



Colonel John Wheeler Middle School

Back-to-School 2018-2019—General Information

School Calendar/Events

Aug 16	6th Grade Parent Presentation (For parents of incoming 6th graders) - 6:00 p.m.
Aug 20	6th Grade Student “Bulldog Rush”—10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Aug 23	First Student Day—7:40 a.m.—2:55 p.m.
Aug 28	Parent Open House “Meet the Teachers Night” —6:00 p.m.
Sep 3	Labor Day—No School
Sep 24	Review Mid-term progress
Sep 26	Half Day of School—In-Service (No School PM) - <u>Dismissal 11:25 a.m.</u>
Sep 27	Student Pictures
Oct 12 & 15	Fall Break—No School
Oct 26	End of 1st grading period
Nov 1	Half Day of School—In-Service (No School PM) - <u>Dismissal 11:25 a.m.</u>
Nov 22-23	Thanksgiving Vacation—No School
Nov 30	Review Mid-term progress
Dec 24—Jan 4	Winter Holiday Break—No School



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The middle school day starts at 7:40 a.m. and ends at 2:55 p.m. Students can enter the building at 7:15 a.m. and hallways will open at 7:30. All bus traffic is in the back of the building located on Walnut Street and all car riders/walkers should enter through the front of the building. If you are picking your student up at the end of the day, you will need to pick up in the front in the car line or as an alternative, you can pick your student up in the back by the football parking lot. No cars will be allowed in the section for bus traffic. This keeps our students safe!

If your student arrives after 7:40 a.m., they will need to check in through our Main Office and will need to sign in. If you know in advance of their late arrival, please call the office to let us know. As stated in our Student Handbook, "The parent/guardian of any student has the duty and responsibility to notify the Main Office of each student's absence prior to 9:00 a.m. on the day of the absence. When an illness exceeds the initial time indicated, the parent shall again notify school officials." Parents may call the attendance telephone extensions 24 hours a day to report an absence. (219) 663-2173, ext. 13000 or 13003. When reporting an absence, the parent should give the following information:

- 1) Name of caller and relationship to student
- 2) Student's name and grade in school
- 3) Reason for absence

You may also email us at wheelerattendance@cps.k12.in.us.

Additional information can be found in our Student Handbook which can be found directly on our website.

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Mark Croell/Athletic Director

Fall Sports:

Volleyball—7th & 8th grade girls

Football—8th grade boys

Cross Country-All students 6-8

Winter Sports:

Basketball-7th & 8th grade girls and boys

Wrestling—6-8 grade boys

Spring Sports:

Track & Field—All students 6-8

Football—7th grade boys (last two weeks of May)

Multi-Season Sports:

Cheerleading-7th & 8th grade girls (performs at football and basketball games and competitions)

Dance—7th & 8th grade girls (performs at football and basketball games and competitions)

Run Club—6-8 All students who are distance runners

CPCSC Club Sports:

Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Tennis, Gymnastics

Club sports allow students to learn about the fundamentals of each sport and practice the techniques while providing some competitive experiences. This is also a great way to develop new friendships outside of school.

Athletic Contact and General Information

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Welcome to Col. John Wheeler Middle School Athletics. We offer a number of sports for each grade level:

Fall: 8th Grade Football
 7th & 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball
 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Cross Country

Winter: 7th & 8th Grade Boys' and Girls' Basketball
 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Boys' Wrestling

Spring: 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Track and Field
 7th Grade Football (Last 2 weeks of May)

Please use the Athletic Doors (Back of School) located off Walnut Street for all dropping off and picking up student-athletes. Please use these doors to enter athletic events.

Athletic Physicals are mandatory for each athlete. Physical forms can be picked up in the main office. Physicals are good from April 1, 2018 until May 30, 2019. An athlete must have a physical every year. Athletes cannot tryout or participate until this form is turned in. Athletes must only have a physical once during each year.

All athletes must pay a transportation fee for each sport they participate in. The fee is \$25 per season.

All athletes must pay a Medical fee for each sport they participate in. The fee is \$5 per season.

All athletic schedules are posted on the following website: <http://www.cps.k12.in.us/wheeler/site/default.asp>

The Athletic Calendar is in the left hand column.

Remind 101: The athletic department has an emergency text message system through Remind.com. If you would like to join, please send a text to: 219-513-3355 and put @wmsat in the message. If there are location changes, cancellations due to weather, and other information, I will let you know via text.

