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IMPORTANT 2020-2021 BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS!!!

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

A warm “Welcome Back” to you and your family as WTS looks forward to welcoming our community’s children to the new school year on Tuesday, September 1st. It is my hope that everyone has enjoyed more than a few relaxing moments this summer season. I know we all realize that this school year will begin quite differently as school districts continue to navigate the COVID-19 Pandemic. Your Washington Township Schools has been working diligently since May to develop a reopening plan that underscores safety and instructional consistency for the children and adults of our school community. We have proceeded with both care and caution in order to finalize the following reopening plan, which reflects a strong commitment to these two goals: [*The Road Back to Washington Township Schools.*](#)

As Opening Day 2020 approaches I would like to take this opportunity to re-emphasize the awesome responsibility we share as parents and educators in fostering the healthy development of our young people. Although the planning for school life in the year 2020 has undergone changes, we remain steadfast in our commitment to providing positive school experiences for every child. This school year will begin with an overarching emphasis on social and emotional learning as each of our schools strives to reestablish and nurture positive climates and cultures. We look forward to partnering with you as we embark on the road back to WTS!

The start of a new school year always presents a variety of “back-to-school” information items and forms that require your review and/or completion (I like to think of it as homework for adults!). This school year the Washington Township Schools is once again using OnCourse Connect to share important “back-to-school” items and “report cards” with parents, resulting in a more eco-friendly and cost-efficient outcome. Here’s how to access all of the information you need in preparing for the new school year:

FIRST: Log into OnCourse Connect www.onscourseconnect.com using your Username and Password to access the Parent Portal (we have helped many parents over the past several weeks with usernames and passwords ... if you need help, please email Ms. Conicelli, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, at cconicelli@wtschools.org). In addition to emailing Ms. Conicelli you should also call your child’s school to at least inquire about class placement as the number of people needing assistance can easily delay our response time.

NEXT: Once logged in, you will see your child’s dashboard. If you have more than 1 child you will be able to visit each personalized student dashboard via the drop down menu in the upper right corner. The dashboard contains the information you need to be ready for the new school year. Simply look for and click on **ANNOUNCEMENTS**  and **SCHEDULE**  to access a back-to-school communication and homeroom teacher placements. Please note that bus information  will be shared this Friday, August 21. Your child’s Principal will be sending you a separate school-home communication today (which you may have already received). Also, look for the words “View/Edit Student and Guardian Information” in blue to the right of your child’s photo (new students will not have a photo yet). Please click on “View/Edit Student and Guardian Information” and view your child’s personal information. If any changes are necessary, **please contact the Main Office of your child's school** so that our secretaries can make those changes.

FINALLY: Please review all of the back-to-school information items and forms located on the Washington Township Schools district homepage (www.wtschools.org). The information items and forms are located under the **FOR PARENTS** tab at the top homepage. Simply select **Back-to-School Forms** from the dropdown menu and review each of the back-to-school forms/items listed. The document titled **Key Info Items for Parents** will help you and your child get ready for the new school year! **Form F** is a single yellow form that requires your signature and must be printed and returned to your child’s homeroom teacher on or shortly after September 1st. Parents of children assigned to Cohort D can email or mail this yellow form directly to their child’s school: BAC: dstypulkoski@wtschools.org; FLOCK: msummers@wtschools.org; KOSS: lfichot@wtschools.org; OFRS: ddomareki@wtschools.org; LVMS: mfrost@wtschools.org This “single-page” approach eliminates the need for parents to sign and return multiple forms.

Thank you for your attention to these important school district items and for selecting the Washington Township Schools for your children. Our family looks forward to welcoming your family to the new school year on Tuesday, September 1st!

To Our Students and Families ... WELCOME!

Jeff Mohre

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