

WELCOME TO WALTERS

INCOMING 6TH GRADE INFORMATION NIGHT



5th Grade Parent Presentation

Walters Middle School
Spring 2026





Blacow



Brier



Durham



Lila Bringhurst



Mattos



Azevada

Future Walters Warriors



Millard



Family Resources

Website for WMS Parent Information

- Aeries
- Parent Square
- Various links to district/school websites
- PBIS
- Attendance
- Title 1



Wellness Center

The Wellness Center is a relaxing space where students can come and participate in de-stressing activities such as fidgets, coloring, building blocks and more. Visit Mr. Edwards in the Wellness Center.



Open during classes periods 1, 2, 3, 5, & 6

This year, the Wellness center is open to 6th graders on **Tuesdays during lunch.**



Walters Middle School Attendance Video



All WMS videos can be found linked on the Walters Family Resources Website and WMS Youtube Channel

What changes in middle school?

- From 1 teacher and classroom to 4 different teachers and 4 classrooms
- From 60-90 peers in the same grade to 400 peers in the same grade coming from 7 elementary schools in the Kennedy attendance area
- No recess
- 4 minutes of “passing period” to switch classes
- PE daily, including changing clothes in the locker room each day
- 6th grade wheel classes or Band or Core Support (RSP)

Wheel Classes

- Academic Strategies
- Digital Citizenship
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Innovations

Wheel classes last one quarter. Students take all four classes in the wheel.

Band

- Beginning Band
- Advanced Band

Students stay in band for the entire year.

NOTE: Students in the RSP Program take Core Support instead of Wheel classes

Sample 6th Grade Class Schedule

Sample Schedule - Regular Day (8:10 - 2:26)

Period 1: English (8:14 - 9:05)

Period 2: History (9:09 - 10:00)

Period 3: Math (10:04 - 10:55)

Period 4: Science (10:59 - 11:50)

Book Storage (11:50 - 11:54)

LUNCH (11:54 - 12:24)

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P.E.

Expectations in Middle School

- **PE grades** are based on students dressing out and participating in daily activities
- Students are required to change into their PE clothes every day
- PE clothes and a lock can be purchased from our PE teachers during the first weeks of school.
- Loaner - PE uniforms that students can borrow if they forget to bring their own PE clothes (*gray t-shirt, purple shorts can be purchased outside of school - no logo!*)
- PE department website:
<https://fremontunified.org/walters/students-community/programs-services/departments/physical-education/>

School Sports and Clubs

SPORTS

Girls Volleyball
Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Boys Volleyball

CLUBS

**Clubs vary based on interest
and staffing*

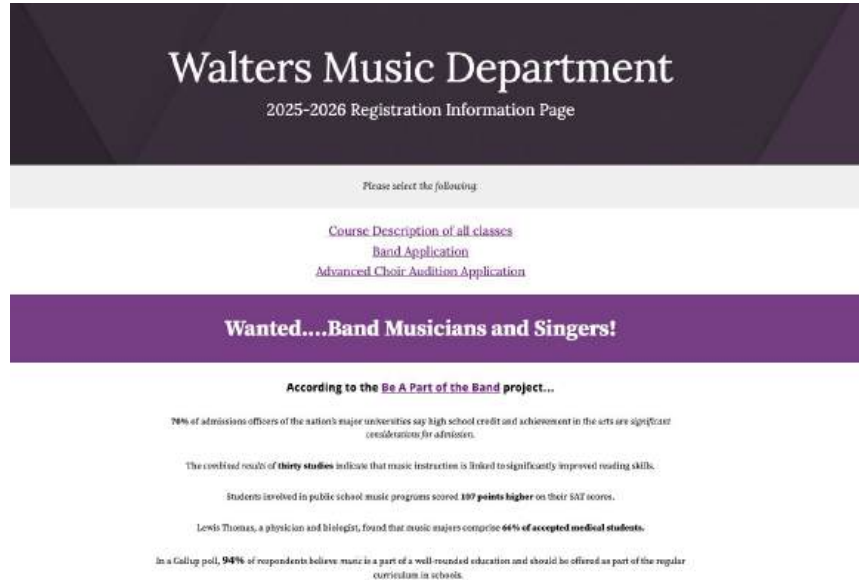
Artists Club
Anime Club
Coding Club
Crochet Club
Game Room

Garden Club
Human Club
Math Club
MESA
Rubik's Cube Club
Movie Club
Karaoke Club



How Do Students Sign up for Band?

