



**Worthingway Middle School**  
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**Worthingway Newsletter: 10-21-19**

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**10/21, Mon: Math Counts 4 – 5 p.m.**

**Ski & Board Club Parent/Student Informational Night KMS 7:30 p.m.**

**10/21-10/25, Mon-Fri: Actor's Boot Camp WW Choir Rm 4-6 p.m.**

**10/22, Tues: Board Game Club 4 – 5:15 p.m.**

**10/23, Wed: Worthington Schools Travel Parent Information Mtg. WEC 7 p.m.**

**10/24, Thurs: Blaze Pizza Fundraiser**

**Robotics Club Rm. 30 3:50-5 p.m.**

**10/28, Mon: MathCounts 4 – 5 p.m.**

**10/29, Tues: Orchestra Concert 7:30 p.m. TWHS**

**10/30, Wed: Books and Bagels 8 a.m. WW Library**

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**Words Matter:**

It is the mission of Worthington Schools and Worthingway to “empower a community of learners who will change the world.” I love the focus on empowering our students. I saw a strong example upon a visit to Mr. Black’s band class recently. A typed note at the door stated, “Get your instruments and check in with your section leaders as you tune.”

Once class started, Mr. Black shared the following with his class regarding the instructions at the door, “I know this is a new procedure for you. When I spoke to our band officers, we had a concern around tuning, it was a lot to ask that we all try to get to a tuner. The band officers suggested that maybe we have tuners in sections, to make things more manageable. We now have a new process from that feedback. Many of you saw this process as you came in, typed up on the stands at the door. Once you get your instruments, section leaders will get tuners, wait until the section is all present to take attendance, and then help the section to tune.”

On day one of this new process, I saw students leading sections and engaging and supporting one another. What a powerful model for empowering his class. There are band officers, selected by peers, to give feedback and create solutions. Not only are students in position to lead and share concerns, but those concerns are heard and acted upon, in this case with the addition of section leaders. Mr. Black has clearly established a caring and supportive student-centered environment. If you’ve ever heard our band perform, you know this is the case and you know it’s working!

Have a great three day weekend, Go Cards!

## **Student of the Month**

Student of the month recipients exhibit excellence in many categories, such as Academic Performance, Character, Behavior, Attendance, and Honesty. Each month our teachers nominate students who exemplify these qualities. We are pleased to announce our September Student of the Month winners!

<b>7th Grade</b>		<b>8th Grade</b>	
Julia Ondo	Aidan Weaston	Reese Laakso	Jim Pawley
Melissa Larbi	Hitesh Raj	Alayna Hawkins	Dean Cason
Sundai Maddox	Michael Allen	Destiny Rice	Michael Charley

## **PTA News:**

A big thank you to all the parents that helped with desserts and drinks for the parent teacher conferences on Tuesday and Thursday. Hope everyone has a great Friday!

We'd love your help raising funds to support Ham it Up for Worthingway! Please check out our fundraising page at [https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/Ham it Up for Worthingway](https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/Ham_it_Up_for_Worthingway).

Thanks for your support!

Dinner Fundraiser

October 24th: Blaze Pizza

7166 North High St.

## **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!

## **Coat Drive:**

St. Michael's Church will conduct their annual winter coat drive and are asking for help in obtaining winter coats, jackets, hats, scarves and gloves for Worthington families in need for the coming winter season. All sizes including adult sizes are needed. Donations will be accepted through October 31<sup>st</sup>. A donation box is located outside of our school office.

## **TWHS Boys Lacrosse Fall Clinic:**

Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 - 9 p.m. at Hamilton Field TWHS Stadium. Parents are invited to join at 8:30 p.m. to watch a scrimmage and meet the coaches. Open to grades 1-8. All skill levels.

Meet and learn from the TWHS coaches and players. Tour the weight and locker rooms. Get a free TWHS lax t-shirt for attending. Bring a water bottle and equipment if you have it. If not, there will be equipment to borrow.

