

»» WINDHAM WOODS SCHOOL ««

# SEPTEMBER UPDATE



MIDDLE SCHOOL EDITION



## highlights from the first month

### MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

### »» SCHOOL IS IN FULL SWING

We are a school driven by an optimism that our students can and will reach their fullest potential, given the right kind of environment for learning. As with any good hike or bike ride, we know that pushing beyond one's zone of comfort yields growth and a true sense of accomplishment. Our expert faculty and staff are dedicating to nurturing our students' growth and guiding them along the way.

- Jeremy Robbins

### NEW OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST ««

We are excited to welcome Brooke Lear, OT to our staff! Brooke is a licensed and board-certified occupational therapist with over 20 years of pediatric experience working in various settings, including specialized sensory integration (SI) clinics, out-patient hospital departments, early intervention, and schools.

### OT AT WWS

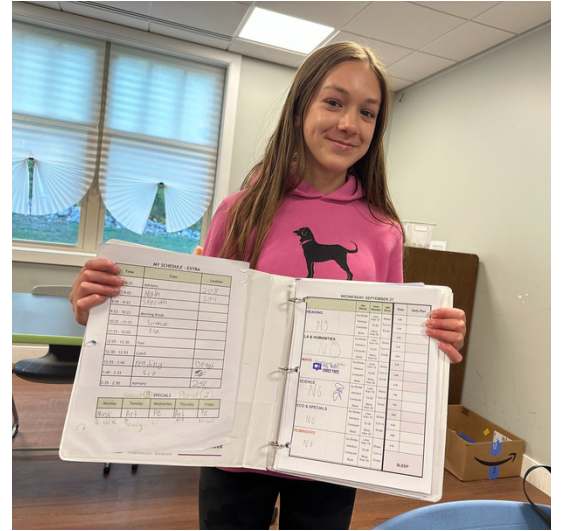


## MS. DABROWSKI'S CLASSROOM - BUILDING EXECUTIVE FUNCTION SKILLS

### ➤➤➤ MANAGING TASKS AND TIME

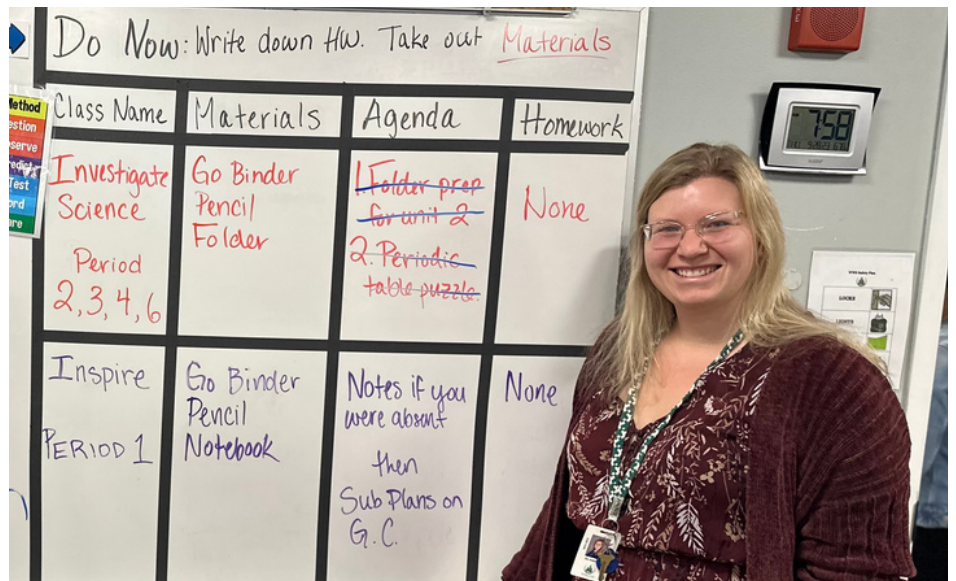
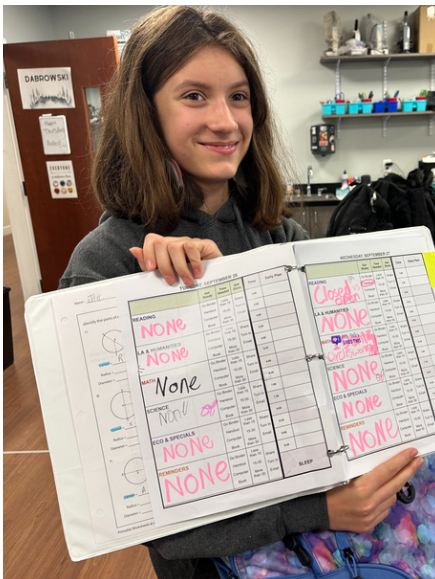
Teachers use board space to help students understand the primary learning objective, preview the main activities of the lesson, and orient the class within the overall timetable of the day.

