it with their Grandma and now they have tomatoes whenever they want!"

Our hands-on programs and services are based on an affordable, low-maintenance, organic method called regenerative gardening. Our school program runs through the year and include:

- Planting, tending, and harvesting a garden on school grounds
- Experiential lessons that integrate with science curricula (which was developed in partnership with professional curriculum writers and meets current state educational standards.
- A seed-saving and seed-sharing program where students give seeds to surrounding schools and the community
- Custom options (like a sensory or butterfly garden, permaculture design
- Monthly lessons based on grade level that cover topics ranging from seed starting and tree planting to vermiculture, beekeeping, and nutrition.

"My favorite thing about H.O.P.E.

Gardens is that
I can take what
I learn and help
other people
eat healthy."

TEAM21 student









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WYOMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS...BETTER TOGETHER



The parents of the WHS Class of 2020 have started planning for the Senior All-Night Party (SANP) which will take place immediately following graduation on May 19, 2020, and we need your help!

Parents, if you would like to get involved and help our kids have an amazing SANP please plan on attending our group meetings which are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm at the high school. We ENCOURAGE and WELCOME everyone to attend. There will be many opportunities to volunteer throughout the school year and we need help from everyone. We want to make the 2020 SANP an amazing night for our WHS seniors.

Please be sure to join our Facebook Group, Wyoming 2020 SANP, to keep informed and sign up for volunteer opportunities! SANP parents will have a table at every WHS home football game selling 50/50 raffle tickets. Please let us know as soon as possible if you can help us staff this table on game nights!

This year, we are trying something new and will hold a WHS Class of 2020 Kickoff Park Party for our 2020 seniors and their immediate families. This event will be held at Lamar Park on Sunday. August 11, 2019 from 3pm until 6pm. All 2020 WHS seniors and their families are welcome to enjoy a few hours of grilling and fun in the sun! It will be a great day to reconnect with friends and share information about events this upcoming school year. Please RSVP for the WHS Class of

2020 Kickoff Park Party at our table at Senior Orientation on Tuesday, August 6th so that we can ensure we have enough food. THANK YOU in advance!

Our first big fundraiser of the year is our golf tournament which will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at Maple Hill Golf Course. This is a 4-person team event so get your team together and register today. We are looking for volunteers to help, donations for prizes, and hole sponsors. If you have any questions, would like to donate, register a team or volunteer, please contact Rudy Castro, Shaun Lee, or Wyoming2020sanp@gmail.com.

Be on the lookout for upcoming events in our Facebook group (Wyoming 2020 SANP). Remember to keep saving your pop cans and Family Fare receipts. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on August 12, 2019!

If you would like to donate to the WHS Class of 2020 SANP or volunteer at one of our events, please contact wyoming2020sanp@gmail.com or one of the following individuals:

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ParentVue...

Wyoming Public Schools utilizes a program called **ParentVue** for viewing your student's academic performance. Parents and legal guardians of WPS students can request access to the system and view the following areas:

Assignments and Grades Attendance & Discipline Information Transcripts/Graduation Requirements Academic goals and more!





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- You maintain a clean work environment.
- You manage our food inventory.

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Welcome Our New Principals!

Kristen Fuss: Oriole Park Elementary, fussk@wyomingps.org

Ms. Kristen Fuss has spent her entire educational career at Romulus Community Schools. She began her career as an elementary teacher for 9 years, served as a Title 1 Learning Specialist/Coordinator for 8 years, and has been an elementary principal in Romulus for the past 5 years. Ms. Fuss has strong leadership skills in curriculum and alignment, MTSS implementation, a strong school improvement focus for student growth, fostering professional communities of learning (for staff and students), and empowering teachers and support staff as she walks alongside them with a shared vision for our kids. We are fortunate to have Ms. Fuss support



us, our community, and our students. We are excited to welcome Ms. Fuss to Wyoming Public Schools and Oriole Park Elementary!

Note: Dr. Jennifer Slanger, previous Oriole Park Elementary Principal, will now be serving as Wyoming Public Schools' Director of Teaching and Learning.

Nick Damico: Parkview Elementary, damicon@wyomingps.org

Mr. Nick Damico (soon to be Dr. Damico) is coming to Parkview Elementary an experienced administrator after having spent 8 years in California as an administrator at both the junior high level and a diverse 600-student K-5 building. His accomplishments in California include leading his staff to make a significant impact in student achievement data which led to being recognized by the State of California. Another of Mr. Damico's leadership focus areas has been on building level culture/climate transformational change, developing shared decision making and collaboration among staff, and leading through a model of continuous improvement.



He was a teacher in California prior to his experience in administration and served students in classrooms at the Middle School. Mr. Damico moved from California to Michigan a year ago and has led the Hamilton Community Schools most recently as an elementary administrator. We are honored to welcome Mr. Damico to Wyoming Public Schools and Parkview Elementary!

