



**Worthingway Middle School**  
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### Worthingway Newsletter: 1-13-20

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**1/13, Mon: Map Testing Math**

**1/14, Tues: Map Testing ELA**

**1/15, Wed: Screenagers 7 p.m. WEC**

**1/20, Mon: No School - Martin Luther King Day**

**1/30, Thurs: Blaze Pizza Fundraiser 5:30 – 9 p.m.**

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#### **Words Matter:**

“Believe in Yourself”

“You do you and you’ll be happy”

“You are #worthit”

“Don’t let yesterday take up too much of today”

“Just be yourself”

“Today is your day to shine”

These phrases, among others, are now in each of our student restrooms. A parent contacted me and shared that she had read an article about a school in Texas that painted positive messages on the doors of their bathroom stalls. She asked what I thought and I said, “Let’s do it!”

I asked our homeroom teachers to collect quotes and vote on their favorite, as a class. I shared these with a local company (Franklin Imaging) who turned them into images we could display on the stall doors in our student restrooms. Better yet, the quotes appear on the image of a cell phone. I think it is safe to say that our students use our restrooms at least once per day. Now, they are guaranteed to read one positive message every day at Worthingway to support the positive messages they hear every day in their classrooms from our amazing teachers.

Have a great 2<sup>nd</sup> semester and feel free to see the positive messages next time you are at Worthingway!

#### **PTA News:**

##### *Blaze Pizza Fundraiser*

7166 N High St. from 5:30-9pm on January 30th. Blaze Pizza gives back 20% of the proceeds from your meal back to Worthingway.

##### *Basketball Concessions*

We are looking for people to host the concession stand during home basketball games at Worthingway. This is a great fundraiser for the PTA and it helps fund projects for our student. We need your help running it so it can continue.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f0449ada62ca13-worthingway1>

### *Math Notebooks*

If your student is in need of a new math notebook the office has them for sale for \$2.

### *Worthingway PTA meeting*

Our next PTA meeting is Tuesday, February 4th at 7pm in the Worthingway Library. Hope you can join us.

### **Screenagers:**

We have a wonderful opportunity to share with you a three part series on the effects of screen time, social media, and digital safety for our children. Worthingway along with 5 other schools (Colonial Hills, Liberty, Brookside, Slate Hill, and Wilson Hill) have arranged for a private screening of the movies SCREENAGERS and SCREENAGERS: Next Chapter.

We hope that you will be able to attend these sessions:

SCREENAGERS - Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 7:00pm

SCREENAGERS: Next Chapter - Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7:00pm

Digital Safety with Dr. Conrad (Time and Location TBD)

All of the above gatherings will be held at the Worthington Education Center (WEC), 200 E. Wilson Bridge Rd at 7:00pm

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Related Arts:**

This is just a reminder that we will not allow related art class changes after the first 3 weeks of the semester.

The last day to make a class change request is 1/24/20.

### **Worthingway School Musical:**

This year's musical is "Getting to Know: Once Upon a Mattress" If your student likes to act, sing or dance we hope they will come join the show!

Students interested in being part of cast should join the google classroom with code: 8cmobja - and register using the form posted there. Much more information is available in the google classroom. You can email Mr. Reed at [jreed@wscloud.org](mailto:jreed@wscloud.org) if you have any questions.

### **Books and Bagels:**

Our next *Books and Bagels* get-together will take place on January 14th at 8:00am in the library. The book selection for this month is *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds. Any interested students should read the story and join us for a lively discussion and delicious treats!

### **Ohio Dental Outreach:**

Worthington Schools is happy to be partnering once again with Ohio Dental Outreach to offer in-school dental care. The date for Worthingway Students is Friday, February 21, 2020, and will take place at Worthington Estates Elementary (Worthingway students will walk over accompanied by school staff). Dental care includes a complete dental exam, x-rays, cleaning, fluoride and sealants when necessary, and in some cases, restorative care such as fillings. All insurance is accepted including Medicaid and CHIP. For those without insurance, a low cost self-pay option is available, or you may also request donated care to cover the cost.

Permission slips will go home in December. These need to be completed and returned as soon as possible, or you may complete the form online at [www.MySchoolDentist.com](http://www.MySchoolDentist.com). We need as many students as possible to

complete permission slip by December 20, 2019, although students will be accepted after that date and through the date of the clinic 2/21/20.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Casey, our School Nurse at 614-450-4300 or [jcasey@wscloud.org](mailto:jcasey@wscloud.org).

### Boxtops

### **Yearbook:**

You are now able to order your yearbook online! Please visit [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) and enter the school code: 13560720 to get yours now!

### **Student Support Time:**

We will be offering Student Support Time every Thursday and Friday, from 8-8:40am in the school library. This time will be dedicated to getting additional support on homework. Mr. Zingery will be available to help specifically with math.

Please contact the school office if you have questions. If transportation is a concern, please let Mr. Kellenberger or Mr. Mosca know at 614-450-4300.

