

When is the first Progress Report?

Before our first track-out

- 90 – 100: A
- 80-89: B
- 70-79: C
- 60-69: D
- <60: F

When can parents sign up for conferences?

- Ms. Ledford and Ms. Rudder will be available for conferences on a designated day during our first track out (Date: TBD). Parents may elect to sign up for a 30 minute time slot. Conferences on this day will not be mandatory.
- If we feel there is a more urgent matter to discuss, then we will contact you directly to set up a parent teacher meeting.
- Parents will be asked to complete a Parent-Teacher conference form with their child prior to attending a formal teacher conference.
- Please feel free to discuss smaller issues through email. We always welcome 2-way communication.

What do you use to help parents keep track of what is going on in the classroom and homework assignments?

- Mrs. Ledford and Ms. Rudder have a shared team website at www.our6-2team.weebly.com. The website provides parents and students with announcements, homework links, agenda items, review videos, a list of daily classroom topics, resources for studying, and valuable links and documents for learning.

How can I help my child keep up with homework due dates?

- Check your child's agenda every night and the homework links. The agenda is an important organizational tool and students should get into the practice of writing down what and when assignments are due. If your child is not using the agenda, question him/her as to why. It needs to be an expectation that every child is using the agenda daily.
- Websites will be updated weekly. Check both the agenda and the website frequently for assignments, projects, and important information. If a student says they have no homework due this week, have them show you the homework page on the website to verify.
- Your child will have homework **every night**. Please understand that homework consists of worksheets, bookwork, projects, reading, online activities and discussions, research, test corrections, and studying notes from class. Students should do a little each night. **Encourage him/her not to wait until the last minute to do an assignment or project. Projects will be given timelines that students should follow. It will be much easier to keep up if students prioritize and study each night.**

What is IMPTIME?

- IMP Time is an enrichment/remediation program. 6-2 students have IMP time about 25 minutes after lunch. This time will be a time to read books towards our 40 book challenge and groups will be pulled by Ms. Rudder or Ms. Ledford for enrichment or remediation based on observed performance and data.
- IMP time is not a study hall and students will not be permitted to do homework during the designated time.

How is instruction differentiated to reach all learners?

- We use a variety of delivery methods for our students. Students will learn content through readings, writing, experiments, discussions, note taking, organizational charts, music, videos, flash cards, word walls, flip notes, group work, projects, technology in the classroom, etc.
- **Some activities/projects will be tiered for different levels and students may have choices for the tiers or may be strategically placed or given an appropriate tier by their teacher. Our teachers make all attempts to work with our AIG facilitator to team on certain units/lessons and plan for differentiation.**

Will my child be able to eat a snack during class?

- Students **will eat lunch at 10:26** and therefore **will be permitted to eat a healthy snack in their Core 4 Class before electives.**
- Students are allowed and encouraged to bring a water bottle to class. No other drinks are allowed in the classroom.

What is the best way to contact a teacher?

- The most effective way to contact a teacher is via email. However, please note that we are unavailable to respond to emails during classroom instruction time.
 - crudder@wcpss.net
 - habene@wcpss.net *This email will change to Ledford eventually*
- Ms. Ledford and Ms. Rudder discuss all parent communications and responses before replying to your email questions and concerns. Please view all emails replies as communication from both team teachers.
- If you have an urgent matter and need to get a message to the teacher or to your child immediately, please call the front office.

How can I view my child's grades?

- It is highly recommended that all parents sign up for a **PowerSchool account** to have access to view your child's progress.
- A parent must complete the form and show their ID to the office staff. WCPSS is only permitted to share a student's grades with a parent or legal guardian.
- PowerSchools is available 24/7.
- Teachers will update grades weekly.

How often will my child have test and quizzes?

- Students should expect to have weekly mini-quizzes in one or more classes.
- Students will have tests at the end of each unit or at the end of a larger concept within a unit.
- Content benchmarks, such as Case-21, will be given on a quarterly basis. Benchmarks for science and social studies will be counted as part of their grade.

Will students have textbooks?

- Students will not have individual textbooks; however, students may checkout a textbook from the teachers to borrow overnight as needed.
- Students will have access to an online math textbook.

Can my child earn extra credit?

- **The only way a child can earn extra credit is by completing the mandatory test corrections. Students can earn back half of their missed points on designated tests (mini-quizzes excluded on corrections).**
- Test corrections are implemented differently for each core subject.
- No additional extra credit will be given.

Do teachers assign track-out work?

- Students will be given study packets and review packets over track-out when appropriate or encouraged to review concepts if having difficulty. Although it is highly recommended **that all students complete the packets, the purpose is for practice and review and will not be graded.**
- **Students should continue to read over their track-out time as we do participate in the "40 Book Challenge" Reading Program.**

What is the procedure for when my child is absent?

- Please have your child take a parent or doctor's note directly to the office the day they return, upon arrival to school. Please do not have them turn these notes into the teacher.
- Students will be responsible for all missed assignments. Students are given 1 additional day for each day missed if the assignment was assigned while absent. If the assignment was assigned before being absent, the assignment will be due the day of return.