



WEST BRIAR MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Hello,

It's a great day to be a Grizzly!

Below are some items of note from last week's live events held through Microsoft Teams. If you'd like to review a particular session, you can use the links to view a recording of the event.

Academic Plans and supports

- We will have live, regular, daily classes for students to interact with their teachers.
- Students that are unable to be in a class at the scheduled time will be able to view a recording of the class and complete the assigned work that day.
- Grading-Teachers will post grades WEEKLY with a minimum of two grades each week.
- Grading-Grades from this grading cycle will count toward a student's overall yearly average and will be part of determining a student's readiness for the next grade level.
- Attendance-Teachers take attendance for each class that meets each day. Students are marked present if they participate in a live class discussion (verbally or through chat), complete the day's assigned work and submit in the HUB, communicate via email, remind 101, or Microsoft Teams with their teacher.

Social-Emotional Plans and Supports

- Teachers will have Social-Emotional supports and check-ins built into their daily lessons. Polls, chats, and conversations will allow teachers to gauge student needs.
- Principal Lopez and grade level Deans will hold weekly events to give updates and have conversations with students.
- Campus social worker, Mrs. Taylor, will meet with selected students, but is available to all students via email and Microsoft Teams.

Uniforms/Supplies/Technology

- Currently, it is advised that families wait to purchase uniforms and supplies. Basic supplies like pencils and paper will be helpful, but other items can be purchased later.
- West Briar will have a relaxed uniform policy when there is a return to face-to-face instruction. As a matter of safety, grade level colors (royal blue-6th, yellow-7th, navy blue-8th) will be needed, but they don't have to be from the WBMS PTO.
- WBMS PTO does so many wonderful things for our teachers, students, and staff and uniforms are the primary fund-raiser. If you are able, the money spent on uniforms (when the time comes), is money that comes back directly to the campus. Again, WBMS uniforms won't be required, but they are encouraged, and grade level colors will help ensure that we keep all students in the correct location in the building.

Return to campus

- Planned return for October 19, 2020.
- Masks will be required for students and staff.
- Signage will be highly visible for student movement (one way movement in each hallway).
- Social distancing guidelines will be followed.
- Frequent handwashing and sanitizing will be encouraged.
- Lockers won't be assigned. Students will take their backpacks (clear or mesh) to each class.

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