

This is Tripp Crayton, Principal at Wakefield Middle School, with your weekly announcement. Each Friday at this same time, I will send a weekly phone announcement with various events and activities occurring at Wakefield Middle School. A copy of this message will be posted on the school's website in case you miss any information.

School begins on Tuesday, August 25, 2009. The first bell rings at 7:55 a.m. for students to enter the building, and all students should be in their homeroom or second period class by 8:05 a.m. Students who did not pick up their schedule last night will find their name and homeroom teacher located on the main hallways Tuesday morning. In homeroom, all students will receive a copy of their schedule. Staff members will be available to make sure all students get to their correct location. We begin dismissing school at 3:00 p.m. Carpoolers and walkers will be dismissed at 3:05 p.m. During the first few days, please be patient with transportation and carpool. Additionally, we will have our first early dismissal day on Wednesday, August 26, 2009. Students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. Please refer to the summer letter for more information.

If you will be bringing or picking up your child each day, please follow the proper carpool route that was mailed home. This is extremely important to promote a safe environment. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

It was great to see so many of you last night for schedule pick-up. Everyone seemed to be geared up for another exciting school year. Please refer to bottom of your child's schedule for information regarding team assignments and specialty classes. As indicated in the last phone message, several electives were cut or reduced as a result of state and local budget cuts. Although your child may not have received an elective he/she desired, you should know that your child will get the most from every teacher and staff member in any class at Wakefield Middle School. Schedule changes requesting a different elective will rarely be approved due to limited choices and legislated class size maximums. Students requesting schedule changes may pick up schedule change forms from team leaders beginning Wednesday. If a schedule is changed, first period teachers will receive notification of a schedule change to give to the student.

On the first day of school, students will receive a packet of information to share with you. Please make sure you complete and have your child return all required documents as soon as possible. This information is invaluable to ensure we meet the needs of your child, especially emergency contact numbers. Please give as many phone numbers as possible. On our school's website, you will find information regarding tryouts for cheerleading, girls' soccer, volleyball, and football. Tryouts for most sports take place during the first week of school. Remember that prior to trying out students must meet eligibility requirements, including the completion of the athletic participation and physical. Questions should be addressed to our school's athletic director, David Williams, at dwilliams3@wcpss.net.

We look forward to a great 2009-2010 school year! If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your child's grade level counselor or assistant principal. Email addresses are provided on our school's website. You may also contact the school at 562-3500. Your email or phone call will be routed to the appropriate person who will handle your call most effectively.

Have a great and enjoyable weekend. Goodbye.