

## Westside Middle School Orientation Nights

Parents and students are invited to join us for an evening of introductions, food, and community building to welcome the next 6th grade class to Westside Middle School. We are asking specific schools to attend on their assigned night. Our goal is to create an intimate and comfortable environment for your student's first experience as a middle school student. If you cannot make your assigned night, please feel free to attend one of the other nights.

### March 22

Swanson  
Sunset  
Westgate  
Paddock

### March 26

Prairie  
Rockbrook  
Hillside

### March 29

Westbrook  
Loveland  
Oakdale

### Schedule

4:50-5:50 Pizza Truck will be serving food for purchase. Parents and students can sit inside to eat.  
6:00 Welcome address in the WMS PAC for students and parents  
6:30 Breakout Session #1  
6:50 Breakout Session #2  
7:10 Breakout Session #3  
7:30 Conclude

### Breakouts Session Descriptions

We are providing multiple, 15-minute, breakout sessions so parents can personalize their learning about WMS. Parents and students are asked to select 3 sessions to attend.

**Athletics/Clubs/Activities/Involvement:** During this session, staff will discuss the different opportunities in which students can be involved at WMS.

**Advisory/SPARK:** During this session, staff will discuss the structure, philosophy, and best practices of a quality advisory program.

**Building Strengths in Your Student** - If you were unable attend the Gallup Strengths parent night, this is another opportunity to learn more about how to help your child name, claim, and aim their talents as identified by the Gallup Strengths Explorer Inventory.

**Grading** - Learn from teachers about grading at Westside Middle School and how to begin to prepare your student for the shift from Standards Based Reporting to grading at the secondary level.

**Registration 101** - School counselors will demonstrate how to register your student and be available to answer questions regarding the online registration process. Additional information on how co-teaching works into the schedule.

**Assisted Learning Special Education** - If your student is in Assisted Learning Special Education, you can meet with staff to discuss Co-teaching, talk about electives and see potential schedules

**Functional/Life Skills Special Education** - If your students is in Life Skills Special Education, you can meet with staff to understand how your student's day will look at Westside Middle School.

### Booths:

**Community Club** - Order WMS Gear and find out how to become involved as a parent of a WMS student

**Powerschool** - Find out information about Powerschool Access, Registration trouble-shooting, and update your information at this booth

**Student and Family Services** - Learn more about our partnership with Children's Hospital, free and reduced lunches, and more.

**Technology Information** - Parents can stop at the technology booth learn more about laptops, insurance, and procedures for distribution.