

William Street School



"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." ~John Dewey

September 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is with great pride and excitement that we welcome you to William Street School! I hope your summer has been relaxing and full of wonderful memories with family and friends. These past 18 months have been challenging but we continue to move forward and look forward to returning to 5 days a week with our students! We sincerely appreciate the ongoing support and understanding from our parents.

The faculty and staff are committed to working collaboratively with students and parents toward achieving academic excellence. It is our goal and desire to provide a comprehensive educational program for the students at William Street School. A special thank you to our PTO parents and the Lancaster Youth Bureau volunteers for their assistance with grade 6 locker assignment and supply drop-off day.

Beginning this September, William Street School reconfigured the sixth grade schedule with emphasis on community, instruction and student opportunities. William Street faculty and staff have planned and prepared for the September 7th first day of school and are excited about the changes to the schedule. Grade 6 students are housed in the B1/B2 Commons and are scheduled according to sections (sections 1-18). These individual sections will travel together as a cohort (section) for the majority of their classes. This year students in grade 6, in addition to their regularly scheduled specials (Art, PE, Health, & Music), will participate in two newly developed courses: Foundations and Leadership and Argument and Debate. Accelerated Math is scheduled during the regular school day (8:25 AM-3:00 PM) and additional math support (Math Lab) is also available for students. For additional information please visit WSS website information outlining the changes is posted to the William Street School website under the tab, "Our School", "Placement Information 2021-22", titled [Grade 6 Reconfiguration 2021-22](#). In addition to Grade 6 Reconfiguration, grade 4 students will be housed on the first floor in the C1 and D1 Commons and grade 5 students will be housed on the second floor in the C2 and D2 Commons. We are excited about having our students together in a common area based on their grade level.

Administrative Contacts	Mrs. Jacqueline Bull, Building Principal	Grade 4
	Mr. Gregory Heer, Assistant Principal	Grade 5
	Mrs. Stacy Conti, Assistant Principal	Grade 6
Social Worker Contacts	Mr. Jordan Russell	Grade 4
	Mrs. Madison Alleva	Grade 5
	Miss Kimberly Corrie	Grade 6

New this Fall

The faculty and staff have been working diligently preparing for the 2021-22 school year. Every new school year brings changes in faculty and staff. The following have joined our William Street Staff:

Grade 4

Miss Amanda Muscarella
Miss Allison Reinig
Ms. Brandy Kaczmarek
Miss Kelsey Martin
Miss Renae Marten (LTS)

Grade 5

Miss Jessica Losel
Miss Amanda Pepe
Mrs. Amy Wheeler
Ms. Mary Zoldos

Grade 6

Mrs. Robin Heer, Leadership & Foundations
Ms. Gina Alfano, Argument & Debate
Mrs. Alison Camp, Math Lab
Miss Molly D'Angelo

Special Areas

Mrs. Colleen Donovan, Reading

Psychologist

Miss Haley Huey

Social Worker

Mr. Jordan Russell
Mrs. Madison Alleva
Miss Kim Corrie

Updated and Important Changes

Student Drop-Off / Pick Up

The safety and security of our students, faculty, and staff are of utmost importance. Students not registered with the YMCA Program should be dropped off between 8:25am and 8:34am at the E door (pool) only entrance. Doors open and buses unload at 8:25am. School staff members are available to assist your child in addition to welcoming them each day. Students arriving after 8:35 am are considered tardy and must enter through the main office. We ask that parents refrain from walking your child to the door.

Students will be dismissed as follows:

3:00 PM	Grade 6 released to buses
3:03 PM	Grade 4 walked outside to buses
3:05 PM	Grade 5 walked outside to buses

3:00 PM	Parent(s)/guardian and / or designee are directed to park in the B-parking lot (closest to E-door)
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Parent(s)/ guardian and / or designee proceed to the following door for pickup with identification:

If picking up a grade 4 or grade 4 and multiple grade levels (i.e. 5 and / or 6) report to Door # 39

If picking up a grade 5 and / or grade 6 report to Door 38.