To sign up for
band, complete
the Google Form
no later than
April 30



Walters Music Department
2025-2026 Registration Information Page

Please select the following:

- [Course Description of all classes](#)
- [Band Application](#)
- [Advanced Choir Audition Application](#)

Wanted....Band Musicians and Singers!

According to the [Be A Part of the Band project...](#)

- 70% of admissions officers of the nation's major universities say high school credit and achievement in the arts are significant considerations for admission.
- The combined results of **thirty studies** indicate that music instruction is linked to significantly improved reading skills.
- Students involved in public school music programs scored **107 points higher** on their SAT scores.
- Lewis Thomas, a physician and biologist, found that music majors comprise **64% of accepted medical students**.
- In a Gallup poll, **94%** of respondents believe music is a part of a well-rounded education and should be offered as part of the regular curriculum in schools.



Scan the QR code to access
the band interest request
form

[Walters Band Info:](https://bit.ly/waltersmusic)
bit.ly/waltersmusic

[Walters Band Sign
Up Google Form:](#)

To sign up for band,
complete the
Google Form by
April 30

[Middle School
Course Catalog](#)

Supports for Learning

- **School Library open from 7:50 am - 3:30 pm most days**
- **School Counselors**
- **Student Information System**
- **ParentSquare**
- **Student Google accounts (Gmail)**
- **Homework Club - limited space**
 - **Sign up required**
- **Intervention classes before and after school (varies depending on staffing)**



WALTERS MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY



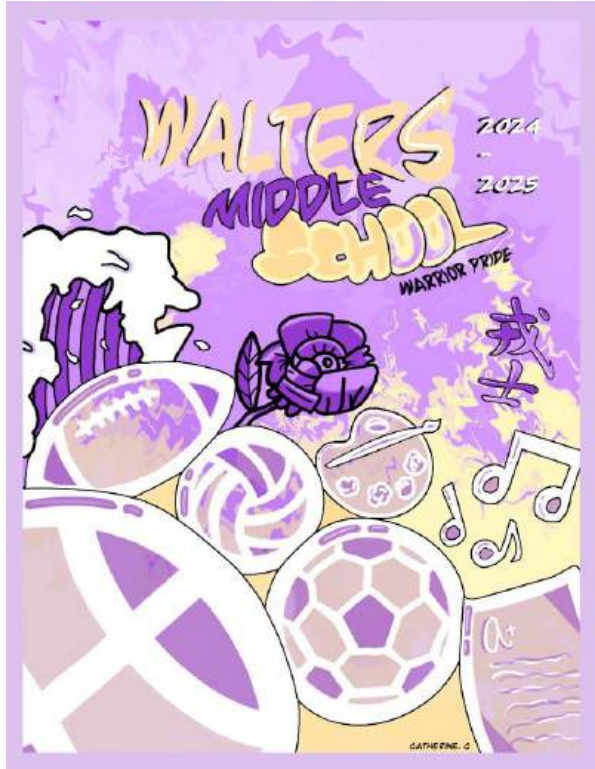
Check out our Walters Library Website [HERE!](#)

Library [FAQs](#)

- 1. How can students check out a book from the school library?**
The librarian will scan student IDs
- 2. How many books can students check out at a time?**
3 books
- 3. How long can they borrow a book?**
Graphic Novels - 1 week
All other books - up to 3 weeks



Student Agenda



- All students are given an “agenda” book
- Personal planner; use it daily to record homework, tests, and other important information
- Handbook with school rules, consequences, and reference pages

School Counselors

School Counselors support the academic, social/emotional and career/college development of all students by:

- **Classroom Counseling lessons**
- **Providing drop-in and short-term individual, group and crisis counseling (grades, friendships, stress, etc.)**
- **Facilitating restorative conversations between students, preventing student conflicts from escalating**
- **Facilitating meetings for students needing support in school**
- **Connecting students and families with other mental health supports (YFS, Care Solace)**



- Ms. Gai - 6th
- Ms. Gonzalez - 7th
- Mrs. Yepez - 8th

Walters Where Everybody Belongs Orientation

- 6th Graders are invited to meet new friends, participate in fun activities and check out our school campus!
 - Promotes a positive transition and student support system for those entering middle school
 - Free-of-cost program
 - Explore Walters before the school year begins
 - Become familiar with campus
 - Develop new friendships and connect with an 8th grade WEB leader



6th Grade WEB Day
Wednesday, August 5, 2026
9:00 - 10:30

Walters Middle School presents

6TH GRADE MAZE DAY

Friday July 31, 2026

Mini Gym

Visit Maze in the mini gym to pick up your student's class schedule and learn all about campus life at Walters!

