



# WILLOWBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

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Hello and welcome back!

We're off to an awesome start to this 2011-2012 academic year. Much has been accomplished in our first 26 days of school. All students have been academically tested in reading and mathematics using our new online universal screener (easy CBM). Our volleyball and soccer teams end of the season tournaments are only weeks away. Boys' basketball tryouts are already scheduled for next week (Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>). Our annual Jog-A-Thon is complete and as a school district we raised a new record of almost \$24,000 (thanks to all the amazing volunteers and generous donors who made this happen). The student council officers and classroom representatives have been elected by their classmates. The Environmental Club, Intramurals, Mathematics Team, and Yearbook are soon meeting or already have. And, of course, our fall musical concerts are only 2 ½ weeks away.

While this academic year is still young I'd like to introduce all our new staff members. These individuals have been terrific additions to our WMS family!

Danielle Zoeller	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> English Teacher and Librarian
Erin Turek	Instructional Special Education Teacher
Justin Bonne	Physical Education Teacher
Eric Mowbray	ESM Special Education Teacher
Richard Klein	Paraprofessional
Allison Keller	Paraprofessional

**Please join me in a warm welcome to our new staff as we embark on another exciting new school year.**

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## OCTOBER 2011 EVENTS

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- Mon. 10/3 - PSA Meeting @PHS 3:30 PM  
- Soccer WMS @ Stephen Mack 4:15 PM
- Tues. 10/4 - Volleyball WMS vs. Harlem Home 4:30 PM  
- Boys Basketball Tryouts 7:00—8:30 PM
- Wed. 10/5 - Soccer Tournament Sportscore #1 4:00 PM  
- Boys Basketball Tryouts 7:00—8:30 PM
- Thurs. 10/6 - Picture Retakes 8:00 AM  
- Soccer Tournament Sportscore #1 4:00 PM  
- Volleyball WMS @ Lutheran 4:30 PM
- Fri. 10/7 - Activity Photos Soccer, Volleyball, Band, Student Council, Jazz Band
- Mon. 10/10 - NO SCHOOL
- Tues. 10/11 - Soccer Tournament Sportscore #1 4:00 PM  
- Volleyball WMS @ Christian Life 4:30 PM
- Thurs. 10/13 - Soccer Tournament Sportscore #1 4:00 PM  
- Volleyball WMS vs. Rockford Christian Home 4:30 PM
- Mon. 10/17 - Music Advocates 6:30 PM Library
- Tues. 10/18 - Volleyball WMS @ RMS 4:30 PM
- Wed. 10/19 - 5th -6th Fall Concert 7:00 PM
- Thurs. 10/20 - 7th—8th Fall Concert 7:00 PM
- Fri. 10/21 - Jr. High Halloween Dance 7:00 - 9:00 PM
- Sat. 10/22 - Volleyball Tournament 7th @ Harlem 8th @ RMS
- Mon. 10/24 - Fall Sports Honors Night 7:00 PM
- Tues. 10/25 - Blue & White Game 4:30 PM

**Happy Halloween**

### LOOKING AHEAD.....

- Tues. 11/1 - Boys B-Ball WMS @ Stephen Mack 4:30
- Wed. 11/2 - Boys B-Ball WMS vs. Freeport Home 4:30 PM
- Fri. 11/4 - Report Cards
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## IT'S BOX TOPS TIME AGAIN



Start sending in your box tops now. Last year we were able to get over \$900.00 for our Music Advocates program. This money helped to sponsor summer lessons and camps for our music students.

**Clip** – Clip the Box Top from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Each one is worth 10¢ when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education.

**Sign up** -- You can also sign up to support our school at [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com), where you can:

- See how much our school is earning with Box Tops
- Enter online promotions for chances to win Bonus Box Tops and other prizes
- Print money-saving coupons for your favorite Box Tops brands

Make mealtime easier with family-pleasing recipes

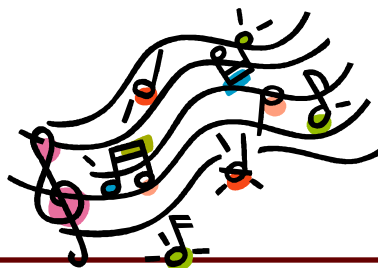
You can also sign up for Box Tops email newsletters that will keep you updated on the program, and for Marketplace newsletters with Box Tops members-only deals and discounts.

To learn more, visit [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com)—and thanks for choosing to make a difference for our school with Box Tops!

