



WPMS Advisory Classes

to begin 9/8/2020

Over the past 6 months our school community has experienced a collective trauma due to Covid-19. Staff, students, and parents overwhelmingly reported that, while distance learning measures attempted to minimize the academic impact of the physical school closure, students were missing out on the valuable connections made when students and staff are on campus. This struggle has impacted our students in many ways and we will address it this year through Advisory. For many of our students, these interactions and connections built through Advisory are just as necessary as academic progress in any subject area. Across the county and state, there is consensus among professionals that this is even more critical while our students remain off campus in distance learning.

Advisory at WPMS will take place Tuesdays through Fridays, starting on September 8th. All students will have their 30 minute Advisory class opposite lunch, either during period 3 or period 4. Throughout the week, students will engage in brief activities and conversations designed to accomplish the following:

- Understanding how to be a successful student in our current instructional model
- Building social and emotional understanding leading to overall wellness
- Developing positive character and habits of mind
- Establishing positive relationships with their peers and staff
- Building school culture participation through whole school events and activities

Student Attendance will be taken during Advisory, but there will be no grade in Advisory to report. Even though it is not graded, the learning and connecting that will be accomplished through Advisory is a key component to student success and wellness now during distance learning, and when we look to transition back on campus when it is safe enough to do so.