

Wilmette Junior High School

Parent Handbook Addendum

2020 FALL REOPENING RESOURCES:

[2020-2021 Fall Reopening Plan Guide Fall](#)

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[Wilmette Welcome Weeks Schedule for 5-8](#)

WJHS School Hours - 2020-2021

HOMEROOM	8:50 - 9:15
PERIOD 1	9:17 - 9:55
PERIOD 2	9:57 - 10:37
PERIOD 3	10:39 - 11:19
PERIOD 4 (LUNCH)	11:21 - 12:01
PERIOD 5 (LUNCH)	12:03 - 12:43
PERIOD 6	12:45 - 1:25
PERIOD 7	1:27 - 2:07
PERIOD 8	2:09 - 2:49
PERIOD 9	2:53 - 3:35

Before School: Regardless of how arriving, students should arrive at school around 7:55 AM, and report to their assigned door. At their assigned door, a supervisor will check for self-certification and will take each student's temperature. Upon entry to the school, students should report to their homeroom area and wait quietly on a wolf spot until allowed into the classroom. In the case of inclement weather, students should dress appropriately, and will be allowed in the building as quickly as possible.

Morning supervision begins at 7:55 am. Students who arrive after 8:25 am must check in the front office before reporting to homeroom. On-time arrival is expected to ensure students receive the maximum amount of instructional time.

After School: At dismissal (3:10 pm), students will exit through their assigned doors and proceed to the car line, bikes, or bus. Buses drop off and pick up students at the back doors of the school. When picking up students by car, parents should follow the traffic pattern in the circle drive, pulling to the **forward-most spot** possible. Picking students up in the parking lots of either Regina High School or the Mikaelian Educational Center is **prohibited** for safety reasons. To start the school year, students will not be allowed to stay after school, as any extra curricular activities will be held virtually.

LUNCH/RECESS SCHEDULE

Lunch will be eaten in the classroom this year, and cold lunch may be purchased for students. Cold lunches will be delivered to classrooms during the lunch period.

Students will have a sneeze guard assigned, as well as a tray on which to eat their lunch. They may only remove their masks while eating. After lunch, the supervisor will dismiss students to dispose of their trash and trays, and the supervisor will clean their desk area. Students will be required to put their masks on after eating.

After lunch, students may take a break from learning, and access items that they have brought from home. Some suggestions include a deck of cards for solitaire, a quiet book to read, or colored pencils and a coloring book. Students may not share items during this time, but may be offered opportunities to move in their desk areas and enjoy a yoga or movement break.

SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURES

- In the event of severe weather at dismissal: An automated call/email will be sent to parents prior to 2:55 pm, indicating that students will not be dismissed at their regular time.
- Large signs will be posted on the front doors of the school indicating a delayed dismissal. Parents will be asked to wait in their vehicles until the weather lifts unless there is a severe weather WARNING.
- Students will remain in their classrooms, supervised by their teachers, until the weather lifts.
- At that time students will be dismissed, exiting via their assigned doorways.
- Students will not be allowed to go to a sibling's classroom nor will they be released to an unauthorized adult without parental consent.
- In the event of a severe weather WARNING (not watch), students and staff will take cover in designated areas within the building; parents are welcomed to take cover in the building, should they desire.

PROGRESS REPORTING

Parents and students can check online grades by going to the PowerSchool Parent Portal on the WJHS website. Login instructions will be sent at the beginning of the school year, after Curriculum Night. If you have any trouble, please contact the school office.

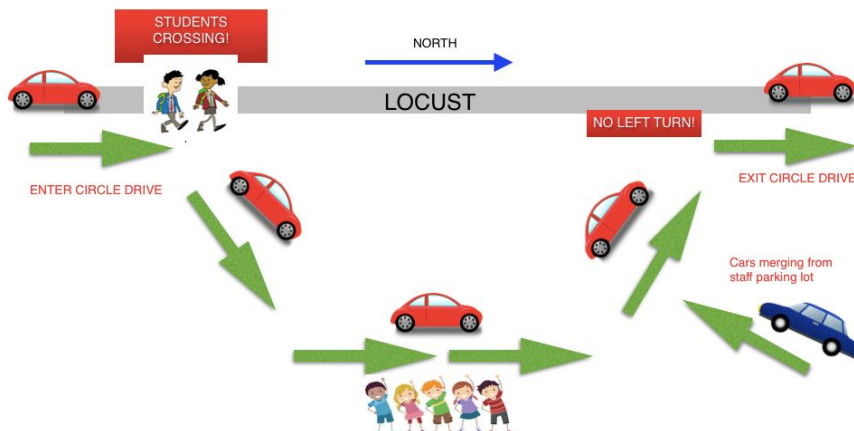
PICTURE DAY

School pictures will be taken yearly in September, and a retake day will be scheduled. Information regarding picture day will be available in the main office.

TRAFFIC GUIDELINES

It is important to follow safe traffic patterns for drop off and pick up of students from school. Please note designated parking restrictions, one-way traffic patterns, and safe walking routes to/from school. The limited parking spaces in our school parking lots are reserved for staff only. Drop off and pick up in the lots at the Mikaelian Education Center or at Regina is prohibited.

PLEASE NOTE: Northbound traffic will be allowed to turn RIGHT into the circle drive, and left turns into the circle drive from Locust are not allowed during drop off and pickup. You should turn RIGHT again to exit the circle drive. Additionally, please remind your child to pay attention to crosswalks, especially those with no crossing guards, to ensure safety to and from school.



SCHOOL/DISTRICT CALENDAR

The District 39 calendar is available on the homepage of the District 39 website at www.wilmette39.org under the “About Us” tab. A calendar of events specific to Wilmette Junior High is available on the Wilmette Junior High School page of the District 39 website. It is a good idea to bookmark the WJHS page, as the Recent Events are updated regularly and you will want to check back often. If you have a question about a specific item that you are not able to find, please contact the school office.

FACE COVERINGS

Consistent with guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health, students must wear face masks at all times while in school buildings (except when eating or if necessary to play an instrument), on school buses, and outside when social distancing of six feet or more cannot be maintained. Students are expected to wear a face mask to school each day. Students who arrive at school without a face mask will be provided a disposable face mask at no cost.

The only exemptions to the face covering requirement are for students who are younger than two years of age, who have trouble breathing, who have medical conditions that make it difficult for them to wear a face mask, or who are otherwise unable to remove the face mask without assistance. Students who are exempt from wearing a face mask may also be provided with appropriate accommodations to ensure the safety of that student and the rest of the school community (e.g. wearing a face shield or remote learning).

To request an exemption to the face mask requirement and an appropriate accommodation in lieu of a face mask for your student, please contact [Kristin Swanson, Administrator for Student Services, swansonk@wilmette39.org]. Documentation from the student’s physician explaining the need for the exemption will be required for a student requesting an exemption from the face mask requirement. District personnel will contact the parent(s)/guardian(s) of all students requesting exemptions to discuss whether appropriate accommodations can be provided. Students who refuse to wear face coverings may be subject to disciplinary consequences consistent with the Student Code of Conduct and Board Policy 7:190, Student Behavior.

