



**Two Schools – One Building - One Last Time 2020-2021**



Dear Steger and Givens families:

January 14, 2021

At this time of the year, we are preparing for the next school year of 2021-2022. There are several up and coming events that are important for your child's next steps...

For incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, there is a PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT ON JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Dr. Voigt is coordinating this event. (Attached flyer)

For incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, there is a PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT ON JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Mr. Atterberry is coordinating the information night. (Attached flyer)

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. there is a Zoom **Kindergarten Information Night** for parents of students entering Kindergarten next year. **Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/94065062466?pwd=Q2orNEROTm9JRFDiVXQ3emdxSIJJQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 940 6506 2466      **Passcode:** TiG6Tj

**School starts at 7:50** - As we begin our second school term, I am asking for your help in getting your children to school on time. There is plenty of research on the effects of being tardy on the child and his/her classmates; but to list a few, it can lead to lower grades, failure to feel connected with the school, and loss of prime learning time – the morning. When a child arrives late to school, it is hard for them to get into the routine of the day when their classmates are already focused on the first class or the morning meetings. When students are late, they have the feeling of needing to catch up. Since the teacher needs to stop the class and help the student(s) settle in or give directions, late students interrupt the morning routines for the entire class. Sometimes late students need a breakfast and it's past breakfast time. Although we will provide a granola bar, the full breakfast may no longer be available. We want every student to start their day being where they need to be and ready for their day. On behalf of our staff, I'm reaching out to ask for your assistance with this concern. We know that sometimes being late for school is not avoidable, but we'd like to work with parents to help the children get to school on time. Simple strategies like: packing lunches and backpacks the night before, setting an alarm, and laying out their clothes, all help the morning run a little smoother and helps them get to school on time. If we can assistance in any way, please don't hesitate to let me or any of the staff know.

**Reminders:**

1. Please keep your student home if notified they were exposed to COVID
2. Please keep your student home if a COVID test is pending in student or household member
3. Please keep your student home if your student OR another member of your household, including siblings, is exhibiting symptoms that need to be verified as non-COVID versus COVID. \*\* see student decision tree
4. Please call the school if any of these are relevant to your family

And please look for any school library books at home. We still have many library books unaccounted.

**Steger PTO – Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 p.m.**

**There is no school on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, in recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**


**School spirit days – Friday, 1/22 – Decorate Your Mask Day, Friday, 2/5 - Dress in your Favorite Sports Team Gear**

*Thank you for sharing your children with us,*

*Dr. Retzlaff and the Steger and Givens staff*

# Save the Date

Dr. Henry Givens Jr. Elementary's  
Kindergarten Information Night



**Wednesday, February 10th**  
**6:00pm via Zoom**

**We look forward to meeting your family.**

**Zoom Information:**

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**Use this form to add questions and contact information?**

<https://forms.gle/By5KxGXeTFWRGbjf8>

Kindergarten Registration will begin on February 12<sup>th</sup>. We will share more information on how to complete this soon.



**JOIN US FOR OUR NEW  
MASCOT REVEAL**

**WHEN: TUESDAY, JANUARY 26**

**TIME: 5:30 PM**

**WHERE: ZOOM**



**Zoom Information**

**Join Zoom Meeting**  
<https://zoom.us/j/93671722118?pwd=MTZRL3pnTEtGTjUzeFI5VEIRVUJvZz09>

**Meeting ID: 936 7172 2118**  
**Passcode: 4Pv0aB**

## **Enrichment For All**

Enrichment For All is a new program available to all WGSD elementary students. This program will explore computer science and STEM through optional, pre-recorded lessons that will be shared through Canvas each week. First semester, lessons were directed towards grades 3-5 and are still available for students to complete. Second semester will be focused on grades K-2. For the younger grades, all of the words on the screen have a play button directly below them so the students do not need to read anything by themselves. All of the work by the students can be completed with minimal help from a parent or teacher. The first lesson will be published on Tuesday, January 19. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.



# **Hixson Middle School**

## **Incoming Parent Orientation**

**January 19  
6:00-8:00pm**

*Instructions on how to join this virtual event will  
be emailed to 5th grade parents prior to  
January 19.*