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WELCOME TO THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR!



A Message from our Superintendent

Dear Families and Community
of Wyoming Public Schools,

I am honored to begin our 2022-2023 school year alongside all of you! With the dedicated leadership of our Board of Education, staff, and community, our school district is able to enter the upcoming school year with amazing opportunities to provide meaningful and memorable experiences to the scholars, and families we are fortunate to serve.

In Wyoming Public Schools, we are committed to providing outstanding leadership and guidance so that every one of our scholars will have the support to build upon their learning, encouraging them to take personal pride in their hard work and success. Our dedicated Wyoming Public Schools staff is committed to providing and maximizing a positive community that results in meaningful learning opportunities and experiences where memories are made.

We take our responsibility in providing our scholars with the best learning environment possible to heart. All of us who call Wyoming Public Schools our home, who are involved in the growth and development of our scholars, will facilitate their growth in every possible way. We will teach, encourage, and celebrate the many ways our scholars learn and grow.

Please continue to enjoy your summer, knowing that coming back to school refreshed and recharged will provide the best start for our scholars. As you plan for our return to school, it is important to note that our first day of school is Tuesday, August 23, with a half day of school. In addition, please read the Insight for important back-to-school information. If you have questions about the beginning of the school year, any of our programs, or how you can become involved, please contact one of our principals or program directors.

As I shared last year at this time, I encourage our parents and community members to

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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.

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meet with teachers, join a building parent group, volunteer, and get involved in school district activities. Having a strong home-to-school partnership has proven invaluable in our scholars' success. 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!

Because of the dedication of our entire Wyoming Community, I look forward to a great 2022-2023 school year, knowing that meaningful relationships, learning, and memories will be the outcome.

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



Our District is located in the city of Wyoming, Michigan, the largest suburb of metropolitan Grand Rapids and the 18th largest city in Michigan. It is a city of well-kept neighborhoods and parks. Recreational and cultural opportunities abound, and the community atmosphere emphasizes family values.

The Wyoming Public School District has a staff of approximately 475 employees, including teachers, administrators, secretaries, paraeducators, food service, maintenance and custodial staff, bus drivers, mechanics, and community education personnel.

Our student enrollment is approximately 4,500 students.

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 on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 6:00 PM (*unless noted otherwise*) in the Board Room at the Administration Building (3575 Gladiola Ave. SW). 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 8, 2022 at 5 PM

October 10, 2022 at 6 PM

August 22, 2022 at 5 PM

October 24, 2022 at 6 PM

September 12, 2022 at 6 PM

November 14, 2022 at 6 PM

September 26, 2022 at 6 PM

December 12, 2022 at 6 PM



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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Tuesday, August 23rd [½ Day AM Only for Students]

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

Gladiola Kindergarten Smart Start	Monday, August 15th	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Oriole Park Kinder Smart Start	Thursday, August 18th	TBD
Parkview Kinder Orientation & Testing	Tuesday, August 9th	By Appointment
Parkview Open House (K-4th Grades)	Monday, August 22nd	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

West Elementary 2022 Kindergarten Smart Start will be held at Oriole Park Elementary due to construction. Open house information will be provided at a later date.

West Elementary Kinder Smart Start	Tuesday, August 16th	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
	Tuesday, August 16th	5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Wyoming Intermediate - 5th & 6th Grades:

Please meet in the gym for about 15 minutes.

You will then be dismissed to your homeroom teacher's classroom for a meet and greet.

5th & 6th Grade	Wednesday, August 17th	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
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Wyoming Junior High School - 7th & 8th Grades:

7th grade students must be present for the entire Smart Start time. School ID and pictures for the school year will be taken during this time. Scholars will also receive their schedule, tour the building and meet the principal, teachers and support staff. Transportation home is provided within the district.

7th Grade Smart Start	Wednesday, August 17th	7:15 AM - 10:00 AM
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8th grade scholars will pick up schedules and take school pictures.

They do not need to be present the entire time.

8th Grade	Thursday, August 18th	4:30 PM - 7:30 PM
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Curriculum Night for 7th & 8th Grade	Wednesday, September 7th	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
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Wyoming High School - 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Grades:

Scholars are expected to stay for the entirety of their orientation. They will meet 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 ID pictures taken.

