



# Back to School

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## School starts September 6

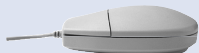
Students will be welcomed back to school on Tuesday, September 6th. All students will have a **full** day of school on the first day.

### Time Schedule Start Dismissal

Grades K - 5	8:55 AM	3:40 PM
Middle School	8:10 AM	3:10 PM
High School	7:30 AM	2:20 PM

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## Macomb Intermediate School District Special Education Enhancement Millage Proposal

Recent major declines in state funding and property tax values are now directly affecting pupil instruction to Macomb County students. Services for all 130,000 Macomb County public schools students, including the 20,000 special education students, are being impacted by these losses. At the same time, Macomb County schools are working to increase student achievement for all graduates in meeting rising state and national standards and enable them to attain 21<sup>st</sup> Century jobs. To partially offset these financial losses, the 21 local districts within Macomb County are requesting the Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) to propose a 1.2 mill Special Education Enhancement Millage. The funding from this millage will be used only to assist Macomb County public schools to maintain educational opportunities for all students. The election is scheduled for Nov. 8, 2011.

- The millage proposal is driven by financial loss of more than \$103 million since 2008 for the Macomb ISD and all 21 local public school districts. This financial loss results from cuts in per-pupil state aid, losses in local property taxes, and the elimination of categorical state funding for Macomb County districts.
- The \$103 million funding loss equals \$762 per pupil or \$23,000 per classroom based on an average of 30 students.
- Even as funding has significantly declined, the MISD and local districts have experienced major cost increases since 2008 for such necessary supplies as diesel fuel, instructional classroom materials, technology and other non instructional costs.
- In addition to state aid and property tax reductions, the federal government is providing less than half of the special education funding that had been promised for special needs students.
- One in eight students in Macomb County now receives special education services. There have also been significant increases in the number of students diagnosed with autism, babies of low birth-weight, and pupils with other health issues that require additional services.
- Countywide, school employees have taken significant concessions in wages and benefits to try and help control the rising costs.
- A Special Education Enhancement Millage is the only option available to all county public school districts to help offset these significant losses in funding. Every cent of the millage will be used to support Macomb County school districts students.
- 1.2 mills would raise approximately \$210 per pupil countywide -- less than one-third of the \$762 per pupil funding loss. It would cost the average Warren Woods homeowner less \$75 a year.
- Funds raised through the millage proposal would be allocated for special education programs in each of the 21 school districts and all the Macomb ISD programs, which would relieve the pressure on district's general fund.

If you have additional information about the Millage proposal on November 8, 2011, please contact the superintendent's office at 439-4417.

# CALENDAR

## WWPS FALL 2011

Please Verify Dates and Times in Monthly School Newsletters and on our Website: [www.warrenwoods.misd.net](http://www.warrenwoods.misd.net)

### August

- 22 Special Board Meeting 6:00 PM
- 24 Schoolapalooza at WWTHS – 4:00 – 8:00 pm  
*All WWPS families welcome*
- 29 WWTHS – 10th, 11th, and 12th Grade Registration
- 30 WWTHS – 9th Grade Orientation/Registration

### September

- 6 Students Return – Full Day
- 8 WWMS – Open House 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- 8 Westwood PTC – 6:30 pm
- 12 Board Meeting – 6:00 pm
- 13 WWMS/WWTHS – Early Release
- 13 Elementaries – ½ Day
- 14 Briarwood PTC
- 14 WWTHS Open House – 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- 15 All Elementaries – Curriculum Night – 6:30 pm
- 16 WWTHS Titan vs. Lakeview “Cancer Fundraiser”
- 23 WWMS – (PTC) Friday’s 7:00 – 9:00 pm
- 26 Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 27 WWMS/WWTHS – Early Release
- 30 WWTHS – Pep Rally – 7:00 pm

### October

- 1 WWTHS Homecoming  
Parade: 11:00 am, Game: 1:00 pm, Dance 7:00 pm
- 10 Board Meeting 6:00 PM
- 11 WWMS/WWTHS – Early Release
- 13 WWTHS Conferences
- 22 WWMS PTC “Mom-to-Mom” Sale
- 24 Special Board Meeting 6:00 PM

## Board Meetings

Regular Board meetings are scheduled on the second Monday of each month. Special meetings are held as needed usually on the fourth Monday. Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. and are held at the Administrative Service Center, 12900 Frazho Road unless otherwise posted.

## Student Immunization Requirements

The State of Michigan requires that any student enrolling in a Michigan school for the first time must show a proof of immunization. If a child does not have proof of immunization for one or more of the vaccinations, a parent must supply their child’s school with a signed statement to the effect that there is a religious or other objection to the immunization. New enrollees, including kindergartners will not be allowed to attend without the required immunizations or signed waiver.

### Required Childhood Immunizations for Michigan School Settings

Entry Requirements for All Public & Non-Public Schools		
Age → Vaccine** ↓	4 years through 6 years	7 years through 18 years including all 6th grade students
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	4 doses DTP or DTaP, one dose must be on or after 4 years of age	4 doses D and T OR 3 doses Td if #1 given on or after 7 years of age. 1 dose of Tdap for children 11 through 18 years IF 5 years since the last dose of tetanus/diphtheria containing vaccine.
Polio	4 doses, if dose 3 administered on or after 4 years of age, only 3 doses are required	3 doses
Measles,* Mumps,* Rubella*	2 doses on or after 12 months of age	
Hepatitis B*	3 doses	
Meningococcal	None	1 dose for children 11-18 years of age
Varicella* (Chickenpox)	2 doses of varicella vaccine at or after 12 months of age OR current lab immunity OR reliable history of disease	

\* Current laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable instead of immunization with antigen.

