



August 4th, 2021,

Hello and Welcome Back, Western Guilford Middle School Tiger Leaders!

We hope that you are having a fantastic summer vacation. It is always amazing how quickly the summer passes because once again, it is nearly time for us to begin a new school year! **The staff at WGMS is looking forward to seeing all of our WGMS Tigers on the first day of school, which is Monday, August 16th.** Students should arrive to school by 8:00am. **Students are late at 8:20am. If your child is a car rider, please be patient while waiting in the car rider line at the Guilford College Road entrance. Car rider traffic will be heavier than normal for the first couple of weeks.** Staff will be on duty to assist with the traffic-please follow their directions and go to the correct grade level line. The car rider guidelines are on the reverse of this letter. **Only WGMS Staff and buses can use the Lindley Rd. entrance unless we are having a special event.** Thank you for keeping our students safe.

We invite 6th grade to attend 6th Grade "Start-Up"/Open House on Monday, August 9th from 10am-12pm or 5pm-7pm. 6th graders and their parents will attend orientation for one of the two sessions. 6th grade will receive their schedules at the Start Up Event. 7th/8th Grade Open House will be held on Tuesday, August 10th We will welcome 7th grade from 4:30-6:30pm and we will welcome 8th grade from 5:30-7:30pm. This is a floating event- students will meet their teachers and pick up their schedules. Please follow these times due to the limited parking. Parents will be permitted to park in Lindley Rd. bus parking lot for the Open House special event. Please come and meet your child's teachers, pick up schedules, and receive information necessary to help your child have a successful year. There will be designated areas in the main building with bus schedules, cafeteria news, Standard Mode of Dress (SMOD) and PTA membership. PTO membership is \$6.00. **Enclosed are the 2021-22 Back to School Supply List, the GCS 21-22 school calendar, and updated 2021-22 SMOD (Standard Mode of Dress) Guidelines.**

Western Guilford Middle

Patrice W. Brown, EdS
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Based on current guidance, the following

- *All students, staff and visitors will wear masks at all time when inside the school building
- *Students can use water bottles during the school day, but not water fountains
- *Students will not dress out for PE classes
- *Students will be seated approximately 3ft apart in classrooms; students will eat 6 feet apart.

All GCS students will soon receive and use GCS OneCards this year to scan when they enter school buses, the building, cafeteria and media center. GCS students are required to wear GCS OneCards at all times on campus.

Western Guilford Middle School will participate in the Community Eligibility Provisions (CEP) for School Year 2021-22. Schools participating in the CEP will receive healthy breakfasts and lunches each day at no charge for ALL students enrolled in the school. If your child(ren) attends Western Guilford Middle School, they will be included in this program. *In order to keep our CEP status, all parents/guardians must complete a CEP Application.*

State law requires rising seventh graders to have up to date TDAP and MCV immunizations. Without up-to-date vaccinations, 7th grade students can be suspended from school. Please contact the Guilford County Health Department to schedule an appointment asap if you have not done so already.

It is my pleasure to welcome Ms. Alexa Briggs as our new assistant principal this year. She is excited to join Tiger Nation and looks forward to meeting you soon!

There are many ways for our WGMS parents to participate: become a member of PTA, offer your input to the School Improvement Team, volunteer, attend parent conferences with your child's teacher(s), make sure that your child is prepared and attends school each day, and monitor your child's homework through the GCS Parent Portal and Canvas. We also encourage you to follow us on our social media sites- **Facebook or Twitter: @TigersWGMS. Don't forget to turn in your summer reading log with at least 900 minutes read to win a free ticket to Kersey Valley activities when you return to school!** I look forward to partnering with you as we "Level Up" for an exciting, productive year! #wgmslevelup



Leading With Tiger Pride,

Patrice W. Brown

Principal, Western Guilford Middle School