



# 2021 Wykon Window

## First Day of School Tuesday, August 24th

Dear Wykon Families,

I'd like to welcome you all back to school and hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! The beginning of the new school year is coming soon. We are all looking forward with hope that this year will resemble "normal" school times. With that, it is our desire to return to the pre-pandemic, in-person, school environment we all were used to. And, as long as the current guidelines and the information remain the same, we will do just that. So, the 2021-22 school year for the Wykons will include:

- Encouraging eligible students and staff to get their Covid vaccination. However, the Covid vaccine is not one of the required vaccines for attending school.
- Properly worn masks are recommended, but not required for students or staff.
- Encourage social distancing when it is possible.
- Continue to encourage students and staff to do health screenings, and stay home when he/she is sick. If a student or staff member is diagnosed with Covid 19, we will follow the guidance of their medical professionals and our health department.
- Continue to practice proper hygiene and cleaning protocols.

The return to school is an exciting time after a long summer. It's time to reunite with old friends and meet new ones. The West Iron County School staff is excited to see you too.

We've been busy preparing for your return. I know that I am so excited about this great staff and would like you all to be aware of the efforts done behind the scenes to make this year a success. From our kitchen staff, who will continue to provide breakfast and lunch to all students. To the bus drivers & mechanic, who are working together to keep our buses safe and in working condition. Our custodian team has the buildings clean and ready for students, and will continue diligently working to keep it clean and disinfected. From the teachers too, who have been busy all summer, supporting our kids in summer school and now are getting rooms and lessons ready. From the secretaries and principals working tirelessly to prepare for a smooth transition into the upcoming school year. And even to the School Board, another dedicated group, wanting what is best for our students.

The world of education is a very challenging one. Not only is academic success our top concern, the safety and care of our students is also a high priority. Only together, can we continue to help all our students achieve their highest potential. We have an amazing team of dedicated and caring adults here at WIC. They all deserve a thank you!

I'd also like to share a bit about what a great school campus we have, and the pride Wykon families should take in it. Over the past few years, our elementary school installed a new playground, secure entrances, and new windows. It now has new heating/ventilation units allowing fresh air into every classroom,

and has made bathroom and boiler updates. The high school's recent improvements include a new boiler, new lunchroom tables, updated locker room showers, a secure entrance & updated security cameras. It also has a new scoreboard, and a Pixellot system for live streaming our home sporting events. We also have an internet service available through NMU. Go to [www.NMU.edu/ean](http://www.NMU.edu/ean) to learn more and sign up. And finally this summer, our entire campus received all new LED lights, both inside and outside. Your support allows us to continue to do great things for our students.

On a personal note, I will faithfully strive to make this a school we all, as Wykon families, staff and students, can take great pride in. My family is very grateful to be here and feel so welcomed by this community already. If I haven't had the pleasure of meeting you in person, I'd love to do that. Please stop by anytime for a chat and introduce yourself. This is an amazing place with an awesome community, and I am looking forward to the upcoming school year!

The first day of school is Tuesday, August 24th and I'm excited to see you all soon. Enjoy your remaining summer!

Mr. Kevin Schmutzler, Superintendent  
[kschmutzler@westiron.org](mailto:kschmutzler@westiron.org)

**WIC Schools Web Site**  
[www.westiron.org](http://www.westiron.org)

### **Orientation Dates/Information**

#### • **Jr./Sr. High School**

6th Grade and new student orientation will be held on Monday, **August 16th starting at 5:30 p.m.** in the High School Gym.

#### • **1st – 5th Grade Students**

There will be no orientation before school starts for the 1st through 5th graders. The class lists will be posted on August 17th at: [www.westiron.org](http://www.westiron.org), select the "Elementary" tab and it will be posted there. The class lists will also be on the main elementary doors. There will be an Open House held from 5:00—6:00 on September 7th.

#### • **Kindergarten**

Kindergarten orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 18th from 5:00—5:30 p.m. in the Elementary gym.

