

Wildcat students and parents,

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! I hope that your summer was filled with friends, fun and quality time with your family. We are excited to welcome all of you back to a new school year on Monday. Personally, I am delighted to continue this journey with you as your Principal. I look forward to our continued partnership in educating all of our Wester students. Please review the information below in our Wester Weekly to help prepare all Wildcats for the first day of school.

Richard Manuel
Principal

Wester Weekly

<http://schools.friscoisd.org/ms/wester/site/home>

This is your first “Wester Weekly” for the 2017-2018 school year. Each Sunday, you will receive a “Wester Weekly” email detailing upcoming events. We are all looking forward to great year with our Wildcats!

General Information-

- Parent drop off/pick-up carpool lanes are on the east/west sides of the building. **Front drive is for buses only.** Traffic flow patterns are located on the Wester website. Please communicate with your student before the first day of school whether you will be picking him/her up on the East side(classroom) or West side(cafeteria) of the building.
- **Wester will not be accepting lunch visitors until September 5th.**
- Need to put \$\$ into your student’s lunch account? www.mypaymentsplus.com
- Wester is implementing a new Item Drop-Off Policy. All lunches, homework, PE clothes, etc. will be placed on a cart of the appropriate grade shelf in the front office. It will be the student’s responsibility to check with the front office for any items that are dropped off. Glasses/contacts and phones will be held with our receptionist until the student is able to pick them up. Parents will need to sign-in all items on the provided clipboard and students should initial when they pick up the item.
- **Back to School Wester MS 17 Day Photo Challenge- see attached flyer for details.**
- Wester PTO Spirit Store is open online. Orders are being accepted for PE Uniforms and cinch sacks. Please expect 2-3 weeks for delivery. Any prior orders with missing items will also be delivered at this time. Deadline to order is August 31st. Please visit www.westernspto.com to place your order.
- The **Wester Book Fair** will be kicking off on August 30th and will run through September 6th. Please sign up to volunteer on the link below! Thank you!
<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/westermiddleschool>

- **Please open the attachment for information about Wester PTO's all NEW fall fundraiser. The Color Battle will kick-off on September 18th!**
- **Solar Eclipse** - On the first day of school, Monday, August 21st, a solar eclipse will take place. The event will begin just before noon, reach its maximum at 1:09 p.m., and conclude just before 2:40 p.m. We plan to jump right in and get down to the business of learning here on campus. Students will not be allowed to go outside for the eclipse, as we want to ensure all students' safety and make sure no one stares directly into the sun. Our Science department will include some curricular aspects of the eclipse in their first day of instruction.

Monday (8/21)- Regular Bell Schedule

- **First Day of School-** school begins @ 8:25am, doors open at 7:30am (*Students will enter through the front doors and go to the cafeteria. When dismissed from the cafeteria, all students will go to the specified grade location and pick up a new green colored copy of their schedule. 6th-café, 7th-small gym, 8th- large gym*)
- **Football Practice-** 7th-locker room opens @ 6:30am/8th- locker room opens @ 6:45am
- **Band Students-** Do NOT bring instruments on the first day
- **Join the WESTER PTO** www.westerspto.com
- **Photo Challenge Day 1** (see attached flyer for details)

Tuesday (8/22)- Advisory Bell Schedule

- **Back to School Party for Theatre students-** 3:45-5:00 pm in café
- **7th & 8th Grade Band Students-** Bring your instruments

Wednesday (8/23)- Advisory Bell Schedule

- **No afternoon tutorials**

Thursday (8/24)- Advisory Bell Schedule

- **Back to School Party for Band members-** 3:35-5:00pm in café/band hall
- **Orchestra Parent Meeting-** 6:00pm in Café

Friday (8/25)- Regular Bell Schedule

- **Back to School Party for Orchestra students-** 3:35-4:30pm in café

Upcoming Events

8/28- Theatre Parent Meeting- 5:30pm

8/29- Choir Parent Meeting- 5:00pm

8/31- Book Fair Begins

8/31- Back School Party for Choir students- 3:35pm

9/1- New to FISS Student Social 3:40pm

9/4- School Holiday

9/5- Meet the Teacher Night/Vendor Fair- 5:30-7pm & Wester PTO Meeting @ 7:00pm

9/6- 7th Grade Football vs. Roach- 4:30pm @ Heritage HS

9/6- 8th Grade Football vs Roach- 5:30pm @ Heritage HS

9/7- 7th/8th Grade Volleyball vs Roach- 5:30pm @ Wester

9/7- Band Parent Meeting-6:00pm in café

9/8- Fall Individual Photos

Have a great weekend!

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