



**Worthingway Middle School**  
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### Worthingway Newsletter: 12-9-19

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**12/9, Mon: WMS Winter Choir Concert 7:30 p.m. WW Gym**

**12/10, Tues: Books and Bagels 8 a.m. WW Library**

**12/11, Wed: FCA Mtg. 8 a.m. WW Library**

**12/12, Mon: Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) 4 – 5 p.m. WW**

**12/13, Fri: Way Day**

**12/19, Thurs: Blaze Pizza PTA Fundraiser 5:30 – 9 p.m.**

**12/20, Fri: End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**

**12/23 - 1/3, Mon – Fri: Winter Break**

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#### **Words Matter:**

In my last newsletter, I spoke about the support we offer families during the holiday season. I want to take the opportunity to sincerely thank our staff, our PTA, and our community for their support. We were able to provide 17 full Thanksgiving meals to families (courtesy of Worthington Presbyterian Church) and provide 38 families additional support for the approaching holidays.

I am thankful for the families, students, and staff members that I get to work with every day. I have recently been reminded about how fortunate I am to work in this role. I had a 20 year old former student stop by to share that he was recently accepted to the State Highway Patrol Academy. He wanted to personally thank me, Mr. Mosca, and his teachers for helping him get where he is today. I also received a letter from a former student who is currently in Army boot camp. He wanted Mr. Mosca and I to know where he was, that he was doing well, and that he appreciated the care and support he received while at Worthingway. He also shared that his time in our school has helped him greatly. I could not be more proud of these two, young men. I'm grateful for the opportunity to positively impact the lives of so many young people. Have a great weekend!

Mr. Kellenberger

#### **PTA News:**

##### *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>

### *Honey baked Ham Fundraiser*

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! This fundraiser ends 12/31/19.

### *Blaze Pizza Fundraiser*

7166 N High St. from 5:30-9pm on December 19th. Blaze Pizza gives back 20% of the proceeds from your meal back to Worthingway.

### *Worthingway PTA meeting*

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

### **WMS Winter Choir Concert:**

7th and 8th grade singers are working hard to prepare their music for the WMS Winter Choir Concert on Monday, Dec. 9th. The concert will be held in the WMS gym and will begin at 7:30pm (Choir students arriving at 7pm). All are welcome to attend this free event.

### **Books and Bagels:**

Our next Books and Bagels get-together will take place on *December 10th 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!

### **Gay Straight Alliance Club (GSA) Starting:**

Worthingway students are starting a Gay Straight Alliance, or GSA club! Students are invited to join after school from 4-5pm Thursday, December 12 for the first meeting. This club is for any student who is LGBTQ, is questioning, or wants to support friends that are. All are welcome! Additionally, if your student is interested in being part of the leadership of this club, please have them let Mrs. Fei know. Contact Mrs. Fei ([nfei@wscloud.org](mailto:nfei@wscloud.org)) with any questions.

### **Holiday Ornament Making for Grieving Students:**

Mrs. Fei will be hosting an ornament making event on Thursday, December 12th during their community time for students who has lost a loved one. Any students are welcome, but supplies are limited so please RSVP to Mrs. Fei via email ([nfei@wscloud.org](mailto:nfei@wscloud.org)) or have your student stop in to see Mrs. Fei to sign up.

### **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).

## **Free Books! Free Books! Free Books!**

We have just finished an inventory on our Fiction side of the library. There are many gently used, previously borrowed, library books on marked carts in the library to be taken home. Please take as many as you want.

## **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!

## **News from the Staff:**

### **ELA**

#### **Mrs. Adolph**

ELA will finish reading *Night* and will begin working on an end of unit project.

#### **Mrs. Baker**

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

CHillBaker will work on our organization and elaboration of arguments. Additionally, we will finish *Discovering Wes Moore*. Please continue to encourage students to read their independent reading book for 20 minutes per night. Their second project is due 12/20!

#### **Ms. Beasley**

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! We are now moving into our second argument writing unit of the year. Our big focus with this second essay is a strong counterclaim and rebuttal.

#### **Mrs. Perkins**

Grade 7 ELA: We will continue our WWII Unit. The students have done centers to get an overview of the war and the Holocaust. They have done work on supporting a claim and reasons for the pros/cons of dropping the atomic bombs in Japan. They also did a Socratic Seminar. We will continue with articles, videos and discussions about the Holocaust and how incidents of genocide continue to happen in the world.

