



# WARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Ware Families,

Good day! I hope this letter finds families well rested from summer break. I wanted to reach out to touch base in anticipation of the first day of school tomorrow, Thursday, August 25, 2022, for students in grades 1-12. Below are links to helpful information as we begin the school year:

- [2022-2023 Academic Calendar](#)
- [Bus Routes](#)
- [Lunch Menus](#)

During the summer break the district held four summer school programs that included the Extended School Year Special Education Program, Rising Students in grades 7-9 Enrichment Program, SMK & WMS 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program, and the Credit Recovery Program having students on campus through the beginning of August.

Over the summer the custodial staff worked endlessly in breaking down, cleaning, and building back up classrooms in anticipation of students return. Another project underway at the JS High School will be getting new boilers this summer. The old boilers, which were over 23 years old, have been removed and new ones are being assembled. It always feels great when a large piece of infrastructure repair occurs knowing students and staff will have consistency for heat needed during the cold winter months.

This year the district will be rolling out new ELA curriculum for students in grades 7-12 along with new Science curriculum in grades K-5 & 9-12 as we replaced Science curriculum in grades 6-8 a couple of years ago.

This summer the building Principals, the Director of Special Education and Dr. DiLeo began a course titled, "Analyzing Teaching for Student Results" which will improve our observation and evaluation skills to reflect this national shift to a learning focus.

At the end of last year, the district rolled out the BRIM Anti-bullying app to assure that all families/students had a chance to report any incidences of bullying. Once the year gets started and if any incidences occur, the APP to inform administrators can be found at <https://app.antibullyingsoftware.com/report-bullying/ma/ware/ware+public+schools>.

Over the past two-years COVID was the major focus as we worked through the pandemic. This year we transition to an endemic as we learn how to live with this virus. We will start the 2022/23 year utilizing the same guidance from last spring. Face masks will still be required in the nurses' office,

so please pack a mask in your child's backpack in case they need to visit the nurse. Any individuals who want to wear a mask throughout the day will be supported in their decision to wear one.

Utilizing mitigating strategies can help in the battle against COVID, which consists of the following actions:

- Washing hands often
- Wearing a mask when indoors in a crowded area
- Stay home if you are sick
- Getting vaccinated

We will welcome Kindergarten students with last names beginning A-M on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, and those with last names beginning N-Z on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our Preschool classes begin on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,

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