

Dear WMS Families:

Hello, my name is Mr. Graber, and I want to take this time to welcome each and every one of you to WMS. I hope you all have had an opportunity to enjoy summer. Hard to believe school is just around the corner. I am excited for the opportunity to get to know each of you and your student(s) over the course of this school year.

I want to take this time to also let you know of some changes to dates you may have heard around the community or seen on our WMS Facebook page. This year we are doing a couple of things differently. First, we are combining our Supply Night and our Back-to-School Night into one night. During this night 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the opportunity to checkout their school issued student laptop. To be able to do this on the 14<sup>th</sup> the tech fee will need to be paid, and parent/guardian in attendance to sign off on some forms. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents will need to have the same done that night, but we will give the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students their laptops over the first few days of school.

Another new this year is for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This year for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, we are coming to you. As a faculty we are going to do our first annual "Porch Visit." On August 10<sup>th</sup> a group of admin/faculty from WMS will come to your porch to welcome you to WMS. Below is an outlined timeline for both dates.

**August 10<sup>th</sup>**: 5:30-7:00

-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Porch Visits

**August 14<sup>th</sup>**: 5:30-8:30

-**5:30-6:30**: Supply Night (students may bring their supplies and put them in their lockers, check their lockers and combinations)

-**6:30-8:00**: Back-to-School Night (Similar to previous years students and parents will do grade level rotations with a Tech rotation)

-**8:00-8:30**: Ice Cream Social for everyone (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade computer checkout pending individual fees and paperwork)

I hope you all enjoy the last few days of the summer break, and are geared up for another great school year.

Raider Pride

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