To join:

Text to this number: 219-513-3355—Message: @wmsat

***** Coach Contact Information Found on Next Page*****

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Football—Ken Florek (kflorek@cps.k12.in.us), Ext. 13232

Boys' Cross Country—Joe Betz (jbetz@cps.k12.in.us), Ext. 13249

Girls' Cross Country—Grace Santos (gsantos@cps.k12.in.us), Ext. 13201

8th Grade Volleyball—Becky Decker (rdecker@cps.k12.in.us), Ext. 13233

7th Grade Volleyball— Sue Kiefer (skiefer@cps.k12.in.us), Ext. 13006

8th Grade Boys' Basketball—Joe Balind (jbalind@cps.k12.in.us), Ext. 13215

7th Grade Boys' Basketball—Steve Breshock (sbreshock@cps.k12.in.us)

8th Grade Girls' Basketball—Tom Isailovich (tom_isailovich@yahoo.com)

7th Grade Girls' Basketball— Mark Croell (mcroell@cps.k12.in.us)

Wrestling—Eric Boswell (eboswell@cps.k12.in.us), Ext. 13247

Boys' Track & Field—Joe Betz (jbetz@cps.k12.in.us), Ext. 13249

Girls' Track & Field—Ken Florek (kflorek@cps.k12.in.us), Ext. 13232

Run Club-Summer—Joe Betz (jbetz@cps.k12.in.us), Ext. 13249

Run Club-Winter—Erik Forehand (eforehand@cps.k12.in.us), Ext. 13125

Dance—Tammy Betz (tbetz@cps.k12.in.us), Ext. 13260

Cheerleading—Shana Wrigley (swrigley@cps.k12.in.us)



Extra-curricular Activities

Academic Bowl

Art Club –(Rebecca Springer—rspringer@cps.k12.in.us)

Chess Club—(Michael Early—mearly@cps.k12.in.us)

Drama Club-(Stephen Dean—sdean@cps.k12.in.us)

Geography Bee-(Dennis Bunda—dbunda@cps.k12.in.us)

National Junior Honor Society-(Patti Croell—pcroell@cps.k12.in.us/Darleen Maas—dmaas@cps.k12.in.us)

Newspaper- (Clark Sterley—csterley@cps.k12.in.us/Loree Bain—lbain@cps.k12.in.us)

Paw Pals/Best Buddies-(Laura Andrews—landrews@cps.k12.in.us/Mandy Nelson—mnelson@cps.k12.in.us)

Science Olympiad-(Michael Early— mearly@cps.k12.in.us)

Spell Bowl-(Michelle Stoller—mstoller@cps.k12.in.us)

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Yearbook-(James Hensley—jhensley@cps.k12.in.us)

Co-curricular Activities

Band: The Band Program provides instruction for all grades. The 7th and 8th Grade classes are full ensemble classes. The 6th Grade classes are broken up into Brass, Woodwind, and Percussion Instruments. The bands perform four concerts throughout the year and compete in ISSMA Solo & Ensemble and ISSMA Organizational Events in the spring.

The department also offers a Jazz Band that features performers from the 7th & 8th grades. This group meets after school two times per week and performs at a few concerts throughout the year and competes at the ISSMA Jazz Festival in March.

James Hensley/Band

jhensley@cps.k12.in.us (Ext. 13107)

Choir: The Choir Program provides instruction for all grades. The choirs perform four concerts throughout the year and compete in ISSMA Solo & Ensemble and ISSMA Organizational Events in the spring. You do not need to have any prior experience to join the choir.

The department also offers a Vocal Jazz group that features performers from all grades. This group performs at all Choir concerts and also competes at the ISSMA Jazz Festival in March.

Stephen Dean/Choir

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Orchestra: The Orchestra Program provides instruction for all grades. Students traditionally start playing in the 5th grade, but that is not required. The Orchestra performs four concerts throughout the year and competes in ISSMA Solo & Ensemble and ISSMA Organizational Events in the spring. The Orchestra plays many different styles of music including classical, contemporary, and Jazz music.

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Team Contact Information

6th GRADE

Team 6A

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7th GRADE

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Team 7B

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8th GRADE

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Team 8B

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Team Contact Information

Exceptional Learners/LRE

Kate Perschon—kperschon@cps.k12.in.us (Dept. Chair & 7th Grade)

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Team We Rock

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