



WARNER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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# WARNER MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

FALL 2026

## Principal's Message

Dear Warner Middle School Students and Families,

Welcome to a new school year! I hope you had a wonderful summer filled with rest, fun, and time with family and friends. As we begin another exciting year at Warner Middle School, I want to extend a warm welcome to both our returning students and those who are joining our school community for the first time.

The start of a new school year brings new opportunities to learn, grow, and achieve. Our dedicated teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare engaging lessons, supportive programs, and meaningful experiences that will help every student succeed both academically and personally.

At Warner Middle School, we are committed to creating a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment where all students feel valued and empowered to reach their full potential. We encourage students to come ready to learn, participate, and make the most of every opportunity available to them.

Families are essential partners in education, and we appreciate your continued support. Together, we can help our students build confidence, develop strong character, and achieve their goals.

I am excited about the year ahead and look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our students. Thank you for being part of the Warner Middle School family.

Here's to a successful and rewarding school year!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Jamie Simpson





## Fall Open House

We are excited to invite all families to our Warner Middle School Open House on Friday, August 14, from 2:45 to 6:15 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to pick up your student's schedule, meet their teachers, and get a feel for the upcoming school year.

While you're here, connect with our staff and school community — including your **WMS Administrative Team:**

- Rick Newsock - 8th grade Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
- Rebecca Kleinhenz - 7th grade Assistant Principal
- Corey Burnette - 6th grade Assistant Principal

### School Counselors:

- Ashley Gloor, 8th grade
- Faith Chapman, 7th grade
- Maggie Hawes, 6th grade



## FALL EVENTS

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**Open House**  
Friday, August 14, 2:45-6:15 p.m.

**First Day of School**  
Tuesday, August 18

**NO SCHOOL**  
Monday, August 24

**Labor Day - NO SCHOOL**  
Monday, September 7

**End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter - Report Cards**  
Friday, October 23rd

**NO SCHOOL**  
Friday, October 16

**Report Card Fair/Fall Fest**  
Thursday, October 29, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

**Fall Break**  
November 23-27

## Family Engagement Events for 2026-2027

Each month, Warner Middle School hosts fun and informative events for families that are designed to bridge the gap between home and school! These events offer a year-long calendar of diverse, meaningful opportunities for our community to connect. From high-energy seasonal celebrations like our Fall Fest to crucial, supportive workshops focusing on teen mental health, our programming adapts to meet the evolving needs of our families.

No matter the month, these events provide a welcoming space for parents, educators, and students to learn, celebrate, and grow together as one strong school community. Be sure to check the list of planned events on the next few pages and plan ahead for 2026-2027 family events. Dates and times to be announced — but we know you won't want to miss any of them!

### September: Mental Health First Aid

Warner Middle School and Xenia High School are excited to host an evening of Mental Health First Aid with Rochelle Burnett. A nationally-recognized speaker, Rochelle has recently presented to organizations including ESPN, NFL players and coaches, Division III colleges, Lululemon, Tapestry, Coach, Kate Spade, Activision, Visa, Harvard Business School, Central State University, and Boonshoft School of Medicine. This informative event will provide valuable insights into mental health awareness, recognizing signs of concern, and supporting individuals in need.

Join us for an engaging and educational evening as we learn practical strategies to promote mental wellness and strengthen our community.



**Read more about  
about Mental  
Health First Aid.**

### **October: Report Card Fair/Fall Fest**

Families will have the opportunity to explore the building, review student progress, meet with teachers, and access valuable resources, while enjoying festive fall activities, games, and community engagement. Of course, there will be fun fall treats, too!

### **November: Veterans Day Luncheon**

Warner Middle School will proudly host a Veterans Day Luncheon to honor and celebrate local veterans for their service and sacrifice. Students, staff, and community members will come together to recognize these heroes with a special meal, heartfelt tributes, and expressions of gratitude. The event will provide a meaningful opportunity for students to connect with veterans and learn about the importance of service to our nation.

*This event is hosted by XCS Student Nutrition Services, and veterans will need to RSVP to ensure there are enough meals for all. Watch for details as the date approaches!*



### **December: Winter Fest**

Warner Middle School is excited to host Winter Fest, a fun-filled event that brings students, families, and staff together to celebrate the season. Attendees can enjoy a variety of games, creative crafts, and delicious treats while making lasting memories with friends and the school community. Winter Fest promises to be a festive evening of laughter, creativity, and winter fun for all ages.

### **January: Family Fun Night**

Warner Middle School will host Family Fun Night, an evening dedicated to bringing students, families, and staff together for fun and fellowship. Guests will enjoy a variety of games, refreshments, and opportunities to connect with one another in a welcoming atmosphere. This special event is designed to strengthen school-community relationships while creating memorable experiences for everyone involved.

