

## New Policy to Govern Cell Phone Use

by Ken Nally, Assistant Principal

Beginning in the fall of the 2008-09 school year, responsible cell phone use will be permitted in a defined area of the Commons/Cafeteria and main hallway. Within that "zone", students will be able to make calls and check messages during the day. Cell phone use will still be prohibited in classrooms and other hallways in the building, and phones **must be kept turned off and put away** when students are outside of the Cell Phone Zone. In cases where a parent leaves a cell phone voice mail or text message for a student about a medical appointment, it is still mandatory for students to check out with Student Services before leaving school.

Violation of the cell phone policy will result in an automatic Saturday School or Thursday School (after-school detention). The full cell phone policy will be detailed in the **2008-09 WKHS Student Handbook**, which will be posted on the school website before the beginning of classes in August.

## Schedule & Textbook\* Pickup August 18-20

**18** Freshmen A-E 8:30am-10:00am  
 F-L 10:00am-11:30am  
 M-R 12:30pm-2:00pm  
 S-Z 2:00pm-3:30pm

**19** Sophomores A-L 8:30am-10:00am  
 M-Z 10:00am-11:30am

Seniors A-Z 1:00pm-3:30pm

**20** Juniors A-L 8:30am-10:00am  
 M-Z 10:00am-11:30am

New Student Orientation - 1:00 pm

**\*You must have a student ID with you when picking up textbooks! You may purchase a replacement ID for \$5.**

## Schedule Change Policy for 2008-09

During the spring we have worked to solve schedule conflicts for the 2008-09 school year, a process we completed manually, one at a time. Students submitted their course choices to the Counseling Center in January, including their alternate selections. Some students were called in to the counselor's office when a combination of the classes they selected could not be made without conflict. If a schedule could be made without conflict from the student's own course selections, the student was not called in for consultation.

Class sizes will be at or very near capacity. With the loss of class sections, we do not have the same flexibility to change schedules that we might have had in the past. Therefore, requests to change student schedules for reasons of preference cannot be made. Thank you for understanding.

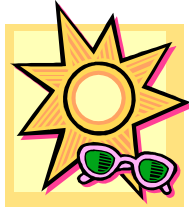
## Seniors and Juniors will be Guaranteed Parking Permits



Last fall, all seniors and juniors applying for parking permits were issued permits. Projected enrollment figures for 2008-09 reflect that we will be able once again to guarantee permits to all eligible (**licensed and insured**) seniors and juniors. **No temporary permits. No exceptions.**

Applications for parking permits will be mailed home in early August as part of the junior and senior registration packets. On their designated Schedule Pickup Day (see page 2 of this newsletter), students need to bring with them their completed application, with parent signature, valid driver's license, and a check for \$35 payable to WKHS.

Sophomores will NOT be guaranteed a parking spot. During the first two weeks of school, we will do parking lot counts to determine if sophomores will be issued permits. Again, they will have to be fully licensed, not driving under a learner's permit. Any questions about sophomore parking permits should be directed to Andy Clark, Dean in Student Services. He will be in his office beginning the week before Registration, and can be reached at 883-2584.



## Summer Office Access at WKHS

Several offices at WKHS will be open all summer to assist with the needs of students and parents.

Please keep these direct numbers handy in case you need to contact us for any reason before school starts:

**Registrar/Counseling Center. . . . . 883-2599**  
**Co-curricular/Athletics/Activities. . . . . 883-2570**  
**Administration Office. . . . . 883-2554**

**June 16 - July 18 Summer School Office at TWHS**  
**mornings . . . . . 883-2250**  
**afternoons . . . . . 883-3050**

## Seniors: Request Your Final Transcript

Seniors should be sure to stop in the Counseling Center and ask Mrs. Hoyt to forward your final transcript to the college you will be attending. Cost is \$2; cash or check made out to WKHS. She can be reached by calling 883-2599 during the summer months.



## Counselor Assignments

For the 2008-2009 school year the counselors will work with all students grades 9-12 according to the first letter of their last names. The breakdown of counselor assignments is:

- A - El Miss Brianna Abbott**  
babbott@worthington.k12.oh.us
- Em - K Mrs. Andrea Gratz**  
agratz@worthington.k12.oh.us
- L - Rh Miss Ariel Schwartz**  
aschwartz@worthington.k12.oh.us
- Ri - Z Mrs. Kristy Smith**  
k1smith@worthington.k12.oh.us

## Leadership Tomorrow Seeks Youth

Leadership Tomorrow is a youth program of Leadership Worthington designed for students in grades 10, 11, and 12. Leadership Tomorrow identifies emerging teen leaders and develops their potential for school and civic responsibility, enhances their understanding of leadership issues, and motivates them to work toward resolving these issues for the betterment of Worthington. Participants can expect:

- Self-assessment
- Team building
- Goal setting, time management, self-esteem
- Communication and Presentation Preparation
- Community Service
- Service Presentations

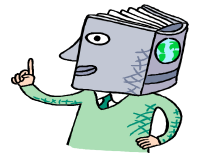
Currently, the Fall Session fee is \$145. Classes are held Sundays from 2:00PM until 5:00PM. The opening session for the fall class is scheduled for Sunday, September 21, 2008 with the final seventh session tentatively set for Sunday, November 9, 2008. A tentative opening date for the spring class is set for Sunday, January 25, 2009 with all seven sessions completed before spring break.