For more information, please refer to [www.michigan.gov/immunize](http://www.michigan.gov/immunize)

\*\*All doses of vaccines must be given with appropriate spacing between doses and at appropriate ages to be considered valid.



Jonathan M. Granata, Governor  
Janet Chensinski, Director

Rev. Jan 2010

## Welcome New Staff - Thanks WWPS Retirees

We are pleased to welcome the new faces to the Warren Woods administrative and teaching staff. Our reputation as a quality school district supported by a caring community, allows us to select quality candidates to fill our openings. The following staff were hired after the start of the past school year, are new hires, or have been appointed to new positions for the 2011/2012 school year.

### At the Elementary School Level:

Christine Walter – Briarwood Principal  
Carey Crocker – Westwood Principal  
Tricia Rutledge – Literacy Specialist – Title I  
Nancy Sulkowski – Literacy Specialist – Title I  
Karen Lenders – Briarwood APA

### High School Level:

George Hamblin – Enterprise H. S. Coordinator

### Multi-Site Teachers:

Rachel Lott – Speech Pathologist

### Warren Woods Education Center:

Mary Sarcheck – Cosmetology Instructor

### Please make a point to meet our new staff and welcome them to our community.

In addition to our new hires, several long serving staff members chose to retire this past year. These include: High School: Roberta Peraino; Westwood: Cynthia Duby; Briarwood: Mary Tewksbury, Grace Oberski, Linda Dotterer and Gregory-Ann Sieracki; Pinewood: Michelle Minturn. Warren Woods Education Center: Mary Yohe and Lori Bondy. Enterprise High School: John Filipkowski.

On behalf of the entire Warren Woods community, we want to thank these employees for their years of dedication to our youth and helping to promote the quality education we offer to all our students.

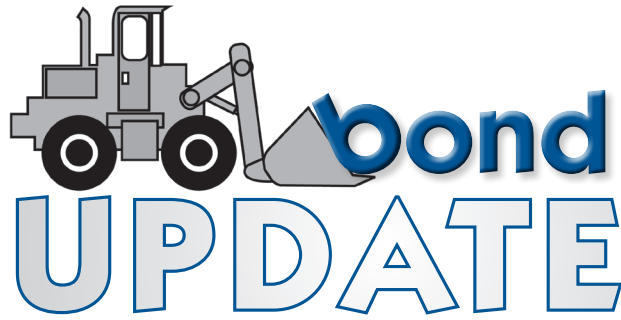
# Message from the Superintendent

By **STACEY DENEWITH-FICI**

I am shocked that the summer is already winding to an end and I am welcoming students and staff back for another exciting school year. It appears that the years seem to fly by faster and faster and as we plan for the 2011-2012 school year and this year will clearly be no different. Given the turmoil and uncertainty regarding school funding, this will be an extremely challenging year for Warren Woods and all public schools around the state. While it can be particularly difficult to plan for the future when costs are rising and revenues are declining, I'd rather not dwell on the "problems," but instead take a few minutes to celebrate just a few of our successes of the last year and our exciting plans for the future.

- The Class of 2011 earned almost \$900,000 in scholarships to aid them in setting out for a successful future.
- Briarwood Elementary, Westwood Elementary and Warren Woods Middle School received the prestigious distinction of being named Energy Star efficient buildings.
- Five schools received recognition for achieving Green, Emerald, or Evergreen status in the Michigan Green Schools Program.
- Briarwood Elementary placed first in the county-wide Social Studies Olympiad competition.
- Warren Woods Public Schools and Qufu Secondary School in China signed a partnership that will enable students in both countries to learn more about each other's culture and languages.
- The Music Department at Warren Woods Tower High School received Division 1 ratings at ALL Michigan State Band and Orchestra Festivals.
- In the area of athletics, Warren Woods Tower celebrated MAC Championships in golf, volleyball, softball, and girls cross country, who finished the season 16-0. The wrestling team was district champs.
- The Board of Education adopted the Everyday Math Program for all elementary schools for the 2011-2012 school year. This nationally recognized program will enrich the math program and better prepare students with its conceptual approach to mathematics.
- We are excited to welcome three new Principals to Warren Woods: Christine Walter (Briarwood), Carey Crocker (Westwood), and George Hamblin (Enterprise).
- We have had numerous staff and community members step forward to volunteer to lead some of programs for which the advisor/coaching stipends were eliminated in the 2011-2012 Budget Balancing Plan. The staff and community of Warren Woods is committed to doing whatever it takes to keep programs in place for our students. It is selfless acts like these that continue to make me so proud to work in Warren Woods.

Each of these accomplishments, and all the others that were too numerous to list, is a testimony to Warren Woods Public Schools' continued commitment to excellence. While it has been and continues to be a difficult, challenging time in public school education, we will continue to apply our "failure is not an option" approach and keep student achievement as our primary focus. I wish you a safe end of summer, and a productive start to the new school year and look forward to our continued commitment to our students and their achievement.



## bond UPDATE

During the summer months bond construction has been underway at Warren Woods Tower High School and Warren Woods Middle School. This brings the district into the final phases of the construction being done with the money from the \$47 million bond issue, which the community voters passed in September of 2004. We encourage you to visit [www.warrenwoods.misd.net](http://www.warrenwoods.misd.net) for photos and information about our bond projects.