Register by October 13<sup>th</sup> at [www.twhsboyslax.com](http://www.twhsboyslax.com). Walk-ins are welcome, but registration will assure the correct shirt size.

## **MathCounts**

We've had a great turnout for MathCounts so far. We welcome anyone who is still interested to join us. Practices are every Monday that school is in session from 4-5pm in Mrs. McKinney's room through February. Practices are mandatory in order to compete in the tournaments. If you haven't already done so, please let Mrs. Adesso or Mrs. McKinney know if you can't make a practice.

## **Worthington Middle School Ski & Board Club Parent / Student Information Night**

*When:* Monday, October 21, 2019

*Time:* 7:30 pm

*Place:* Kilbourne Middle School Auditorium

Ski Club is an excellent way for your child to get involved in a middle school activity, meet new friends and learn a lifelong sport. It is offered to all Worthington middle school students (grades 7-8). Even if your child has never skied or snowboarded, ski instructors at Mad River offer lessons that can be included in your package.

Students and staff chaperones travel to Mad River Mountain Ski Resort in Bellefontaine, OH for five consecutive Mondays, starting Monday, January 6th and ending on Monday, February 3rd. Charter buses from Cardinal Busing are used to transport the students and chaperones to and from the resort. Buses will leave at 3:45 pm and will return around 9:45-10 pm.

Students can retreat to the lodge to take a break, warm-up, or eat dinner. Students have the opportunity to pack their dinner or they can purchase it in the cafeteria. Also located in the lodge is Ski Patrol, which is a group that provides first aid to anyone who is injured. Ski Club advisors are always contacted should one of our students report to ski patrol.

Students have the opportunity to purchase a variety of packages to best suit their needs. To find out more about packages, pricing, next steps, and other frequently asked questions, please attend the informational meeting on Monday, October 21 at KMS. Worthington Ski Club Advisor is Brian Scott.

### **Actor's Boot Camp:**

Build your acting skills. Drill professional audition techniques. Challenge yourself to become a better performer. Create memorable characters. Spend an intense week with WAP's amazing theatre director Mr. Leyva playing theatre games and working on scenes and monologues. This boot camp will include expert training to prepare you to audition for Worthingway's spring production of *Once Upon a Mattress*.

The **Actor's Boot Camp** runs Monday through Friday, 4pm-6pm, from October 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> and will meet in the WMS Choir Rm.

Register at <https://www2.mypaymentsplus.com/welcome> under "school year activities."

### **Board Game Club:**

Our next Board Game Club is Tuesday, October 22nd from 4:00-5:15 in room 31. Light snacks will be provided. See Mrs. Morgan with questions.

## **Worthington Schools National and International Travel Parent Information Night Summer 2021:**

Come learn about domestic and international trips offered throughout our district. Open to all students currently in grades 6-11. We will give you an overview of the trips and give you a chance to talk with trip leaders for more details.

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

7 – 8 p.m.

Worthington Educational Center

200 E. Wilson Bridge Rd.

Questions? Contact Dr. Neil Gupta [ngupta@wscloud.org](mailto:ngupta@wscloud.org).

### **Leadership Worthington Community Trivia Night:**

Join Leadership Worthington for the first ever Leadership Worthington Community Trivia Night! This family friendly trivia event invites businesses, non-profits, families, neighbors and students to form a team of four participants and test their trivia knowledge against one another during an exciting and entertaining evening. The Leadership Worthington Community Trivia Night is a public event, but seating is limited, so organize your team and register soon!

Thursday, 10/24 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Random Precision Brewing Company

Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/y4o4jnsv>

Trivia courtesy of Trivia 614. The entry fee is \$20.00 per Team, with all proceeds going to benefit Leadership Worthington.

For more information contact [lwexecdir@gmail.com](mailto:lwexecdir@gmail.com)

### **Orchestra Concert:**

Our orchestra students are busily preparing for their first concert of the year, October 29 at 7:30pm at TWHS. Selections will feature baroque, classical and Spanish music in addition to a couple of fall festive tunes. One of these pieces will feature our string basses. Worthingway students will be performing together with Kilbourne Middle School orchestra students. The high school orchestras will also be featured on the concert.