For program information and application materials, please contact Valerie Knapp, Youth Program Coordinator, at 883-3057 or email:

[LYouthcoord@columbus.rr.com](mailto:LYouthcoord@columbus.rr.com).

## Kilbourne Foursome Show They Are "In The Know"

On Tuesday, May 27th, Worthington Kilbourne's In-the-Know team was honored at the yearend banquet held at WOSU Studies/COSI. The team of Kevin Mechenbier, Jinny Ye, Roy Greim, and Vivian Chang was recognized as a semi-finalist in this year's WOSU In-the-Know competition. In its semi-final match, the team lost to the eventual tournament champion, Fisher Catholic High School.



Along with their personal recognition and awards, the team members accepted a \$2000 grant sponsored by Westfield Insurance. This grant will be used at Worthington Kilbourne to support academic programs for all students.

The semi-finalist teams are also awarded two \$2000 scholarships to The Ohio State University. Two graduating seniors from Worthington Kilbourne will receive these awards for use in the 2008-2009 academic year.

Team advisor Laura Haverkamp would like to thank all of the faculty, staff, parents, and students who supported the team this year!

## From the Counseling Center: Save These Dates!!

(Times are estimates. Please look for details and more information closer to the events.)

Parents: Please put these important dates on your calendar for next fall:

**August: Seniors -- Don't forget to register for October and December administrations of the ACT and SAT.**  
Visit [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

September 23: Senior Student and Family College Night, 7:30-9 PM  
October 5: Columbus Suburban College Fair, Otterbein College, 2-5 PM  
October 6: Learning Disabilities College Fair, Gahanna Lincoln HS cafeteria, 6-8 PM  
October 7: Columbus Kiwanis College Fair, Veterans Memorial, 6-8 PM  
October 15: PSAT (for a few freshmen, many sophomores, all interested juniors)  
November 3: PLAN Test (Pre-ACT with Career Assessment), sophomores are encouraged to participate



### WKHS' Option Privilege -- Check Out the Criteria

WKHS celebrates the growing sense of responsibility our students develop during their final years here and is happy to offer Options as a privilege for students who:

- Exhibit good attendance
- Arrive to school on time
- Pass their courses
- Abide by the student handbook rules

The Options Program allows students freedom during unscheduled time so they can learn to manage their time responsibly while continuing to fulfill their academic goals. If a student and his/her parents want to take advantage of this privilege, they must realize that the school will not be keeping track of the student's location during that period. Juniors with the Option privilege may have late arrival or early release, but they may not leave for lunch or other times during the school day. Seniors may have late arrival or early release and can leave for lunch and an adjacent option with written parent permission on file.

Because Options is a privilege, the school requires the **bolded** standards listed above to be maintained. All or part of the Options Privilege will be revoked for the following reasons (the principal will evaluate special circumstances):

- The student is excessively absent and/or tardy (10 or more times, collectively) in the same class.
- The student fails a course.

Students can, however, earn their options back if they once again meet the standards of the program.

### Senior Picture Time!

Seniors! Summer is the time to have your senior pictures taken. The 2-1/2 inch by 3-1/2 inch wallet-sized, color picture is due to Mrs. Mullen, yearbook advisor, by winter break, December 19, 2008. We encourage you to call Lance Parker, 766-7222, to set up your appointment. Mr. Parker donates his professional services as well as hundreds of dollars of goods to WKHS.



### Prep HQ is Available Year Round!

As you visit colleges this summer, remember that Prep HQ is a valuable resource all year round. To access Prep HQ, go to the Worthington Schools website:

[www.worthington.k12.oh.us](http://www.worthington.k12.oh.us)

Then click on Our Schools, then Worthington Kilbourne. The Prep HQ link is located on the left side, at the bottom.

### WKHS Mission Statement

Our mission is to teach all students to act responsibly and think critically and creatively.

**ATTENTION! Please take the following information into consideration as you shop for school clothes.**

## **Worthington Kilbourne High School Student Appearance and Expression 2008-2009 Administrative Guidelines**

The Worthington Board of Education recognizes the rights of a student with regard to expression and to regulate his or her appearance, within the bounds and standards of common decency and modesty. Therefore regulations covering student dress and expression including, but not limited to, hair, clothing, buttons, badges, physical gestures, written materials, and other symbols and expressions shall be aimed at minimizing and/or preventing those situations that negatively impact a safe learning environment.

- O Students are not to wear clothing that represents or implies alcohol, tobacco and other drugs; inappropriate/vulgar language or design.
- O Students are not permitted to **wear or carry** hats, caps, headbands, bandanas, head coverings, masks, make-up that covers features of the face or disguises the identity, or dark tinted/sunglasses inside the school building between the time the student arrives until 3:05 pm, nor at any educational assembly or program.
- O Students are to dress so that undergarments are not exposed (i.e., sagging pants, transparent clothing, etc.)
- O Students are not to wear clothing that exposes bare mid-ribs, bare shoulders, bare backs; necklines should be modest enough to not expose cleavage.
- O Shorts and skirt lengths must be long enough to touch the hem with your fingertips with hands hanging straight to the side when standing.