Help us keep things running smoothly.
Please come during your assigned time below.

6TH GRADE - LAST NAMES A - K : 9:00 - 11:00

6TH GRADE - LAST NAMES L - Z : 12:00 - 2:00

Where Everybody Belongs

6TH GRADE Wednesday August 5, 2026

WEB DAY!

9:00 - 10:30

Main Gym

Meet new friends, participate in fun activities, and check out our school campus!



Please note that WEB is for 6th grade students only.
We look forward to meeting our incoming students there!

WEB and MAZE Day flyers have been given out to students at the elementary schools

Aeries

- District-wide student information system
- Parents/guardians have access to the Parent Portal, a confidential and secure website that allows parents/guardians to log in and view:
 - Attendance
 - Class schedule
 - Grades/Report cards
 - District and School notices
- A portal account is necessary to complete the online registration process
- Check ParentSquare for information about Aeries
- There is an app available if you would like to download it

Opportunities for Parent/Family Engagement

- Join the PTO
- Volunteer in the library
- Volunteer to help at school events
- Donate
- Attend school functions
- Reach out to your student's teachers
- Attend coffee socials
- Attend Parent Cafes
- Join parent education nights

Important Contacts

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Questions

Parent questions from presentation

This presentation will be posted on our website so you can go back and take look!

Warriors Community Connection

YOUR WALTERS PTO

- 1st Day Welcome
- After-School Social Events
- Staff Grants
- Staff Appreciation Events
- Fun Friday Treat Sales
- Warriors Dine Outs
- Spirit Wear and Spirit Cart
- Assemblies and Guest Speakers
- 8th Grade Celebration
- Sports Uniforms and Banners
- Partner w/School - Coffee w/Admin, WEB Day, Title 1 Events, College & Career Week, 8th Grade Awards, ASB Socials
- AND MORE!



Warriors Community Connection

WAYS TO GET & STAY CONNECTED



The screenshot shows the profile for @walterswcc. At the top is a purple and yellow warrior helmet logo. Below it, the text reads: "@walterswcc Warriors Community Connection is the PTO for G. M. Walters Middle School." There are three yellow buttons: "Zoom Login - April 9 - 7 PM", "WCC Websites and Social Media Links" (with a sub-button "WCC Online Membership and More"), and "Walters Spirit Wear". At the bottom is a button for "WCC Facebook Group".

[linktr.ee/
walterswcc](https://linktr.ee/walterswcc)



WhatsApp Group Incoming 6th Graders



The profile picture shows a cartoon warrior in a purple and yellow uniform holding a purple shield with the number "6" and the word "INCOMING" written on it.

Walters INCOMING 6th Graders - Class of 2029



The screenshot shows the profile for "Walters Middle School WCC". It features a profile picture of a warrior wearing a yellow helmet. The text below the picture reads: "Walters Middle School WCC" and "Private group · 757 members".

Private Facebook Group



The screenshot shows the profile for "warriorsconnection". It features a profile picture of a warrior helmet. The text below the picture reads: "54 posts", "84 followers", and "34 following". At the bottom, it says "Warriors Community Connection - Walters MS PTO" and includes the linktr.ee URL.

Instagram

Take a look around campus

We have three 6th grade teachers here tonight in their classrooms!

- Ms. Lam - Room 40 - Math/Science (Spanish translation available)
- Ms. Johal - Room 56 - English/History
- Mrs. Narveson - Room 49 - Math/Science
- Mr. Leahy - Room 45 - English/History
- AP Baird - Room 50 - Innovations
- AP Shah - Room 55 - English/History (Spanish translation available)

We will be here until 7:30pm.

Questions



Use this QR code to submit any questions or concerns you have about Walters.

Answers to questions are located on [THIS](#) document.