

November 12, 2021

Dear West Sylvan Families,

We hope you have had a healthy and productive week! We are excited for this Saturday, November 13th from 12-3 our WSMS Foundation will be hosting our 1st Annual WSMS Band Fundraiser in the parking lot of our school campus! Members from our WSMS Band will play some music at various points throughout the three hours, and there will be an opportunity to recycle any of your electronic items (anything without freon is accepted). Information is here for how to participate and donate to our 1st Annual Band Fundraiser!

Thank you to the families who have already submitted some notes to WSMS team members! If you have a kind note to share, we'd love your feedback [here](#) to celebrate the ways WSMS adults support your scholars and your families! A little appreciation goes a long way and can really uplift someone's day! Enjoy some pictures from the week below.

On November 22-23 only, educators will have available virtual conference time slots. These are short conferences, limited to ten minutes. The open time slots will be posted for Fall Conferences by Monday, November 15th. Due to the fact that these conferences are just two days (day and evening slots, per educator contract), educators are prioritizing meeting with families for scholars who need the most intervention and assistance first for scheduling. Any remaining time slots will be open as of Monday, November 15th. Conferences are most necessary and important for families whose scholars are needing extra help due to absences, extended illnesses, lack of work completion and low/failing course grades. If your scholar is earning strong grades in courses, we encourage you to correspond with educators via email instead, if you want feedback. Given the timing, some families may not be able to make these two days or the times allotted, but these are the only times available, per educator contract. Thank you for your understanding. Please work with your scholar(s) to complete this [checklist](#) prior to meeting with educators. The link to sign up for the 22-23rd is [here](#).

For more information, check out the West Sylvan TAG Site: <https://sites.google.com/ppp.net/west-sylvan-tag/>

Interested in nominating your child for TAG? Here's how it works:

1. You'll fill out and submit the Parent Nomination form available at the West Sylvan TAG site (in your preferred language) for your child before Friday, December 3rd.
2. Once you've submitted the Parent Nomination Form, the West Sylvan TAG Coordinator will have the child's subject-appropriate teacher fill out a Teacher Nomination form for your child.
3. MAP Mathematics scores are reviewed for a Mathematics nomination, MAP Reading for a Reading nomination, and the NNAT3 for an Intellectual nomination.

4. In spring of 2022 (right now, probably January or February), the district TAG office will send out letters informing parents and guardians that their child has or has not been identified as TAG, and in what areas. Services will begin for TAG scholars at that time.

Please click the link below in your preferred language to nominate your child.

[English](#) [Spanish](#) [Chinese](#) [Russian](#) [Vietnamese](#) [Somali](#)

Important Note: These links are for West Sylvan Middle School ONLY. Each PPS school has its own nomination form. If you want to nominate a child for TAG who does not attend West Sylvan, please

All sales of yearbooks will be pre-ordered directly through an outside company. Yearbooks will not be purchased through the school. To order your yearbook, go to yearbookordercenter.com and enter code 6339.

We have a Lost and Found area across from our upper gym on campus that is visible to all scholars throughout the school day. Any items left unclaimed by the fall break (end of day Friday, November 19th) will be sent to charitable organizations. There are a number of sweatshirts, coats, bags, water bottles, you name it, that have still not been claimed. Please remind your scholar to check there if they have lost an item or come home without various articles of clothing after their school day.

This week was slightly better with transportation. We continue to look forward to improvements with the systems in the transportation department as more drivers are trained and are hired to drive consistently for our routes. Please be extra kind to our hard-working drivers! We'd like to keep them once they are hired with us!

There are a fair number of scholars who are using bus 10 to reach the MAC club in the afternoons which, at time

We understand that families may choose to self-quarantine, even without a recommendation or notification of a close contact. Those absences are also excused absences. We continue to work with both PPS leads and MESD leads to contact trace and exclude any staff members and scholars who may have been considered "close contacts," whether the contact could have been in classes, at lunch, on the bus, or in clubs. Anyone aske