## Adult & Community Education

**Programs and Enrichment Classes include:**

- Young Champions Cheerleading (ages 4 – 15)
- Furry Friends – Advanced Obedience, Introduction to Dog Obedience, and Puppy Preschool
- Seniors & Older Adults – Game Day every Tuesday
- High School Completion
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Macomb Driving Academy: Segment I and Segment II Driver Training
- Line Dany
- Pilates Ball & Sculpt
- Yoga
- Zumba with Fitness RX

New classes and special events are added to the schedule often. Visit our website for the most up-to-date class descriptions and information. Register with Payscale at: <http://warrenwoods.misd.net/adulted>



# 'Schoolapalooza'

On August 24, 2011 a "Schoolapalooza" is planned to be held at WWTHS from 4 pm to 8 pm. This is an ALL DISTRICT FESTIVAL to welcome students and parents. All of the Warren Woods schools will be represented at the Schoolapalooza. PTCs, clubs, sports, and others plan to be present. Games and other activities will round out this district wide get together. This will be a great time to meet your building administrators, coaches, and PTC Executive Board and open the lines of communication. Afterward, please join us for the first JV football game.

## WWTHS Freshman Orientation

Warren Woods Tower High School will be open for Freshman Orientation on August 30, 2011. Please see your summer flyer for additional information.

## Southwest Macomb Technical Education Consortium

The Southwest Macomb Technical Education Consortium (SMTEC) is a collaborative commitment between Center Line, Fitzgerald, Van Dyke, and Warren Woods Public School Districts to provide a wide array of Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs to their respective students.

This arrangement gives students a choice of various different career-technical education programs that can prepare them for future employment directly out of high school and/or to continue their career pathway at the community college and/or university level. Programs available are: Automotive Technology, Cosmetology, Dental Assisting, Drafting/CAD, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Criminal Justice, Foods/Culinary Services, Manufacturing Technology, Medical Assistant, Medical First Responder, Medical Health Information Services, Nursing Assistant, Law Enforcement, Pharmacy Technician, Physical Therapy, and Visual Imaging. Over 1,800 students participate in these SMTEC programs on a yearly basis.

For a complete listing and details of these SMTEC programs go to our web site at <http://www.macomb.k12.mi.us/warren/wwt/smtect/smtect.htm> or call the SMTEC office for information at (586) 439-4456.

## Special Education and Section 504 Child Find Notice

The Warren Woods Public Schools Department of Special Services has the duty to locate, evaluate, and identify any child residing in the District who qualifies for Special Education services or Section 504 accommodations or services

With the passage of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Amendments/Revisions of 2007 (IDEA), the State and Federal government continue to assure that all handicapped children (ages 0-25) may receive special education services. The term "children with disabilities" refers to children:

a. with cognitive impairment, hearing impairments (including deafness) speech or language impairments, visual impairments (including blindness) emotional impairments, physical impairments, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairments, or specific learning disabilities, or any combination of these impairments; and

b. who, by reason are in need of special education and/or related services.

In compliance with the IDEA Act, Public Act Amendments/Revisions of 2007, Public Act 451 of 1976 and P.L. 94-142 (Education for All Handicapped Children) the Macomb Intermediate School District (M.I.S.D.) and all twenty-one (21) school districts have developed a plan, which outlines services for all eligible handicapped children and youth.

The M.I.S.D. plan describes the special education device delivery throughout Macomb County. Children eligible for Section 504 accommodations or services include those children who have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.

If you suspect your child may require special education services or Section 504 accommodations, or if you would like additional information, please contact Justin Michalak, Director of Special Services, 12900 Frazho, Warren, MI 48089; telephone 586-439-4464.

## Early? Late? Should I Be Concerned?

By 3 – 4 years of age your child should be able to:  
Talk in simple sentences (3-4 words)

- ask question
- tell or share information

Follow 1 or 2 step directions  
Know names of people and objects  
Be understood by others

Motor Skills;  
Can feed him/herself  
Can hold a utensil  
Can walk, run, jump with both feet off the ground

Especially concerned:  
Easily angered and has frequent uncontrollable tantrums  
Frequently responds to frustration with

- hitting
- kicking
- yelling

If you are concerned about your child's development and your child is between 2 ½ and 5 years of age, you may contact the Special Education Office at 439-4464 for assistance. They will provide information and schedule a consultation to discuss your child's speech and language and/or developmental concerns. This service is available anytime during the school year. Remember the earlier the intervention, the better the chance for your child to have a successful school experience.

## Enterprise High School

Enterprise High School is the alternative high school completion program in our district, serving students between the ages of 16 and 19 years of age. Class sizes are generally kept to approximately 15 students per instructor. A nurturing environment provides for individual attention and the building of positive staff-student relationships.

Core academic classes are offered that satisfy requirements for graduation in the Warren Woods School District and meet the objectives of the Michigan Merit Curriculum. This year the Enterprise classes will focus specifically on visual media and foods. The manufacturing and marketing of products is a requirement for these classes with emphasis on special skills that are necessary to be successful in this area.

In addition, students can become involved in service learning projects for elective credit. Last year, Enterprise students volunteered at 12 different locations. They helped hundreds of people with hundreds of hours of service.

This fall Enterprise welcomes a new Coordinator, Mr. George Hamblin. For additional information about the Enterprise program, please call 586.439.4407 or visit the Warren Woods Enterprise High School web site.

