



**For 8th Grade Families:**

**Promotion Announcements:** These are in the mail, and you should receive a Save the Date card to the address that we have in our Synergy records.

**Promotion Tickets:** Each family will have **four tickets**, which will be given to your Scholar by their 7th period Teacher and sent home the week prior to the promotion ceremony. Should you be unable to attend or do not need all four tickets, you are welcome to give them to other families who may want additional tickets. The school office will not have the capacity to manage those exchanges.

**8th Grade Oaks Park Trip** (rides) on Wednesday, June 8th, chaperoned by Educators and Administrators. Scholars who choose to attend will bus to Oaks Park from campus and return by dismissal. Scholars will need to be in good standing (no suspensions, referrals to administrators, patterns of unexcused absences, etc.) to attend. This is a fun privilege, not an automatic right.

**8th Grade Promotion** is at Lincoln High School on Thursday, June 9th at 6 p.m. Each scholar will receive **four** guest tickets for family members, due to limited capacity. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

**WSMS Foundation Oaks Park Event for 8th graders:** This will be an *optional* evening event for our 8th graders hosted by our WSMS Foundation at Oaks Park on Friday, June 10th. Families will have to self



[SSA Parent Guide](#)

[WGA Parent Guide](#)

**Whole Grade Acceleration (WGA) - Applications open April 15-May 15.** [See information about WGA from PPS TAG here.](#) Please contact the West Sylvan TAG Coordinator, Laurel Richards, at [lrichards@pps.net](mailto:lrichards@pps.net) for **next steps**.

We are looking for applicants to join our AVID elective for the 2022-23 school year. Why is an AVID experience a good thing? AVID scholars have a history of proven excellence with 94% meeting all 4-year university requirements, 90% accepted directly to 4-year universities out of high school, 84% persist in the second year of university. If you are interested in having your scholar join AVID, *and* your scholar is also interested in joining AVID, please complete this interest [form](#).

### **MYP News:**

WSMS completed our consultancy visit last week. We are excited to be gaining momentum again in our professional development goals toward eventually being an authorized IB Middle Years Programme. [Please visit this slide deck for more updates on WSMS MYP implementation](#). MYP lessons and units focus on inquiry, discussion, analysis, critique and defense of work, critical thinking, investigation projects, and performance-based assessments. Developing the MYP Learner Profile means an emphasis on teaching scholars to be inquirers, knowledgeable, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, educational risk-takers, balanced and reflective learners. Our families can also learn more about our work toward MYP authorization [here](#). We look forward to advancing our work at WSMS and applying for authorization in 22-23! Thank you to our WSMS Foundation for fundraising and supporting the staffing needs that help us continue to make progress toward becoming an approved MYP school program.

### **Community Care and Neighborhood Safety:**

Our neighbors in the West Slope community ask that while parked and driving in the neighborhood we all continue to practice care and kindness toward their property, and that we report any damage to the homeowners should an accident occur. They also ask that we please do not block their driveways during our pick-up and drop-off times. They work with Beaverton PD to patrol the area in the mornings and evenings, and send their concerns to that team. We appreciate your cooperation!

### **WSMS Foundation:**

Please support our WSMS Foundation! Every contribution helps our school by allowing us to fund educational opportunities and events for your scholars! Please consider donating to WSMS Foundation to help support important instructional additions for our scholars in the coming school year. Every donation helps!

You can donate and find out more information about our WSMS Foundation and their amazing work for our scholars [here](#). Also follow them on Instagram @[west.sylvan.foundation](#) and check out our West Sylvan students in their [school](#), [sports](#), [performances](#), [events](#)

If you have a scholar event, announcements related to scholars and their achievements, or you'd like to advertise let us know. [Email Lisette Crepeaux at thecrepeauxs@gmail.com](mailto:Lisette.Crepeaux@thecrepeauxs@gmail.com).

### **Daily Loaner Laptops for Scholars:**

We no longer have a supply of daily loaner chromebooks or chargers to issue when scholars forget their chromebooks at home. Please help remind our scholars to take their \*fully charged\* PPS-issued chromebook to and from school each day. We distributed BumpAror cases to all scholars, and we ask that you please encourage your scholar to use the case to protect and extend the life of their device.

### **Help with Cell Phones:**

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The notes left for our educators really do brighten a lot of days for many of our team members! If you have a [here](#)