Parent(s)/guardian and / or designee will be expected to show his/her photo identification. Please send a note with your child and have your child give the note to their teacher if you or a designee will be picking up your child at the E-door. If your child will be picked up daily or on a specific day weekly, one note identifying the day(s) of the week is sufficient notification.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we move forward transitioning to our past pickup procedure. As always, school-sponsored transportation is available to all students.

Physical Education:

Students in grades 4-6 will not change for PE. Please have your child dress for outside weather in the fall in addition to proper footwear on PE days. At this time students will not be swimming. Our physical education department along with administration will continue to make changes as seem appropriate. We appreciate your understanding.

WSS Covid School Expectations include but are not limited to the following:

- Three feet of physical distancing within the school setting to the extent possible
- Six feet when projecting the voice (singing) or playing a wind instrument
- Mask must be worn at all times regardless of vaccination status
- Masks are not required for students and staff outside of the building
- Mask breaks may be taken by students every hour
- Students must complete the daily health screen (or parent/guardian on behalf of student)
- All district families are eligible for free breakfast and lunch through June 30, 2022
- Students will wear a mask through the lunch line
- Students will be seated 3 ft distancing in the cafeteria
- Snacks and water bottles will be permitted (students are prohibited from distributing treats from home to other students in school).
- Students will be assigned a seat on the bus and will be seated 2 to a seat
- Students will wear a mask on the bus
- Windows will be open on the bus when weather conditions allow
- Only students assigned to specific bus will be permitted to ride the bus

Communication

The District will utilize social media (LCSD Facebook and Twitter account) and WSS Sanctioned Facebook for WSS parents, the LCSD website, and SchoolMessenger system as the primary communication methods to inform parents and the community of any procedures, protocols, and updates regarding health, safety, and student instruction. Please be sure to update your parent/guardian contact information in the ESchool parent portal [Parent Portal](#).

Please join us in welcoming William Street's 2021-22 PTO officers & executive board members:

Kristi Perillo-Okeke (President)
Shannon Bianco (Treasurer)

Devonie Lorigo - Committee member
Lisa Anne Voelker - Committee member

Information regarding school-sponsored PTO events can be found on Facebook - "The Sanctioned William Street PTO." The Sanctioned William Street School Facebook page is run by the board members of WSS PTO in an effort to keep the information presented factual and not opinion related. The purpose of the page is for school fundraising information to be conveyed, information for school related activities that occur during the school day, evening school sponsored extracurricular events and other LCSD sponsored activities that William Street School families can participate in.

Upcoming Important Dates:
Membership & One Check Drive- September 7th - 30th
Apparel Sale – September - Dates TBA

If you have any questions, please email us at: wssPTO2017@gmail.com

Virtual Backpack is here!

William Street School has gone "Virtual" with flyers and newsletters. If you misplaced a flyer that was sent home in your child's backpack, do not worry. Informational flyers from the school, PTO, and community organizations will be distributed and available online. To access the Virtual Backpack, please click on the Backpack pictured on the left side of our home page.

If a paper copy is needed, please contact the main office and one will be sent home with your child.

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| Emergency /
Health Forms | Please complete and return these forms to school by Mon. Sept. 13 th
Emergency Card, Health Questionnaire & FERPA Form |
| Immunizations | Please remember to send in all required immunization paperwork to the Health Office. Grade 6 students who are 11 years old are required to have proof of Tdap immunization, or proof of an upcoming appointment to receive the Tdap immunization. Failure to provide required paperwork within 14 days of the start of school may result in exclusion from school. Please contact the Health Office with any questions. |
| Absences | You do not need to call your child in when sick.
Parents/Guardians will be called using an automated calling system to contact you when your child is absent from school.
Homework will be available upon request for extended approved absences of 3 or more days. |
| Agenda Planners | This year student agenda planners are provided free of charge due to the generosity of our William Street PTO. Due to shipping delays the student agendas are expected mid September. |
| Open House | William Street School Open House 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm - Save the Date!

Grade 6 – Tuesday, September 14 th (12:35 pm dismissal all students)
Grade 4 – Wednesday, September 15 th (full day of school)
Grade 5 – Thursday, September 16 th (full day of school)

Information on the format TBD. |

Early Dismissal

Tuesday, September 14th Dismissal is 12:35 pm, lunch will be served. All Students - Grades 4-6 will be dismissed early.

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Principal

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