#### • **Pre-Kindergarten**

PreK/GSRP orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 18th from 2—6 p.m. in the PreK classroom at the Bates School.

## WIC PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Phone Directory

<b>Office of the Superintendent</b> .....	.265-9218
Kevin Schmutzler, Superintendent	
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Ryan Meske, Vice President	
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Gary Pisoni, Secretary	
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Dennis Tousignant, Trustee	
Ian Gill, Trustee	
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Kim Busakowski, Food Services .....	.265-5218
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Kathy Kinner, Secretary	
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Mike Berutti, Director	
Kelly Tomasoski, Secretary	
<b>Stambaugh Elementary (K thru 5th)</b> .....	.265-6141
Michelle Thomson, Principal	
Lisa Starkey, Secretary	
<b>Bates School</b> .....	906-308-5015
Denise Maloney, Early Childhood Director	
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### Adult Education & GED Testing

The West Iron County School District works with the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Community Schools to offer classes to adults in order to receive a certificate or take the GED tests. Any interested individuals should contact the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Community Schools office at 906-779-2660.

### Integrated Pest Management

The West Iron County Public Schools has set up advisories to parents making it known when the district will be applying any pesticides on the school property. This information will be posted on the school web site at: [www.westiron.org](http://www.westiron.org)

### Issuing Checks to the School

When issuing a check to the school, please make the check out to: **West Iron County Public Schools**. Do not make it out to the group or organization that is doing the fundraiser. For accounting purposes, it needs to be made out directly to the school.

### LUNCH MENU

#### Tuesday, August 24

Wykon Burgers, Vegetables, Fruit & Milk

#### Wednesday, August 25

Hot Dogs, Vegetables, Fruit & Milk

#### Thursday, August 26

Chicken Nuggets, Dipping Sauce, Vegetables, Fruit & Milk

#### Friday, August 27

Dina Mia Pizza, Vegetables, Fruit & Milk

Menus for the month of September will be given to all elementary students the first week of school. The middle/high schools students menu will be posted at school. You may also go to [www.westiron.org](http://www.westiron.org) and view the menus.

## Fall Sports Schedules

**\*Home Games are in Bold\***

**\*\*Schedules are Subject to Change\*\***

### Varsity Football

Sept. 2 Bark River 6 p.m.  
 Sept. 10 Manistique 6 p.m.  
 Sept. 17 Calumet 6 p.m.  
 Sept. 24 L'Anse 2 p.m.  
 Oct. 1 Houghton 6 p.m.  
 Oct. 8 Ishpeming 6 p.m.  
 Oct. 15 Gwinn 6 p.m.  
 Oct. 22 Hancock 6 p.m.

### JV Football

Sept. 1 Bark River 5:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 9 Manistique 5:30 pm  
 Sept. 16 Calumet 5:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 23 L'Anse 5:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 30 Houghton 5:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 7 Ishpeming 5:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 14 Gwinn 5:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 21 Hancock 5:30 p.m.

### Girls Volleyball

Aug. 21 Kingsford Invite 9 a.m.	Oct. 5 Chassell 4 p.m.
Aug. 25 Ishpeming 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 7 Negaunee 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 1 Calumet 4 p.m.	Oct. 9 Bark River (Var.) 9 a.m.
Sept. 7 Gwinn 3 p.m.	Oct. 12 Ishpeming 4 p.m.
Sept. 11 Iron Mtn. JV 9 a.m.	Oct. 14 Iron Mtn. 4 p.m.
Sept. 16 Westwood 4 p.m.	Oct. 16 W. Pac Houghton Var 8 a.m.
Sept. 18 FP Varsity 9 a.m.	Oct. 16 Norway JV 8 a.m.
Sept. 18 Hancock JV 8 a.m.	Oct. 18 Norway (Var.) 5 p.m.
Sept. 21 Hancock 4 p.m.	Oct. 19 Forest Park 5 p.m.
Sept. 28 Forest Park 5 p.m.	Oct. 21 L'Anse 4 p.m.
Oct. 2 WIC JV Invite 9 a.m.	Oct. 26 Houghton 4 p.m.