# Free or Reduced Meal Family Application

An annual meal application for free and reduced priced meals must be completed each school year. Each family will only need to COMPLETE ONE FORM.



If your child received a free or reduced price meal last school year he/she will receive the same benefit through Friday, October 14th, OR until you receive written notification changing their status.

Completing your free and reduced lunch application online speeds up the processing time. We encourage using the online application. Visit the website at: [www.lunchapp.com](http://www.lunchapp.com)

In August, family applications will be sent through the U.S. mail. Applications will be available at school offices and the Administration Service Center at 12900 Frazho Road, Warren, MI 48089.

# Prepaid Meal Program

Students have the following options when making purchases:

- Students can pay cashier each day, OR
- Students can pre-pay to cashier by cash or check (made payable to Warren Woods Food Service). Students can pre-pay for breakfast, lunch, and A-la-carte purchases.

The website: [www.sendmoneytoschool.com](http://www.sendmoneytoschool.com) is now available to parents/guardians. Upon approval, the site will allow credit card deposits to be made into the child's account for purchases in the school meals program. Account activity, including the child's seven-day purchase history is also accessible at this website. There is no fee or charge to set up an account and monitor your child's balance.



## WWPS Food Services Program

Warren Woods Public Schools is an active participant in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) School Meals Initiative for Healthy Children. Nutritional meals are offered each school day. The lunch prices for the 2011-2012 school year are as follows:

ELEMENTARY	(Grades 1 - 5)	\$2.00
MIDDLE SCHOOL	(Grades 6 - 8)	\$2.50
HIGH SCHOOL	(Grades 9 -12)	\$2.75/\$3.00
Milk		.50

## Start your day in a healthy way

Breakfast will be offered at each of our elementary and secondary schools starting on the first day of school.

Full priced breakfast is \$1.00. If you qualify for a free or reduced price lunch, you will also qualify for a free or reduced price (.30¢) breakfast.



# 2011-2012 Bus Stops Schedule

The Warren Woods Transportation Department is pleased to announce that we have automated our school bus stop schedule system. To determine your child's stop go to the Warren Woods Public Schools website at <http://warrenwoods.misd.net/> and click on the bus icon shown above. You will be redirected to WebQuery which is linked to our bus routing program. Once there, select your child's school from the dropdown menu, select their grade and enter your address number and street. Only students who live further than 1.5 miles from the school or in pre-determined hazard areas are eligible for transportation. Schools of Choice students are not eligible. If your child is eligible, the approximate stop time, stop location and bus number will be displayed for both morning and afternoon transportation. **Please note that many of the stop locations have changed to increase student safety, so check WebQuery before sending them to their old stop location.** Contact the Transportation Department at (586) 439.4975 with any questions.

## Student Safety – Red Light Bus Stops vs. Hazard Light Stops

Please be advised that Warren Woods Public Schools and every other school district in the state continue to use primarily RED LIGHT STOPS throughout the district. When a school bus is performing a RED LIGHT STOP, the driver will activate the overhead AMBER lights 200 feet before arriving at the bus stop. When the bus comes to a stop and the driver determines it is appropriate to do so, they will open the door, which activates the overhead RED lights and the STOP SIGN on the driver side of the bus. Motorists approaching the bus from either direction MUST stop not less than 20 feet from the bus and not proceed until after the overhead RED LIGHTS have been turned off.

Probably what causes problems for the average motorist is the uncertainty of what action you should take when you see the overhead AMBER LIGHTS. According to the State Police, an AMBER or YELLOW traffic signal requires that you prepare to STOP, however, many of us see the AMBER or YELLOW traffic signal and decide to speed up and get through before it turns to RED; which creates an environment for an accident. The OVERHEAD lights on a school bus are a traffic signal and should be treated as such.

On roads where we feel it is prudent to do so, we have implemented the use of HAZARD LIGHT STOPS. There are criteria in the law which helps

us to determine where we should implement those stops; one of which is that students DO NOT CROSS THE ROADWAY. Not all main roads meet that criteria and not all school districts have implemented HAZARD LIGHT STOPS, so motorists need to pay attention. When a bus makes a hazard light stop, motorist may proceed around and past the bus at a speed of no more than 10 MPH. This helps alleviate road congestion and keeps motorist from getting frustrated and impatient.

As always, it is the motorist's responsibility to know the law and to be attentive to your surroundings. A school bus is a moving traffic signal. The best way to remember your responsibilities is keeping in mind that when you see flashing lights on TOP (overhead flashing AMBER/RED lights) you must STOP. When the flashing lights are LOW (AMBER hazard lights) you should proceed; but SLOW.

The HAZARD lights on a school bus are not a traffic signal. They are an indicator; not unlike any yellow road sign that signals the motorist to slow down and proceed with caution.

Remember, "Lights on TOP, be prepared to STOP. Lights down LOW; proceed, but SLOW."





# Kindergarten Transportation

Kindergarteners ride the same buses with 1st grade through 5th grade elementary students. To determine if your child is eligible for transportation, or to find their stop location and bus number, please follow the directions in the School Bus Stops Schedule article.

