

Warwood School

Pre-K-5 Phone: 243-0375

Grades 6-8 phone: 243-0394

August / September 2009

From the Principal

Welcome back! As summer quickly passes, we are looking forward to an exciting school year. Along with the faculty and staff, **Mrs. Mary Lu Hutchins**, our new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Rodgers, Guidance Counselor, and I want to assist your children in their growth and development in school and in the community. We have many programs and activities in which we encourage student participation.

We are beginning programs and instruction to help bring our students into the 21st Century. As always, you have an open invitation to the school at any time and are encouraged to get involved by joining parent groups and participating and assisting with various school programs. It's going to be a great year.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL TIMES

***No Walkers Before 8:15 a.m.**

We will not let students enter the building until 8:15 when breakfast begins. That is when we will have supervision for the students.

I realize that we live in a society where both parents work and many of you need to push off to work early. So, the dilemma arises because school doesn't start until 8:15 and you need to be at work. Students cannot arrive before 8:15 because they will be unsupervised and we cannot be responsible for them.

Our school day is beginning at 8:45 this year to allow students who ride buses an opportunity for breakfast. Our buses begin arriving at 8:15. Because of the later start we will end our day later on the elementary side at 3:30. (See schedules below)

You have some choices for what you can do with your children before 8:15 in the morning:

1. Enroll them in before school care that we offer through Creative Hands. They open at 6:30.
2. Get a relative, neighbor, babysitter or friend to watch them after you leave.

Your child's safety is our first priority. Please work with us to ensure safety for all Warwood students.

M. Andy Garber

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOURS:

8:15 – 8:45 - Breakfast

8:40 Elementary bell rings for students to enter classes

8:45 School Starts

3:20 Kindergarten dismissal and car riders dismissed

3:25 Grades 1-5 Walkers / bus students dismissed

3:30 Grades 1-5 Load bus students

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MIDDLE SCHOOL HOURS:

8:15 – 8:45 - Breakfast

8:40 Bell rings to enter classes

8:45 Classes begin

3:33 Dismissal bell

Warwood School Traffic Control for Arrival and Dismissal Times

Arrival Time Procedures- 8:15 AM – 8:45 AM

Richland Avenue will be closed to parking and will be restricted to vehicles dropping off students. **Traffic will only be permitted to travel south-bound on Richland Ave., so students must be dropped off from the right side of the vehicle onto the sidewalk in front of the school.** Elementary students who are car riders may enter the building through the elementary main entrance (door 2). Middle school students who are car riders may enter through the main entrance to the middle school (door 9). We will have staff members posted on Richland Ave. monitoring the proceedings.

For all middle school car riders the morning car riders will only be permitted to be dropped off on Richland Avenue or in the lower parking lot by the river and the Middle School. That will give students who attend the middle school a choice of drop off locations.

In the morning the turn around entrance road that is in front of the school and beside Viking Drive will only be used by buses that are dropping off students. Teachers will be posted in front of the middle school to monitor traffic. After getting off the bus, students in the elementary school will enter the door to the elementary cafeteria (door 3) and middle school students will enter through the main entrance to the middle school (door 9).

Walkers will be permitted to enter the building at 8:15 to get breakfast or sit in the cafeteria or gym depending on their grade level.

Dismissal time procedures- 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

Richland Avenue will be closed to all traffic going north and south. Portable barriers will be used to barricade Richland Avenue at Viking Drive and just beyond the alley at the south end of the school. Richland Avenue will **not** be used by car riders in the afternoon.

The turn around entrance road that is in front of the school and beside Viking Drive will be used by buses that are picking up students **and for picking up car riders from the elementary school which includes kindergarten parents.** Teachers will be posted in front of the middle school to monitor procedures. **Cars that will be picking up students will be funneled to the lower parking lot by the river where an adult will stack cars to wait until dismissal time.**

The first bus arrives at 3:00. That bus will load the students and depart. **No cars will be allowed into the entranceway until after that bus leaves.** Then, the cars that are waiting in the lower lot to pick up students from the elementary school will be directed by a custodian to proceed onto the entrance road where they'll line up in pairs to pick up students (two rows of ten cars). **Students who are car riders will be dismissed at 3:20** to come to the middle school cafeteria where they will wait to be called to their ride. The aides and duty teachers using two way communication devices will announce who is waiting, and then they will load the students into the cars. Once we load all 20 waiting cars, we'll dismiss them with the outside row going first and the inside row going second. We will continue to line up two rows of cars and dismiss until all the car riders have been dismissed.

The next buses should start arriving at 3:35. **After a bus arrives the entrance road will only be accessed by buses.** Car riders who have not been picked up yet can wait in the elementary school cafeteria. The parents can park in the lower lot or along the north end of Richland Avenue by the playground / ball field and walk over to get their child in the cafeteria.