Any questions, call Deb Ainsworth 815-389-4307

Your Box Tops Coordinator

## MUSIC NOTES



- Reminder to all choir members and their parents, students must have their concert attire by Friday, October 14. Concert attire is **CHOIR T-SHIRT, BLACK SLACKS OR SKIRT AND ALL BLACK SHOES**. Students who have not yet ordered a choir T-shirt will need to contact American Bell immediately as shirts are currently in production. If you have additional questions or do not remember if you have ordered a shirt, please contact Mrs. Kniep at American Bell.
- IMEA students are currently practicing before school and during lunch periods to prepare for their October 15 auditions. Please remember to use the [new.schoolnotes.com](http://new.schoolnotes.com) webpage for individual practice tracks.
- 5th Band students and 6th grade Chorus members will present their first concert on Wednesday, October 19th at 7:00pm. All chorus members should report to the choir room at 6:30 that evening. 7th and 8th grade Concert Band, Jazz Band and Concert Choir members will present their first concert on Thursday, October 20th at 7:00pm. All chorus members should report to the choir room at 6:30 that evening.

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# Halloween Dance

**When:** Friday, October 21, 2011

**Who:** 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> WMS Students Only

**Time:** 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$2.00 (in ad- vance) \$3.00 (at the door)

Tickets will go on sale during lunch-

time in the Café the week of the dance



We are in need of **CHAPERONES** for the **Halloween Dance** that is coming up on October 21.

The time is 7:00 to 9:00 in the WMS Cafe. Adults are needed for the admission desk, concession sales, and monitoring the dance floor. If you are interested please email Mrs. Houghton at [houghtonk@prairiehill.org](mailto:houghtonk@prairiehill.org). Let's work together to make it fun & safe for the Kids!

*Sponsored by the WMS Student Council*

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

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All schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program, which provides both free and reduced-price lunches and subsidized food for our kitchens, must raise the price of the lunches they serve.

The NSLP is mandating this change in the amount schools charge for lunches. Due to this mandate, Prairie Hill and Willowbrook lunches will cost:

**\$2.50 starting in August of 2012.**

Once again, this price increase will take place for the 2012-13 school year. The District is required to make this change, and hopes that by giving parents as much notice as possible, families can plan for the future. Please contact your school's principal with any questions.

## JOIN US FOR "THE SOUND OF MUSIC"

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On November 30th, the 6th, 7th, and 8th Grades have the opportunity to attend the Broadway musical, "The Sound Of Music" at Drury Lane Theater in Oak Brook, IL. The cost of the ticket is \$89.00 per person. Anyone interested in attending the play, must have their money in no later that Oct. 31st. All checks may be made payable to WMS.

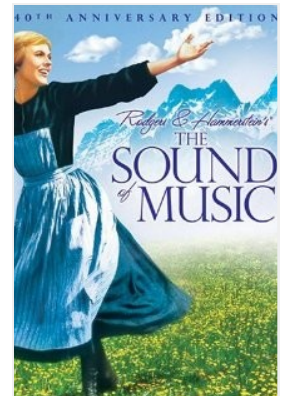
The cost includes the following:

**Transportation on a charter coach bus**

**Ticket to the show**

**All you can eat lunch buffet at the Enchanted Castle**

**Game Card for play at the Enchanted Castle**



## LAST CHANCE FOR YEARBOOKS!

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At registration in May, most families purchased the Early Bird yearbook at a reduced cost of \$22 for the 2011-2012 school year. If you opted out at that time, you can still purchase one now for the increased price of \$24. If you would like to purchase a yearbook, please see Mary in the Willowbrook office. **All Yearbook orders must be placed no later than November 1<sup>st</sup>.** There will be no additional yearbooks for sale in May. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Hand at 815-389-3957. X 1960.

## ART SADTLER BASKETBALL

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The Art Sadtler Basketball Season will be kicking off in November for the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. Teams will be forming in November with the games starting in January, 2011. Look for further information to come home in the Friday Folders in the first part of October. For more information on the Art Sadtler Basketball Team, you may visit them @ [www.artsadtler.com](http://www.artsadtler.com) . If there are any questions, contact Melanie Steen @ 815-389-2017.

### 4th & 5th Grade Fees

\$60.00



### 6th Grade Fees

\$75.00

## BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

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Varsity and JV Boys Basketball tryouts will be next week on the following days:

**Tuesday October 4th**

**Wednesday October 5th**

Tryouts time on each day are from 7pm until 8:30pm, and they will be held in the Willowbrook Middle School Gym.

In order for your son to be able to tryout, the following forms need to be on file with the school:

- 1.) A current physical or sports physical
- 2.) Proof of Insurance
- 3.) Parental Permission to Participate

Please turn these forms in to the office or Mr. Bonne (WMS PE Teacher/JV Boys Basketball Coach).

If you have any questions about the tryouts or the boys' basketball program in general, please contact WMS Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Matt Yarc via email at [mjyhoopscoach@gmail.com](mailto:mjyhoopscoach@gmail.com)

Thanks so much,

Matt Yarc

Justin Bonne