- 1. It is important that your kindergartener understands the bus safety guidelines.** As a parent, you are your child's most influential teacher, so we are asking you to explain the following guidelines to them:
- 2. Be ready for the bus at the scheduled time.** Bus times vary due to road conditions and traffic, so we ask that you have your child at the bus stop approximately 10 minutes before the scheduled arrival time each day. Bus riders who are late to stops often don't act safely.
- 3. Wait until the bus is stopped before moving toward it and getting on.** Often students get anxious as the bus arrives, and run forward while the bus is still moving. This is dangerous because a student could slip or fall in front of the moving bus.
- 4. After getting on the bus, go to a seat, sit down and stay seated.** Students are not permitted to stand up while the bus is moving. Doing so could cause injury.
- 5. Remain quiet on the bus, so you don't distract the driver.** Children like to talk to their friends on the bus. This is OK unless it gets too loud. When the bus is too loud the driver can't hear important things like train whistles, sirens or communications on the two-way radios.
- 6. Do what the driver tells you to do.** The driver is in charge of the bus, and is trying to keep everyone safe. Sometimes they will have to tell students to be quiet, sit down or wait to get on or off of the bus.
- 7. Make sure you get on the right bus.** Each bus has a character sign that will be placed in the window near the door. If a different bus is used the character sign will be moved, so that your child can recognize

it. The characters for our buses are Casper, Cookie Monster, Mickey Mouse, Popeye, Grover, Winnie the Pooh, Big Bird, SpongeBob, Bert, Clifford, Snuffleupagus, Scooby Doo and Kermit.

- 8. Give your child a card to carry around the first week of school that has their bus number, bus stop location and window character in case they get confused.**
- 9. Be ready to get off the bus when it gets near your stop, but don't get up until the bus stops moving.** Many times young students get involved in conversations with their friends and forget to watch for their stop. When they arrive they aren't ready to pick up their backpack and get off the bus or the bus passes their stop. If the kindergartener misses their stop the bus has to go back, making the bus late to all the other stops.
- 10. After getting off of the bus, walk away from the bus and don't stay near it.** If your child has to cross the street have them make eye contact with the driver and WAIT until the driver waves them across. Make sure they take at least 5 big steps out from the front of the bus, so the driver can see them over the hood of the vehicle.
- 11. Never go back to the bus after you get off even if you dropped something.** Wait until the bus is gone, and then get your mom or dad to go with you to get it. According to bus statistics, this is when most student accidents occur. Tell your child that if they forgot something on the bus, you can take them to the bus garage and get it, or call the bus garage and have the driver bring it to your child the following day.

The Warren Woods Transportation Department takes pride in transporting your children to school safely and timely. We hope that with your help and guidance your child will understand the basics of bus safety and look forward to riding the bus to school.

If you have any questions, you can call the Warren Woods Transportation Department at 586.439.4975.

# Report from the Curriculum Office

By KRIS GRIFFOR

Welcome to another exciting and productive year in Warren Woods Public Schools! As we reflect upon the various challenges delivered to us in the past year, let us refocus and contemplate our very purpose: our students. The challenges that we face as a district, a state, and a nation are among the most difficult any generation has faced. Never before have educators been asked to make certain every child attain high levels of learning to meet the demands of the 21st century; coupled with that challenge is the dwindling resources afforded to our educational system.

With these challenges in mind let us consider the words of Abraham Lincoln, "The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise to the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew." For the 2011-2012 academic year, Warren Woods Public Schools will commit to not only thinking anew but also acting anew. We must use the resources we have to ensure our dedicated belief that all students will learn at high levels. One way our district will support the work that needs to be done is to alter our model of professional development we provide to our staff. Beginning this year, we will implement a strategy to enhance collaboration among teachers by

adjusting the student day on various dates throughout the year so teachers are able to connect and reflect upon student learning. We thank you for your partnership as we take this productive step forward on behalf of our student's success.

As we create and advocate for a culture of Professional Learning Communities within WWPS we will focus three big ideas as they relate to our district-wide goals of improving student learning in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics:

- Ensure that all students learn at high levels
- Work together collaboratively and collectively to meet the needs of each student
- Focus on results in student learning and plan to respond appropriately to student needs (DuFour, 2011).

So, parents, community members, staff, and students please join us in redefining our roles and responsibilities on our journey together! Collectively may we continue to reinvent the ways to advocate for high levels of student learning in Warren Woods. On behalf of our students, thank you for all you do in our Warren Woods community!

## Community and Adult Education

Warren Woods Adult & Community Education is proud to provide opportunities for many individuals in the community who wish to earn a high school diploma, improve English skills, or learn a new skill.

The High School Completion Program, accredited by North Central Accreditation, offers day and evening classes for adult learners who wish to achieve high school graduation. It never too late to earn a high school diploma. During the 2010/2011 school year, 51 students, ranging in age from 18 to 77, earned a diploma through Warren Woods Adult & Community Education and 125 students enrolled in the diploma program. Congratulations to all those who worked so hard to realize their dream of becoming a graduate!

English as a Second Language (ESL) provided a year-round instruction to 96 students in 2010/2011, improving reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills, while teaching about computers, job skills, and citizenship. The Credit Recovery Program offers credit based tuition classes for students currently enrolled in a local high school, who need to make up previously unearned credits. Over 90 students from 6 area schools enrolled during 2010/2011.

Senior citizens enjoy their weekly Game Day every Tuesday from noon until 3 PM. Local seniors gather to play pinochle, euchre, and other card and board games. Refreshments are provided, and there is no cost to participants.

Open to the rest of the community are enrichment classes including driver's training, dog training, yoga, pilates, Zumba, cheerleading, and babysitter training. Sessions are offered year-round for many classes. A full listing can be found at the Adult & Community Education website.

Also in 2010/2011, the 3rd Annual Brunch with Santa was held in the community center. Families have the opportunity to enjoy a hot brunch while children enjoy activities and meet with Santa in a comfortable environment. Warren Woods elementary students also have the opportunity to participate in a district-wide coloring contest for prizes.