All middle school students who are car riders will be picked up in the lower parking lot at dismissal time.

Walkers will be dismissed out main entrance doors. Elementary School dismissal is at 3:25 and Middle School dismissal is at 3:35.

Important points for elementary students

Your child can be either:

- a **walker**, who is picked up at front door,
- a **bus student**, who rides the bus to and from home,
- a **car rider**, who is picked up in the designated pick up zone. If you wish to have your child be a **car rider**, please send a note stating they will be riding home and with whom.

If you wish to pick up your child at the front door, please send the teacher a note stating that they will be a **walker**.

If at any time your plans for transporting your child change – please call the office before 3:00. (elem. 243-0375, middle -243-0394)

New Assistant Principal Mary Lu Hutchins

It is with great pleasure that I begin my journey with Warwood School! Having been a member of the Ohio County School system for my entire educational career, I support the

ideals of excellence in educational practice. I understand the importance of our common mission to serve the academic needs of our learners in our school community here in Warwood. I look forward to developing enduring relationships with our students and families over the coming days, weeks and months.

I began service to Ohio County Schools as a kindergarten teacher upon my graduation from West Liberty State College (now a University) in 1979 and served our system where needed (including here at Warwood) until I was transferred to first grade in 1986. I most recently served as a member of the Steenrod Elementary School staff. I achieved a Master's degree from West Virginia University and am currently enrolled in their Educational Leadership Doctoral program. I am a National Board Certified Teacher and am currently representing all the fine educators in our state as West Virginia's 2009 Teacher of the Year.

My husband, Russell, teaches at Madison Elementary and is head Girls' Track coach at Wheeling Park High School. We are blessed with three children who are graduates of WPHS, Karrie; a Certified Public accountant employed by Price Waterhouse Cooper, Inc., Lauren; a senior at Marshall University, and Aaron; a sophomore at Stanford University.

Thank you for welcoming me to the Warwood School family. Please make it a point to introduce yourself so we can begin working together to provide your child with the advantages of a quality education offered by our fine staff!

Returning and New Personnel

We have a few new faces at Warwood School this year and some teachers changing grade levels.

Mrs. Christy Davis along with **Mrs. Traci Lash** will be teaching first grade this year.

Mrs. Joyclyn Czapp will be teaching second grade this year along with **Ms. Deena Gray**

Mrs. April Panas will be returning to Warwood to teach in the fifth grade with **Mrs. Marcie Hunley** and **Ms. Kim Vogrin**

Mrs. Kate Trimmier will return in a full time capacity as our special education teacher in the elementary school.

Ms. Jennifer Connelly is our new media and technology intervention specialist.

Ms. Sheena Greene will be here part time to work with our special needs students.

We also welcome **Mrs. Lisa Mamakos** as our new middle school secretary.

Mrs. Carrie Downer will be our new Universal Preschool teacher. Her aide will be **Mrs. Roseann Schmitt**.

Mrs. Shaye Hanna will be teaching math the middle school.

Dr. Mary Lee Porter will be teaching reading language arts in our middle school.

We are very fortunate to have such energetic and dedicated people as additions to our staff. Welcome to our new employees.

AGENDA BOOKS

Agenda books are provided to students on the first day of school. Students, parents, and teachers will utilize these books for communication, listing homework assignments and organization. A \$5.00 fee will be charged to replace lost or destroyed agenda books. **Parents should check agenda books nightly.**

MEDICATIONS

Children who require prescription medication to be given at school **must have a written doctor's order and parent permission form on file before medication can be given.** Medication forms will be included in the information brought home by students on the first day of school.

Medication must be brought to school in the original container as dispensed by the pharmacist or physician. Any change in medication or dosage requires the completion of a new form.



FIRST DAYS

Wednesday, August 26, 2009, is the first day of school for Grades 1 through 6 **ONLY**.

Thursday, August 27, 2009, grades 7 & 8 will begin

Monday, August 31, 2009 is the first day for kindergarten, Transitional Kindergarten and Universal Preschool students.

The elementary students

Grades 1 through 3 are to report to the cafeteria when they enter the building. Grades 4 and 5 will report to the gym when they enter the building. When the bell rings at 8:40 grades, all grades will be escorted to their homeroom by their new teacher.

Kindergarten teachers will contact parents to arrange home visits prior to the first day of school. Upon arrival on the first day, kindergarten students will be escorted to the classroom. Kindergarten parents are invited to join Mr. Garber and Mrs. Hutchins in the cafeteria at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and a brief orientation. An escorted tour of the building will follow. This tour is for all kindergarten families and new students and families to the elementary section on the first day of school.

