

# Wiesbaden Middle School

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## **OPEN HOUSE Sept. 11, 1600-1830**

Please plan to join us.

General Assembly in the Gym 1600-1630 with Ms. Venglik, Mr. Younkin and CMS Prince.

(10 minute classes – 5 minute passing)

1630 – 1640 – **Pd. 1**

1730 – 1740 – **Pd. 5**

1645 – 1655 – **Pd. 2**

1745 – 1755 – **Pd. 6**

1700 – 1710 – **Pd. 3**

1800 – 1810 – **Pd. 7**

1715 – 1725 – **Pd. 4**

1815 – 1825 – **Pd. 8**

**Our First SAC meeting is Monday, Sept 22 at 1600 in the library.**

Attached please find the schedule for [a new initiative at WMS](#). Continuing our focus on developing students' responsibility to school work we have organized incentive sport activities during seminar. Students can participate if their class work is completed.

[Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences \(Nov. 7\)](#) Last year when a parent, teacher, and student forum met with the visit Accreditation Team there were voiced concerns about

our practice of Student Led Conferences. Following the visit we met again with parents and teachers to discuss. Parents want more time with teachers, students did not like the script, and teachers complained about the class time used to train students to lead a conference. We have met as a faculty again this SY to discuss ways to improve given this valuable feedback. Our discussion emphasized the continued importance of the development of students' responsibilities for their learning. Students should be able to articulate how they use materials and time to accomplish learning goals. This should not be the sole responsibility of teachers and parents. Teaching teams discussed ideas and will submit their plans. We will relay the details to you as they are submitted.

If you have suggestions please contact me at 337 6251 or 0611 721182.

Grade speed – remains a voluntary grading system for the teachers. I hope that as we become more familiar with the computer program this will prove to be a consistent and reliable way for parents to review grades. I ask that you remain patient with this process and be considerate of teachers' time. Grading is not completed over night. Some tests may take a week or more to grade due to absent students. While we encourage parents' communications, email traffic can become overwhelming. The more time teachers' spend answering emails the less time they have for planning lessons. The counselors, Dr. N and Ms. V-A are excellent resources. Mr. Younkin and I are also always available to help.