

September 9, 2022

Dear West Sylvan Families,

This week, we shifted Advisory to the conclusion of the school day. The plan is to continue with this schedule throughout September as we gauge both Educator and Scholar input about the content, the timing, and the effectiveness of the Advisory pieces. PIL sports have started already, and several groups are practicing at our building after school. PIL teams run themselves separately from the school team, so all questions related to PIL sports, meeting times or locations should be sent to the leaders of the various teams. [For information on how to get your scholar-athlete involved in PIL sports, visit this website.](#)

Drama is still recruiting for their after school club! [Please contact Mr. Kruse for more information, and the flier is here.](#) Also, Choir will start near the end of the month as a morning (before school) club. Ms. Wildman can be contacted for more information on [signing up for the Choir Club.](#) While we are not given funding for full-time Educators for these critical arts experiences, we continue to build avenues for the arts through clubs for our Scholars. Family donations keep these experiences available!

Seeking family members for School Site Council:

The School Site Council meets monthly to discuss school-related programs, budget items, data related to Student achievement, and to solicit input from a cross-section of family members, Educators, and school Staff members. We are seeking parents who would like to join the SSC for this school year. If interested, please complete the form

Back-To-School-Night:

We will host an in-person Back-To-School Night on Wednesday, September 21st from 5:00PM – 7:00PM. Prior to that evening, we will share a virtual welcome video along with virtual slides from our Educators, as we understand that many families may not be able to join us. As you know, our parking is also very limited and will be quite a challenge if you plan to join that evening. There will be time to visit each class on your Scholars' schedule to hear from Educators for ten minutes per class. This night is intended to offer

Cafeteria/Menus:

Students are welcome to bring their own sack lunch and are encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle to refill throughout the school day. WSMS received an upgrade to our water fountains, and they now feature bottle filling stations.

This year, Scholars will have to pay for school breakfast and lunch, and information about plans and assistance can be found on the PPS Nutrition Services webpage [here](#). We have three separate lunch times, by grade level (see the full bell schedule below). Menu information is available [here](#).

2022-23 Menu Prices

	Breakfast	Lunch
PK-8:	\$1.60	\$3.00
Adult:	\$3.00	\$5.50
Milk:	\$0.50	\$0.50

Bell Schedule with Afternoon Advisory:

To increase the amount of time dedicated to building connections for our Scholars with adults, to increase opportunities for academic support, and to afford opportunities for engagement in school clubs for all, we have added an Advisory time (30 minutes) to the end of each school day to begin the school year. We are adding this valuable time for our Scholars to engage in meaningful social-emotional work, academic tutorials, executive functioning strategies, and to participate in clubs and community building. Please refer to the following bell schedule, which we have been following since Tuesday, Sept. 6th.

Afternoon Early Pick-Ups:

Our Office has been experiencing heavy family traffic prior to our 3:45pm dismissal, due to daily early pick-ups. Whenever possible, we ask that you avoid picking up your scholar between 3:15pm-3:45pm as our Office can become overwhelmed with accommodating early pick-ups and Staff is limited in the

Additional Clubs and Opportunities for Scholars:

[Join the Morning Choir Club!](#)

Does your child like to sing? They are welcome to join the choir at West Sylvan Middle School!

Support the Foundation! Your generous donations directly support Scholars and staff by reducing class size and enhancing the educational experience. We look forward to hosting many great events with the West Sylvan

General Questions:

Office Email: westsylvanoffice@pps.net

Jerda Solonche, Administrative Assistant: jsolonche@pps.net (staff, financial)

Kirsten Crombie, Administrative Assistant: kcrombie@pps.net (attendance, enrollment, withdrawals)

Here are some dates to save on your calendar now in preparation:

Back To School Night: Wednesday, September 21st at 5:00 PM -7:00 PM

No School for Scholars due to Educator Planning Day: Friday, September 23rd

Tualatin Parks and Recreation Community Event: October 13, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the field behind school

Outdoor School for 6th Graders: October 23-28 ~ Overnight camp returns!

Go Wolf Pack!

Jill and Ben