

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.

We had an extremely smooth opening, and it is my sincere hope that your son/daughter has had a great first week. On Tuesday, you should have received a packet of information regarding the student/parent handbook, student agenda, SPAN, H1N1, student insurance, and emergency contact card. Hopefully, your child has already returned the emergency card and other pertinent forms to us. It is imperative that we have as many phone numbers as possible in case of emergency.

I appreciate everyone's continued patience with carpool and our buses. We are trying to determine the cause for the back-ups on Wakefield Pines Drive in the morning since it appears to be unrelated to our carpool procedures. Additionally, I have conveyed to our Transportation Department the concerns regarding our buses arriving to campus late in the afternoons. Transportation is working to make adjustments to reduce student wait times on campus.

Please remember that we will be having our "Meet-the-Teacher" Night on Thursday, September 10, 2009 beginning at 6:00 p.m. You are cordially invited to attend this event so that you can meet your child's teachers. You will also have the opportunity to join our PTSA.

Our PTSA is sponsoring a school-supply drive to help our students who are less fortunate. If you could bring extra supplies to "Meet-the-Teacher" Night to place in our drop boxes, that would be outstanding. Drop-off boxes can also be found in the front office and Student Services lobby. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Information regarding H1N1 was sent home in opening day packets. The information was provided on a yellow handout. Please read this carefully with your child and remind him/her to wash his/her hands regularly. I highly encourage your child to carry and use a mini bottle of hand sanitizer to serve as one of the steps to protect your child's health. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people with influenza like illness to remain at home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100degrees F), or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications. Please review the handout provided this past week carefully to keep everyone healthy.

Finally, Wakefield High School in conjunction with Millbrook and Southeast Raleigh High Schools will host a "ONE Event" youth rally on Sunday, September 13, 2009 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. You can attend the event either at Wakefield, Millbrook, or Southeast Raleigh High Schools. There will be music, games, give-aways, youth choirs, and so much more. This event is sponsored by various Wake County community and faith-based organizations, and it is open to all middle and high school students.

Have a great and enjoyable weekend. Goodbye.