Brian Hartigan: West Elementary, hartigb@wyomingps.org

Mr. Brian Hartigan is joining the Wyoming Public Schools family from Glen Lake Community Schools where he has spent the last three years serving as a K-12 building principal. He has worked in that capacity to support and coach 50 teachers and 20 support staff personnel in building student individual successes and increasing student achievement while also meeting students' social and emotional needs through school wide MTSS systems and Restorative Practices. Previous to Mr. Hartigan's administrative experience he was an Instructional Coach for four years in Kentucky and in Traverse City providing support to students and in service



of teachers to a wide demographic of students. For 10 years prior to his shift to instructional coaching, Mr. Hartigan was a classroom teacher in every grade between Kindergarten and Fourth grade! We are thrilled to welcome Mr. Brian Hartigan Wyoming Public Schools and West Elementary!

Note: Mr. Josh Baumbach, previous West Elementary Principal, will now be serving as Principal of Wyoming High School.

WYOMING ATHLETICS: MEET THE TEAM NIGHT

(For Fall Sports)

Monday, August 19, 2019 in the big gym at Wyoming High School

and players and learn about their expectations.

important that everyone be on time in order to stay on schedule. Please Parents will have the opportunity to meet the coaches understand that we may run ahead of schedule. All pictures are pre-paid 5:15 - 7:20pm Individual/Team Pictures at site (Make checks out to Brad Legg 7:20 - 7:30pm General Meeting Photography) when the picture is taken. 7:30 - 8:00pm Team Meetings Pictures will be taken on Football Field Team Photos:

TEA	M PICTURES	INDI	VIDUAL/FAMILY/GROUP
5:15	Varsity Golf	5:15	Varsity Soccer
5:25	Varsity Soccer	5:25	Varsity Golf
5:35	J.V. / Freshman Soccer	5:35	Varsity Tennis
5:45	Varsity Tennis	5:45	J.V./Freshman Soccer
5:55	Cross Country	5: 55	Varsity Dance
6:05	Varsity Dance	6:05	Cross Country
6:15	Freshman Girls Volleyball	6:15	Varsity Cheer
6:25	Varsity Cheer	6:25	Freshman Girls Volleyball
6:35	J.V. Girls Volleyball	6:35	Varsity Girls Volleyball
6:45	Varsity Girls Volleyball	6:45	J.V. Girls Volleyball
6:55	Freshman Football	6:55	J.V. Football
7:05	J.V. Football	7:05	Freshman Football
7:15	Varsity Football	7:20	Varsity Football

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8x10 \$8.00 - 5x7 \$5.00

Below is the schedule for fall sports teams,

athletes, and/or families.

Individual Photos: 8x10 \$8.00 - 5x7 \$5 - 4x5 \$4.00

Individual Packets:

A. 1-8x10, 2- 5x7, 8-Wallets \$24.00 B. 2-5x7, 8 Wallets \$16.00

Special Photos:

Wallet Photo Magnets \$3.00 4x5 Photo Magnet \$4.00 Buttons 3.5" \$4.00

Be sure to friend the: Wyoming Wolves

WOLVES FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 2019

vs. Holland......Fall Sports Recognition Night Aug 29 Home

Sep 6 vs. Northview Away

vs. GR Christian Sep 13 Away

vs. South ChristianElementary Schools Sep 20 Home Honors Choir Night

Junior High Concert Choir

vs. Thornapple Kellogg Sep 27 Away

Oct 4 Away vs. West Ottawa

vs. WaylandHomecoming, Rocket Football Night Oct 11 Home

Honors Choir

vs. Forest Hills EasternGrid Iron Giving Night Oct 18 Home

Senior Parent Night

vs. East Grand Rapids Oct 25 Away

Games are at 7PM

Wyoming Athletics:



Follow **Wyoming Wolve**s on Facebook.

@WyomingWolves for Twitter.



Direct Text Updates:

Receive direct text for any schedule changes as they occur.

Step 1: Download the Remind101 App Step 2: Text 720-399-4448 Step 3: Message Box @wolves

You will then receive direct text messages from the Athletic Office of any update or changes to athletic schedules and plans.

WPS Athletic Schedules

Athletic schedules can be found at highschoolsports.net or at the administration building, Wyoming Junior High, or Wyoming High School Offices.

WPS Athletic Passes

Athletic passes are available to help defray the cost of home games. Student passes are \$40, Adult passes are \$50 and a family pass is \$120. These passes allow you to attend all home games for the 2019-2020 school year; however, they may not be used for State playoff games. Passes may be purchased at the Wyoming High School Athletic Office.

Golden Age Athletic Passes

Golden Age Passes are available, free of charge, from the Administration Building at 3575 Gladiola Ave. SW. for community members over the

age of 60 for admittance to home athletic events. These passes may not be used for State playoff games.



WE ARE THE WOLVES

Here's to The Mighty Wolves Charging straight into the fight. We will always cheer for victory And you'll show them all your might. WY-O-MING!

Hail to purple! Hail to black! We're behind you all the way. So let's go, team, go! WE ARE THE WOLVES! Let's win today!