The middle school students will report to the middle school gymnasium for a welcome and then teachers will call the role and escort them to their first period class. Sixth graders will begin on **Wednesday, August 26**, and seventh and eighth grades begin on **Thursday, August 27**. There, they will receive their schedules, locker assignments, and all other information.

DRESS CODE

A student's manner of dress is the basic responsibility of the student and his/her parent/guardian. However, it is the responsibility of the school to stress decency, cleanliness, safety and appropriateness of dress for school as a protection to all students.

As a means toward addressing that goal, clothing with inappropriate language or artwork or any reference to drugs, alcohol, weapons, or gangs will be forbidden. The following items are

deemed inappropriate or disruptive to a safe and educational environment: **tank tops or muscle shirts, shirts that show midsections or are cut too low, hats or outerwear in classes, sweatpants with wording on the backside, visible undergarments, and flip flops. Short gym shorts are for physical education and sports practice only.**

We will have alternative clothing for the students who do not dress appropriately, so that there is little interruption in the student's day.

UPDATE OF PERSONAL/EMERGENCY INFORMATION

During the first week of school, students will be given a personal information sheet generated by the computer including name, address, and emergency phone number, etc. Please contact the office if any of this information needs to be corrected. **Remember to keep this information updated if you move, change phone numbers, etc.**

ABSENCES and EARLY DISMISSALS

When a student is ill, the parent/guardian must call the school by 9:00 a.m. to report the absence. In the event that a call is not made to school, the school will make a "care call" to your home to verify the student's absence. **Upon returning to school, the student is required to bring a written excuse explaining the reason for being absent.**

If a student is to leave school before the regular end of the school day, he/she must bring a note from the parent/guardian stating the reason for the early dismissal and the time they will be

picked up. The parent/guardian **MUST** report to the office to sign the student out of the building.

UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL

Welcome to the youngest residents of our facility. This county-wide program is designed to better prepare children for kindergarten. It has been a big success.

Preschool will begin at 8:45. Parents and Guardians can deliver their children to the room and sign them in by using the south entrance (Door 1) to our building. At the end of the day at 3:15 students can be picked up at the same south entrance.



PARENT VOLUNTEERS

If you anticipate assisting a teacher, chaperoning a field trip, or participating in a parent's group school activity like Halloween, you must first complete a parent volunteer form. All parents who want to assist in helping at the school as a volunteer during school hours must first complete the form and be approved by the Ohio County Board of Education.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCES

Middle School Dances are from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All students need to be picked up at 9:00 p.m. sharp. We do not encourage students to go to the plaza after the dance, although that is the parent's decision.



VIP / RSVP NEWS

Viking Involved Parents (**VIP**) in the middle school and **Really Special Viking Parents** (**RSVP**) in the elementary school welcome everyone back to what we expect to be another successful year for our organizations that offer support to the many activities for all students attending Warwood School.

Information concerning both organizations' committees and projects will be sent home the first week of school. There are many opportunities to get involved in our parent organizations. Meetings are held monthly. Mark your calendars!

VIP

We have a very energetic VIP leadership. They have already planned a Welcome back Car Show and Flea Market for Saturday, August 29 from 11:00- 3:00.

Check out the VIP at our website @<http://wphs.ohio.k12.wv.us/warwood/index.html>

1st School Dance: September 4 from 7-9 sponsored by VIP.

1st VIP meeting: September 15 @ 7:15 PM in the Middle School gym

after Open House for “Meet the Teams” - Football, Cheerleading and Volleyball. More information will be sent home with the athletes on what they are to bring.

SPORTS PROGRAMS – HAPPY ADS

We will again be selling Happy Ads for all of our sports programs. The ads are still \$3.00 each for up to 15 words. New this year, you can also add your child’s photo for an additional \$3.00!

Happy Ad forms should come home with your athlete shortly after practice begins and are due in one week before the first game in each sport – no exceptions. For more information or to e-mail your ad and/or photo, contact Jeanne Wolfe at jeannewolfe@comcast.net.

VIP 200 CLUB

2009-2010 150 CLUB MEMBERSHIPS are now available! You can purchase them at the first game of each sport, as well as at all VIP meetings. The price this year is still only \$15!

Membership entitles you to a chance to win money in our monthly drawings and free admission to all home games (except track meets at WPHS). One person per membership. For example, you will need to purchase 2 memberships for Mom and Dad to both get free admission at the home games.

For more information, contact Jeanne Wolfe at 277-2577 or jeannewolfe@comcast.net.