Freshman & Sophomores (1st Session)	Wednesday, August 10th	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Freshman & Sophomores (2nd Session)	Wednesday, August 10th	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
Juniors & Seniors (1st Session)	Tuesday, August 9th	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Juniors & Seniors (2nd Session)	Tuesday, August 9th	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Wyoming Regional Center:

Open House	Monday, August 22nd	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
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New Student Enrollment Information

Wyoming Public Schools provides central registration for new families to the District online at www.wyomingps.org or at the Administration Building located at 3575 Gladiola Ave. SW in Wyoming, Michigan. 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
	9th Grade Students: A copy of your child's 8 th grade report card
	10th – 12th 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 & Times for

Central Office Fall 2022 NEW Enrollment

August 8th, 9th, 17th and 18th from 8:00 AM until 6:30 PM

WYOMING COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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

There are several programs available, General Education Diploma (GED), Adult Career Technical Education (CTE) 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 and without a high school diploma. The Wyoming Community Education office will be open Monday through Friday beginning August 10, 2022 from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm to answer your questions/needs.

To register for classes, please visit the Kent ISD's Adult Education registration website at www.adulted.kentisd.org for more details.

Kent County Preschool – Great Start & Head Start

STEP 1

Complete online application at
preschool.kentisd.org

STEP 2

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

STEP 3

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.



WPS Student Services

The Student Services department contributes to the mission and vision of Wyoming Public Schools by providing a continuum of support to students eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the McKenny-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Additionally, student services staff support the advancement of system-wide social, behavioral and academic improvements.

If you believe your child may be eligible as a student with a disability, or that your family may meet requirements for support under McKinney-Vento, please contact your child's school directly or the Student Service department at: 616-530-7525.

VOLUNTEERS!

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!

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

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 2022-2023.

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 23, 2022

One carton of milk is included with each meal. A la carte menu items are available for purchase at WIS, WJH and WHS. On half days, sack meals are provided for scholars in grades K-6.

WPS is utilizing a new digital platform for the managing of Food Service accounts. As of July 1, 2022, SendMoneyToSchools.com is no longer the operational food service platform as WPS has switched services to Family Portal. Families will log in with their SendMoneyToSchool account information and their scholar's data should have transferred over if they had a pre-existing account.

To set up a new account, go to the Family Portal website (<https://wyoming.familyportal.cloud/>). This online system allows families to make deposits, check balances and review meal history from any computer with internet access.

Lunch menus will be available on the Wyoming Public Schools website under "Resources" and "Lunch & Breakfast" at the start of the school year.

If you have questions, please contact WPS Food Service at (616) 530-7522.

ParentVue

(PVUE) – ParentVue is an application for Parents to:

- Enroll students & Update demographic information
- Assignments and Grades
- Attendance & Discipline Information
- Transcripts/Graduation Requirements
- Academic Goals
- And more.....



Make sure you have an account....

New Student Enrollment AND New to WPS

If you are **BRAND NEW** to Wyoming Public Schools (**never had any children enrolled in Wyoming before**), you can follow the process below.

Register online: go to wyomingps.org

Scroll to and click on “**New Student Registration**”

Scroll to and click on **On-Line Enrollment**

Follow these steps to create a ParentVue account to enroll your “new” child to the district:

Click on *More Options* (under Login button)

Click on *Create a New Account*

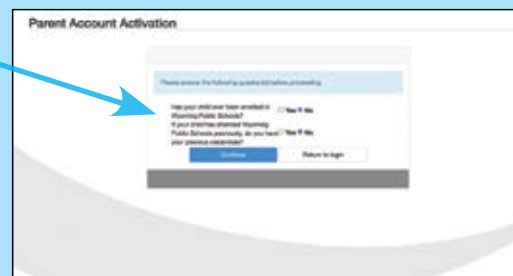
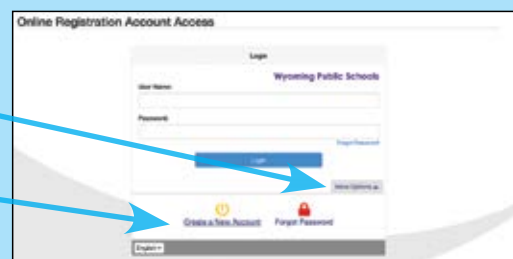
Click *No* and *No*, Click *Continue*

Read through and accept the Privacy Statement.

