## Welcome to Willow Glen Middle School from the Willow Glen Education Foundation!

We are WGEd, the school-connected, nonprofit, parent-run organization, supporting academic, social, and cultural enrichment at Willow Glen Middle and Willow Glen High Schools. We're similar to a PTA, but open to everyone. We're excited to welcome your students and support their academic journey within our community!

At WGMS and WGHS, several parent organizations work together to help ensure your children have a well-rounded school experience during their middle and high school years.

# **Our Parent Volunteer Organizations**



Check out our websites to see how we each support students in a unique way.

- WG Education Foundation (WGEd) Academic, social, and cultural enrichment
- WG Athletic Boosters Athletic team support
- WG Performing Arts Boosters (aka, PAB) Band, choir, and theater program support

### Important Dates and Details to Prepare for New School Year

#### July 31, 2025: WEB Day ("Where Everyone Belongs")

Make sure your student plans to attend <u>WEB Day</u> which is for ALL incoming 6th grade Rams. More info will be available at the <u>WGMS website</u> as the date nears.

For students, think of this as 6th grade orientation. Students will be given their schedules and have a chance to purchase "Ram" clothing as well as PE uniform shorts/tees. Incoming 6th graders will be placed in a group led by an 8th grade WEB Leader for a special on-campus orientation, including games, a tour, and lunch. WEB Day is a great chance for students to catch up with old friends, and make new ones. Many kids end up in class with students they met on WEB day.

For parents, WEB Day is your opportunity to meet WGMS administrators, get your student's schedule, buy some "Ram" wear from the Athletic Booster booth, purchase PE uniforms, and explore campus. WGEd will have a table and tent set-up to welcome you, answer questions, and take names and contact information for those interested in volunteering with WGEd.

#### August: RamStarter Annual Giving Campaign

Coordinated and managed by WGEd, our biggest school-wide fundraiser of the year raises funds for WGEd, Athletic Boosters, PAB, and Willow Glen Cares. Money raised through this *online-only* fundraiser helps these groups meet needs that directly impact students throughout the year (e.g., athletic equipment, theater play props, funding for science specimens, etc.) Watch for information on this important fundraiser!

#### August 27: Back-to-School Night

This night is your chance to come on campus and meet your student's teachers in person. What's it like? Think of a quick series of "meet & greets," spending about 10 minutes in each classroom learning about the curriculum and what the teacher has planned before moving to the next class.

#### 1st Wednesday of Every Month: WGEd Meetings

Get involved and stay informed about what's happening on campus by attending one of our <u>monthly meetings</u>. Unlike a traditional PTA, we do not charge dues for membership and meetings are free and open to all members of our community. Principals from both the middle and high school usually attend to provide updates as well. \*Note: August will be the 2nd Wednesday.

#### Uniforms

Students at WGMS wear uniforms to school. Check out the <u>uniform policy</u> and make sure you have clothes ahead of time so your student is ready for the first day of school.



#### **Keep In Touch**

To stay up to date, please <u>check our website</u> or follow us on <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Instagram</u>. In addition, we recommend checking out the <u>WGMS website</u> regularly as we near the back to school season.