

WMS NEWS

Dear WMS Families,

As we begin our second semester this week, despite the three snow days, there's a lot of excitement in the air! Students were thrilled to start their new elective classes and meet their new teachers. We are eager to dive into the second half of the school year, and I wanted to share some important information for the weeks ahead.

Semester One Report Cards:

Report cards will be handed out to students on **Tuesday, January 28th**. You can also view them on PowerSchool. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at 231-893-1030.

Ski Trip:

The **Caberfae Ski Trip** is scheduled for **February 28, 2025**. If your student is interested, please have them stop by the office to pick up a Caberfae packet. There are limited spots for transportation, so the first 50 students to submit their packets will secure a spot. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the office at 231-893-1030.

6th Grade Families:

On **January 30th**, **Tricia Schuitema** from the ISD will visit to present the "Kick Start to Career" program to our 6th-grade students. This program will help students explore career possibilities. Be on the lookout for an informational flyer coming home with your student. This will explain the program and how they can participate.

8th Grade - Winter Sports Complex:

Our 8th-grade students will head to the **Winter Sports Complex** on **February 12th**. You will receive further information as the trip gets closer. Please contact your student's 8th-grade teachers if you have any questions.

WMS Activity Night

The Whitehall Student Improvement Team is planning an after-school activity night on January 31, 2025. The activity night will be open from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Students in grades 6-8 are welcome. The cost to enter will be five dollars. There will also be drinks and snacks available for purchase. Students have put a lot of work into planning the event. It will be a fun night for all.

WMS Clubs:

We encourage all students to join one (or more!) of our fun and engaging school clubs. It's a great way to build friendships and make meaningful connections at school. Here's a look at some of the clubs:

- **Fishing Club**

The Whitehall Fishing Club is reeling in another exciting year, and we're inviting all students interested in the sport to join us. Whether you're a seasoned angler or just starting out, we've got something for everyone. Our first meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 29th** from 3:00-4:00 pm in Mr. Lupa's room. We'll be learning how to make fishing leaders and rigs. If your student hasn't joined yet but is interested, please have them see Mr. Lupa for a permission slip.

- **Card Club**

Students will learn and play a different card game each week. Here are the upcoming games:

- **January 27th** – Hearts
- **February 3rd** – Speed
- **February 10th** – Speed Solitaire
- **February 24th** – Spades
- **March 10th** – Euchre

- **Craft Club**

If your student enjoys crafting, they're welcome to join us! Meetings are held in the STEM room until 4:30 pm. The next two meetings are:

- **February 3rd**
- **March 3rd**

- **Plant Club**

For students who love plants, we're looking for members to help care for the plants around school and explore plant-based activities. Our upcoming meetings will be:

- **February 27th** until 4:00
- **March 20th** until 4:00
- **April 17th** until 4:00

- **Yoga Club**

All students in grades 6-8 are welcome to join us for yoga, no experience necessary. Please bring a mat or borrow one from us. The upcoming sessions are:

- **January 29th**
- **February 5th**
- **February 12th**
- **February 26th**

Time: 3:00-4:00 pm in Mrs. Gripton's room (Room 9).

- **Viking Express/Craft Club**

Interested in crafting and raising money for the school? Join the Viking Express Craft Club! Students will create handmade items to sell. Our meetings start on **March 13th** in Ms. Feenstra's room (Room 12) from 3:00-4:00 pm, every Thursday for six weeks. Possible projects include painted signs, bath bombs, bracelets, and more.

We hope to see many of our students involved in these fun activities!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Craig Thompson
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