

Volume 1, Issue 3 — November 12, 2020 WVA Secondary Sound-Byte



Panorama Student Survey

Dear Westerville City School District Families,

As a school system, we are always seeking ways to improve the various services that we make available to our students and families. One of our primary efforts of late has been to learn how we can best support students on not just their academic needs, but also on a socialemotional level.

In order to learn more about student experiences in Westerville City Schools, we will be seeking students' opinions via an online needs assessment/survey that they will complete in the coming weeks. Hybrid students will survey at school while WVA students will survey remotely. We expect the survey to take approximately ten to fifteen minutes to complete.

Per Board Policy 2416, parents have the right to inspect any survey or evaluation created by a third party before it is distributed or administered to their child. Links you can use to view the survey content are provided below. To maintain the integrity of our results, please DO NOT TAKE THIS SURVEY as you review it.

Demo <u>Survey, grades 6-12</u> <u>here</u> (click link)



If you did not opt your child out of the survey, and would like to do so now, send an email to

wva@wcsoh.org. Please complete the survey by November 24.

We thank you in advance for your support of our efforts. If you have any questions about these surveys or their administration, please do not hesitate to contact us at 614-797-7765.



Second Semester Additional Electives

WVA is happy to announce additional electives starting 2nd semester, January 5, 2021. The courses below will be offered using Schoology. Students will be sent information regarding their second semester selections in the coming weeks.

Middle School Electives



Grades 6 & 8 Physical Education Grade 7 Health Grade 7 & 8 MS General Art

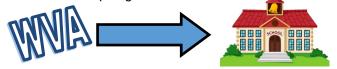
High School Electives



HS General Art Intro to Theatre

WVA Students Returning to Home School Building—2nd Semester

For students who have selected to return to their school building at the second semester with blended learning, know that office personnel at your school will be making initial contact to help begin the transition back.



APEX Weekly Report

Here is a link to a document that explains all of the information available to you in the weekly Apex report that is generated by Apex every Sunday. To receive the report you should be listed as a coach for at least one of your child's classes. What do the Weekly Progress Reports show?



Brad Adams, WVA Program Administrator Dr. Scott Ebbrecht, Director, Assessment and Alternative Education Services Dr. Jennifer Knapp, Director, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction Scott Reeves, Executive Director, Secondary Academic Affairs



November 18 - Interim Grades Issued
November 24 - Panorama Student Survey Due
November 25-27 - No School for Elem/MS/HS (Thanksgiving Break)
December 18 - End Quarter 2, End Semester 1
December 21-January 4 - No school for Elem/MS/HS (Winter Break)
January 5 - Start Quarter 3, Start Semester 2

Last Day of First Semester is December 18 . . .



Planning Ahead

Students need to be working now on their coursework that is due by the end of the first semester. It is important for students to not fall so far behind that they end up attempting to submit all of their assignments the last week of the school before Winter Break. Teachers may not be able to quickly grade and return student submissions in a timely manner due to the potential volume of submissions. Looking ahead and creating a submission plan for each course is critical to student success in their coursework.

This is especially important for semester classes and WVA students transitioning to their building. Teachers will communicate with their students the date first semester assignments are to be completed to allow time for grading by the end of the semester.

During Winter Break, teachers will also be on break with their families and will neither be monitoring Apex submissions, unlocking tests, nor responding to emails.

Office Hours

Click on the school below to access office hours. Office hours can also be found on the district WVA website

Westerville Central High School

Westerville South High School

Westerville North High School

Blendon Middle School

Genoa Middle School

Heritage Middle School

Walnut Springs Middle School

Chromebook Distribution / Technical Issues

Students new to the Westerville Virtual Academy (WVA) and DO NOT have a computer device at home to complete their schoolwork are to contact their home school directly to check out a district



chromebook. Please see school contact information for each building below.

Students experiencing technical issues or having trouble with common log-in issues with their districtissued chromebook, should complete the **eLearning Tech Support Information** form to request technology support. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for this form. There are also many technology resources available on this website. This form can be found on the WCS website under the **Parent/Guardian Portal** tab to the right of the screen.

For students returning or replacing a chromebook, <u>it is</u> <u>very important</u> that they return the two-part charger. Not all charger connections are the same for each chromebook.

Middle Schools

Blendon MS = Karen Yingling (yinglink@wcsoh.org) Genoa MS = Terry VanHuffel (x6502 / vanhufft@wcsoh.org) Heritage MS = Kris Konik (konikk@wcsoh.org) Walnut Springs = Melissa Gordon (x6707 / gordonm@wcsoh.org) or Tammy Medovich (x6700 / medovict@wcsoh.org)

High Schools

WCHS = Kym Mahovlic (mahovlik@wcsoh.org) or Donna Kosanovich (kosanovd@wcsoh.org) WNHS = Beth Baryon, (baryone@wcsoh.org) WSHS = Please complete eLearning ticket for assistance