## **Global Languages**

### **Spanish**

#### **Sra. Newcomb**

Sra. Newcomb's Spanish 1a classes are finally learning how to use the vocabulary they worked so hard to learn (or should have!) before Thanksgiving. Students will have regular nightly homework as they prepare for a significant formative and summative assessment based on the skill of describing self and others. There will be a binder test (scavenger hunt format) before the end of the quarter, too. Please encourage your student to spend time organizing (but not throwing away!) their Spanish resources and practices.

Sra. Newcomb's Spanish 1b students are preparing for a spoken performance based assessment. This means they will be given a task, with some parameters and supports that they will have to problem solve their way through using only Spanish. The good news is that spelling won't be a factor since this is spoken! :-)

1B students will have a binder test (scavenger hunt format) before the end of the quarter, too. Please encourage your student to spend time organizing (but not throwing away!) their Spanish resources and practices.

\*\*\*\**Worthingway is proud to announce a new trial program for native and heritage speakers of Spanish. Students enrolled in Spanish 1b whose fluency surpasses 1b curriculum will be developing and*

*enhancing their literacy skills by reading a choice book in Spanish and writing in Spanish about their book. We desire to honor the knowledge our students come to us with and to provide the opportunity to practice and improve their Spanish with these popular titles. Worthington teachers Dana Fellows and Keri Newcomb have received a grant from the Worthington Education Foundation to be used to acquire new Spanish language books in a variety of Lexile levels. Ben Berens, Joy Nieto and Sue Cready graciously consulted to develop the list of titles for our bibliotekita (little library.) The reading enrichment program will be implemented during the third nine weeks of this school year through the students' regular Spanish class period.*

## **French**

### **Mr. Hack**

We had a great first French club meeting this week, thank you to all who came! Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 11 after school. We will be having hot chocolate and playing some French board games!

## **MATH 1**

### **Mrs. Borders**

**Semester Exam:** Tuesday (12/17), Wednesday (12/18) and Thursday (12/19)

**Studying for the Semester Exam** -> Using Google Classroom,

- 1) Redo the blank Closure-Review Packets from chapters 1 through 5 and check answers using the answer keys.
- 2) Use the "Extra Help & Practice Problems" posted under each chapter to see guided examples and extra practice.
- 3) Rework homework problems that are listed by learning targets in your semester review packet.

## **Science**

Eighth grade science students have been designing trip-ticks around the world. They have identified the plate boundaries, names, types of plate motion and whether the places show constructive or destructive changes. On the creative side they have been adding pictures of the places and coming up with activities their clients will be able to enjoy as they visit the various sites. This major project should be done by the end of this week or early next week. The last of the earth science topics are earthquakes and tsunamis. We will begin exploring these events next week.

## **Social Studies**

### **Mr. Tisdale**

7th Grade: We are working on the Roman 12 Tables (Roman law) and connections to our government today.

8th Grade: We are wrapping up Roots and doing a culminating project based on characters in the film.

### **Mr. Vallette**

Punic Wars Video M/T/W bring headphones if you have them.

## **Art**

### **Mrs. Patridge**

7th grade art has been working on creating soft sculptures using felt and sewing techniques. Each piece that has been created represents an aspect or an interest of the artist's identity.

8th grade art has been working on their legacy tiles. The tiles are displayed above the lockers for students to admire for years to come.

All art class will finish up the semester working on a sculpture using plaster gauze. 7th grade will be creating masks and 8th grade will be casting their hands to create a unique sculpture.

### School Office

**Ms. Debernardi**  
**Mrs. Swarengen**

#### 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)**

<b>Breakfast Menu 2019-2020</b>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
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:**

*Mon:* Ravioli w/ Sauce, French Bread Pizza, or Sunbutter -n- Jelly with Salad and Dressing

*Tues:* French Toast w/ Egg Patty, Personal Cheese Pizza, or Turkey Sub with Emoji Fries

*Wed:* Nachos(Chips,Meat,Cheese), BD Cheese Pizza, or Sunbutter -n- Jelly with Black Beans

*Thurs.:* Tangerine Chicken over Rice, Wild Mike's Cheese Bites, or Chef Salad w/ Roll with Corn

*Fri:* Chicken Drumstick with Cornbread, Bosco Cheese Sticks, or Hot Italian Sub with Sweet Potato Fries

All Lunches include milk and fruit.

**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.**