



**WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
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**December 2022**

Dear Wilson Middle School Students, Parents, and Staff,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Wilson Middle School Staff. The Holiday season is upon us and the hustle and bustle began weeks ago. Thank you to the families, students, and faculty that provided food, clothing, and monetary donations for the many local charitable organizations. Many families will have a brighter holiday season thanks to your generosity.

### **SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST**

The 38th Annual Senior Citizen Breakfast was held this past Wednesday, December 7th, at the MS/HS. Past president of the Wilson Teachers' Association, Jack Rodgers, began the breakfast to show the school's appreciation to community seniors who continue to support the school despite being on a fixed income. Students escorted seniors in from the parking lot to the auditorium, where they were treated to a mini-concert of holiday music. Afterwards, all guests enjoyed a piping hot breakfast, and received goodie bags full of gifts made by WCS students. Special thanks to breakfast coordinator Marcita Shank, Sue Bell and her cafeteria staff, and the WTA for sponsoring the breakfast.

### **HOLIDAY BAND & CHORUS CONCERTS**

The MS Holiday Band Concert will take place Tuesday, December 13th, at 7:00 PM and the MS Holiday Chorus Concert will take place Tuesday, December 20th, at 7:00PM. Both concerts will be in the auditorium. Please consider coming out to support our talented students as it is sure to be an enjoyable evening.

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

The MS/HS PTSA is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from December 12th-14th. Students may shop in school or online (the online store will be open from 12/12-25). For a preview of books and merchandise, please visit this link: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/wilsonms>.

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will take place on Thursday, December 15th, from 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM in the MS/HS Library Media Center. For more information and to schedule an appointment, please visit:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=WilsonCommunity>. Thank you to Mrs. Waters and Ms. Mahar for organizing this event.

### **STUDENT CHROMEBOOKS, CHARGERS & HEADPHONES**

Please remind your student(s) occasionally to make certain their chromebooks are charged prior to arriving at school and that they utilize their chromebook case. **Also, please make certain that your student arrives at school with their headphones every day with their chromebook.**

### **EMERGENCY CLOSING/SNOW DAY**

If the district closes school with notice, Superintendent Carter will notify students, parents, and staff that asynchronous assignments will be posted to Google Classroom. Teachers may post an asynchronous activity for students and be available for questions throughout the day. Teachers may post an instructional video or link to be included on how to complete the assignment. If school is closed unexpectedly, staff will not post assignments and we will have a 'regular' snow day.

### **2nd QUARTER**

The interim of the 2nd quarter is fast approaching. Parent requested progress reports will be mailed on Friday, December 16th. If your child is struggling, there is still time to turn things around. Our teachers are here to help all of our students. Please encourage your child to talk to their teachers and make arrangements to get extra help. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers, guidance counselor or myself.

### **12th PERIOD/EXTRA HELP**

Teachers are available for extra help on Monday - Thursday during 12th period. If your child requires extra help and is not physically present in school on one of those days, please have your child contact their teacher to make arrangements to stay after school.

### **INELIGIBILITY LIST**

Please refer to the Code of Conduct and the Student Handbook for eligibility requirements. If your child is placed on the ineligibility list, they should work with their teachers to find out what they need to do in order to improve their academic standing. If your child is on the ineligibility list, they are on the list for the entire ineligible period (Monday - Sunday) and until the next list is published.

### **HEALTH**

We are looking forward to continued health and wellness at school. As winter is upon us and students inevitably get colds, we are hopeful that frequent hand washing and sanitizing will minimize our cold season. If you have questions regarding student illness or return to school procedures, please contact Mrs. Sandy Walch, Nurse at 751-9341 ext. 125 or via email at [swalch@wilsoncsd.org](mailto:swalch@wilsoncsd.org).

### **ATTENDANCE**

Please encourage your child to attend school regularly. Students who maintain excellent attendance generally also do well academically. Being in school is the best way for your child to access the resources needed for them to be successful. Unfortunately, there are circumstances that may prevent your child from attending school at times. If your child is absent for an extended period of time, please encourage your child to check Google Classroom and email their teachers regularly for assignments and materials. Please contact your child's guidance counselor or myself if we can be of assistance with attendance.

### **PARENT PORTAL**

Parent Portal is an excellent resource that allows parents to keep a close eye on grades and attendance. Please contact your child's guidance counselor if you need assistance setting up your Parent Portal account.

## **OPEN HOUSE SURVEY FOR PARENTS**

Please be on the lookout for a separate email with a link to our Open House survey. Your participation in the survey would be greatly appreciated as it will assist in our future planning.

## **HOLIDAY RECESS**

No school Friday, December 23rd - Sunday, January 1. School resumes Monday, January 2nd.

### **Upcoming Events**

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| 12/8          | 7:00 | HS Band & Chorus Concert (Aud)              |
| 12/10         |      | Solo Festival @ Lockport                    |
| 12/12 - 12/14 |      | PTSA Scholastic Book Fair (Room 18)         |
| 12/13         | 6:00 | PTSA Meeting (LMC)                          |
| 12/13         | 7:00 | BOE Meeting (Room 18)                       |
| 12/13         | 7:00 | MS Band Concert (Aud)                       |
| 12/15         |      | Red Cross Blood Drive (LMC)                 |
| 12/16         |      | 2nd Quarter Progress Reports printed/mailed |
| 12/20         | 7:00 | MS Chorus Concert (Aud)                     |
| 12/21         |      | Kindness Day                                |
| 12/21         | 3:30 | WCSD SDMT Meeting (Room 18)                 |
| 12/22         |      | HS Caroling                                 |
| 12/22         | 2:10 | Twas the Night Before Christmas             |
| 12/23-1/1     |      | Christmas Recess                            |
| 1/2           |      | School Resumes                              |

Winter Recess provides students a much needed break from the every day regimen of waking up early, attending school, and completing homework/studying. It also provides an opportunity for you and your children to review school expectations and academic goals for the remainder of the school year. When school resumes on Monday, January 2, 2023 there are 19 school days before the close of the 2nd quarter.

We expect our children to have special wishes for their Christmas presents. They would not be children if they didn't! The important thing is to help them look beyond themselves and think about someone who would have NO Christmas except for the generosity of others. As parents, it is our duty to help the children develop a generous, unselfish spirit and to experience the true blessing of Christmas.

We hope this new year brings your family much happiness and good health! As always, please know how much we appreciate your support of all we do at Wilson Middle School.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can always contact us.

Merry Christmas!

Mr. Scott Benton, Principal  
Wilson Middle School