### **February: Cards, Crafts and Cookies**

Warner Middle School is thrilled to host its Cards, Crafts, and Cookies event, a fun and creative evening for students and their families. Participants will have the opportunity to design and create handmade cards and crafts while enjoying delicious cookies and refreshments. Best of all, families will take home their completed projects as special keepsakes. This make-and-take event is a wonderful way to spend time together, express creativity, and celebrate the joy of community.

### **March: 6th Grade Open House**

Warner Middle School will welcome current 5th grade families and students who will be joining us in the fall to the 6th Grade Open House. This special event is designed to help students make a smooth transition to middle school by providing an opportunity to meet their teachers, become familiar with the school environment, and learn how to use a combination lock for their lockers. Families will also receive a helpful "survival bag" filled with resources and information to support a successful start to the school year. The evening promises to be informative, engaging, and a great introduction to the Warner Middle School community.



### **April: Ice Cream Social**

Warner Middle School is excited to host an Ice Cream Social to celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of our students and families throughout the year. This fun-filled event will bring the school community together to enjoy delicious ice cream, connect with friends and staff, and recognize the dedication and achievements of our students. Join us for an evening of celebration, laughter, and sweet treats as we reflect on a successful year and the strong partnerships that make Warner a special place to learn and grow.

### **May: Art & PBL Gallery Walk with XHS**

Warner Middle School, in partnership with Xenia High School, is excited to host the Art and Project-Based Learning Gallery Walk. This special evening will showcase student artwork and project-based learning experiences from throughout the school year.

Families and community members are invited to explore creative displays, innovative projects, and student achievements while enjoying a night filled with art, music, and learning. Join us as we celebrate the talents, creativity, and hard work of our students in an engaging and inspiring gallery-style event.



### **Are YOU Ready for Fall?**

Find school supply lists for every grade at [wms.xeniaschools.org](https://wms.xeniaschools.org).



## Student Drop-Off & Pick-Up

For the safety and supervision of all students, we kindly ask that parents follow procedures for drop-off and pick-up:



### MORNING

School begins promptly at 7:30 AM, so students should arrive with enough time to prepare for the day. Students should not be dropped off before 7:00 AM.



### AFTERNOON

Afternoon dismissal is at 2:05 PM, and we appreciate your cooperation in picking students up promptly at that time. Your support helps us maintain a smooth and safe start and end to each school day.



## Stay Connected: ParentSquare

Make sure you know what is happening at Warner!

In addition to watching for messages through ParentSquare, we encourage all parents and guardians to be on the lookout for upcoming Warner Middle School family events throughout the school year.

These events are a great opportunity to connect with teachers, staff, and other families while getting involved in our school community. From family fun nights to academic showcases and parent workshops, there will be something for everyone. Be sure to check your email, our school website, and newsletters regularly so you don't miss out on these exciting opportunities to support your child's education and build lasting connections.

## Cell Phone Policy: Away for the Day

Again this school year, we are continuing the cell phone policy called "Away for the Day."

**Under this policy, all students are required to keep their cell phones securely stored in their lockers from the beginning of the school day until dismissal.**

This policy is designed to eliminate distractions, support a focused learning environment, and encourage face-to-face interactions among students. We believe that limiting cell phone use during school hours will help improve academic performance and overall student well-being.

*Read more about this and other policies & procedures in the WMS Student & Parent Handbook.*



## Transportation: First Student

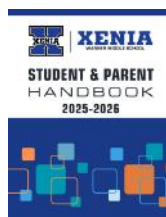
Bus lists will be posted during open house.

If you have any questions after reviewing your student's bus information, please don't hesitate to call transportation at (937) 372-3876.

Download the FirstView App



## Student & Parent Handbook



Find the 2026-2027 WMS Student & Parent Handbook online at [wms.xeniaschools.org](https://wms.xeniaschools.org).

Click the link or scan the QR code to go to the handbook.





## School Fees

**General Academic Fee: \$0**

**Athletic Fee: \$100 per student, per sport**  
(cap at \$200 per participant/\$400 per family per year)

Fees will be charged for Chromebook repairs, or to replace lost chargers or other school-issued equipment or supplies.

### MAKING PAYMENTS IN PERSON

Families may choose to pay their fees in person at their student's building with cash, check, or credit card. Families with multiple students may pay for all students at any of their children's school building.

### MAKING ONLINE PAYMENTS

Xenia Community Schools uses PayschoolsCentral to process all online payments. Parents can create an account online; accounts can also be managed through the app available on Google Play or the App Store. Setting up an account is simple, and parents can link to students using their ID number.



Scan the QR code to go to  
[PayschoolsCentral.com](https://PayschoolsCentral.com)

*Note that convenience/processing fees apply to all online payments.*

## Breakfast & Lunch

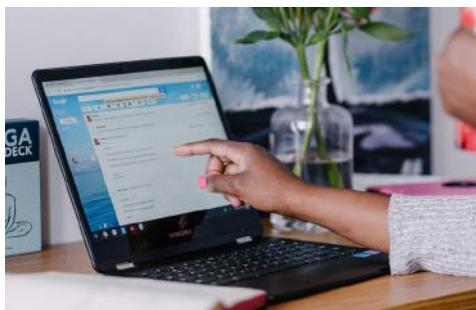
Once again, breakfast and lunch are free for all students.