Parent Account Creation –

an email will be sent to the email address provided for you to create your ParentVue account and continue with the Registration Process.

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New Student Enrollment – *had students previously enrolled* in Wyoming Public Schools. If you already have a child enrolled in Wyoming Public Schools or have ever had children enrolled in Wyoming Public Schools, you will need to use your ParentVue account. *If you do not know your ParentVue account credentials, you can email pvue@wyomingps.org or call 616-530-7550.*



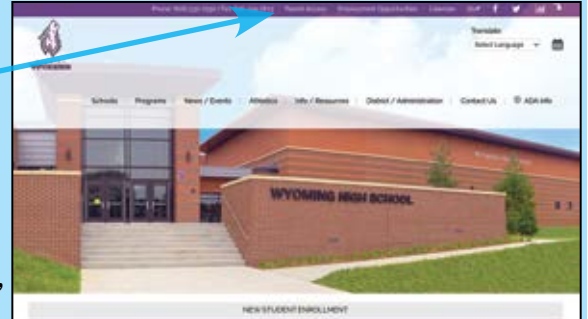
- Re-enrolling a student that was with Wyoming previously

Go to wyomingps.org

Click on **Parent Access** (top bar)

Fill in your **User Name** and **Password** to your previous ParentVue Account.

If you do not remember your user id and password, email pvue@wyomingps.org to retrieve it.



Click on **Online Registration** (top right corner) Start the re-enrollment process.

- If your child is currently in our **Wyoming Huntington Woods ECSE program** (not the GSRP program), you do not need to enroll your child. We already have your documentation. You will just need to let your child's ECSE teacher know that your child is planning on attending Wyoming next year. They will let you know the Elementary Building based off your address.

If you cannot enroll online, you can pick-up a paper registration form from the Wyoming Public Administration Building at 3575 Gladiola Ave SW. There will be a Pick-up Box with paper registration forms available and a Drop-off Box to return the forms.

If you need help with either online enrollment or paper registration, feel free to email pvue@wyomingps.org or call 616-530-7550.

Back to School Registration – *Returning Students* – **Opens early August through ParentVue. You will receive an email stating back to school registration is open.**

Look for an email in **early August** to complete your Online "Back to School Registration" through your ParentVue Account. It *will not* be available to fill out until you have received the email.

If you do not currently have a ParentVue account, email pvue@wyomingps.org to obtain one now so you are prepared in August for Back to School Registration.

**First Day of School is Tuesday, August 23rd
1/2 day for all students**



BUS INFORMATION

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



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 on the label and on the medical request form (provided to you by the school). The exact dosage and frequency of use must be clearly indicated on the prescription label and request form, or on written instructions signed by a physician.



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. Do not send medications to school with your student.

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.



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StriveTM for Less Than

Make every day count!

- Be on time, every time
- 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!

Did you know...

1. Missing more than 5 days in Kindergarten makes learning to read harder
2. Missing more than 5 days any year hurts learning and lowers test scores
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 attendance
5. Absences affect everyone when teachers have to help students catch up

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 Strive for Less Than 5 campaign as an ISD-wide initiative because regular attendance is critical to student success!

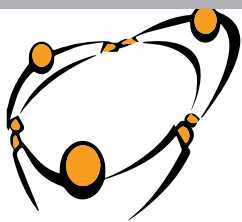
Thanks to Pageworks for sponsoring the printing of this flyer and sharing these important messages with our community.

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We Lead Learning



BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

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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	3:30 PM – 6:15 PM
Oriole Park Elementary	3:30 PM – 6:15 PM
Parkview Elementary	3:30 PM – 6:15 PM
West Elementary	3:30 PM – 6:15 PM
Wyoming Intermediate	3:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Wyoming Junior High	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.

2022-23 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 pests 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 anti-

microbial 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 Matt Walker, WPS Director of Operations, at (616) 530-7570 or walkerm@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 at (616) 530-7570. 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.

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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.