The student's Go Binder accompanies the student from class to class and to and from school and serves as the daily planner.



### ➤➤➤ EFFECTIVE BREAKS

Oftentimes called "brain breaks", functional breaks are purposeful moments throughout the day when students refocus and recharge. Brain breaks improve cognitive function and a student's ability to sustain focus and are likely to increase a student's level of motivation in a class.





## ➤➤➤ MINI HORSES VISIT CAMPUS

Mini horses arrived on Wednesday, September 27 to meet with students. The horses are part a program offered by [Minis With a Mission](#). Middle School students greeted Romeo, Pixie, and Fluffanutter. Each horse is a rescue with a unique personality and story.





## ➤➤➤ CURRICULUM NIGHT OCT 5

We look forward to welcoming parents and guardians on Thursday, Oct 5!

6:00 - 6:30 Great Hall - Welcome for parents

6:30 - 8:00 Classroom visits

## ➤➤➤ GUEST SPEAKER: DR. ANGELA CURRIE

We will be hosting Dr. Angela Currie on October 24th from 6:00pm-8:30pm.

Dr. Currie is the New Hampshire Director of Neuropsychology and Education Services for Children and Adolescents. She will be presenting and answering questions regarding Anxiety, Attention Deficit, and Executive Function Challenges in Children and Teens.

## CONTACTS AT SCHOOL

Please refer to the [Middle School contacts list](#) found in the appendix of the handbook in order to direct questions to the appropriate staff member.

## ➤➤➤ MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT MIXER

The WWSPA is planning a Middle School Parent Mixer on October 28th at WWS 6-8pm.

Please mark you calendar - a personal invitation will follow shortly!

## ➤➤➤ HEADPHONES REMINDER

Parents, please be sure your student has at least one set of headphones for use at school that can readily connect to the Chromebook!

## ➤➤➤ UPCOMING EVENTS

Curriculum Night	October 5th at 6 pm
No School - Indigenous People's Day	October 9
No School - Staff Development Day	October 20
Guest Speaker Dr. Currie	October 24
Fall Fest	October 26 during the school day
No School - Conferences	October 27
Parent Mixer	October 28
No School - Conferences	November 3
No School - Veterans Day	November 10
Thanksgiving Break Begins	November 22
Classes resume	November 27

**RECESS TIME  
AT WINDHAM  
WOODS  
SCHOOL**





# Middle School Expectations

These basic expectations for all help make sure everyone can THRIVE at WWS!



## 1

### Cell Phones, Lockers, Backpacks, and Dress Code

- Phones, personal gaming devices, and smart watches turned in during Advisory and returned at dismissal.
- Backpacks used for class materials, and lockers used to store extra clothing and personal belongings, boots kept on racks.
- Wear clothing that meets the standards of the dress code, and have boots, indoor shoes, and a jacket for outside.



## 2

### Hallways and Classroom Spaces

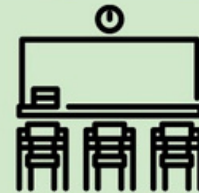
- Earbuds removed from ears and no running in the halls.
- Use appropriate language, an inside voice and do not interrupt other classes.
- When entering the building, do not knock on windows or doors.
- Enter a classroom only when a staff member is present and stay in Middle School classroom areas.



## 3

### Materials for Class

- Bring Chromebook, Go-Binder, and other necessary materials.
- Chromebook screens are visible to the teacher at all times and closed when not in use.
- Respect teacher supplies by using them appropriately, and returning them at the end of class. Classroom materials only used with teacher permission/presence.



## 4

### Morning Snack and Recess

- Students eat snack in their 2nd Period classroom.
- Students go outside for recess unless meeting with a teacher/staff member.
- Stay within eyesight of teachers at all times.



## 5

### Flex and Lunch

- Students will attend their assigned flex unless given permission to attend a new flex after completing a change form.
- Eat lunch only in the Great Hall or the established chill zone.
- Clean up after yourself and push in your chair before you leave.

