

# The Wantage Times

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## Principal's Message

I am extremely excited and honored to be entering my second year as the Principal of the Wantage Elementary School.

During my first year, I had the opportunity to meet many students, parents and family members of the Sussex- Wantage Community. I am continually impressed with the positivity and enthusiasm regarding everyone's educational experiences here at Wantage Elementary School. It is my goal to continue to be supportive of this positive school climate and provide each student with the necessary support to enable them to reach their fullest potential. I believe there are no limits to what we can accomplish with the "Right Attitude; a Positive Mindset; and a Committed Team".

I understand that education is a collaborative process and is not possible without the support of the parents and families. I am extremely eager to build relationships with each of you as we continue to provide the best experiences for the Wantage Elementary School students.

I truly appreciate everyone's support and warm welcomes into the Wantage School Family and am looking forward to another amazing school year.

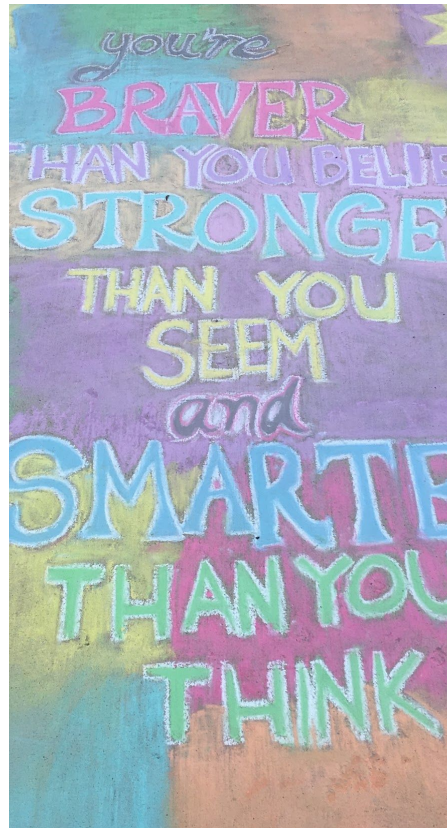
Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, concerns or any ideas you would like to discuss.

Sincerely,

*Christopher Gregory*

Principal

*Welcome Back*



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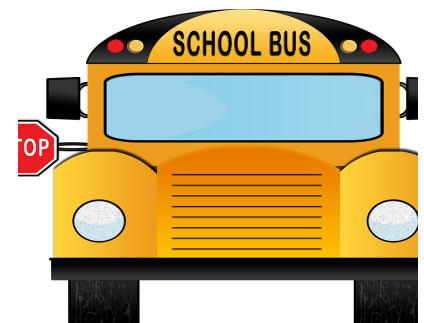
**CAUTION**

## Drop Off & Pick Up

Please be advised that drop off is in the rear of the building and occurs between 8:15 a.m. and 8:45 am. Please exercise caution when dropping off your children. We respectfully request that children exit the vehicle on the passenger side closest to the building for safety.

For pick up, parents and guardians should park on the playground and walk to the doors nearest the fence. Pick up begins at 3:24 pm. Please have identification available when you pick up your child.

The parking area for pick up will be closed until 3:10 pm. We respectfully request that you do not arrive before then. We appreciate everyone's support with our procedures to ensure the safety of all of our students.

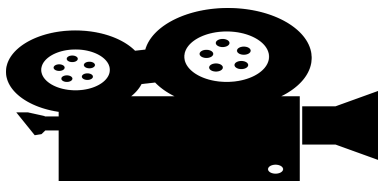




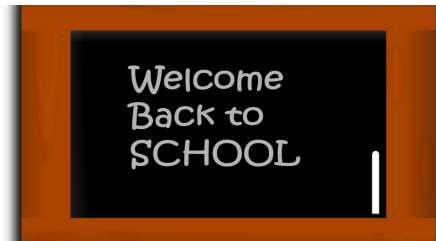
# Dates to Remember

9/13/19- PTO Yankee Candle Fundraiser begins  
9/17/19- Back to School Night @ 6:30 pm  
BSI Meeting @ 6:00 pm  
9/18/19- BOE work session at SMS @ 7 pm  
9/25/19- School Pictures  
9/21/19- Woodbourne Park 5K  
9/25/19- Picture Day  
BOE meeting at SMS @ 7 pm  
9/28/18- PTO Yankee Candle Fundraiser ends  
10/01/19- SWPTO Meeting at SMS @ 7 pm

**Back To School Night**  
**September 17th, 2019 @**  
**6:30 PM**  
**BSI Meeting @ 6 PM**



**Picture Day**  
**September 25, 2019**



## TIPS from the TEAM

Getting back into the school routine is often stressful and anxiety provoking for many families. Having an organized plan is often helpful and necessary. The following are tips to get your child off to a successful school year.

Make sure that your child gets plenty of rest. Most kids between the ages of 5 and 12 should be getting 10 or 11 hours of sleep. Improve the sleep environment by keeping distractions out of the bedroom. This includes televisions, cell phones, and computers. This will keep them from being tempted to use a device during the night.

Develop a nightly routine that includes reading. Whether you read to a child or they read to themselves or even another sibling, this is a time without technology and unnecessary stimuli.

Develop a routine for homework that includes a designated location to complete work and all necessary supplies. Research suggests that listening to music may help relaxation, learning and memory.

Use a large calendar displayed in a central location to record all pertinent due dates, events and appointments. Different colors can be used for different siblings. Review this with your family on Sunday to prepare for the week ahead. It can also help teach children to manage their time, study for upcoming tests and plan out when they will work on long term projects.

Here is a quote that I read recently.

***"Parents are teachers and home is a child's first and most important classroom."***

On that note, I wish the Wantage School students and parents a successful school year!

***Robin M. Reese, Learning Consultant,  
Child Study Team***



We are excited to announce that we now offer a new online payment system called PaySchools Central. PaySchools Central provides all parents in our district with an easy way to manage lunch and breakfast accounts. This can all be done in the convenience of your own home through an easy-to-use online portal:

[www.payschoolscentral.com](http://www.payschoolscentral.com)

You will need to register at the link above. Additional information can be found on our school website under the food service tab within the department section or in the parent portal.

If you need help along the way, please contact PaySchools

[pcs\\_help@payschool.com](mailto:pcs_help@payschool.com) or  
1-877-393-6628

***Wantage Township  
Recreation Presents  
The 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Woodbourne Park 5K***

***Family Run/Walk***  
**September 21, 2019 @ 9:00 AM**

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