NOTES FROM ORIENTATION
UNIFORMS

Full Uniform Dress Code from our website: https://www.wips.org/uniforms

Purchasing information:

**Ideal School Uniforms**
175 Rockaway Avenue
Valley Stream, NY 11580
Tel: (516) 354-8255
Store hours
Sun: 11am-6pm
Mon-Sat: 10am-7pm

**Lands’ End**: School #900141987

The only required item with the logo is a top of your choice:
t-shirt (navy, gold)
polo shirt (navy, black, gold, white)
button down shirt (white)
sweatshirt (navy, black)

Both of these stores sell other items with the WJPS logo, but they are not all required items. Logo sweatpants are **not** required for gym class, but a logo t-shirt is mandatory.

You can bring your own top (in the above colors only), to DePhillips Sports at 33-05 Francis Lewis Blvd, 718-445-5420, and they will put the WJPS logo on it for you for a small fee. See next page for a coupon.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM**

Students must wear a WJPS t-shirt and navy/black sweatpants or shorts and tennis shoes that tie (no velcro).
WJPS
WORLD JOURNALISM

AUTHORIZED PRINT LOCATION

DePhillips
SPORTS

33-05 Francis Lewis Blvd.
Bayside, NY 11358
718-445-5420
Fax: 718-445-5432
E-mail: dsports23@aol.com

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$1 OFF EACH PRINTED ITEM

Welcome Back!
After-School
AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/SPORTS

SONYC Afterschool program is for Middle School only. It is managed by the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council and is free. It runs from 2:20 to 5:30 pm every school day. Please send an email to Dina DePaola at dinagryc@gmail.com and include your child’s name and grade, and that they are going to WJPS. When applications become available, Dina will send them to you. Please be advised that your child should have had a recent doctor’s check-up before school starts.

Middle School Sports consists of a winter and spring program. We survey our students and staff to determine which sports can be offered. In the past we have had Precision STEP team, Track & Field, and Rugby.

High School Sports are programmed with Francis Lewis High School (FLHS) through the PSAL program. This partnership allows our high school students access to dozens of sports (including cheerleading). Meetings and practices are at FLHS. Information is given out during PE class and by email.

WJPS clubs meet at different times of the day – morning, lunch-time and after school. Clubs include the Debate Team, Model UN, Video Game Club, Arts & Crafts, Spirit Club, Fashion Club, Student Government, School Ambassadors, Green Team Environmental Club, Do Something Club, National Honor Society, among others. Students can submit a form to Student Government to create a new club.
Transportation
TRANSPORTATION/SCHOOL BUS/METROCARD

**Yellow school busing** is available to sixth grade students who live far enough from school to qualify. There is no longer a “look up” feature on the DOE website to see if your child qualifies. You must check your [NYC Schools Account](#). The account will tell you if your child qualifies for a yellow school bus or a metro-card. If they qualify for a yellow school bus, the route number, bus company and pick-up/drop-off times will be shown. This information will most likely not be available until August. You will have to confirm your participation. You can choose to have only the morning pick-up or only the afternoon drop-off, or both. There is no afternoon service for students in the SONYC after-school program. The bus will pick-up and drop-off only at the home address – not at a babysitter or after-school camp/tutoring center. Students cannot have Yellow Bus service and a Metrocard.

**Free full fare Metrocards** are distributed during the first days of school to students who live far enough away to qualify (usually half mile or more). Students should treat their Metrocards as cash and keep them safe. A lost Metrocard can take up to two weeks to replace as we are not given many extra ones to have on hand.

[DOE Website about Transportation](#)
Lockers
LOCKERS

Student lockers are grouped by grade level, so all 6th graders have their lockers together, all 9th graders are together, etc. Lockers are assigned at random. If a locker height is challenging and needs to be changed to/from top/bottom, please send an email to Mr. Myrtil at gino.myrtil@wjps.org.

We use school locks because they can be opened with a master key instead of cut-off. There is a spreadsheet of all locker numbers and combinations so staff can look up a student’s locker combination if they forget it. The locks are $5.00, payable just once when a student begins at WJPS.

So as not to disturb classrooms near lockers, students visit their lockers only during these times:

- In the morning before school starts
- Before and after lunch
- Before and after gym class
- At the end of the day

A lockers is not assigned until a student has turned in all paperwork from their Back-To-School Packet (blue cards, lunch forms, Photo Release, etc.).
Bell Schedule
BELL SCHEDULE

7:30 - 7:58 am ARRIVAL & BREAKFAST

1. 8:00 AM - 8:51 AM

2. 8:55 AM - 9:40 AM

3. 9:42 AM - 10:28 AM

4. MS Lunch 10:30 AM - 11:16 AM

5. 11:18 AM - 12:04 PM

6. HS Lunch 12:06 PM - 12:52 PM

7. 12:54 PM - 1:39 PM

8. 1:41 PM - 2:20 PM
Miscellaneous
STUDENT EMAIL ACCOUNTS

All staff and students at WJPS have wjps.org Gmail accounts. The format is FirstName.LastName@wjps.org. Information about new student accounts will be emailed over the summer to the parent email addresses we have.

PUPILPATH

Pupilpath is our online grade book. Students and parents have access to it and can see attendance, progress, report cards, and messages from teachers and administrators. Log in information will be provided in September.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Here is a link to the 2019-2020 Immunization Requirements; when this page is updated, we will let you know: https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/health-and-wellness/immunizations

SUPPLY LIST

Supply lists will be emailed and posted on the school website in the next week or two.

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT/READING LIST

There are no formal summer assignments, but we will be posting educational websites and resources you can refer to over the summer break.
WHEN WILL STUDENTS GET PROGRAMS/KNOW WHICH TEACHER THEY HAVE?

Programs/schedules will be distributed in late August by email to parents.

WILL THERE BE ANOTHER ORIENTATION IN THE FALL IF SCHOOLS OPEN?

We would love to have an in-person Orientation the fall, but it will depend on the guidelines in place at the time.

HOW ARE STUDENTS WITH IEPS SUPPORTED?

WJPS implements a student’s Remote Learning Plan during Distance Learning. Please contact Ms. Christine Lawton at christine.lawton@wjps.org for questions regarding your child’s IEP.

WHAT LEARNING PLATFORM DO WE USE?

WJPS uses Google Classroom. We will be reaching out to families and posting information on our website with information on how to use Google Classroom.

Please contact our Parent Coordinator, Helen Reed, by email at helen.reed@wjps.org