To hear the music for the song: wyomingps.org/schoolsong/SchoolSong.htm

Special thanks to Troy University and composer, Dr. John M. Long, for allowing the district the use of the fight song music, and to Chad Dykema, WPS employee, for writing the lyrics.

Volunteers Welcome!

Wyoming Public Schools derives immeasurable strength from unlimited parent and community involvement in its schools. Hundreds of residents are involved as individual school volunteers. If you would like to become involved, please consider the opportunities listed below. Join the fun....get involved in making our schools the best they can be!

Volunteer Opportunities in our schools:

- School PTO's
- 1-on-1 Mentor
- Academic, Athletic, Music Boosters
- Media Center, playground or recess aides

If you are interested in volunteering in one or more of the groups listed above, please call the school's principal or secretary to get more information.

2019-20 Wyoming High School Athletic Boosters

High School Athletic Wyoming promote athletics at Wyoming High School in an atmosphere that is consistent with the educational philosophy of the school community. We strive to develop an organization with an active and involved membership that is concerned with the total athletic program and all of its participants regardless of sex, race, socioeconomic status or chosen sport activity. We promote school spirit and sportsmanship and encourage attendance at Wyoming High School athletic events. We encourage and support the academic endeavors Wyoming High School's student athletes. We provide supplemental support for the various athletic activities at Wyoming High School.

The Wyoming High School Athletic Boosters are successful through the **countless hours** of volunteering by our athletic boosters, parents, coaches, teachers, staff, alumni, friends and family. Operations of our two concession stands, at the high school, is our main source of fundraising. Boosters operate the concession stands for various home athletic events from elementary age students up to high school students; as well as special events being held at our school. Many thanks goes out to all of our volunteers. Without your help and continued support of Wyoming athletics, we would not be successful.

Our Wyoming Athletic Boosters members, for the 2019-2020 school year, bring in several years of experience to lead our new members and to continue the success from our previous members:

President: Diane Kallemeyn (5th year) Vice President: Scott DeYoung (2nd year)

Treasurer: Missy Smith (3rd year)

Secretary: Nadine Thompson (5th year)

Trustees: Jeff Frick (1st year)

Andy Kallemeyn (5th year) Caribel Ortiz (1st year) Cristy Simon (2nd year) Ben Stark (2nd year)

If interested in becoming a high school athletic booster or to volunteer at an upcoming event, please email the Athletic Boosters at athleticboosters@wyomingps.org or contact the High School Athletic Office at 616-249-7675. Also join the Wyoming Public Schools Community page on Facebook to receive updates regarding volunteer opportunities. **First meeting of the school year will be Monday, August 12** @ **6:30pm.** Meetings are held the 1st Monday of the month September – June in the High School cafeteria located at 1350 Prairie Parkway, Wyoming, MI 49519.



Wyoming High School Bond Progress

The \$79.5 million bond program approved by voters in November of 2017 is well underway. Addition and renovation work at Wyoming High School began in March and is progressing on schedule.

These pictures show that much of the block for the first

floor of the addition is in place, and steel beams are







being set so that work on the second story can begin.

Drainage systems are in place for the new stadium turf, and the stone base is nearing completion as of July 17. Turf installation is scheduled to begin the week of July 22 and will continue into August. As long as the weather cooperates, we remain hopeful that the Wyoming Wolves will be playing on their new field by the end of the football season this fall.

It is hard to believe, but we are only one year away from occupancy of the two-story addition. Students should be learning in this new environment in August of 2020. Once the addition is completed, renovation work on the existing portions of the high school building will begin.

Renovating an entire school district is a long but exciting process. In a bit of good news, favorable market conditions should allow for the completion of the HS renovations and work on the rest of the district's facilities to happen one year earlier than originally anticipated. All work at the high school is now scheduled to be wrapped up by late 2021, and while the initial plan was to begin work on other sites during the spring of 2022, we should be able to pull at least two buildings forward to 2021.

The changes made possible by this bond program will positively impact students and the community for years to come. The support of voters is truly appreciated.

If you have any questions related to construction projects, please contact Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Administrative Services, Matt Lewis, at lewism@wyomingps. org or by calling central office at 616.530.7550.





KINDERGARTEN SMART START August 16, 2019 • 8:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Kindergarten Smart Start is a time for a parent/ guardian to join their child to learn what a day in the life of a kindergarten student looks like!

You and your child will be picked up at your bus stop*, ride the bus to school, meet their teacher, and spend time learning about kindergarten. Your child will begin to learn what the school and classroom procedures are, as well as practice the breakfast and lunch procedures. At the end of the morning, you and your child will board the bus to

go home.**

*Please call WPS Transportation at 530-7545 for bus stop locations and pick up time.

**Please note that a parent or guardian must attend Smart Start with their child.

We hope you are able to join us August 16!

If you have additional questions, please contact the building principal.

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1ST DAY: **TUESDAY**, **AUGUST 20**, **2019** – 1/2 DAY