### **News from the Staff:**

#### **ELA**

##### **Mrs. Adolph**

2nd and 9th periods will begin by writing expository pieces, as well as completing a creative project and 4th, 6th and 7th periods will begin 3rd quarter by writing memoirs.

##### **Ms. Beasley**

Beasley Reg: Students have started to read *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness. We are closely reading to notice details and understand character development.

Beasley EPP: Students have started to read *Wolf Hollow*. We are focusing on perspective this week and understand the impact perspective can have on a story.

##### **Mrs. Baker**

##### **Ms. Hill**

CHillBaker ELA will begin our Dystopian Unit with literature circle roles and reading 2 short stories. Students will again have homework due every Wednesday this quarter and a quiz on Thursday over grammar concepts.

##### **Mrs. Perkins**

Grade 7 ELA: We will continue reading *Marley Dias gets it Done*, including our theme of activism. The students will choose a young activist to compare/contrast to Marley. They will focus on the *why* and *how* they became an activist.

### **Science**

All 8th grade science students have completed the Earth Science content. We are now beginning the Life Science unit with a close look at how cells reproduce. Human reproduction is taught in health class. Animal reproduction has been introduced in elementary school but what about plant reproduction? How does that happen when plants can't move around to find a mate? In the next few weeks we will explore this content.

## **Social Studies**

### **Mr. Tisdale**

#### 7th Grade

We are wrapping up the fall of the Roman Empire and looking at the beginnings of feudalism in Western Europe.

#### 8th Grade

We are focusing on where students stand on the political spectrum to get ready for our Constitution unit.

### **Ms. Speicher**

8th Grade Social Studies: We will begin our study of the failures of the Articles of Confederations and the framework of the United States Constitution.

## **Art**

### **Mrs. Patridge**

Welcome to second semester art! This week art students learned about classroom expectations and norms. We also practiced working collaboratively on different challenges using food items in unexpected ways. We decided that collaboration and teamwork is very important in a school setting and it helps us to find success. We are off to a great start!

## **Guidance Office**

### **Mrs. Fei**

It is hard to believe, but High School Registration is around the corner for 8th grade students!

Some important dates to get on your radar now are:

Tues., 1/21/2020 @ 6:30p-8p: Gifted Transitions Night @ WEC

Mon, 1/27/2020 @ 7p: WKHS 8th Grade Transition Night

Tues., 1/28/2020 @ 7p: District Academic Options/CCP Night @ TWHS

Wed., 1/29/2020 @ 7p: TWHS 8th Grade Transition Night

Feb. 3-7, 2020: Registration information through classes at Worthingway

Tues., 2/4/2020 @ 7p-8:30p: Linworth Open Admissions Night

Fri., 2/7/2020: Worthingway Students Tour TWHS

Feb. 10-14, 2020: Registration for High School classes done at Worthingway

Friday, 3/27/2020 @ 4p: Linworth Application Deadline

Please see visit the Worthingway website, then go to "Guidance", then to "High School Registration" for more information.

## **School Office**

### **Ms. Debernardi**

### **Mrs. Swearingen**

Mark your calendars...Parent Teacher Conferences are Thursday, February 20th and Tuesday, February 25th.

More details to follow in future newsletters.

### **Student Absence Reporting:**

If your student will be absent from school, please call 614-450-4300 to report the student name, grade and reason for the absence. This allows us to document the absence in our attendance system. If we do not hear from you, we do our best to make parent/guardian contact via phone and/or email by 10:15am to account for the

student and document the absence. If your student has a medical appointment during the school day, we need a doctor's note/excuse in order to mark the absence time excused in the attendance system. If your student will be absent for an extended period of time, please have the student visit the office and ask for an Extended Absence Form. We appreciate being informed of student absences. Thank you for your support with this process.

For more information regarding attendance regulations and absences, please refer to pages 9-11 in the Worthington City Schools Middle School Handbook, which can be found on the Worthingway Website / Our School / School Handbook.

*Student Check-Out Procedure:*

If you need to check your student out of school, we need the parent/guardian/approved adult who will be picking the student up to enter the school with their driver's license (or digital pass on their phone) in order to complete the student sign-out process in the office. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Student Check-In Procedure:*

If your student is checking into school late, after an appointment or after a time away from school, they may enter the school on their own to check-in at the office. They may bring a doctor's note to the office if returning from an appointment and we will mark the time out excused. Thank you.

**Si requiere ayuda en Español, favor de mandar un texto a Sarah Pettigrew al teléfono 614-359-9050 o al email [spettigrew@wscloud.org](mailto:spettigrew@wscloud.org)**

**Para receber assistência em português, por favor chamar a Raul Arias ao numero do telefone 614-450-7804 ou email [rarias@wscloud.org](mailto:rarias@wscloud.org)**

**للحصول على المساعدة باللغة العربية ، يرجى الاتصال بـ نهى أحمد على الرقم -614-450-7808 أو البريد الإلكتروني [nahmed@wscloud.org](mailto:nahmed@wscloud.org)**

**For assistance in other languages, please contact your child's school and ask for the EL teacher.**