VIP officers’ information:

2009-2010 BOARD MEMBERS

Jeanne Wolfe, Co-President 304-277-2577

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Contact us: warwoodvip@yahoo.com

LSIC

The Warwood School **Local School Improvement Committee** serves an important role as a link between the community and the school. The committee was established by statute and must have representation from all the facets of the school community: professional staff, service personnel, community liaisons, students and parents. The committee must meet four times a year. The meeting dates will be established at the first meeting by the committee, but it is generally once every term. (nine weeks) If you have ideas for improving our school the following parents are serving their second term on the committee:

Shelly Colby

John Chacalos

Jennifer Karnell

The first meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 29, 2009** at 6:00 in the middle school media center.

Label Shop Day

Hopefully you have been saving Box Tops for Education, Campbell's labels and Project A+ labels on all Tyson products for Label Shop Day. Anyone who would like to make a donation for the trading post of baked goods and

small crafts such as bookmarks, locker magnets, etc. which the students can "buy" with box tops and/or labels, call **Label Shop Day will start in October.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

**Special Media Center Dedication to
Mrs. Laura Innocenti during
Elementary Open House
Tuesday, September 8 at 6:00**

**Middle School Open House
Tuesday, September 15 at 6:00**

FUNDRAISER

We will continue with the brochure sale for the elementary side. This year's fundraiser has a "pay first" provision. Thanks for your help and support.

Kickoff is set for September 10.

EDUCARE

Warwood School will still be offering before and after school daycare through Creative Hands Care Learning Center. We will be open on the first day, August 26. We will be sending a packet home with the students on the first day with the monthly rates and emergency information. The hours for before school care are 6:30 AM to 8:15 AM and the hours for after school care are 3:15 until 5:30. **The location of Educare room (107 A) is beside the elementary cafeteria. You can enter the building from the playground door in front of the room.**

Milk Price

Ohio County Schools will be keep the price of milk at \$.40 for the 2009 – 2010 school year. One milk is included with the meal price. Additional milk will be cash only sales.

**George E. Stifel Award
Winners for 2008 – 2009**

The Stifel winners for last year are as follows:

Fifth Grade:

1. Patrick King
2. George Roberts
3. Colleen Tracy
4. James Schirripa
5. Tyler Robinson
6. Bailey Nickerson
7. Morgen Sample

Sixth Grade:

1. Seth Porter
2. Ike Tan
3. Brenda Williams
4. Derek Pavlic
5. Harry Myers
6. Kadie Stanford
7. Mariah White

Seventh Grade:

1. James Coleman
2. Miriam Flatley
3. Coulter Fragale
4. Eric Bonar
5. Nathan Mauk
6. Mathew King
7. Bryce Leach

Eighth Grade:

1. Christa Calangelo
2. Michelle Tan
3. Jonothan Roset
4. Eleni Nardone
5. Jason Burch
6. Hannah Roberts
7. Kylee Miller

Congratulations to all of those students.

AUGUST 2009 CALENDAR

- Aug. 26 –
 - First Day Grades 1-6
- Aug. 27 –
 - First Day Grades 7-8
- Aug. 29 –
 - VIP- Car Show and Flea market
- Aug. 31 –
 - First Day Kindergarten
 - First Day Transitional Kindergarten
 - First Day Universal Pre – School
 - Kindergarten Parents Elementary Parents Breakfast

SEPTEMBER 2009 CALENDAR

- Sept. 1 -
 - RSVP Board Meeting-6:30
- Sept. 3–
 - Football vs Bridge Street-Home
- Sept. 4-
 - VIP Dance- 7-9
- Sept. 7- **Labor Day**
- Sept. 8-
 - * **RSVP Open House**
 - 6:00- Media Dedication**
 - 6:30- Open House**
 - 7-7:30- RSVP meeting**
 - 7:30 – 8:30 –Open House**
- Sept. 09-
 - Volleyball vs. Bridge St. at home
- Sept. 10-
 - * Football @ Triadelphia

- Sept. 14 –
 - Volleyball vs Moundsville at Home
- Sept. 15 –
 - **Open House- Middle School- 6:00**
 - **VIP Meet the teams 7:15**
- Sept. 16-
 - Volleyball @ Follansbee
- Sept. 17 –
 - Football @ Wellsburg
- Sept. 21 –
 - Volleyball vs Triadelphia at home
 - Volleyball Pictures
- Sept. 22 –
 - REAP
 - Middle School Pictures
- Sept. 23 –
 - Volleyball-@ St. Johns
 - REAP
 - Elementary School Pictures
- Sept. 25–
 - Football vs Follansbee at Home
 - Football and Cheering pictures

Sept. 25–



- Interim reports

- Sept. 28–
 - Volleyball – @ Sherrard
- Sept. 29-
 - LSIC-6:00
- Sept. 30-
 - Volleyball – @ Wheeling