

WYNEKEN WEEKLY PARENT NOTE
AUGUST 8 – AUGUST 9, 2024
REACH, TEACH & SEND

LUNCH MENU AUG 8 – AUG 9 (subject to changes)

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Dog Carrots/Celery Watermelon Rice Krispy Treat	Sloppy Joe w/bun Baked Beans/Cukes Applesauce Moz Cheese Stick

First Day of Classes (K-8): The first day of classes for students in Kindergarten-8th grades will begin on Thursday, August 8 at 8:00am. We will begin our new year with an opening worship service at 8:30am at St. John Bingen.

First day of classes for the Pre-K program will start on Thursday, August 8 from 8:00-11:00am (morning class) and 11:45am-2:45pm (afternoon class). The Pre-school program is held on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:00-11:00am. The first day for preschool will be on Wednesday, August 14.

Student Arrival: Students may arrive at school at 7:45am. Student drop off in the morning will continue to take place at the main school entrance (door #1). We ask that when dropping your child off in the morning; please pull your vehicle close to the curb nearest the school building so that parked vehicles have enough space to navigate in and out of the parking lot. Morning drop-off of bus riders will be at the main entrance along with all car riders. Parents will be expected to yield to the bus when it arrives for drop-off. Some staff members will be present to help students exit vehicles, much like what is done at the end of the day with the carline dismissal. Parents may enroll their child/ren in the Wyneken Child Care if their child/ren will need to be dropped off before 7:45am. The Wyneken Childcare begins at 6:30am and is located at door #10 (south entrance to the school).

End of Day Dismissal: The afternoon pick-up line is done much the same way as the morning drop-off but cars are to stop and wait behind the North Adams bus. The bus will park along the sidewalk by the main school entrance (door #1). Please wait on the southwest corner of the school for the bus to pull in to that area. If the first line is full, start a second line to the left of the first line by pulling up even with end of the sidewalk near door 11 - wait your turn, and continue forming new lines as needed. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter. **Parents utilizing end of day lobby pick up are to sign their child/ren out and pick up from the lobby only – Classroom pick up is not permitted.**

Early Release on Wednesdays: Wyneken will utilize an early release for all students on Wednesdays. On Wednesday afternoons each week, *beginning with August 14*, we will dismiss our students approximately 30 minutes early. Therefore, our early release dismissal time on Wednesday is 2:10pm for those riding the bus and 2:15pm for other modes of transportation.

- *Please note: If there is a 2-hour delay on a Wednesday, we will not have an early release on that day.*

Delays and Closings: Wyneken Lutheran School will be announced for all delays and closings. We do not announce under North Adams or East Allen Community Schools. Weather delays/closings are reported on most area radio and TV channels. You are encouraged to sign up for our text reminders – as notifications are also sent through the text alerts. To receive messages via text, text @wynparents to 81010- see separate informational sheet regarding this in your folder.

Dress Code: Dress code rules are explained in the Parent/Teacher Handbook. Shorts/Capris may be worn to school from the start of school in August to October 15. Please also note that tight fitting pants, shorts, leggings and capris may only be worn if covered by a skirt, shorts or longer top of fingertip length. Please review the guidelines for the wearing of shorts and other proper attire for school, for students in all grades, before the first day of school. Parents are responsible for what their child/ren wear to school. Any dress or style that does not fit with a Christian atmosphere or openly disrupts or causes distraction will not be allowed and the student will be required to change his/her outfit.

School Calendar: A 2024-2025 Wyneken school year calendar is available any time to view on RenWeb, as well as the school website, www.wyneken.org. *Spring Break Week* is in conjunction with the North Adams School calendar (March 24-28, 2025).

Weekly Parent Note (Wyneken Weekly): A weekly parent note is published each Wednesday for the following week during the school year. The first one (paper copy) will be available at registration. Thereafter, the weekly parent notes will be available to view

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." - 1 Peter 4:10

on RenWeb after the start of the school year, on the school website, and sent by e-mail. The parent note contains the lunch menu, as well as general school and events information.

School Pictures for Pre-K and Kindergarten-8th grade is Thursday, August 22; Preschool is Friday, August 23; Retakes will be determined for a later date in September.

Parent Handbook: A copy of the handbook is given to each new family at registration. Please read through the handbook carefully so that you are familiar with all of our school policies. *You will be asked to sign a form and return it on the first day of school indicating that you and your child/ren have read the Parent - Teacher Handbook and agree therein to follow the school guidelines and policies.* Your signed copy of the parent-teacher handbook form will be kept on file in the school office.

Family Directory: A Family Directory will be made available after the start of the new school year as soon as all information is updated and printed.

General Lunch Program Information: Lunch payments for Kindergarten-8th grades will be made separately at the Hot Lunch table during registration. Hot Lunch prices for the 2024-20254 school year are as follows: Kindergarten – 8th grade, \$2.75 per day; Childcare, \$2.50 per day (this includes any Preschool/Pre-K children who eat a hot lunch while at childcare). Child-guest, \$2.75; Adult-guest \$3.67. The cost of extra milk with hot lunch/cold pack is 40¢. Preschool snack milk cost is \$23.20/year; Prekindergarten cost is \$41.20/year.

If your child has a milk/food allergy we must have a doctor's written prescription note stating the allergy. Students who carry a lunch will not have access to a microwave to heat up food; hot foods should be heated at home and sent in a thermos or pack a cold lunch. For families wanting to pay for lunches in advance, a representative of the Hot Lunch committee will be available at registration to provide a total yearly cost for lunches/milk. Free and reduced lunch forms are provided to every family at Wyneken. You may apply for the Free/Reduced lunch program at any time during the school year, as needed. All information regarding your application is kept confidential.

Wyneken Busing Information: North Adams Community Schools provides bus transportation to our students in Kindergarten – 8th grades. If your child has not been a regular rider on a North Adams bus, especially new students or Kindergarten students, you will need to contact the North Adams Administrative Office (260-724-7146) to speak with the transportation director. Students riding the North Adams bus shall at all times follow the protocols and requirements as set forth by North Adams Community Schools.

Music Programs: All students in Kindergarten-8th grades are a part of the Wyneken Choirs (separated by grades). In addition, students in grades 6-8 have the option to participate in an extracurricular choir (Wyneken Singers) after school on Wednesdays. Handchimes are an extracurricular activity for students in grades 5th-8th. Beginner chimes are for students in 5th-6th grades and advanced chimes for students in 7th-8th grades. Each group will practice one morning each week from 7:30-8:00am. Those days will be determined the first week of school. The Wyneken Band program is for students in 4th-8th grades and is under the direction of the Concordia Lutheran High School band program. A band director is provided to Wyneken for lessons 2 times a week. Sign-ups and further information regarding each of these programs will be available at the time of registration.

Parent-Teacher League (PTL): The PTL of Wyneken meets just four times a year (September, November, February and April) to discuss programs, topics of interest, and activities that are relevant and important to the function and purpose of our school. The PTL is also in charge of fundraisers and special events for our school. Our fundraisers include *Soapy Joe's*, *SCRIP*, and *the Gala* to name a few. The income from these fundraisers goes directly to the support various aspects of our school. The PTL program could not be successful without the many volunteers from our Wyneken families.

Sign up for room mothers / fathers will be at the PTL table. These volunteers help assist with various class parties/events during the school year. Stop at the table and speak with a representative about how you can be involved with our PTL programs. A PTL booklet will be sent home to each family after the start of the school year.

Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration or its educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.