### Girls Tennis

Aug. 16 Negaunee 10 a.m.  
 Aug. 18 Ishpeming 10 a.m.  
 Aug. 19 Kingsford 10 a.m.  
 Aug. 20 Kingsford Inv. 9 a.m.  
 Aug. 23 Marquette 3:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 25 Escanaba 3:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 30 Iron Mtn. 3:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 31 Westwood 3:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 1 Marquette 2 p.m.  
 Sept. 2 Gladstone 3:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 7 Iron Mtn. 3:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 9 Ishpeming 2:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 13 Menominee 4:00 p.m.  
 Sept. 14 Ironwood 3:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 16 Gwinn 3:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 20 Norway 3:45 p.m.  
 Sept. 22 GNC's Mqt. 9 a.m.  
 Sept. 29 UP's Mqt. 9 a.m.

### Cross Country

Aug. 31 Jeffers 3 p.m.  
 Sept. 14 Kingsford 3:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 16 Hancock 3 p.m.  
 Sept. 20 Calumet 3 p.m.  
 Sept. 30 Ishpeming 3 p.m.  
 Oct. 5 Westwood 3 p.m.  
 Oct. 7 Houghton 3 p.m.  
 Oct. 11 Youngs 3:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 14 West Pac Neg. 3 p.m.  
 Oct. 23 UP's Youngs 10 a.m.

### 7th & 8th Girls Basketball

Aug. 31 Forest Park 5:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 2 Florence 5:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 7 Iron Mtn. 5:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 14 Niagara 5:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 20 N. Dickinson 5:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 23 Forest Park 5:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 27 Norway 5:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 30 Iron Mountain 5:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 4 N. Dickinson 5:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 7 Kingsford 5:30 p.m.

### Middle School Football

Sept. 14 L'Anse 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 21 Calumet 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 28 Houghton 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 5 Ontonagon 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 12 Hancock 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 19 L'Anse 4 p.m.

*Athletic passes will be on sale starting August 16th. You can stop in the High School office (8 a.m.—2 p.m.) or mail a check to the WIC High School, Attn: Athletics, 701 Garfield Ave., Iron River, MI 49935. The pass will then be mailed to you. Season pass prices are as follows:*

- 1 person—\$105
- 2 people—\$115
- 3 people—\$125
- 4 or more—\$135
- Student—\$30

Passes for senior citizens (age 55 and older) will be half price. Students 18 years old and younger can be included in a family pass. Tickets purchased at the gate will cost: \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, and \$2 for students.

# FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that the WEST IRON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS will be participating in the Seamless Summer Option as part of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the School Year 2021-2022.

The GREAT NEWS is that ALL students enrolled at our school can receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at NO CHARGE to your household each day.

We still need your household to fill out and sign the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application. This information is critical in determining the amount of money that our school receives from a variety of State and Federal supplemental programs like Title I A, At-risk (31a), Title II A, E-Rate, etc.

These supplemental programs have the potential to offer supports and services for our students including, but not limited to:

- Instructional supports (staff, supplies & materials, etc.)
- Non-instructional services (counseling, social work, health services, etc.)
- Professional Learning for staff
- Parent and Community engagement supplies and activities
- Technology
- Pandemic-EBT

We are asking that you please complete and submit it as soon as possible to ensure that additional funding for our school is available to meet the needs of our students. All information on the application submitted is confidential. Without your assistance in completing and returning the attached application, our school cannot maximize the use of available State and Federal funds.

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact us at 906-265-9218.

Sincerely,

Kevin Schmutzler  
Superintendent



## 2021-2022 FREE/REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

All children in households receiving benefits from the Food Assistance program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDIR) are eligible for free meals and DO NOT have to fill out an application. You will receive a letter from us informing you that an application is not necessary. You may call our office at 906-265-5218 if you have any questions.

