



ARVADA WEST WILDCAT NEWS

August 18, 2021



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From the Desk of the Principal

Dear Wildcats and Wildcat Families,

After two days with freshmen and sophomores we are so excited to welcome all of our Wildcats back into the building Thursday and Friday for two traditional 1-7 period days. The energy in the building is welcome after a long summer and an even longer year. Although the mask mandate has changed, requiring everyone to wear a mask whether they are vaccinated or not, it is exciting to get back to a normal schedule and normal activities and athletics. Please take a few minutes with your student to review our dress code, tardy and attendance policies to ensure a positive start to the new year.



Our teachers have spent the last week readying themselves for the return of students and could not be more excited for classes to begin. This will be a great year of learning, reviving traditions and just being together, because we know we are all #BetterTogether.

Please mark your calendars for our back to school event, The Wildcat Welcome on August 26th from 5 to 7 p.m. This evening will provide families an opportunity to meet teachers, see the building, listen to some great info, visit food trucks and participate in fun activities. We look forward to meeting our families and enjoying showcasing our amazing Wildcat Spirit.

Looking forward to meeting many of you in the coming weeks.

Mrs Geree Santarelli

This Week's Action Items for Students and Families

Wildcat Welcome

Come join us Thursday, August 26th from 5-7pm for Back to School Night! Meet your child's teachers, enjoy games and food trucks as well as performances by Poms, Cheer and the Band! Find out information about sports and clubs to get involved in as well. See you then!

TOMORROW IS THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE!

All students 9-12 report for school on August 19th by 8 am for a Traditional 1-7 period day. Bring your CHARGED Chromebook, some paper and pens/pencils!


August 19th and 20th will be Traditional 1-7 period days. Breakfast will be available for students beginning at 7:15 am and lunch will be available for all students.

BELL SCHEDULE	Here's the link to the bell schedule. Students have lunch A or lunch B based on their class schedule. For the first semester, please see the lunch schedule at the bottom of the bell schedule linked here: BELL SCHEDULE
Student Handbook	To find the tardy, attendance and dress code policies, and much more, please see the student handbook. The link here will take you to the handbook's location on our website: Student Handbook
SCHOOL MEALS	<p>Universal Free Meals!! The USDA has extended waivers that allow for universal free meals for all students at all schools. Breakfast and lunch meals are free to all students for the 21-22 school year. All a la carte items (second entree, milk, bottled water, snacks) will be sold at an additional cost.</p> <p>Here's the FAQs about our school meal program.</p>
APPLY FOR FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH!	<p>Qualifying families for free and reduced lunch also have the opportunity to have their student fees waived. Please make sure you complete an application!</p> <p>Families apply online through SchoolCafe</p> <p>Here's more information about SchoolCafe</p>
TRANSPORTATION	Busses will still drop off and pick up at A-West at the same time as before; 7:15 AM and 3:10 PM. Please visit the Transportation Office for more details.
STUDENT PARKING PERMITS NEEDED TO PARK ON CAMPUS	<p>Reminder that to park in the school parking lot on the North side of the building, students need a parking tag. Free street parking is available as space permits.</p> <p>Parking Tags/Permits will be available for purchase as outlined below.</p> <p>Seniors: Purchase beginning – August 23</p> <p>Juniors: Purchase beginning – August 30</p> <p>Sophomores: Purchase beginning – September 7</p> <p>Please click following hyperlink to pre-fill out the application prior to coming to purchase a Parking Tag</p>
Self Screening at Home for All Students	Continue to self-monitor using our self-screening tool. Anyone experiencing symptoms should stay home. Masks in the building are required for all individuals.

<p>AUGUST PTSA EVENTS - SPIRIT WEAR SALE!!</p>	<p>PTSA is excited to begin another school year of supporting students and staff at Arvada West. We'd love to meet you and welcome your support of PTSA.</p> <p>Visit the link below to find out about the PTSA and see how to purchase Purple Pride spirit wear items!</p> <p>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-MHXWRHXcE6DcfWNDG1VJKEOw2yl8uTkrXc1SI1puas/edit?usp=sharing</p>
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<p>Weekly Community News</p>	<p>If you need to review last week's Wildcat News, you can always find it on our website! www.arvadawest.org</p>
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Clubs and School Activities

<p>BACK TO SCHOOL</p> 	<p>There will be a Back to School Dance on Saturday, August 28th. It will be from 7-10pm in the South parking lot. Tickets will be \$5 for freshmen and \$10 for 10th - 12th grades and will be sold at the dance only. The theme will be "COSMIC, a Night Under the Stars."</p>
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Athletics

Have an Instagram? If you do and want information around the school then please follow the Arvada West Athletics Instagram page: [@awestathletics](https://www.instagram.com/awestathletics).

<p>Fall Sports Underway</p>	<p>We are excited for the return of all of our fall sports. Please check the athletic website for schedules. Go Cats!</p>
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<p>ADVERTISING</p>	<p>If you own a business or work for a company looking to advertise and support Arvada West, please reach out to Gordon Volk (Gordon.Volk@jeffco.k12.co.us) to discuss different options.</p>
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Calling All Wildcat Alumni

<p>ARVADA WEST ALUMS!</p>	<p>We are trying to get in touch with Arvada West Alumni. If you are an Alumni of Arvada West and/or know people that are Alums, please share the following form: Arvada West Alumni</p>
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Mental Health Resources at Arvada West

Arvada West Mental Health Resources

AWest mental health team has created a “one stop shop” website for all AWest students and families. Use it to quickly access everything from stress management tips and mental health care available at school, to free virtual support groups, educational seminars, and community mental health and aid organizations

Website: <https://sites.google.com/jeffcoschools.us/awestmentalhealth/home>

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