



Worthingway Middle School
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Worthingway Newsletter: 10-7-19

- 10/7, Mon: Board Game Club Mtg. 4 – 5:15 p.m. Rm. 31**
MathCounts 4 – 5 p.m. Rm. 35
- 10/9, Wed: Cards vs Wolves Tailgate and Football Game 4 – 8 p.m. WW**
- 10/11, Fri: Way Day Fall Festival**
Community Coffee Polaris Panera 8 – 9:30 a.m.
- 10/15, Tues: Fall Conferences 4 – 9 p.m.**
- 10/17, Thurs: Fall Conferences 4 – 9 p.m.**
- 10/18, Fri: No School – Classified Professional Development**
- 10/21-10/25, Mon-Fri: Actor’s Boot Camp WW Choir Rm 4-6 p.m.**
- 10/23, Wed: Worthington Schools Travel Parent Information Mtg. WEC 7 p.m.**
- 10/30, Thurs: Books and Bagels 8 a.m. WW Library**
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Words Matter:

Last week we recognized “Start With Hello” week. “Start With Hello” is a part of The Sandy Hook Promise curriculum. Worthington Schools began partnering with The Sandy Hook Promise program last year. The goal is to work to create a strong culture of empathy and support. We want all of our students to be aware that we know them, care about them and value them as individuals. By “Starting With Hello” we are able to create a culture that promotes connections and inclusion.

The week started with students learning a traditional South African tribal greeting in homeroom. Students were taught to say “Sawubona,” which translates to “I see you.” The response is “Ngikhona,” which means “I am here.” Our goal is to ensure that all of our students are “seen.”

I had the opportunity to visit Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Remias’s language arts class. As I found my seat, a number of students approached me and stated, “Sawubona” to which I replied “I am here” (I’m still working on saying “Ngikhona”). I was impressed to see the students internalize and carry a message beyond homeroom. It made me proud to know that my students see me. So, “Sawubona” and have a great weekend!

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 31st. A donation box is located outside of our school office.

Check out Project More:

Does your student enjoy working with younger students?

Worthingway Students have the opportunity through Project More to serve elementary students in reading.

Student volunteers will read for 30 minutes a week with a Worthington Estates' 2nd or 3rd grader.

Worthingway students may volunteer before school (8:15-8:45).

Please email Mrs. Fei at nfei@wscloud.org if this is something your Worthingway student would be interested in, or if you have any questions.

Student Support Time:

I am excited to share that 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.

Board Game Club:

Our next Board Game Club is Monday October, 7th from 4:00-5:15 in room 31. Light snacks will be provided. See Mrs. Morgan with questions.

MathCounts

MathCounts will meet every Monday from 4-5 pm in Mrs. McKinney's room.

I want to take this opportunity to invite your child to MathCounts! This is a national competition-based math club for middle school students. Any student is welcome to join (6th graders are welcome, but cannot be part of the official Worthingway team. They can compete on an individual level). During meetings, we work on high level math questions, both individually and in teams. The cost to join the club is \$35 which includes materials, competition fees, and transportation to Columbus State for the competition held in February.

There are at least 2 competitions we will participate in. The first is among the 4 Worthington middle schools, usually held on a Saturday in January. The second is held at Columbus State, usually on a Saturday at the beginning or middle of February. Both competitions have the same format:

- **Sprint Round:** focuses on speed and accuracy. Students have 40 minutes to complete 30 math problems without a calculator.
- **Target Round:** focuses on problem-solving and mathematical reasoning. Students receive 4 pairs of problems and have 6 minutes to complete each pair, assuming the use of a calculator.
- **Team Round:** focuses on problem-solving and collaboration. Students have 20 minutes to complete 10 math problems, assuming the use of a calculator. *Only the 4 students on a school's team can take this round officially.*

- **Countdown Round:** focuses on speed and accuracy. Students have a maximum of 45 seconds per problem without a calculator. *This round is optional at the school, chapter and state level.*

If our team qualifies for additional competitions, we have the option to move on at no additional cost to you.

Please let Mrs. Adesso or Mrs. McKinney know if you have any questions. We would love to have a great turnout for MathCounts this year!

Ambryn Welch Mental Health Awareness Day:

St. Johns AME Church on October 5, 10:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. St. John AME Church, 7700 Crosswoods Dr., will host the Ambryn Welch Mental Health Awareness Day on Saturday, October 5, 10:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. There will be breakout sessions and a panel discussion. Come and be informed and enlightened! Help raise awareness and click Mental Health Awareness to register for this event.

CARDS vs WOLVES Tail Gate and Football Game:

Tailgate tickets will be sold for \$7 at lunch from October 4 to October 9. The price of the ticket includes food at the tailgate, transportation and admission to the football game. Band and cheer members that want to attend the tailgate can buy a ticket for \$5 which covers food.

Wednesday, October 9th, Worthingway Middle School

3:50pm - 5:45pm Worthingway and KMS students will attend the tailgate held at Worthingway Middle School

5:45pm - 6:00pm Students transported to Thomas Worthington High School

6:30pm - The 8th grade Cardinals football team versus the 8th grade Wolves football team

8:00pm - Parents should plan to pick up their student(s) at Thomas Worthington High School after the game

Contact

Email: vswearengen@wscloud.org

Worthingway Fall Parent Teacher Conferences:

Tuesday, October 15th 5 – 9 p.m.

Thursday, October 17th 5 – 9 p.m.

Your student's teachers are looking forward to meeting with you during Parent-Teacher Conferences. These conferences provide you with an opportunity to establish an open line of communication and develop a relationship with each of your student's teachers. During this time you will learn about your student's classroom performance, have an opportunity to ask questions, and share any thoughts or concerns you may have.

