Ja nuary 6, 2023

Dear West Sylvan Familie s ,

We are so happ y to b e back with your Scholars, and hope that your New Y ear is st arting off well! We have

some important items approaching academically to share, which will impact some of the instructional time.

Our Winter testing period starts next week. This is the time when Scholars take the MAP (Measures of

Academic Progress) tests in English and Math to assess progress between the Fall administration and

Winter. We want to emphasize the importance of taking these exams very seriously. Math class placements

depend largely on MAP test data and Educator recommendation based on the grade in the prior Math

course. MAP tests are untimed, and Scholars are given time in their assigned Math and English courses to

take the exam over the course of several days. If Scholars are absent, there will be scheduled times to retake

Staff Departure:
Lindsey Wildman, our WSMS Choir Director, recently determined that she could no longer run our Choir
clubs for WSMS. We are very sorry to see Lindsey leave, and we are thankful for the work she has started to
rebuild a Choir offering and experience for WSMS Scholars. We will be looking for someone to fill this
vacancy in the coming month.
Reminder: Bell Schedule Shift in January
For the month of

Select start date, end date, and a reason from the drop-down list. Remember to click
SAVE, and you should receive a popup confirmation.

If your Student is Absent for a PARTIAL DAY:
Send an email to westsylvanoffice@pps.net with the date, times, and reason.

No internet access? Call West Sylvan’s main line at 503-916-5690 and select the
Attendance option.

School Volunteers:
We appreciate all family members who have been volunteering in our Main Office, our Library, and joining
us for school lunch periods and recess to help with supervision! The additional adults around campus really
help with these busier spaces and the busiest times of the school day! If you are already an approved PPS
volunteer, you are welcome to come to campus any day of the week when your schedule permits, and we will
find a way that you can help on campus! The lunch periods (11:30AM-2:00PM) and the end of the school
day (3:00PM-3:45PM) are most needed for Lunch recess help and Office assistance! Sign up to
Volunteer! We want your help (especially during Lunches or in the Main Office in the
afternoons)!

Student Supports
6th Grade: Counselor: Ricky Almeida [ralmeida@pps.net]
 Administrators: Jill Hunt [jihunt@pps.net]

Opportunities for Family Connection and Scholar Extended Activities: ● Sign up to Volunteer! We want your help (especially during Lunches or in the Main
Office in the afternoons)!
General Questions:
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Jerda Solonche, Administrative Assistant: jsolonche@pps.net (Staff, financial)
Kirsten Crombie, Administrative Assistant: kcrombie@pps.net (students, attendance, enrollment,
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Here are some dates to save on your calendar now in preparation: ★