2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST 2022				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
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29	30	31		
OCTOBER 2022				
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24	25	26	27	28
31				
DECEMBER 2022				
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FEBRUARY 2023				
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APRIL 2023				
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JUNE 2023				
M	T	W	T	F
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SEPTEMBER 2022				
M	T	W	T	F
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NOVEMBER 2022				
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JANUARY 2023				
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23	24	25	26	27
30	31			
MARCH 2023				
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MAY 2023				
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15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

DESCRIPTION CODES

AUGUST 26 - FRIDAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
AUGUST 26 - STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

STUDENTS - 1/2 DAY - AM ONLY

AUGUST 23 - TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 16 - THURSDAY
OCTOBER 20 - THURSDAY	MARCH 9 - THURSDAY
OCTOBER 21 - FRIDAY	MARCH 10 - FRIDAY
DECEMBER 15 - THURSDAY	APRIL 21 - FRIDAY
DECEMBER 16 - FRIDAY	JUNE 01 - THURSDAY
	JUNE 02 - FRIDAY

NO SCHOOL - ALL

SEPTEMBER 02 - 05	Labor Day Weekend
NOVEMBER 23 - 25	Thanksgiving Break
DECEMBER 19 - JANUARY 02	Winter Break
FEBRUARY 17	Mid-Winter Break
MARCH 31 - APRIL 07	Spring Break
MAY 29	Memorial Day

TEACHERS & STUDENTS REPORT

Elementary Semester Dates

1st Semester	08/23/2022 - 12/16/2022
2nd Semester	01/03/2023 - 06/02/2023
Fall K-6 Conferences	TBD
Spring K-6 Conferences	TBD

Secondary Semester Dates

1st Semester	08/23/2022 - 12/16/2022
2nd Semester	01/03/2023 - 06/02/2023
Fall 7-12 Conferences	TBD
Spring 7-12 Conferences	TBD

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SCHOOL HOURS

Six Period Day - Secondary

	High School	Junior High
First Period	7:30-8:30	7:45-8:45
Second Period	8:35-9:35	8:50-9:45
Third Period	9:40-10:40	9:50-10:45
Fourth Period (lunch)	10:45-12:10	10:50-12:25
Fifth Period	12:15-1:10	12:30-1:25
Sixth Period	1:15-2:15	1:30-2:30
	High School Lunch	Junior High Lunch
	A: 10:30-11:00	A: 10:45-11:15
	B: 11:05-11:35	B: 11:20-11:50
	C: 11:40-12:10	C: 11:55-12:25
School Day (1/2 day)	7:30-11:20	7:45-11:35

School Day - Elementary

	Elementary K-4	Intermediate
School Day	8:45-3:30 w/30 min lunch	8:15-3:00 w/30 min lunch
School Day (1/2 day)	8:45-12:35	8:15-12:05
	RCenter	Early Childhood
School Day	8:00-2:45 w/30 min lunch	8:15-3:00 w/30 min lunch
School Day (1/2 day)	8:00-11:50	8:15-12:05



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CLASS OF 23

WYOMING WOLVES

Parents of the WHS Class of 2023 have started planning the Senior All Night Party (SANP). This will take place immediately following graduation on May 23, 2023.

We want to make sure the kids have a memorable senior all night party! Please get involved by attending our monthly meetings which are held the first Tuesday of every month, at 6:30 pm, in the WHS cafeteria. There will be many opportunities for parents and families to volunteer throughout the school year! We need all hands-on deck to raise funds for our kids!



SANP 2023 Board

Judy Schroeder - President

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SENIOR ALL NIGHT PARTY

Our first big fundraising event will be the Golf Scramble on October 8th at Maple Hill Golf Course. Information will be going out soon, if you would like to get a team together, volunteer, sponsor a hole or donate prizes, please contact Jeff Frick at frickj@wyomingps.org.

Please join our official Facebook Group **Wyoming High School SANP Class of 2023** to stay informed and sign up for volunteer opportunities. We have a ton of fun activities and fundraising events planned!

Feel free to reach out to us at WyomingSANP2023@gmail.com with questions, to volunteer or to donate to the WHS Class of 2023.

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Guest Teachers:

You impact our students by:

- Bringing your teaching skills and love of our students into a classroom setting.
- Keeping them engaged as learners.
- Providing a consistent school structure.
- Working with colleagues, administrators and paraprofessionals.
- Helping in ways big and small.

Food Service Staff:

Your contributions matter because:

- You are one of our valuable staff members who will interact with our students on a daily basis.
- You prepare and serve healthy meals to our students and staff.
- You maintain a clean work environment.
- You manage our food inventory.



Volunteers:

Your service matters because:

- You serve as a mentor and role model to our students.
- You read to and with our students.
- You keep our students safe on the playground.
- You help staff with administrative needs.



