

August 2022

Dear Parents,

By now your child is probably asking many questions regarding the opening of school. The purpose of this letter is to answer those questions and provide all the necessary information needed to attend the first full day of school on **Wednesday, August 24, 2022**. A suggested list of school supplies is enclosed to help with your back-to-school shopping.

STUDENT ORIENTATION is the event each August when students **and** parents come to White Pines to prepare for the school year. *If you cannot attend this event, please visit the White Pines Main Office on August 22 or 23 between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Pictures/Student IDs will not be available on August 22 and 23.*

STUDENT ORIENTATION 2022

5th & 6th grades may attend during any of the times listed below.

Thursday, August 18	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, August 19	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

PARENT VUE / CONTACT INFO*Complete Online*

Our online ParentVUE offers secure access to school and student information, including current grades, attendance and report cards. If you have not activated a ParentVUE account; go to www.ghaps.org, select ParentVue(upper right hand corner), select I am a parent, then select **Request Account Activation**.

Parents are asked to check ParentVUE for accuracy of contact information.

This information is critical for emergency purposes.

EMAIL SIGN-UP*Complete Online*

Parents are strongly encouraged to subscribe to our school email list so we may continue to share timely and relevant information with you. Visit whitepines.ghaps.org and on the home page click on **Parent Email Sign Up**. **You must subscribe each year to your student's current grade and you may unsubscribe from their previous grade.**

PHYS ED T-SHIRTS*Complete at Orientation in Main Gym*

Students are required to purchase a t-shirt for physical education class. You will be able to pay for a t-shirt at Student Orientation. **Cost is \$8.00. Cash or check (payable to GHAPS) only. NO debit/credit cards.**

STUDENT PHOTO ID*Complete at Orientation in Auditorium*

All students will need a photograph taken for their school identification card, which is used as a lunch debit card and library card. Students will also have their school picture taken at this time and parents may select a photo package to purchase. **You may pay online at www.geskusphoto.com or make a check payable to Geskus Photography.**

CHROMEBOOKS & TECHNOLOGY*Pick Up at Lakeshore Middle School cafeteria*

****NEW 2022/23**** Chromebooks will be distributed to all GHAPS secondary students in the Lakeshore Middle School Cafeteria. Please see the schedule (enclosed) for available pick-up times. An optional insurance policy is available for \$20 (\$15 for reduced meal students and \$5 for free meal students) which covers the first two accidental device damages for the year (no deductible). *Please bring the signed Technology form (enclosed) to pick up the Chromebook. You will also be able to purchase insurance at this time. Pay online thru Parent VUE or Cash or check (payable to GHAPS)*

TRANSPORTATION

Complete Online

A Google form **MUST** be completed for each student requesting busing. Google form can be found online at ghaps.org, then click **TRANSPORTATION**. **Busing schedules will be posted on ParentVUE two weeks prior to the start of school.** If you have questions **after** receiving your student's busing schedule, please contact Transportation at 616-850-5150..

MEDICATIONS

All medication received at Student Services **MUST** be in the **original container** and **accompanied with Form 5330 F1**. Form 5330 F1 must be completed by *both parent AND physician* if your child is to receive **prescription and/or non-prescription** medication during the school day. This Medication Request and Authorization Form can be found in the **Quick Links** section under the **Parents & Students** tab on our school website. *Medication may be dropped off at Student Services during Orientation if accompanied by required paperwork.*

NORTH OTTAWA RECREATION AUTHORITY

NORA provides extensive athletic opportunities and various recreational activities for students at White Pines. Registrations and information about their programs can be found at norarec.org.

FOOD SERVICES

****NEW 2022/23**** Visit www.ghaps.org/familyportal to register and create your Meal Magic Family Portal account. You can make deposits, check balances, apply for meal benefits and view account details.

5th GRADE PARENT MEETING

Tuesday, August 16, 2022 -- 6:00 - 7:00 PM -- White Pines Auditorium

WHITE PINES OPEN HOUSE (5TH & 6TH GRADE STUDENTS & PARENTS)

Tuesday, August 30, 2022 -- 5:30 - 6:30 PM -- Parents & students will begin in their homeroom at 5:30. Parents will receive a video from their team of teachers prior to the event. This video will review all of the key elements on team business for the school year.

5th GRADE MUSIC

All 5th Grade students will start out with General Music for the first 9 weeks of school. During that time students will have the chance to interact with each of the options (Choir, Band and Orchestra). At the end of the 9 weeks, students will make their decision and we will reassign them. ***The music listed on your student's schedule is just a starting place for your child.***

PARENT PICK UP AND DROP OFF

We have two locations at WPI ready for Parent Pickup and Drop Off. The first area is located on the North Side of the building. ***5th Grade parents will enter the north entrance*** and wrap around the front to the gym doors, students may enter the location at that spot. ***6th Grade parents will enter the south parking lot*** and wrap around alongside the building for pickup and drop off.

We look forward to welcoming you into our school family this year.