

# Welcome to West Valley Middle School



The mission of the West Valley Middle School community is to inspire the students to be resourceful, respectful, and responsible citizens by providing a challenging and safe learning environment.

# Administration

- **David Claxton – Principal**
- **Robin Curry – Assistant Principal**
- **Rachel Harmon – Assistant Principal**

# General Session with Administration

- Arrival and Departure
- Safety and Security
- Personalized Learning
- Dress Code
- Cell Phone Usage
- Locker and Backpack Tips
- Academic Placements
- Media Center
- Athletics, Club Sports, and Clubs
- WVMS PTSA
- WVMS Education Foundation

# Arrival and Departure

- Bus Rider
  - Back of the school
- Car Riders
  - Front of the school
  - Parent responsibility zone is 1.5 miles
- Doors unlock at 7:15
- Bus Hall or breakfast
- Homeroom at 8:00
- School begins at 8:30

# Safety & Security

- Doors locked
- SRO
- KCS Sheriff's Department
- School entry process
  - Always report to office to check in

# Personalized Learning Environment



- Deployment in August
- Collection in May
- Devices for every student and teacher
- Replacing outdated MacBook Pros with Chromebooks



# Personalized Learning Environment

- Computer-based programs
  - Canvas (Learning Management System)
  - Aspen (gradebook)
  - Access to Google Suite for Education
    - Including unlimited cloud storage
- Computer specialist assigned to WVMS for repairs
- Computers are for school use (not social media, streaming music, and downloading games)
- More information will come home in August including a device agreement

# Knox County Middle School Dress Code

- No sagging
- Leggings/tights/yoga pants must be worn with a long top
- Shoulders must be covered - no spaghetti straps or tanks
- No midriffs visible
- Mid thigh for skirts, dresses, and shorts
- Holes/openings in jeans/yoga pants must be mid thigh and below
- No head apparel except for religious or medical reasons
- No inappropriate slurs, language, or pictures on clothing or accessories



**WEST VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL**



**Dress Code Visual**



# Knox County Policy for Middle School Cell Phone Use

## Policy J-240: Use by Students in Grades 6-8

- Students may possess PCDs while on school property
- The devices may be used **before** and **after** school
- Remain in off mode from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
- Permission to use may be granted by a teacher or principal for a specific academic purpose or other time the principal deems appropriate
- Includes watches that allow texting

# Locker and Backpack Tips

- Lockers will be assigned near his/her homeroom
- Each student will have his/her own locker 😊
- Combination must be provided to the homeroom teacher
- Lockers are subject to search at any time
- If possible, consider using a laptop carrier to enhance the safety of the device



# **WEST VALLEY LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER**

**Open most mornings at 7:30 until 4:00**

**Book Club - Writers' Club - MakerSpace (coming)**

**VOLUNTEERS Appreciated and Welcome!**

# Athletics

- **Knox County Sanctioned Sports**

- Coach or sponsor paid a supplement by the school system
- Basketball, Cheerleading, and Track
- Potential for additional coaching fee (cheerleading/dance)
- Grade requirements
- Physical required for tryouts
- School Insurance required

- **School Sanctioned**

- Dance Team
- Faculty sponsor (no supplement paid by KCS)
- Grade requirement
- Home basketball games/school functions/competitions
- Physical required for tryouts
- School Insurance required



**Member of TMSAA**

# Club Sports

- **Not sanctioned by Knox County but requires a physical.**
- **These teams encourage participation by any student**
  - **Cross-Country**
  - **Tennis**
  - **Golf**
  - **Baseball**
  - **Softball**
  - **Volleyball**
  - **Soccer**
  - **Swim**
  - **Our goal is to share Information about these sports on our school website and/or in the office as we receive it.**

# WVMS PTSA

- The West Valley Middle School PTSA is a branch of the Tennessee PTA.
- The PTSA/PTA is a non-profit organization which seeks to unite the forces of home, school, and community on behalf of children and youth.
- Great way to get plugged into the school.
- <https://westvalleyptsa.org>
- PTSA President:

# WVMS PTSA

- Spirit Wear is available for purchase in the cafeteria tonight.
- Sign-up sheets for volunteering available outside the cafeteria.



# WVMS Education Foundation



Established 2015-2016

Purpose = Promote and support the academic excellence of West Valley Middle School

# WVMS Education Foundation



- Gifts to the school to purchase additional laptops, upgrade the audio/visual system in the gym, and other technological needs.
- Support teacher instructional needs and professional growth
- Information available tonight on how you can help

# Welcome to Wolf Nation!

- We offer to ALL our kids a daily dose of:
  - Grace for mistakes
  - Hugs and high fives
  - Love and care
  - Smiles and support
  - High expectations
  - Encouragement to do their best



**Welcome to our West Valley  
Middle School Family!**