For additional information about High School Completion, ESL, Senior Game Day, or other activities, please call 586.439.4408 or visit the website [warrenwoods.misd.net/adulted](http://warrenwoods.misd.net/adulted).

## Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)

### 2011 Notification

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that each year, district workers and building occupants receive notification about asbestos activities such as response actions and inspections. The purpose of this correspondence is to meet those requirements and familiarize you with the asbestos related activities that have been conducted in Warren Woods Public Schools during the past year.

#### Management Plans

In 1988, Warren Wood Public Schools contracted with an environmental consulting firm to conduct inspections and develop asbestos Management Plans for asbestos containing material (ACM) within all district owned buildings. These Management Plans are located in the administrative office of each building and are available to the public for review. A copy of each building management plan is also located at the Maintenance Building.

#### Surveillance Activities

The AHERA regulation requires periodic surveillance of the condition of ACM every six months. Warren Woods Public Schools will conduct the next periodic surveillance this summer. The regulation also requires reinspections conducted every three years by Michigan Accredited Inspectors. Warren Woods Public Schools has contracted with an independent consulting firm, to conduct the reinspections. The next reinspection is scheduled for December 2013. Previous Reinspections and six month periodic inspections can be located in the building's Management Plans.

#### Asbestos Abatement

Warren Woods Public Schools has not performed asbestos abatement activities over the past school year and we do not have any asbestos abatement scheduled for the upcoming school year. It should be noted that, when asbestos abatement is conducted, Warren Woods Public Schools hires a Michigan Licensed Asbestos Abatement Contractor to perform the removal activities and an Environmental Consulting Firm to conduct air sampling during and after the assigned removal in compliance with all applicable regulatory standards.

Questions regarding asbestos-related issues can be addressed by Mr. James Stottleyer, Director of Facilities and Transportation, at (586) 439-4975.

Prepared by Nova Environmental, Inc.



# Warren Woods Child Care Programs NOW ENROLLING

## Early Childhood: 6 wks. – 3 years

Full Time/Part Time Preschool:  
4 – 5 years

Hours of Operation:  
6:30 am – 6:00 pm M-F

Full Time and Part Time rates are available.

12900 Frazho Road (located in the Warren Woods  
Public Schools Education Center)

## S.A.C.C.: K – 5th grade

Hours of Operation:  
6:45 am – 6:00 pm M-F

(located inside Westwood, Pinewood, & Briarwood)

All our programs are tuition based.

## Open Year Round

For more information on our  
licensed programs, please call  
586-439-4884.



## Adolescent Health Center Located at Fitzgerald High School

The adolescent health center provides no-cost and low-cost medical services to more than 5,000 adolescents living in southwest Macomb County.

Patients may be seen Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Available services include immunizations, physicals, diagnostics, treatment and assistance in signing up for Medicaid. For information regarding behavioral services, please call at the telephone number listed below.

The Health center is located within Fitzgerald High School, 23200 Ryan Road in Warren. You may call the center directly at (586) 759-9070 if you have questions.

## 2011 Fall Pre-School Registration

Registration begins immediately and continues until classes are full. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. For additional information, or to set up an appointment please call Dena Russo at (586) 439-4882 between 7:00am and 3:00pm.



**Warren Woods Child Care**  
**12900 Frazho**  
**Warren, MI 48089**  
**ATTN: Dena Russo**



IF REGISTRATION IS MAILED IN, NO CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT. WE'LL NOTIFY YOU ONLY IF YOUR "1st CHOICE" IS NOT AVAILABLE.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child previously attended our preschool program?

If so, please indicate the teacher's name. \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate line: Warren Woods Resident \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Resident \_\_\_\_\_

A Warren Woods Public Schools Resident is a child that will be attending Warren Woods Public Schools.

### Preschool Cost:

#### Registration

A \$25.00 Non-Refundable registration fee is due at the time of each 15-week registration.

Tuition Cost – (Please indicate your 1st & 2nd choice.) You will be notified only if your 1st choice is not available.

#### Teacher: Cheryl Phaneuf

	Warren Woods Resident Rate	Warren Woods Non-Resident Rate	Choice
Two-Day 2-hour program: <i>T/Th – 3 year old class – 09:00-11:00</i>	\$264.00	\$284.00	_____
Three-Day 2.5-hour program: <i>M/W/F – 4 year old class – 09:00-11:30</i>	\$495.00	\$515.00	_____
Four-Day 2.5-hour program: Children in this class must be going to Kindergarten the following fall. <i>M/T/W/TH – 4 year old class – 12:15-02:45</i>	\$660.00	\$680.00	_____

#### Payments:

Please pay by money order or check made out to "Warren Woods Public Schools" or "W.W.P.S."

You may also pay online at [www.warrenwoods.misd.net](http://www.warrenwoods.misd.net). Click on PaySchools and then Child Care Fees.

#### Requirements:

To complete this registration, you must supply the following:

1. Birth Certificate (We will make a copy at the time of registration.)
2. Proof of immunization
3. Ethnicity Form
4. Child Information Record completely filled out
5. Health appraisal form filled out by your physician (You have 30 days to hand this in.)
6. Handbook Acknowledgement form/Media Release form
7. Preschool Information form
8. Registration form with \$25.00 non-refundable registration fee

# Official Discipline Policy

The following legal notices are required to be published by the state and or federal government. The following summary is taken from the official policy of the Board of Education. The full text of the discipline policy is available upon request.