Please read the following directions carefully as we are using PTCFast.com as our online parent-teacher conference scheduler this year. It is very important to follow the instructions and the link to schedule your conferences.

CONFERENCES ARE SCHEDULED IN 10 MINUTE TIME-BLOCKS.

Please come prepared with any specific concerns or questions, as we make every effort to stay on schedule.

YOU MAY GO ONLINE starting October 7th through October 16th, 2018.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHEDULING ONLINE:

1. Go to Worthington.k12.oh.us, select Worthingway Middle School, and then click on the Quick Link (left hand side of page) for Parent/Teacher conferences or login to www.ptcfast.com/schools/Worthingway_Middle_School. This will take you to the Worthingway Middle School Conference Scheduler. Click on the teacher you would like to conference with.

A Spanish translation is available by clicking the Spanish flag in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.

2. Sign up by entering your child's last name, first name, your name, and your email address, then click SUBMIT.
3. The next screen will direct you to check your email inbox for a message with the subject "Select Date/Time for Teacher Conference Now."
4. Open the email and click on the link to select conference times. Each conference is with a different teacher and different time block. If you do not receive an email, check your junk/spam folder. NOTE: YOU MUST FOLLOW THE LINK IN THE EMAIL IN ORDER TO FINISH THE SIGN-UP PROCESS!
5. The link will take you to your TIME BLOCK OPTIONS. Available time slots will appear on this page. *IF THERE ARE NO AVAILABLE APPOINTMENTS THAT SUIT YOUR SCHEDULE, PLEASE EMAIL THE TEACHER DIRECTLY TO SET UP AN ALTERNATE MEETING TIME.* To find contact information for the teacher you wish to reach, please log on to www.worthington.k12.oh.us, select Worthingway Middle School (under "Select a School" at the top of the page), click on "Our School" and choose "Contact Us" from the drop down menu. You can then click on "Staff Directory" to the left of the page. All teachers' email addresses are listed alphabetically.
6. After submitting your time slot, you will be prompted to finish, schedule another appointment for the same student, or register another student. Once you have completed your registration(s), you will receive an email confirming date and time of your conference(s) and a link by which you may change your date/time should you need to do so.

If you have any questions regarding the online scheduling process, please contact the office 614-450-4300.

TWHS Boys Lacrosse Fall Clinic:

Saturday, October 19th 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 13th at www.twhsboyslax.com. Walk-ins are welcome, but registration will assure the correct shirt size.

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 21st - 25th and will meet in the WMS Choir Rm.

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

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.

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!

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

7th Grade Coach-TBA

8th Grade Coach-Mr. Eric Bidlack/ 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

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

Assistant Coach-James Williams-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

7th Grade Coach-**Demetrius** Ross-coachross35@gmail.com

8th Grade Coach- **Jenerrie** 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

We will be practicing writing introductory paragraphs for argumenative writing, as well as beginning to prepare for a mock trial over "Flowers for Algernon."

Mrs. Baker

Ms. Hill

CHillBaker will start the week by watching Flowers for Algernon to analyze the similarities and differences between the film and the text. We will then begin our mini unit on mood and tone using video clips and *The Tell Tale Heart* by Edgar Allen Poe. Students should be reading 20 minutes per night to finish their 1st quarter Independent Reading Book. Their project is due Thursday 10/17.

Ms. Beasley

Regular ELA: Our literary analysis unit has begun and students will be focusing on one character from *The Outsiders* and the character trait they believe that character shows most strongly.

EPP ELA: With our literary analysis unit, students will be comparing *The Outsiders* to a short story of their choice and finding a commonality between both stories.

Mrs. Perkins

Grade 7 ELA: We are starting our argument writing unit. They will have to argue whether kids should or should not be allowed to play competitive sports. We will do this one paragraph at a time, with writing conferencing and sharing through workshop model.

Global Languages

Sra. Newcomb

Sra. Newcomb's Spanish 1a classes are working to master all things calendar. Kids should be working on HW nightly. There will be a formative and summative test over all related material before the end of the quarter which is October 17th. Students are encouraged to make sure their binders are organized according to the Blue Sheet numbering system. There will be a binder test- scavenger hunt style- before the end of the quarter and before we get rid of non-essential papers.

Sra. Newcomb's Spanish 1b classes will be having a mini-unit on the verb jugar and sports. There will be some new vocabulary and some written practice before a small summative test on Friday, October 11th. We will use the final week of the quarter to talk about the culture and history of Mexico. :-)

Science

Mrs. Spencer

This week glacial goo helped the 8th grade science classes to understand how the huge mass of a glacier can move. There are similarities between how glaciers move and how wind and gravity cause dirt and mud to move. We will compare these types of Earth shaping forces. Sometime next week we will quiz over this material and begin our study of topography.

Social Studies

Ms. Speicher

8th Grade Social Studies: Students will study different elements of English colonial rule in the 13 American colonies, and form their understanding of motivations for rebellion.

Mr. Tisdale

Grade 7: We are writing Greek myths and then investigating the Golden Age of Athens.

Grade 8: We are designing our own colonies, studying push and pull factors, and doing a colonial assembly simulation.

Art

Mrs. Patridge

Our study of contour line continues! This week we learned about the American Sign Language alphabet and portraiture. What's the connection? We are creating portraits of ourselves using a word that describes us. We are translating the word into ASL using contour lines. Our backgrounds will include imagery that represents our identity and word of our choosing.

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 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

Breakfast Menu 2019-2020				
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</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
or	or	or	or	or

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND MEAL SUBSTITUTIONS MAY BE NECESSARY.

Full price breakfast is \$1.60.
Reduced price breakfast is \$0.30.
If your student receives free lunch they get breakfast

at no cost.

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
or	or	or	or	or
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