### **Books and Bagels:**

Our next Books and Bagels get-together will take place on October 30th at 8:00am in the library. The book selection for this month is *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo. Any interested students should read the story and join us for a lively discussion and delicious treats! Please see the WW library desk for a copy of the book.

### **Juvenile Law 101 – Issues Affecting Franklin County Middle- and High-Schoolers, November 12, 2019 / 7 PM - 8 PM / Worthington Education Center (200 East Wilson Bridge Road)**

You are invited to attend this evening presentation by Mr. Zachary Imwalle, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Criminal Division, which will focus on educating parents on the juvenile justice system. We will discuss topics that include a basic overview of juvenile court, common offenses committed by juveniles in the school setting, and the consequences for committing those offenses. Some common offenses we discuss are bullying/threatening others, misuse of technology (including sexting, online harassment, etc.), vaping/drug/alcohol use, fighting, and many others. We also address some serious issues that are affecting today's teens and resources available to help with those issues.

### **Winter Sports News:**

#### **Girls' Basketball**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Coach-TBA

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Coach-Mr. Eric Bidlack/ [eric.bidlack@gmail.com](mailto:eric.bidlack@gmail.com)

The current schedule is set up to allow the girls' basketball teams to practice from 4:00 to 6:00 for the entire basketball season. Coaches will be giving out calendars once teams are selected. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The girls will be committed to the basketball team on game days from 3:45 to as late as 9:00 pm. ***Please be sure you can make this kind of commitment BEFORE trying out for the team.*** There are open gyms listed below.

#### **Open Gyms**

4-5:30 September 23 & 30 (those not playing volleyball or cross country)

October 8, 16, 23, 24 (Everyone); Tryouts: 4-5:45 October 28, 29, 30

First Practice Nov. 1 4- 5:45

## **Cheerleading**

Head Coach-Ms. Riley Adamaitis/[rileya2009@hotmail.com](mailto:rileya2009@hotmail.com)

WWAY BASKETBALL CHEERLEADING TRYOUT Information 2019-2020

When: October 22, 23 and 24 from 4-6 pm

*Athletes must attend both clinic days (Oct. 22 and 23) to be eligible for tryouts (Oct. 24)*

Tryouts will be October 24, 25, and 26 at Kilbourne Middle School.

Where: KMS GYM (WWAY girls will be shuttled to KMS)

KMS Address: 50 E Dublin Granville Road, Worthington-43085

All athletes must have a ride home promptly at 6 pm

### **Requirements for tryouts:**

Appropriate workout attire (t-shirt, athletic shorts, sweatpants, etc.)

Tennis shoes

Hair pulled back and out of face

Water bottle

### **General information about the season:**

- Athletes need an up to date physical as well as need to be on final forms **BEFORE** tryouts. Students will prior physicals will need their physicals to be valid through the end of November.
- Pay to play fee will need to be paid prior to the first game.
- Athletes will need to purchase necessary items to fulfil uniform requirements.
- Practices and games are on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- When games begin students will be expected to be at the school immediately after dismissal until the conclusion of the game

## **Wrestling**

Head Coach - Zach [Wojciechowski-zwojciechowski@wscloud.org](mailto:Wojciechowski-zwojciechowski@wscloud.org)

Assistant Coach-James Williams-[jwilliams@wscloud.org](mailto:jwilliams@wscloud.org)

*Pre-Season Team Meeting in Worthingway Library on Tuesday, October 29 at 6:15*

Wrestling will begin *Monday, November 4*. We are a combined program with Kilbourne Middle School. *Practices will be held at TWHS from 4:15 to 6:15; students will be shuttled to TWHS and are to be picked up there Monday through Friday. Matches are on Wednesday's and Tournaments are on Saturday's. Home matches are in the WWAY Gym. Interested students should have shorts, t-shirt, and tennis shoes or if know you will be staying with program all year wrestling shoes and also wrestling head gear, preferably red. Please email Coach if you have any questions.*

