

Bobcat Bulletin

Western Dubuque High School

July 2017



Registration for All Students – August 1st & 2nd

All students will be able to pick up an updated class schedule & locker assignment on Tuesday, August 1st or Wednesday, August 2nd from 7:00am–6:00pm each day. You will also have a chance to pay your school fees, get your picture taken for the yearbook and put money into your lunch account at this time. ***The counselors will NOT be available on those days! If a student needs to make a schedule change, they will need to fill out a schedule change form; these forms will be available on the registration days. The counselors will not be available on the registration days but will be available on August 16th & 17th from 8:00am–2:00pm to make any necessary schedule changes.***

On-Line School Fee Payments

Parents are able to pay their school fees on line by clicking on the RevTrak icon on our website. You will be able to pay the book fees, activity passes, yearbooks, lunch, driver education, sport camps, athletic booster club membership & fine arts booster club memberships.

Mandatory Meeting for all 2018 Seniors and their Parents

There will be a mandatory senior meeting on Tuesday, August 15th at 7:00pm in the auditorium. This meeting is for all 2018 seniors and their parents!

Information Night for 9th Graders & All New Students

On Monday, August 21st there will be an open house for incoming 9th grade students and all other new students and their parents. Doors will open at 6:30pm for students & parents to visit informational booths with all sports, clubs and organizations represented. The main presentation will begin at 7:00pm. During the presentation the administration will go over student expectations. Students and parents will also have a chance to meet the high school staff, find classrooms, and check their lockers.

Forms that need to be completed for students

A health form, including immunizations, is required on or before the first day of school for **all** students. On the reverse side of that form is the Over the Counter Medication Form which needs to be filled out if your child needs over-the-counter medication throughout the school year. These forms are included in this mailing. Please feel free to make a copy for each student in high school. Complete the forms and have students bring them to either the registrations days on August 1st or 2nd or the first day of school. Students participating in athletic activities, including cheerleading and dance must complete the “Heads Up: Concussion in High School Sports” form, and also the Health & Injury Information Card & Consent for Medical Treatment Form which are also included in this mailing. Make a copy for each high school student who is participating in these activities and have them bring the form on the first day of practice in August, the registration days or the first day of school. Extra copies of all of these forms will be available during the registration days. All of these forms can also be found on our website by hovering over “Parents” and then “Forms-Printable” under “Building Information”.

School Supplies

Student will need a notebook, folder and pens & pencils for each of their classes. Teachers will let your child know the specific supplies needed for each class the first few days of school. **For students taking a math class, please see below:**

- Students registered for Algebra 1A, Algebra 1B, and Geometry Concepts will be required to have a TI-30X IIS or similar scientific calculator for the fall. Higher calculators (graphing calculators) are also acceptable to use if students have them, but scientific calculator is the minimum requirement.
- Students registered for Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Advanced Algebra 2, or college-credit courses are required to have a TI-83 or TI-84 model calculator of their choice.
- Students registered for Geometry may have a TI-30X IIS or similar scientific calculator, but a graphing calculator will be required the following year for Algebra 2.

Dental Screenings

Iowa law requires that all 9th grade and newly enrolled students to the high school have a screening for dental disease. These forms are available at your local dental office. For those who do not return dental forms, a dental screening may be done by a health care professional. All dental screening forms need to be returned to the high school by December 1, 2017.

2017-2018 School Pictures



School pictures will be taken during the registration days on Tuesday, August 1st and Wednesday, August 2nd from 7:00am–6:00pm. **ALL** students (9th-12th) need to have their picture taken at this time whether they are purchasing pictures or not. These pictures will be used for the yearbook for 9-11 graders and also will be placed in our computer software program for grades 9-12. There is a picture form included in this packet of information. Picture forms will also be available at school during the registration days. If you are not able to get your picture taken on these days, retakes will be on September 13, 2017 during school.

2018 Yearbook Glossy Specs

The senior yearbook glossies for the 2018 yearbook are due by December 15, 2017. It is best to have your senior picture taken over the summer or early fall. All seniors must submit one digital photo to Ben Ressler at Ben.Ressler@wdbqschools.org. We would like all yearbook portraits to be a "head shot" – this means the armpits to the top of the head are all that is included in the print.

Concession Stand Volunteer Workers

Each family with a student(s) involved in an athletic activity (football, volleyball, cheerleading, cross country, basketball, bowling, wrestling, tennis, golf, track & field, soccer, baseball or softball) is asked to volunteer in the concession stand at athletic events for 3 – 2½ hour shifts. Vocal and band parents will need to sign up for 2 – 2½ hour shifts. If a husband and wife work together this counts as two shifts. Families will have an opportunity to sign up with this program which is called *SignUpGenius*. Following is the link to sign up to work in the concession stand:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.create1&listid=9458105&owner=38836446>.

If you don't have access to a computer we will have computers at registration for you to sign up. We definitely need the help from everyone, so please sign up. All the profits from the concession stand goes back into your program. Thanks for your help and let's have a great school year. If you have any questions regarding this new sign up, please contact Alice in the Activities Office at 563-876-3442 x3008.

Sports Physicals are Required to Compete in Sports

If you are planning on going out for a sport at W.D.H.S., you are required to have an updated physical on file. Physicals are valid for one calendar year. Please make plans to have your physical complete before you begin your desired sport. Physical forms are available at the high school or on our website.

Booster Club Information

The Western Dubuque Athletic and Fine Arts Booster Clubs exists to support the activity programs of WDHS. Many of our purchases are enjoyed by all students and families. Please help support these groups by signing up online during school registration. Based on our community support for our programs, our goal is to increase our participation to 80% this year in memberships. Thanks for your continued support of the athletic and fine arts programs!

Install Activity Scheduler rSchool App

We would like all parents to install the Activity Scheduler rSchool App. This app has all up-to-date activities including sport schedules, fine arts schedules, district notifications, etc. To download, please follow the instructions below:

- ▶ Go to you app store and search for Activity Scheduler. (The icon is a blue baseball cap)
- ▶ Choose Iowa, then WaMaC Conference and then Western Dubuque, Epworth

If you have any questions regarding this app, please contact the activities office at 563-876-3442 x3008.

Fall Sports Kick Off Night & Parent Meetings

Cross country and football will have their kickoff night on Friday, August 18th. Cross country time trials will be at 4:30 p.m. and the football scrimmage will start with freshman at 5:00 p.m., sophomores at 6:00 p.m. and varsity at 7:00 p.m. Volleyball will have their kick off at a time to be determined. Fall Sports parent meetings will be held individually this year. Your child should be bringing home information regarding the dates and times for each meeting.

Homecoming Week is the week of October 1st through October 7th

First day of school - Wednesday, August 23, 2017
This will be a 2 hour early dismissal day

Non-Discrimination Policy Statement: It is the policy of the Western Dubuque County Community School District not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy, please contact the district's Equity Coordinator at 310 4th St. SW, Farley, Iowa 52046 or call 563-744-3885.