

**Mission Statement:** Watson Williams will provide a quality education for a diverse student population in a peaceful and positive learning environment. Students will continue to use their reasoning, literacy, mathematical and technical skills to become life-long learners and productive members of society.



**Vision Statement:** Watson Williams' vision is for students to obtain the knowledge, skills and character necessary to become life-long learners and college and career ready one leap at a time.

## **WATSON WILLIAMS SCHOOL** **SEPTEMBER 2018**

Dear Parents and Community Stakeholders;

I hope that all of you had a restful summer. On behalf of the staff at Watson Williams, I welcome all of our new and returning students back to school.

All of our educational programs focus on proficiency for every child, and as parents your role is very important. Please check your child's folder the first day of school for all the forms that need to be returned to school. We need your support and involvement. I am confident that we will increase parent and community involvement this year as we have in the past.

It promises to be a very exciting year at Watson. Our Open House will be on September 19, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Please come in and meet your child's teacher and become actively involved in our educational programs. I look forward to meeting all of our new families and seeing all of our returning ones.

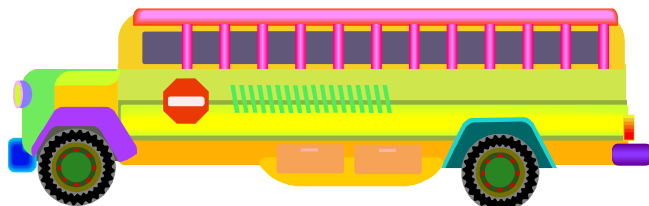
Sincerely,  
*Dr. Cheryl B. Minor*  
Principal



**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:** Please complete the emergency forms that are being sent with your children on the first day of school and return to your child's teacher as soon as possible. In addition, students will not be dismissed from school unless we have parent/guardian permission.

**APPROPRIATE DRESS:** Please make sure that you send your children to school with the appropriate dress. Since the mornings are cooler than the afternoons students should bring a light jacket or sweater. All students will be lining up outside per grade level before entering at 9:05 a.m. If the weather is inclement, all students will line up inside the school.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** Remember to save box tops from your favorite General Mills products, such as, Betty Crocker, Cheerios, Lucky Charms, Fruit by the Foot, Chex, Go-Gurt, Fruit Roll-Ups and Hamburger Helper. Please bring the box tops to school so we can earn money in exchange.





PRICE CHOPPER: Tools for Schools. If you are registered at Price Chopper, you need not register. However, if you are not, registration forms are available at Price Chopper.

THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEGUN!

The following information has been included in this newsletter to help answer any questions you may have about the opening of school. Please keep a copy on hand, since much of the information applies for the entire school year.

PARENTS/GUESTS VISITS

Watson Williams is a single point of entry facility. If you need to conference with staff or have any inquiries, please go to the front entrance and speak into the call box. Security will accommodate your entry into the building. Anyone in the building WITHOUT PERMISSION WILL BE CITED FOR TRESPASSING.

Parents of Kindergarten children will be allowed to walk their children to class the first day of school, Thursday, September 6th. After that you must leave your child at their entry doors. This is to ensure the safety and a smooth transition for your children.  
*The school day for all students is - 9:05 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.*

\*Reminders: Please do not allow your children to arrive at school TOO EARLY SINCE THERE IS NO SUPERVISION. Parents who accompany students to school must abide by the expectations we set for the children such as waiting outside until entry time. Children will enter the building alone so that they will become accustomed to school routines as soon as possible.

ENTRY AND DISMISSAL DOORS

Students will enter the building via their assigned doors in an effort to ensure safety. Below is the list of assigned doors. Signs are also posted at each entrance:

\*\*In case of INCLEMENT weather, there is NO front door entrance. All students will enter through the cafeteria door.

ENTRY/DISMISSAL DOOR	TEACHER
Elm Street - Front of Bldg - 3rd and 4 <sup>th</sup> gr.	McCoy, Waskiewicz, D. Miller, Weir-Jones, Stevens, Traglia, Gorea
Elm Street - Rear of Bldg.- 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> gr.	Judd, Laribee, Krantz, Digamus, Bohling, Service, Coccia, Morris, Dow
Park Side - Front of Bldg. - Kindergarten	Weller, Edic, Muth, Davis, Rubino
Cafeteria Side - (Rear of	Cunningham, Clark, Alger, L.



Building)- 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> gr.	Miller, Mastroianni, Herthum, Rudnitski, Young
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#### ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is an essential part of your child's training. We expect your child to come to school on time every day. While we do not expect you to send your child to school when sick, we do expect all children to be here regularly and on time. Parents will be notified daily by an automated call if your child is not in school by 10:00a.m.

If your child is tardy, he/she must report to the security office for a late pass.

If your child is absent from school, you are responsible for sending to school a written note signed by you explaining the absence.

This note is due when your child returns to school. Otherwise, your child's absence will be considered illegal.



Please call the school if your child is absent from school two (2) or more days so homework arrangements can be made.

The Utica City School District's Attendance Policy is available in the office for your review.

#### STUDENT MEDICATION

If your child receives medication at school, please contact our school nurse, Mrs. Hertline-Divine, at 368-6782 for arrangements. A doctor's statement and signed parental permission are required. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS A CHILD ALLOWED TO BRING MEDICATION TO SCHOOL BY HER/HIMSELF.



#### BREAKFAST/LUNCH PROGRAMS

Breakfast: Served from 8:00-8:45 a.m. - begins Thursday, September 6, 2018.

Lunch Periods: Teachers will advise students of their scheduled lunch period.

\*\*Those students who eat at school are expected to follow breakfast/lunch rules. Otherwise, they may lose the privilege of eating in the cafeteria. Students who eat at school are expected to do so each day and remain on school grounds.

#### THE LUNCH PERIODS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1st LUNCH: - 11:00-11:40

2<sup>nd</sup> LUNCH: - 11:45-12:25



3<sup>rd</sup> LUNCH: 12:30-1:10

4<sup>th</sup> LUNCH: 1:15-1:55

#### TEXTBOOKS/LIBRARY RESOURCES

Your child will be loaned textbooks and library resources to accommodate his/her grade level course of study.

All loaned resources are to be well maintained, safeguarded, and returned by their due date.

Otherwise, parents/guardians will be billed for replacement costs and students will not receive report cards nor be allowed to loan any other Watson Williams' resources until remittance is made.



#### SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

The education of your child is of primary importance to us. Please see to it that your child comes to school ready to learn with all required material.

A good night's sleep, a nutritious breakfast, appropriate clothing, and a receptive attitude are vital.

Also, please review with your child appropriate conduct. Students at our school are expected to be punctual, prepared for class, and courteous to faculty, staff, and other children at all times. They are to take pride in keeping our school clean and safe.

A copy of the district's Summary Code of Conduct is included in your child's folder. A full copy can be obtained online or in the Watson Williams main office. Please sign and have your child(ren) sign the behavioral contract and return it to the teacher.



#### OPEN HOUSE:

Families are invited to Watson Williams' Open House on September 19, 2018 from 5-7 P.M. Please join us to visit classrooms, meet your child's teacher, and learn about his/her grade level curriculum, as well as, remedial, ENL, and support services programs.

#### SHARED DECISION MAKING TEAM

Watson Williams' Shared Decision Making Team is a wonderful opportunity for you to make a difference in your child's education.

If you are interested, please call the school at 315-368-6780 to find out how you can become involved.

Please join us on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 8:15 a.m. in the Conference Room to kick off our first Shared Decision Making Meeting of the year!!