*Wrestlers will purchase team compression shirts and shorts for uniforms*

### **Boys' Basketball**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Coach-**Demetrius** [Ross-coachross35@gmail.com](mailto:Ross-coachross35@gmail.com)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Coach- **Jenerrie** [Harris-jenerrie.harris@gmail.com](mailto:Harris-jenerrie.harris@gmail.com)

The current schedule is set up to allow the boys' basketball teams to practice from 6:00 to 8:00 for the entire basketball season. Practices will not last more than 2 hours. Coaches will be giving out calendars once team is selected. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The boys will be committed to the basketball team on game days from 3:45 to as late as 9:00 pm. *Please be sure you can make this kind of commitment BEFORE trying out for the team.* There are open gyms listed below.

### *Open Gyms*

*Dates- Open Gyms-Sunday Nights-September 22, 29, October 6, October 13, October 20, October 27; Times: 5:00 to 6:30;*

*Try outs-October 28, 29, 30 from 6:00 to 8:00; Practice will begin November 1; 6:00 to 8:00*

*Site: Worthingway*

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

#### **ELA**

#### **Mrs. Adolph**

All students will practice writing an introductory paragraph. Additionally, students will review the difference between mood and tone using short stories.

#### **Mrs. Baker**

#### **Ms. Hill**

CHillBaker ELA: Students will be working on Mood and Tone with the short story *The Tell Tale Heart*. We will then begin a narrative writing unit. Students should have a new independent reading book to bring to class on Tuesday and should still be reading for 20 minutes at night!

#### **Ms. Beasley**

Next week, we will start working with tone, mood and the development of plot within spooky stories!

#### *Travel Abroad Announcement:*

Your student is invited to join us on a once-in-a-lifetime international travel experience with their peers during Summer of 2021 to London and Paris!

Please join us to learn more about this educational opportunity for your child(ren). I'll be going over all the details including the itinerary, when we'll be traveling, and cost of this trip as well as the official opening of

enrollment! Please forward this email along to anyone who may be interested in this amazing opportunity – or to a potential roommate for your tour!

Tuesday, October 23, 2019 7 – 8 p.m.

WEC

200 East Wilson Bridge Rd.

To ensure there is enough space and materials for everyone, please confirm your spot at the meeting by emailing Rachel Beasley at [rbeasley@wscloud.org](mailto:rbeasley@wscloud.org)

### **Mrs. Perkins**

Grade 7 ELA-We will be working on elaborating and completing our argument writing. The topic is whether or not college athletes should get paid.

### **Global Languages**

#### **Sra. Newcomb**

Congratulations everyone on a strong finish to the 1st quarter! As we move in to 2nd quarter here is something to know: Sra. Newcomb's students all spent time simplifying their Spanish binders in class so they should be very organized. Parents- if your student earned below 42/60 on the Binder test in Spanish, his/her organization is a barrier to their academic success. Please take some time to check out their Spanish binder or have your student make a plan with me to come in and get it straightened up asap.

Spanish 1a students will be learning about Spain, presenting on their small topic, and practicing a new capital and country song.

Spanish 1b students are getting set to master a new grouping of vocabulary so we can learn how to make plans around town with friends and family.

#### **Ms. Fellows**

Spanish 1a classes should be reading the stories that were created in class and translating them aloud for families. Please encourage your student to give Spanish reading a focused 10 minutes each night. Giving a focused 10 minutes a night of reading will increase their knowledge with vocabulary and grammar...which means less studying later on! There will be a Día de los Muertos celebration Friday, November 1st. More details to follow.

Spanish 1b classes will be finishing their Día de los Muertos projects and recordings to share with the Spanish 1a classes. Día de los Muertos celebration will be Friday, November 1st with many activities for students. In addition, please encourage your student to read the previous stories from class and translate them aloud. Giving a focused 10 minutes a night of reading will increase their knowledge with vocabulary and grammar...which means less studying later on!

