



# Welcome Back to School

*“Individual success is greatly depended on individual determination and action.”*  
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## For Your Information ...

**The First Day of School:** The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 7, 2010**. School begins at **7:20 a.m.** The school building and classrooms will not be open before **7:10 a.m.** and proper supervision of children is not available until then. The school is not responsible for students dropped off prior to 7:10 a.m. Students **will not be allowed to enter the building prior to that time**, so please do not drop your child off prior to 7:10 a.m. Middle school **dismissal is at 2:20 p.m.** If you want to give permission for your child to walk to or from school, ride a bike to or from school, or be picked up from school **every day**, please fill out a **Permission to Walk Form** in the office (a new form needs to be filled out each year). All bike riders must have a helmet, by law, in order to be permitted to ride a bike home.

We are currently reviewing our morning drop off procedures regarding the traffic pattern in our parking lot. Information about dropping off students in the morning will be available at the **Open House on September 1, 2010**.

There are many after-school opportunities for our students at Toano Middle School. Students who stay after school for an activity are the responsibility of the coach/sponsor of that activity until they are picked up or depart on the appropriate activity bus. Under no circumstance can a student stay after school unsupervised. **In the event that a student stays after school without supervision, his or her parent will be called and be required to pick up their child in a timely manner.** If a student wants to attend a sports event, he or she must go home and return to the school for the sports event at the event's scheduled time.

**Bus Information:** The transportation office will send home a postcard with bus information before school begins. This information will also be available in the **Daily Press** newspaper and on the school division website (**[www.wjcc.k12.va.us](http://www.wjcc.k12.va.us)**).

**Student Planners:** One planner will be provided to each student at no charge. The replacement cost of a planner is \$8.00. The student planner is designed to help each student become better organized for class, complete assignments with quality and timeliness, and be ready to learn each day of school. The faculty feels that parents need to enforce and support the use of the planners. Please take the time to read and review the planner with your child, as your child needs to be aware of the many policies and procedures in the student planner.

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**Breakfast and Lunch:** Breakfast is served from 7:10–7:25 a.m. each day beginning the second week of school at a cost of \$1.35. Lunch is \$2.15 and milk is \$.55. Parents may deposit money into their child’s cafeteria account. Rising sixth graders should use the same lunch code that they used as a fifth grader. Students who cannot remember their code or new students who have questions should speak with the cafeteria manager.

**School Uniforms:** All students are expected to dress according to the dress code policy. Please make certain that all uniform items meet the requirements of this policy. If you have any questions prior to a final purchase, please contact a member of our front office. Students will be advised of appropriate articles of clothing throughout the first week of school. It is vitally important that parents send students to school dressed in accordance with the policy and that parents work with the staff and faculty. Compliance begins at home and is everyone’s responsibility. Students who are not in compliance after the first week of school will be asked to change and return to class. So that we may keep the focus on the academic achievement of all students, please help us at home by sending your child to school in compliance. The Toano uniform policy is available online at [www.wjcc.k12.va.us/tms](http://www.wjcc.k12.va.us/tms) and copies are available in the Toano office.

**Physical Education Uniforms:** The HPE uniform, which consists of a WJCC T-shirt and shorts, is optional. These items will be on sale during the **Open House on September 1, 2010**. Parents will be provided information at the Open House about PE uniform choices if they decide not to purchase a WJCC PE uniform. Students who do not dress out and participate in P.E. will receive consequences and their non-participation will affect their grade. If a uniform is forgotten, the HPE department will rent one to the student. Parents, please encourage full participation.

**Items Not Allowed at School:** **Shocking devices, iPods/MP3 players, pagers, tape/CD players, toys, playing cards, lighters, matches, cameras, skateboards, and any other item that might disrupt the educational program are not to be brought to school. The school encourages students to leave any valuable belongings at home.** The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Bringing large sums of money or other valuables to school is strongly discouraged. Should it be necessary to bring a large amount of cash or expensive property to school, you may leave it in the main office for safekeeping until the end of the school day. **Cellular phones** may not be used on the bus or on any school property during the school day or during after school activities. Cellular/mobile phones must be turned off and stored in the child’s backpack and the backpack must be stored in the child’s locker at all times during the school day. Cellular phones will be confiscated if they are not properly stored in the child’s backpack and stowed in the locker.

**Dances:** Middle school dances are a privilege - a privilege that all students must earn. Dances are reserved for TMS middle school students only. Because dances are a privilege, if a student earns a conduct referral in the time between two dances, **a student can lose his or her privilege of attending the next dance.**