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Why you are important to us:

- You are the one of the first and last WPS faces that our students see each day!
- You provide safe transportation of our students and staff to and from school, field trips, and sporting events.
- You play a very important role within our school community.



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WYOMING ATHLETICS: MEET THE TEAM NIGHT

(For Fall Sports)

Monday, Aug. 15, 2022 at Wyoming Football Field, 5:15 PM – 7:20 PM

At this event, families will have the opportunity to meet coaches and fellow student-athletes while learning about expectations for the upcoming sport season.

Below is the photo schedule for 2022 fall sport teams, student-athletes, and/or families. It is very important EVERYONE BE ON TIME in order to stay on schedule.

Individual and team photos will take place from 5:15 PM until 7:20 PM. Student-Athlete / Parent meetings will take place after each team has completed their team photos.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT WE MAY RUN AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

ALL PHOTO PURCHASES
MUST BE PRE-PAID
ON SITE THE NIGHT
OF THE EVENT.

ALL PHOTOS WILL BE
TAKEN AT THE WHS
FOOTBALL FIELD!

TEAM PICTURES

5:15 Varsity Golf
5:25 Varsity Soccer
5:35 J.V. / Freshman Soccer
5:45 Varsity Tennis
5:55 Cross Country
6:05 Varsity Dance
6:15 Freshman Girls Volleyball
6:25 Varsity Cheer
6:35 J.V. Girls Volleyball
6:45 Varsity Girls Volleyball
6:55 Freshman Football
7:05 J.V. Football
7:15 Varsity Football

INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY/GROUP

5:15 Varsity Soccer
5:25 Varsity Golf
5:35 Varsity Tennis
5:45 J.V./Freshman Soccer
5:55 Varsity Dance
6:05 Cross Country
6:15 Varsity Cheer
6:25 Freshman Girls Volleyball
6:35 Varsity Girls Volleyball
6:45 J.V. Girls Volleyball
6:55 J.V. Football
7:05 Freshman Football
7:20 Varsity Football



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WHSWolvesAthletics

WOLVES FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 2022

(A) 08/25/22 7:00 PM vs Forest Hills Northern HS

(A) 09/30/22 7:00 PM vs Holland Public Schools

(H) 09/01/22 7:00 PM vs Northview HS

(A) 10/07/22 7:00 PM vs Muskegon HS

Fall Sports Night / District Champion Basketball Night

(H) 10/14/22 7:00 PM vs Zeeland West HS

(A) 09/09/22 7:00 PM vs Grand Rapids Union HS

Youth Football Program Night / Honor Choir

(H) 09/16/22 7:00 PM vs Mona Shores HS

(H) 10/21/22 7:00 PM vs Zeeland East HS

Elementary School Night / Purple Community Night

Senior Parent Night / WHTC Game of the Week

(H) 09/23/22 7:00 PM vs Reeths-Puffer HS

Homecoming / Honors Choir

Go WOLVES!

Wyoming Athletics:

Be sure to follow **WHSWolvesAthletics** on Facebook.



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Direct Text Updates:

Receive direct text for any schedule changes as they occur.

- Step 1: Download the Remind101 App
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You will then receive direct text messages from the Athletic Office of any update or changes to athletic schedules and plans.

WPS Athletic Schedules

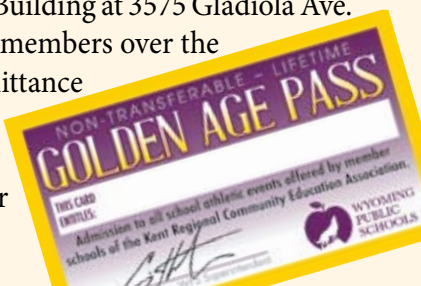
Athletic schedules can be found at highschoolsports.net or at the administration building, Wyoming Junior High, or Wyoming High School Offices.

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 2022-2023 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 Always Welcome!

W Y O M I N G	
WOLVES	ATHLETIC PHYSICALS
FREE >>>	August 4th, 2022 Wyoming High School Gym 1350 Prairie Pkwy SW, Wyoming, MI 49509 6:00pm
August 18th, 2022 Wyoming Jr. High School Gym 2125 Wrenwood St SW, Wyoming, MI 49519 6:00pm	<<< \$15
Both of these opportunities are open to Wyoming Students enrolled in grades 6-12 for the 2022-2023 school year	
For the 2022-2023 school year, an MHSAA pre-participation athletic physical is required for all students who participate in sports. A physical examination must be completed on or after April 15, 2022, to be considered a valid physical for the 2022-2023 athletic seasons.	