As in previous years, a la carte options are still available for purchase at Warner Middle School. Students may also purchase a second regular meal.

For students who choose to purchase a la carte food items in the cafeteria, you can choose to add money to your child's account balance online using your PaySchoolsCentral account. In fact, now is a great time to add to your child's balance so that they don't have to carry cash to school!

Students may also choose to pay in cash for those items, but should note that effective August 19, 2025, any "change due" for a purchase made with cash will be issued as a credit on their individual lunch account rather than in cash. This account balance can be used for future purchases and can roll over from year-to-year. Any account balance can also be refunded by request upon leaving the District (at withdrawal or graduation).





## Chromebooks

Students in 6th grade will receive a new Chromebook, charger, and computer case. It is their responsibility to take care of it, and will be carrying it home each day for homework.

Chromebooks for 7th and 8th graders were collected last year, and will be redistributed within the first week of school.

## Tips from Technology: Chromebook Care 101

Taking good care of your device is the responsibility of every student and family! (see the AUP in Final Forms)

- Keep your Chromebook on a flat surface, such as a table or a desk.
- Do not leave it on the floor where someone can step on it!
- Do not pile anything on top of the Chromebook, such as books or other heavy objects.
- Be sure there is nothing on the keyboard when you close the Chromebook. This can damage the screen and keyboard, and may result in fees assessed to your student account.
- Keep all food and drink away from the Chromebook.
- Cords, cables, and removable devices should be inserted and removed carefully.
- Clean screens with a soft, dry cloth (eg: microfiber)
- Do not spray any liquid on the keyboard to clean it. Spray it on a cloth first, then wipe the device. Use a cleaner that is 70% isopropyl alcohol mixture.
- Store the device and charger in a cool dry area.

### What if my device is damaged?

Families are responsible for maintaining the device, and must return all equipment in good working order, including chargers.

If you damage your device, the district will repair or replace the device. All fees will be billed to the student's family account:

- Cost to repair a device: \$50
- Cost to replace a device: \$300
- Replacement chargers are available for purchase in the WMS and XHS office.

## Accessing Your Device

### Computer Log In

Username: school email address

Password: Student ID

Note: Student gmail accounts are generally formatted by last name, first/middle initials & graduation year. For example, a student who is part of the class of 2038 named Jane Ann Doe would be doeja\_2038@xeniaschools.org.

## Transporting Devices

Students in grades 6-12 are responsible for having the Chromebook and charger with them every day.

Every Chromebook is issued with a protective case, and students are encouraged to keep their device protected when not in use.

## Stay Connected!



### Final Forms

If you have not already done so, please complete Final Forms documents online.

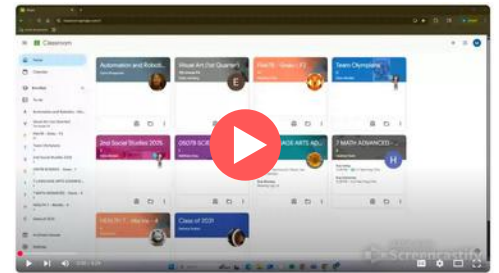


### Google Classroom

Use Google Classroom to find more information about your student's classroom assignments and more! Follow along on the [linked video](#) to learn more about navigating Google Classroom.



### HOW-TO VIDEO: Tour Google Classroom



Click the video screen above or scan the QR code to access the video.



### ProgressBook

Did you know that you can access your child's grades and other critical information online by logging into ProgressBook? How to access ProgressBook:

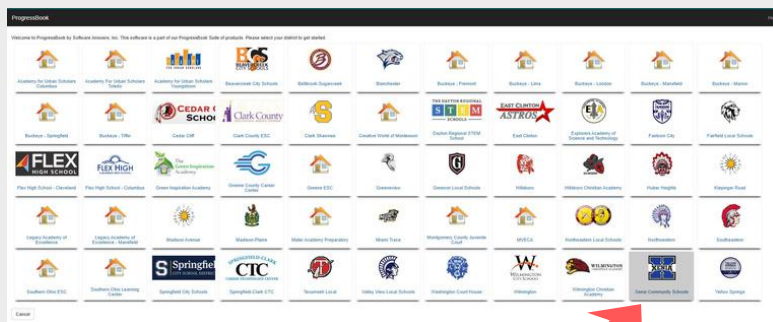


#### STEP #1

Go to [www.xeniaschools.org](http://www.xeniaschools.org) and click the ProgressBook link on the home page.

-OR-

Scan the QR code to go to Step #2 from your mobile device.



#### STEP #2

Click the Xenia Community Schools logo on the page.



#### STEP #3

Click the **GREEN** sign in button on the right of the screen.

Sign in with the user name and password provided.