

5TH GRADE ADDENDUM

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

WCGS provides a wide range of co-curricular activities to augment its classroom instruction and activities. Students of all ages are encouraged to discover and develop their gifts and talents in the areas of fine arts, athletics, and academics. God is glorified as students learn to express their love for him as commanded in Mark 12:30: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

General

Coaches and directors of co-curricular activities endeavor to keep students and their families well-informed by distributing practice/rehearsal/game/performance schedules and details. The school website is also a good source for this important information; however, *schedules do change*—sometimes at the last minute! The Honeywell Instant Alert system will be used to inform families of last-minute changes to before- and after-school activities. Such notifications will be sent using the alert category "Activities." Please ensure your family's contact information is kept current so that these advisories will be received in a timely manner.

Students should be picked up within fifteen minutes of the conclusion of school, games, practices, or other activities.

Priorities

Students and parents should carefully consider the number of co-curricular activities in which a student should participate. Homework/school should be a priority. We realize that there are many opportunities outside of the normal school day that require/vie for young people's time such as athletics, music lessons, youth groups, and volunteer work, to name a few. It is our observation that students who are overcommitted do not fare as well in their studies. As they prepare for high school, now is the time for young people to develop a good habit/discipline of finding a healthy balance in their lives, as well as giving schoolwork its rightful due.

Athletics

Boys and girls in 5th grade may participate on the track and field team. All students who tryout for track and field will have a spot on the team and an opportunity to compete in a track meet. Practices are held after school and require a commitment of attending three or four practices per week.

Interscholastic basketball is offered for boys beginning in fifth grade. There are two teams for fifth grade boys. The teams are chosen based on ability. Tryouts usually take three days. Following tryouts, each boy is placed on a team. Each team practices with their coach and plays their own schedule against other schools and traveling teams in the area. Practices and games normally require a commitment to meet two or three times per week. This usually takes place in the early evening. There can also be an occasional practice or game on Saturdays.

Girls in 5th grade may participate in *A League of Our Own*. This intramural league runs on Saturday afternoons in January through March. The purpose of this program is to encourage and develop the girls' basketball skills and learn the game in an encouraging and instructional atmosphere. The girls are divided into teams and play a round robin schedule against the other teams. A distinctive of the program is the 30-minute clinic that is given each week on a different aspect of the game.

Sports Physicals

Each student who plans to participate in a co-curricular sport must have a current sports physical on file. Further details regarding sports physicals may be found in the Parent Handbook: Health section.

Submission of the mandatory 5th grade physical at the beginning of the school year satisfies this requirement for 5th grade athletes.

Co-Curricular Eligibility

In order to participate in any co-curricular activity (athletic practice or game, fine arts practice or performance), a student must not be absent for any part of the day of the activity. Any student arriving after 10:30 a.m. or departing before 2:00 p.m. will be marked ½ day absent, and therefore ineligible to participate in any co-curricular activity that day. The only exception is in the case of a pre-arranged absence, such as a dental appointment, or as the result of direct, personal consultation (not by note), between a parent and teacher, or coach.

Grades for all students who participate in co-curricular activities will be reviewed weekly by the administration and coaches. To be eligible for games/performances, a student must be passing in all classes (no "F's"). A student's average for all grades must be at least a "C" (or "S"). Ineligibility begins the day after the grade report is issued and will last until the average is raised to a "C" (or "S") average of all grades. *Participation in practice sessions during the ineligible period is at the discretion of the coach or teacher.*

If a student has an incomplete when grades are issued and reviewed, he will be ineligible unless work is completed on time, i.e., the number of days absent plus one. Ineligible students will have their grades checked at the end of each week. Whenever the average of all subjects is "C" (or "S"), a student may again participate in activities.

Any teacher may report to the principal problems of discipline, lack of courtesy, scholarship, etc. Together they will decide on the student's eligibility.

User Fees

To help offset the costs of interscholastic sports, a \$50 fee will be charged for each sports team the student is a member of.

EDLINE

WCGS uses the Internet-based Edline system to provide academic information for parents and students in grades 5-8. All school families with students in these grades are strongly encouraged to activate and use both their parent and student ids. Assignments for the following week are generally available on Fridays, and grades are posted weekly. Edline should be the primary resource for students needing to make up missed assignments and/or homework due to absence. Instructions on the use of the Edline system are available from the school office.

FINE ARTS

Instrumental Music

Cadet Band and Cadet Strings are performing groups for 5th grade students who have instrumental playing experience. Students are admitted by audition and are expected to make a commitment to the group for one year. These groups meet during lunch twice per week. Beginning Band and Beginning Strings are performing groups for first-time instrumental music students. These groups meet at lunchtime once a week. Along with ensemble rehearsals, students in the instrumental music program may also attend a weekly lesson or "sectional" which occurs during the school day. Soon after school opens each year, an orientation meeting is held for first-time instrument music students and their parents to receive information about the instrumental music program and instrument rental. The instrumental music teacher maintains a list of local private music teachers.

Fine Arts Grading

All fine arts groups are credit classes, and as such students belonging to these groups are expected to participate in all rehearsals and concerts. Quarterly grades for these classes are based on participation, improvement in skills, attendance, cooperation, and positive attitude. If a student misses any class due to a rehearsal or sectional, he/she is responsible to turn in all class assignments on time and obtain homework assignments.

GYM CLOTHES

Beginning in 5th grade, students in gym classes will wear uniforms which will be purchased from the school. Gym shoes and white gym socks must be worn. Gym clothes are to be laundered weekly. Gym shorts and shirts are to be identified with the student's name.

For outdoor gym classes, sweat suits may be worn when suggested by the gym teacher. No clothes worn in gym class are to be worn in the classroom, or vice versa.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

One of the major highlights of 5th grade is Outdoor Education. Students experience the wonder of God's creation and practice skills of observation at Camp Timber-lee in southern Wisconsin. This 3-day trip typically takes place in mid-May.

REPORT CARDS/GRADES

Mid-Quarter Grade Notices

Mid-quarter grade notices for all academic subjects (regardless of current standing) will be produced on Edline. Parents will receive an e-mail to inform them that mid-quarter grade notices are available.

Quarterly Report Cards

Report cards are issued four times during the school year. In grades 5-8 parents retain all copies of report cards for their records. Report cards will be withheld if students have outstanding library fines or overdue books.

5th Grade Grading Scale

A (93-100)	B- (80-82)	D+ (68-69)
A- (90-92)	C+ (78-79)	D (63-67)
B+ (88-89)	C (73-77)	D- (60-62)
B (83-87)	C- (70-72)	F (below 60)

All classes, including Art, Vocal/Instrumental Music, Computer, Physical Education, and Spanish, are graded using this scale.

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