The Board of Education may make reasonable rules and regulations for the behavior of those attending its schools. Misconduct, both at curricular or extracurricular activities, can result in exclusion, suspension, extended suspension or expulsion.

The Board of Education recognizes that exclusion from the educational programs of the district, whether by suspension or expulsion, is the most severe sanction that can be imposed on a student in this district and one that cannot be imposed without due process since exclusion deprives a child of the right to an education. For purposes of this policy "suspension" shall be the short term (not more than ten (10) days) or long-term exclusion of a student from a regular district program.

The principal may impose a suspension of up to a ten (10) day duration, but shall notify the student's parents or guardians of the suspension by telephone or by regular mail and shall send a copy of the notification home with the student and shall include the parental rights to appeal. Suspension of more than one (1) school day but not more than ten (10) school days may be appealed in writing to the principal within two (2) school days of the parents' receipt of the written suspension notice. The written appeal must contain the reason(s) that the suspension is being appealed.

The superintendent or the building administrator may give a student a short-term suspension. The Board designates the superintendent as its representative at any hearings regarding the appeal of a suspension. The superintendent may recommend to the Board a long-term suspension or that a student be expelled. In all cases, due process rights must be observed.

Expulsion shall be the permanent exclusion of a student from the schools of this district and may include all Michigan public schools. No student below the age of sixteen (16) should be expelled without notification of expulsion being given to the juveniles division of the Probate Court. Any student who brings a weapon to school shall be expelled for at least one (1) year. Upon request parents and/or student may request a hearing before the Board of Education.

Decisions of the Board of Education may be appealed through the Civil Courts.

Code of Conduct is available at <http://warrenwoods.misd.net>  
Click on "District Wide Student Handbooks".

## Education Records

The education records of any student enrolled in the Warren Woods Public Schools (WWPS) are protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

A parent or eligible student (one who has attained the age of 18 or is in a post secondary educational institution) may, and is encouraged to review their records. The review may be done by contacting the building principal and arranging an appointment. A member of the staff will accompany the reviewer to provide explanation and interpretation as required.

If the parent or eligible student feels some portion of the record is inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of privacy or other rights of the student, he or she may ask that the record be amended. If satisfaction is not achieved at the building or department level, a hearing will be held on the matter upon request. Following the decision of the hearing officer, if satisfaction is still not achieved, a written explanation may be added to the record of the rationale for challenging that record. Copies of educational records will be provided to parents or eligible students upon request. A charge may be made to cover duplication costs.

No records, files or data directly relating to an individual student shall be made available to anyone without the consent and notification of the student or the parents or guardian of a student under the age of 18, except:

1. The teachers and officials of this school district who have a legitimate educational interest in such information, or unless
2. There has been a federal request for submission of student records in connection with the student's application for financial aid. The student or parent will be notified if officials of a school to which a student intends to enroll desire access to student records, or if a court has ordered access to such records, parental or student consent is needed.



## Non-Discrimination Policy

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act of 1977, it is the policy of the Warren Woods School District that no person (or student) shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, gender/sex, age, disability, height, weight, or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program or activity or in employment. For information, contact (586) 439-4401.

Inquiries related to discrimination on the basis of disability should be directed to: Justin Michalak, 504 Coordinator, 12900 Frazho Road, Warren, MI 48089. (586) 439-4464.

Direct all other inquiries related to any other discrimination to: M. Grace Stafford, Assistant Superintendent, 12900 Frazho Road, Warren, MI 48089. (586) 439-4457.

The following behaviors are not acceptable: staring or leering in a way that seems too personal, spreading sexual gossip, sexual comments, remarks or suggestions, name calling with sexual overtones, any unwanted physical contact of a sexual nature (touching or grabbing), obscene gestures, pressure for sexual activity.

The following behaviors are not allowed: racial slurs, negative remarks or other degrading statements directed toward other students or staff members will not be tolerated and will be disciplined accordingly.

# Student Directory Information

Each year the district will provide public notice to students and their parents of its intent to make available, upon request, certain information known as “directory information”. The Board designated, as student directory information, a student’s name, address, phone number, photograph, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, height and weight, if a member of an athletic team, dates of attendance, date of graduation, awards received, or any other information which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy, if disclosed.

Parents and adult students may refuse to allow the district to disclose any or all of such directory information upon written notification to the district within ten (10) days after receipt of the district’s public notice. A form for this purpose is available at each building or at the pupil accounting office.

The district may disclose directory information on former students without student or parental consent.

The superintendent shall prepare procedures to ensure that students and parents are adequately informed each year regarding their rights to inspect and review the student’s education records.

The principal of each building or the department is charged with the responsibility of maintaining and safeguarding the educational records. Employees of the WWPS in the areas of instruction, special services, administration, research / evaluation and student records are authorized to have access to records in the educational interest of the student. This would include the student’s academic, physical, emotional, personal, social and vocational decisions. Any other person except those agencies specified in the Act must have a signed consent of the parent or eligible student to gain access to the educational records and request amendments prior to their being released.

## GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

FOR TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964  
TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 1972  
SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973  
AGE DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 1975  
TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990

### Section I

Any person believing that the Warren Woods School District or any part of the school organization has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations of (1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (2) Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, (3) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (4) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and/or (5) Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, may bring forward a complaint, which shall be referred to as a grievance to;

Civil Rights Coordinator  
Grace Stafford, Assistant Superintendent  
12900 Frazho Rd., Warren, MI 48089  
(586) 439-4457

### Section II

The person who believes a valid basis for grievance exists shall discuss the grievance informally and on a verbal basis with the Civil Rights Coordinator, who shall in turn investigate the complaint and reply with an answer within five (5) business days.