*After careful review and discussion, the WKHS Leadership believes that these guidelines are essential to promoting and sustaining a safe emotional and physical school environment. As partners in our learning community we ask for your support of these guidelines.*

## **Remember to Recycle your Paper this Summer!**

WKHS receives money for all paper recycled here. Paper such as old school notes, junk mail, newspapers, magazines and brown paper bags may be placed in the brightly-colored recycling bin in the west student parking lot. **No cardboard of any kind, and no telephone books, please.**



## **Senior Project 2008 a Great Success!**

*by Sandra Kucinich-Horn, Senior Project Advisor*

Thirty-two seniors successfully completed Senior Project this year. Judging from the reactions from the Community Sponsors, Kilbourne's seniors represented themselves, their parents and Kilbourne well. Most of the Community Sponsors said they would like to participate next year. All seniors but one said the Project was a successful experience for them.

Some excerpts from Senior Project journals:

### **Hannah Pease (Worthington City Schools)**

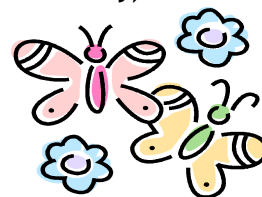
"This morning was Cabinet where they talked about . . . the 5-year forecast and the budget. . . I learned a new skill about proof reading that I didn't know today. I learned that if you read something backwards you are more likely to find a spelling error. Mr. King gave me a list of students from Kilbourne that would be willing to be on the Community Relations committee. . . I attended the Slate Hill Proposal meeting in the Board meeting room. They were proposing their idea to enhance Worthington's 21st century learning by adding an International Baccalaureate program. Their presentation was excellent and showed me how much the teachers at that school really care about their students and their jobs."

### **Jon Roullard (Sports Medicine)**

"This week was interesting to say the least. I have made friends with the office staff, and I will be drawing blood from one of them next week. . . . I find it so interesting how much you can really learn from a little vial of liquid. You could really write a book about a person's life after doing tests on their blood. Llyla (Laboratory Technician at the office) has taken me under her wing and has been educating me on some of the things the doctor's look for in their patients. Just a few things doctors look for, the blood's consistency to clot, the lipid count for cholesterol, tri-glycerides for the threat of diabetes. You would be able to tell just how someone lives from a little vial, and doctors use blood to diagnose as well as prescribe potencies of meds."

### **Naiying Cheung (Franklin Park Conservatory)**

"The first week of my internship has been exciting. During this week, I learned about butterflies and helped out with the Blooms and Butterfly exhibit. On my first day at Franklin Park Conservatory, I had to read about butterflies, butterfly releases, and procedures to handle butterflies to prepare for a quiz Julia made for me. I thought I was done with quizzes but apparently they are practical in internships. After some strenuous reading, I took the quiz and did well."



# Incredible Year for WKHS Bands!

## September 2007

The **WKHS Marching Band** begins competing on a new circuit, the Mid-States Band Association.

Three WKHS band students, **Maria Badillo**, **Miriam Hitchcock**, and **Joy Jing**, begin their season after being selected into membership of the Columbus Youth Symphonic Band.

## October 2007

The **Marching Band** performs at Ohio Stadium in the Buckeye Invitational.

## February 2008

**Wind Ensemble** performs at Weigel Hall in the OSU High School Wind Band Invitational.

Dr. Russ Mikkelson, Director of Bands at OSU, comes to WKHS to conduct the **Wind Ensemble**.

Three WKHS band students, **David Busch**, **Joy Jing**, and **Brandon Mash**, are selected as members of the OSU High School Honor Band and perform at Weigel Hall.

## March 2008

**Symphonic Band** and **Wind Ensemble** perform at the OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Event.

**Wind Ensemble** performs at Carnegie Hall in New York City as one of only fifteen high school groups from across the USA selected to participate in the National Band and Orchestra Festival.

## May 2008

The Grove City Community Winds, directed by James Swearingen and **Phil Day**, share a concert with the WKHS **Wind Ensemble** at WKHS. The bands perform together on "*Jupiter*" from "*The Planets*" and *Stars and Stripes Forever*.

The "Extravaganza" concert features almost 500 band students from WKHS and its feeder schools.

Band Awards are presented to outstanding band students:

Sousa Award -- **Sarah Elliott**

Director's Award -- **Philip Bunting** and **Keegan Hazen**

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award -- **Philip Bunting**

Outstanding Musical Service -- **Andy Saunders** and **Chris Rayis**

Band Booster Scholarships -- **Chris Rayis** and **Sarah Elliott**

Booster Service Awards -- **A.J. Hachtel**, **Keegan Hazen**, **Andy Saunders**, **Erin Shann** and **Sherilyn Whitacre**

The OSU School of Music awards the 2008 Johnstone Woodwind Master Teacher Award to **Don Nathan**, Director of Bands.