### **Math 1**

#### **Mrs. Borders**

Chapter 3 is coming to an end along with our first quarter!

Next week in Math 1:

- **Monday 10/21** - Chapter 3 Closure Review Day
- **Tuesday 10/22** - Chapter 3 Test Day
- **Wednesday 10/23** - Begin Chapter 4: Modeling 2 Variable Data

## Science

### **Mrs. Spencer**

8th grade science students have just finished the first unit test. We have studied some of the changes that occur on the Earth as a result of erosion and deposition. We will begin looking at how we record the changes we see through topographic maps. Students will be reading topographic maps and building one for themselves.

## Social Studies

### **Ms. Speicher**

8th Grade Social Studies: Students will continue studying colonial regions and individual American colonies, writing postcards with unique experiences and details from each colony.

### **Mr. Tisdale**

8th Grade: Covering the causes of the American Revolution.

7th Grade: Covering the Golden Age of Athens.

## Art

### **Mrs. Patridge**

How can we show value in art? Value is more than just how much an artwork is worth. Value is the way artist use light and dark colors in their artwork. It also adds depth, making an object look 3-D. We have added value to our contour line American Sign Language hands. Then we spent a week practicing with watercolor techniques. Each day was a mini workshop where we could play and practice using the materials. This week we are combining our ASL hands with our watercolor techniques to create an artwork that will express our identity. For inspiration we looked at artists Frida Kahlo, Glenn Ligon, and Andy Warhol to see how they express identity in their work.

## School Office

### **Ms. Debernardi**

### **Mrs. Swarengen**

#### School Photo Retakes - Ordering Information:

If your student took a photo retake on October 3 and you would like to order photos, please visit [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) and use picture day ID: ZR419014Q1. Thank you!

#### 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 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.

**Café**

**Mrs. Johnson**

**Mrs. Clouse**

**Mrs. Wucinich**

<b>Breakfast Menu 2019-2020</b>				
<i><b>Monday</b></i>	<i><b>Tuesday</b></i>	<i><b>Wednesday</b></i>	<i><b>Thursday</b></i>	<i><b>Friday</b></i>
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
1 Mini Pancake	1 Apple Frudel Pastry	1 Mini Chocolate Chip French Toast	Ultimate Breakfast Round	1 Mini Maple Waffles
<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>
1 Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Bar	1 Cocoa Puff Cereal Bar	1 Golden Graham Cereal Bar	1 Cinnamon Toast Crunch	1 Super Donut
1 Orange Juice	1 Orange Juice	1 Orange Juice	1 Orange juice	1 Orange Juice
<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>or</b>
1 Apple Juice	1 Apple Juice	1 Apple Juice	1 Apple Juice	1 Apple Juice
1 additional fruit/fruit cup	1 additional fruit/fruit cup	1 additional fruit/fruit cup	1 additional fruit/fruit cup	1 additional fruit/fruit cup

**Lunch Menu 10-21-2019 to 10-25-2019**

**Monday:** Chicken Nuggets & dinner roll, Big Daddy Pepperoni Pizza, or Sunbutter-n- Jelly Sandwich, crinkle fries, seasonal fruit, milk

**Tuesday:** Burrito Bowl, French Bread Pizza, or Turkey Club Sub, Black Beans, Seasonal fruit, milk

*Wednesday:* Mandarin Chicken over Rice, Cheesy Twist w/ sauce, 6” Italian Sub, broccoli, seasonal fruit, milk

*Thursday:* Mac-n-Cheese w/ dinner roll, Personal cheese pizza, or chicken Salad w/ dinner roll, Sweet potato fries, seasonal fruit, milk

*Friday:* Pancakes & Sausage, Fiestada Pizza, Traditional 6” sub, Potato Smiles, seasonal fruit, milk.

**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)**

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**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.**