If the complainant feels the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved, they may initiate formal procedures according to the following steps.

#### Step 1

A written statement of the grievance signed by the complainant shall be submitted to the local Civil Rights Coordinator within five (5) business days of receipt of answers to the informal complaint. The coordinator shall further investigate the matters of grievance and reply in writing to the complainant within five (5) business days.

#### Step 2

A complainant wishing to appeal the decision of the local Civil Rights Coordinator may submit a signed statement of appeal to the Superintendent of Schools within five (5) business days after receipt of the Coordinator’s response. The Superintendent shall meet with all parties involved, formulate a conclusion, and respond in writing to the complainant within ten (10) business days of the meeting.

#### Step 3

If unsatisfied, the complainant may appeal through a signed, written statement to the Board of Education within five (5) business days of receiving the Superintendent’s response in Step 2. In an attempt to resolve the grievance, the Board of Education shall meet with the concerned parties and their representative within forty (40) days of the receipt of such an appeal. A copy of the Board’s disposition of the appeal shall be sent to each concerned party within ten (10) days of this meeting. The decision of the Board of Education is final.

## Pesticide Control Act **ADVISORY TO ALL PARENTS**

Warren Woods Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program (IPM). Inherent with this are the District’s efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, these will only be used as a last resort. This program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

You will receive advance notice of the application of a pesticide, other than bait or gel formulations at your child’s school. This advance notice of the application will be given 48 hours before the application. The law requires us to do this notification by using two methods. The first method required by the law is the posting at entrances to your child’s school. The entrances that will be posted are those entrances that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot. The second method we are going to use is the posting in a common area located by the main office of the school. Parents are also entitled to receive this notice by first-class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the application. If you would like to be notified by mail please e-mail the Facilities Department at [pesticidenotification@waw.misd.net](mailto:pesticidenotification@waw.misd.net). Please provide your name, mailing address and what school your child attends in the e-mail.

In an emergency (for example, bees nest), pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application.

You may review our IPM program or pesticide application records for your child’s school by calling or e-mailing Mr. James Stottlemyer, the District’s Director of Facilities and Transportation at phone number 586.439.4975 or e-mail address [pesticidenotification@waw.misd.net](mailto:pesticidenotification@waw.misd.net). This number or e-mail may also be used when school is not in regular session.



# District Directory 2010/2011



## Central Office

S. Denewith-Fici	Superintendent	(586) 439-4417
G. Stafford	Asst. Supt. – Human Resources & Labor Relations	(586) 439-4457
N. Cassabon	Business Manager	(586) 439-4413
K. Griffor	Director of Curriculum	(586) 439-4411

## Building Administration

M. Mackenzie	Principal – WWTHS	(586) 439-4402
C. Gruben	Asst. Principal – WWTHS	(586) 439-4402
J. Ohrt	Asst. Principal – WWTHS	(586) 439-4402
J. McFarlane	Principal – WWMS	(586) 439-4403
D. Sikora	Asst. Principal – WWMS	(586) 439-4403
C. Walter	Principal - Briarwood Elementary	(586) 439-4404
J. Wennstrom	Principal - Pinewood Elementary	(586) 439-4405
C. Crocker	Principal - Westwood Elementary	(586) 439-4406
G. Hamblin	Coordinator – EHS	(586) 439-4407

## Directors

J. Stottlemyer	Facilities & Transportation	(586) 439-4975
J. Michalak	Special Services	(586) 439-4464
D. Dubay	Career Development / CTE	(586) 439-4416
P. Minch	Food Service	(586) 439-4419
D. Russo	Child Care & Preschool	(586) 439-4882

## Coordinators

K. Allen	Adult & Community Education	(586) 439-4408
D. Simeck	Special Education Supervisor	(586) 439-4455

## Free preschool: Great Start Readiness Program, Head Start, or Title I

Available for Warren Woods children who meet two of the following criteria and are four by December 1, 2011:

- Low family income – free or reduced lunch eligibility
- Family history of low school achievement or dropout
- Diagnosed disability or identified developmental delay
- Lack of stable support system of residence – frequent moves
- Family history of diagnosed family problems
- Long-term or chronic illness
- Other conditions which could affect learning

**For registration information, call 586-439-4469.**

## Elementary Update

Another exciting school year is just around the corner and it is time to start thinking about getting prepared for the first day of school. Please take some time before school starts to familiarize your child with the school's main entrance and his/her classroom's exterior entrance. All class lists will be posted on the main entrance of each elementary building and available on Blackboard September 1st. Thank you for being a partner in your child's education and we look forward to an outstanding 2011-2012 school year.

## WWPS Website



Anything you want to know about Warren Woods Public Schools is accessible with just a few clicks of your mouse. Log on to: [www.warrenwoods.misd.net](http://www.warrenwoods.misd.net). The site includes information about every school in the district, special programs, and so much more. **Also tune into WOW Cable Channel 15 or Comcast Cable Channel 22.**

This **Back To School** issue of *The Board Report* is published by the Warren Woods Board of Education as a Public Service to the Residents of our school district. All correspondence should be addressed to:

**Stacey Denewith-Fici, Superintendent**  
12900 Frazho Road, Warren, Michigan 48089

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