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Enter stage left: red wigglers named Gregory

by Erin Albanese, School News Network, Wyoming



Oriole Park Elementary students are spreading the word on the need to reduce food waste in their school– and 100 red wigglers are helping out.

The composting worms – all named Gregory by the students– have taken up residency in a bin in fourth-grade teacher Sheri Adams' class. Students feed the

worms leftover fruit and veggies that would otherwise be tossed in the trash following school lunches. The worms– who will multiply into many more than 100 – eat the food, breaking it down into rich soil perfect for the schoolyard garden.

The class was studying food waste as part of a social issues unit in social studies. The students weighed the amount of food they were throwing out each week from their classroom alone: about 30 pounds.

"We just found out how much food waste we've had in our classroom, and just one classroom makes a lot of food waste," said student Hayleigh Duck. "We have over 500 students in our school."

- complete article at www.schoolnewsnetwork.org

Grads with Grit - Adriana Ortiz-Torres: She does what she needs to do.

by Erin Albanese, School News Network, Wyoming



She is a graduating senior recently awarded for academics, and with the Seal of Biliteracy, earned for demonstrating proficiency in English and Spanish. She's an incoming freshman at Michigan State University. She's a thoughtful student who has found an outlet in journalism. She's a nearly full-time restaurant host, paying her own bills.

She's a former migrant worker who spent summers as a child pulling weeds from crops. She's been a caregiver, a child/daughter/sister who endured enormous loss. She's a girl in transition.

There's a maturity present in Adriana, her wide smile hiding a complex history that spans her 18 years. She

talks about her 14-month stop at Wyoming High School, one of four high schools she attended along her way to graduation. She will receive her diploma on Tuesday, May 24 on the high school football field.

Born in Grand Rapids, every summer, Adriana and her family, including parents and five siblings, worked in the agricultural fields in the thumb area of Michigan. Sparta was homebase, where she would return each fall – sometimes starting the school year a month late. "We would work in bean fields. We would walk up and down rows, taking out any weed we could find," she said. "We also picked blueberries. (My parents) picked apples for a while."

Adriana started ninth grade at Unionville-Sebewaing High School, where she stayed for just two months before returning to Sparta High School, which she attended for the rest of that year. During that year, her father was deported to Mexico. She had already faced a major loss. When she was in fourth grade her mother left her and her five siblings, and cut off contact.

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EVERYONE MATTERS

Students design, sell T-shirt
that reflects their school.

by Erin Albanese, School News Network

Designing a T-shirt for an economics lesson got Oriole Park Elementary second-graders thinking about what their school means to them and what they want others to know about their school. "We are like a whole family," said Victoria Duck, who liked a T-shirt design her class came up with of people holding hands and hearts and stars. "The whole school is a whole family," added Jayden Hernandez-Rafael. "People have different skin colors here," said Ana'nesyscia Zuniga.

Students in teachers Kristen Accorsi-Johnson, Danielle Terpstra and Sarah Buys-McKenney's classes brainstormed and put their thoughts into designing a T-shirt to sell to family members. Each class created a design and then all students voted on the final layout: diverse students standing over the words "Everyone Matters" and "Oriole Park Elementary School." Students chose a deep purple for the shirts, representing the district's school colors.

The students sold 77 of the shirts for \$17 each by posting them online and by bringing information home to parents. In doing so, they explored big concepts in economics: specialization, opportunity cost, natural, human and capital resources and scarcity. They also learned about selling products at the Wyoming High School Spirit Store

and asked the older students who run the store about their process.

"Those are really big concepts and big ideas," Buys-McKenney said. "As vocabulary words, they don't mean a lot to second-graders, but we got to practice (the concepts) through designing and talking about how the T-shirts were being made, and all the resources involved.

"They got to really be involved in the process to really understand what all those ideas really mean." Students also acted as "human resources" by delivering shirts to classrooms. Other lessons related to economics included making sure you have your "needs" covered before you spend money on extras, said Jayden Reynolds.

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1ST DAY: TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022 – 1/2 DAY