Free and Reduced Priced Meal Applications are vital for state funding. The application is also used to determine how much state funding our school receives for supplies like books, classroom furniture and other school resources. Some parents are concerned about listing income amounts on the application. Any personal information you provide will not be shared! All applications are confidential. Your information will only be used to determine your child's eligibility for the school meals programs. Students who receive free or reduced priced meals are not identified.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH once again will be FREE this 2021-2022 school year. However, we still need you to fill out an application.

## MEAL CARDS for MIDDLE and HIGH school students

The middle and high students will receive a meal card with their name, number and bar code printed on it. They are responsible for their card and MUST bring them each time they eat. This is very important! Students will not be allowed to use the number keypad due to Covid-19 regulations!! Meal cards will be available in the school office to pick up. The Stambaugh Elementary students will not be using lunch cards at this time.

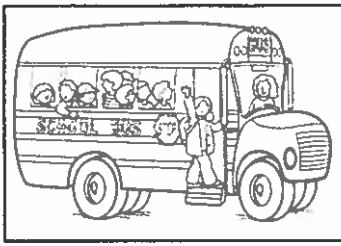
## FREE BREAKFAST IN THE CLASSROOM

Stambaugh Elementary students will receive breakfast in their classrooms as soon as the morning bell rings. The Middle School students will receive their breakfast first thing in the morning when they get to school and the High School students will receive breakfast during CES. If there is a 2 hour delay during the year, we do NOT serve breakfast, so please plan accordingly.

## MENUS

The monthly menus will be given to all elementary students. The middle/high school student's menus will be posted at school. You may also go to [www.westiron.org](http://www.westiron.org) and view the menus.





## 2021-22 Busing Information

The bus routes are still being finalized at this time. An automated phone call will be sent to you when the bus routes and times are available and inform you as to where you can look up the busing information for your student. Remember, the bus times will be finalized within two weeks of school starting.

If you have moved and have not let the school know, please call the school office with your correct address so your student can be placed on the right bus.

**NOTICE: All students except the Pre-K students are required to walk to and from school in the "old" Stambaugh area/Iron River Heights. There will be no assigned bus stops from Genesee Street (Riverside Pizza/McDonalds) to Spruce/19th Street and back to Coolidge unless you have a student in Pre-Kindergarten.**

### Bus Riders Rules

#### Before the Bus Arrives:

- Arrive at your bus stop at least five minutes before the targeted pick up time. All children should be at the bus stop visible for the driver to see them.
- Stay off people's lawn and other private property.
- Parents of Pre-K and Kindergarten students should stay with students until the bus arrives.

#### Boarding the Bus:

- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop.
- Be polite and take your turn getting on the bus and use the handrail.

#### Conduct on the Bus:

- Follow directions of the bus driver.
- Walk to your assigned seat (if you have one) and remain there.
- Do not stand or move around while the bus is moving.
- Talk quietly so the driver can hear traffic sounds. No loud talking or yelling.
- Keep hands and head inside the bus. Do not stick or throw anything out the window.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- Use kind words: please, thank you, excuse me
- Do not distract the bus driver

#### Leaving the Bus:

- Do not leave your seat until the bus comes to a full stop.
- Take your turn; don't crowd in front of others.
- Use the handrail.
- Parents of Pre-K and Kindergarten students must be at the bus top in the afternoon to meet their children (or have a sibling accompany them home).

#### Disciplinary Procedural Progression for Improper Behavior on the School Bus:

- Driver warns student.
- Student is assigned a seat near the front.
- Driver writes up a Bus Safety Referral on the student.
- The Principal is informed of the issue and parents are notified.
- Disciplinary notice is sent to parents.
- Misconduct on the bus can result in suspension from the bus.

**NOTE: Violation of the above rules and regulations will result in a bus suspension.**