

## Westside Middle School Orientation Nights

Parents and students are invited to join us for an evening of introductions, food, and community building to welcome the next 6th grade class to Westside Middle School. We are asking specific schools to attend on their assigned night. Our goal is to create a more intimate and comfortable environment for your student's first experience as a middle school student. If you cannot make your assigned night, please feel free to attend one of the other nights.

Feb. 21st

Swanson

Sunset

Westgate

Paddock

Feb. 27th

Prairie

Rockbrook

Hillside

March 2

Westbrook

Loveland

Oakdale

### Schedule

*Need Dinner? Pizza for purchase. Pizza Truck in the parking lot before the festivities begin!*

5:30 Pizza Truck will be serving food for purchase. Parents and students can sit inside to eat.

6:00 Welcome address in the WMS PAC for students and parents

6:30 Breakout Sessions (three sessions; new building will be open for viewing at this time)

7:30 Conclude

### Breakouts Session Descriptions

We are providing multiple, 15-minute, breakout sessions so parents can personalize their learning about WMS. Parents and students are asked to select 3 sessions to attend. Here is a sneak peek:

**Athletics/Clubs/Activities/Involvement:** During this session, staff will discuss the different opportunities in which students can be involved at WMS.

**Advisory/SPARK:** During this session, staff will discuss the structure, philosophy, and best practices of a quality advisory program.

**Registration 101** - School counselors will demonstrate how to register your student and be available to answer questions regarding the online registration process. Additional information on how co-teaching works into the schedule.

**Functional/Life Skills Special Education** - If your students is in Life Skills Special Education, you can meet with staff to understand how your student's day will look at Westside Middle School.

**Assisted Learning Special Education** - If your student is in Assisted Learning Special Education, you can meet with staff to discuss Co-teaching, talk about electives and see potential schedules

**Warrior Walk About** - During this session, parents will learn more about the upcoming summer camp being offered in August.

**Grading** - Learn from teachers about grading at Westside Middle School and how to begin to prepare your student for the shift from Standards Based Reporting to grading at the secondary level.

**Building Strengths in Your Student** - If you were unable attend the Gallup Strengths parent night, this is another opportunity to learn more about how to help your child name, claim, and aim their talents as identified by the Gallup Strengths Explorer Inventory.

### Booths:

**Community Club** - Order WMS Gear and find out how to become involved as a parent of a WMS student

**Powerschool** - Find out information about Powerschool Access, Registration trouble-shooting, and update your information at this booth

**Student and Family Services** - Meet our school Social Work, Mrs. Lowe. Learn more about free and reduced lunches, our partnership with Children's, and more.

**Technology Information** - Parents can stop at the technology booth learn more about laptops, insurance, and procedures for distribution.