

Washington Technology Magnet School

Family Newsletter January 2021

Message from Principal Bonnicks

Dear Washington Families,

Happy New Year! I am hopeful that this year brings peace, love and joy to you and your family!

As we are coming upon the end of the semester please encourage your student to stay the course, stay motivated and focused and finish the semester strong. The staff here at Washington are here for you so please do not hesitate to contact us for any type of support you and your student may need.

Recently I read an article by Principal Greg Wilkey which resonated strongly with me. He said, "Schools are so much more than academics. Schools are places where people come to be loved, to feel safe, and to be nurtured. Educators provide more than teaching and learning. We are sources of stability and calm during the storms. Even when we feel like we are failing, we're not. Success is measured by more than just test scores and grades. Success is measured by our words and deeds."

Stay safe and be well. With extreme gratitude.

Your very proud Principal,
Principal Stacie Bonnicks

Washington Daily Schedule and Weekly Calendars

[Click here for the Washington Daily Schedule and Weekly Calendars](#)

Washington Athletics

[Winter Sports Information](#)

Washington Winter Open House for New Students

Washington will be holding an online Open House for new students on Thursday February 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. More information will be posted on the Washington Website!

Schoology Technology Support

Schoology is an online Learning Management System that helps you stay informed about your student's classes, assignments and grades. You can use Schoology to: View your student's Courses and Groups, monitor school and course announcements, view your student's upcoming, current and overdue assignments, and stay involved in your student's education.

January drop in Schoology Help Sessions are being held

Tues Jan 12, 2021 from 10-11 a.m. at this link - <https://meet.google.com/bwd-quou-hti>

Wed Jan 20, 2021 from 4-5 p.m. at this link - <https://meet.google.com/bwd-quou-hti>

If you have questions about the class please contact Eric Gunderson at eric.gunderson@stpaul.k12.mn.us or call (651) 395-7450

iPad Technology Support

Beginning Wednesday, January 20th, in person Curbside iPad support will return to Washington Technology Magnet, Door #3, Noon - 4pm!

The Genie Booth (***in person Curbside iPad support***) can provide in person support to assist students and families in making sure their devices are fully functional and ready for use. As long as the device is not physically damaged, we are able to work with you on most any issue related to the functionality of the device. This includes case/keyboard issues, charging concerns, or simply assistance in logging in to apps and/or how to navigate them. If the device is physically damaged and needs replacement, please contact your Foundations teacher or contact Mr. Kurt directly at kurt.schiebel@spps.org Moving forward, Curbside Support will continue Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, Noon - 4pm. We will also have the Virtual Genie Booth open during the same hours, via Google Meet @ washgeniebooth

Online Math Help for Middle School Students

Virtual Drop-In Math Homework Help is now available to all Washington students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade! Join anytime Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays between 3:00 – 5:00pm. A licensed Washington teacher will be available at this time. Use the Google Meets Nickname to join: FlipsideMath

Middle School After School Program

Attention Washington Middle School Students and Families! Flipside Afterschool Registration for Spring will begin on Monday, January 11th at 10:00am! Sign up for fun, virtual classes [HERE](#). Spring session begins Monday, February 8th and ends Thursday, April 1st. Contact Kate Gray with questions: katherine.gray@stpaul.k12.mn.us

Grade Level Newsletters

[Deaf and Hard of Hearing Newsletter](#)

[6th Grade Newsletter](#)

[8A Grade Newsletter](#)

[8B Grade Newsletter](#)

[ELL Middle School Newsletter](#)

[9A Grade Newsletter](#)

[9B Grade Newsletter](#)

[10th Grade Newsletter](#)

[11th Grade Newsletter](#)

[12th Grade Newsletter and College Center News](#)

Resources for Families

[List of resources for families](#)-(Clothing, Financial Assistance, Food, Housing, Legal, Mental Health)

Free Home Meal Delivery: If you are a Ramsey County resident and have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible to have prepared meals delivered to your home for free. All meals are nutritionally balanced and are prepared by licensed food providers. Some providers offer meal options that accommodate specific dietary restrictions. [More information here](#)

Immunization Resources for Families: [List of Locations](#)

Winter Meal Program:

Every Meal is excited to expand food access during the winter months through community partnerships. A number of locations throughout the Twin Cities will have Every Meal food bags available from December through January (while supplies last).

- **What:** Free shelf-stable meal bags
- **When:** Available December through January (while supplies last)
- **Where:** More information available [here](#)
- **How:** Simply go to the front desk and ask for a bag of food
- **Hours:** Hours vary by location.

NOTE:

YMCA locations are open to the public. You do NOT need to be a member of the YMCA to receive food. You do NOT need to provide contact information at any location.

Genesys Works Program for Washington students in Grade 11

If your Washington Tech 11th grade student is on track to graduate, they may be a great candidate for an exciting paid internship opportunity with Genesys Works!

What is Genesys Works?

Genesys Works is a nonprofit organization that provides opportunities for students to work in meaningful, paid internships at top Twin Cities corporations. They also provide free college, scholarship, and financial aid assistance during their senior year of high school.

What are the benefits of participating?

At Genesys Works your child can pursue opportunities and invest in their future.

• ***It's an opportunity to gain real-world skills*** like public speaking, Microsoft Office, business technology, teamwork, and more – and they'll earn college credit!

- ***It's a paid corporate internship*** where students will work for 12 months at one of the top companies in the Twin Cities like 3M, Medtronic, Target, or Ameriprise Financial earning \$15,000 their senior year!
- ***It's a plan for their future*** because they work 1:1 with students to create and implement their plan for what to do after they graduate high school
- ***It's access to a long-lasting network*** because after they graduate high school, students will still have opportunities to enter internships, attend workshops, and build a network with Twin Cities professionals.

Who are they looking for?

They are seeking students who are interested in having a successful professional career and want to be exposed to a business environment before starting college. While their internships are technology and business focused, they do not require any prior knowledge of technology or business to be a part of the program, Genesys Works will teach participants everything they need to know.

For more information and to apply.

[Video with more information](#)

[Link to application](#)

Translation Services

English

All school documents can be translated, or interpreters made available upon request

Spanish

Todos los documentos pueden ser traducidos o interpretados oralmente si usted lo solicita

Hmong

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Somali

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Karen

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Family Engagement

Do you have ideas or suggestions for Washington? If you would like to become more involved at Washington please contact:

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Contact Information

If you have questions, please call our school and leave a voicemail. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

Phone: 651-293-8830

[Washington Staff Directory](#)
[Washington Website](#)

[Washington Facebook](#)
[Washington Twitter](#)



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