



Worthingway Middle School
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Worthingway Newsletter: 11-18-19

11/19, Tues: Board Game Club 4 – 5:15 p.m. Rm 31

11/20, Wed: Fellowship of Christian Athletes Student Mtg. WW Library 8 a.m.

11/21, Thur: Blaze Pizza Fundraiser 5:30 – 9 p.m.

11/27 – 11/29, Wed. – Fri: No School - Thanksgiving Break

Words Matter:

I had the opportunity to spend time in Mr. Kevin Swabb's science class this week. Mr. Swabb pulled his students into a small group and shared some new thermometers he recently received. These new thermometers did not have temperature marks on them. He asked a student to help him find the temperature of a bowl of water at the front of the classroom. The student tried, shared that he couldn't find the temperature because there weren't any marks and passed the thermometer to another student. This student struggled, as well. It was awesome to see the wonder in the students' faces and hear the intrigue in their voices. Mr. Swabb told the students that he must have gotten 'broken' thermometers. He followed up by sending the students back to their lab stations and asking each group to 'fix' the 'broken' thermometers by labeling them correctly.

What an awesome and engaging lesson! The students spent the next 30 minutes struggling collaboratively to 'fix' their thermometers by creating and recording data points for different temperatures in ice, water, etc. Students were so engaged, they were caught by the bell a bit and had to rush to clean up. It was very exciting to see the students presented with a problem that had no direct solution and work together through trial and error to find an answer. Some students flourished and some students were very uncomfortable. Mr. Swabb was always present to help guide the students. He was never willing to give the right answer. Instead, he frequently used questions and phrases such as, "I like the way you're thinking...have you thought about...?" Or, "You are on the right track, I can't give you the answer, but that is really good thinking."

We often speak as a staff about 'productive struggle,' which means we are getting somewhere, but we aren't so frustrated or so confused that we aren't learning. There is a fine line between productive struggle and confusion. It takes a special teacher to handle that line successfully. Thank you, Mr. Swabb, for doing it so well.

PTA News:

Blaze Pizza Fundraiser

7166 N High St. from 5:30-9pm on November 21st. Blaze Pizza gives back 20% of the proceeds from your meal back to Worthingway.

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!

Stem Expo:

Olentangy Middle School Saturday, 11/16/19 9 – 2 p.m.

Competition registration and event details at [stem](#).

Fun brainy competitions in spelling, math, music, robot races, chess, art, Minecraft, maze challenge, paper airplane construction/flight, “Build your best video game” challenge, Candy Land family board game tournament.

Worthington Cotillion:

Worthington Cotillion is a series of privately sponsored classes practicing a range of social skills, including firm handshake, asking someone to dance, table manners and business interview skills. Buffet, seated, reception style dining and associated etiquette are offered to students in 7th and 8th grades. Young ladies and gentlemen will spend time with new and known friends dancing, dining, laughing and participating in activities designed to increase confidence and break down inhibitions while enjoying themselves in a safe, supportive environment. *Registration opens November 1st for the 2020 season. The registration is \$110. A 20% discount is offered for siblings enrolled in the program at the same time.*

Required attire is collared shirts, tie, khakis or dress pants for gentlemen. Ladies must wear dresses, or a knee length skirt with a blouse.

Register at www.worthingtoncotillion.com.

Questions? Contact Laurie Mottice at wc@worthingtoncotillion.com, or 614-284-4202.

Books and Bagels:

Our next Books and Bagels get-together will take place on December 3rd at 8:00am in the library. The book selection for this month is *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. Any interested students should read the story and join us for a lively discussion and delicious treats!

Ski Club:

All the information that you need can be found on the Ski & Board Club website: bit.ly/skiworthington

Please pay close attention to the Forms and Information Tab at the top of the website for important dates (when to sign up), and pricing. If you have any questions, you can email one of the chaperones at your child's school. The chaperone list can be found under the "Who's Going" tab on the website.

Yearbook:

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

News from the Staff:

ELA

Mrs. Adolph

ELA will continue reading *Night* and will begin studying conflict.

Mrs. Baker

Ms. Hill

CHillBaker will continue reading *Discovering Wes Moore* using close reading strategies and studying conflict. We will continue our discussion surrounding how our choices impact us.

Ms. Beasley

ELA: Students should be continuing to read their independent choice book at home and working on their one-pager project due December 2nd.

EPP ELA: Students should be continuing to read their World War II book and working on their double journal project due December 2nd.

Mrs. Perkins

Grade 7 ELA: We just finished reading *Harbor Me*. The students will have an assessment over point of view dealing with the book on Wednesday, November 20th. They have been given a study guide, located on my Google Classroom Page. Also, they will be working on their Pizza Project this week. It will cover summary, illustration, problems & solutions, setting, point of view, characterization and symbolism.

Global Languages

Spanish

Sra. Newcomb

Spanish 1a students will be gaining a LOT of new vocabulary this week. Students should be working on new vocabulary at least 10 minutes a night- more if it isn't sticking. :-)

Spanish 1b students will be having a summative test on how to extend an invitation and politely accept and decline invitations. There is regular HW that will help them develop the skill.

Science

8th grade science students have learned about the continental drift theory and why it does not explain how the continents moved to their present positions. We have also looked at the theory of plate tectonics and the evidence that supports the movement of plates as a result of convection currents. Next week we will be testing student understanding of these theories and the mechanics behind the movement of the plates.

Social Studies

Mr. Tisdale

8th Grade: We will be designing "Web" pages to discuss the events leading up to the Declaration of Independence.

7th Grade: We will continue our exploration of Ancient Rome and key battles that led to their expansion.

Mr. Vallette

The research paper The Illustrated Travel Guide to Ancient Rome is due on Thursday, November 21. This paper is worth 100 points. A rough draft is not needed but welcome if turned in by Tuesday, November 19. Every student who has ever done a rough draft and followed my suggestions has gotten an A on this paper. The assignment is in Google Classroom.

School Office

Ms. Debernardi

Mrs Swaengen

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.

Café

Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Clouse

Mrs. Wucinich

(614-450-4350)

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
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

Lunch

November 18-22nd

Monday: Chicken Nuggets w/ roll or BD Pep Pizza or Sunbutter & Jelly with Krinkle Fries

Tuesday: Burrito Bowl or French Bread Pizza or Turkey Club Sub with Black Beans

Wednesday: Mandarin Chicken over Rice or Cheesy Twist w/ Marinara or Hot Italian Sub with Broccoli

Thursday: Mac-n-Cheese with Roll or Personal Round Pizza or Chicken Salad w/ Roll with Sweet Potato Fries

Friday: Pancakes & Sausage or Fiestada Pizza or Turkey Sub with Potato Smiles

Si requiere ayuda en Español, favor de mandar un texto a Sarah Pettigrew al teléfono 614-359-9050 o al email 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

للحصول على المساعدة باللغة العربية ، يرجى الاتصال ب نهى أحمد على الرقم -614-450-7808 أو البريد الإلكتروني nahmed@wscloud.org

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