



**Worthingway Middle School**  
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### Worthingway Newsletter: 2-10-20

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- 2/10-2/14**    **Worthingway High School Registration**
- 2/12, Wed:**    **Screenagers – Next Chapter WEC 7 p.m.**
- 2/17, Mon:**    **No School – Presidents’ Day**
- 2/19, Wed:**    **Spring Sports Meeting (Baseball/Softball) WW Gym 6:15 p.m.**
- 2/20, Thurs:** **Winter Conferences 5 – 9 p.m.**
- 2/21, Fri:**    **Ohio Dental Outreach Worthington Estates ES**
- 2/25, Tues:**    **Winter Conferences 5 – 9 p.m.**
- 2/26, Wed:**    **State of the Schools WKHS 7 p.m.**
- 2/27, Thurs:** **Book and Bagels WW Library 8 a.m.**
- 2/28, Fri:**    **Way Day**
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### 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 January Student of the Month winners!

#### 7th Grade

Noah May  
Alexander Gleason  
Oscar Gutierrez Martinez  
Melisa Mensah  
Mary Darling  
Kate Fourman

#### 8th Grade

Gabriella Fink  
Lotte Greeson  
Eli Hammond  
Brenda Hernandez  
Nicci Moses  
Peyton Criss

## **PTA News:**

### *Concessions*

We're looking for people to host the concession stand during home lacrosse games and track meets at Worthingway this spring. This is a great fundraiser for the PTA and it helps fund projects for our students and staff. Please consider helping and be on the lookout for a sign up genius soon.

### *Worthingway PTA meeting*

Our next PTA meeting is Tuesday, March 3rd 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. Wilson Hill along with 5 other schools (Colonial Hills, Liberty, Brookside, Slate Hill, and Worthingway) 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: 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

## **Baseball and Softball Information:**

In spring 2019 a decision was made by the OCC Middle School Athletic Administrators to no longer schedule club teams for any sport. Any future scheduling will contain only existing team or teams that are school sponsored and members of the OHSAA. As a result, Worthington Middle Schools will allow 7th and 8th graders to combine into one team and establish tryouts for our school sponsored Baseball and Softball teams starting in the spring of 2020. This decision was based on input from the middle school Athletic Directors, along with coaches at both the middle and high school levels. Once the input was gathered a proposal was sent to our district administrators who supported the recommendation made by our middle school Athletic Directors. We believe it is in the best interest of our programs to allow our 7th graders the opportunity to play on the middle school baseball/softball district-sponsored teams for the Worthington Wolves and Worthington Cardinals.

Players and parents of 7th or 8th grade boys interested in playing middle school baseball can receive updates and reminders about open gyms and try-outs by going to [rmd.at/adolph20](http://rmd.at/adolph20) and joining the 8th grade baseball class. You can also text "@adolph20" to the # 81010 to receive notifications.

Spring Sport Meetings: Baseball/Softball will be Wednesday, February 19 at 6:15 in the gym. Track will be on Thursday March 19 at 6:30 in the Worthingway gym.

## **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).

### **Books and Bagels:**

Our next *Books and Bagels* get-together will take place on February 27th at 8:00am in the library. The book selection for this month is *The Girl With All The Gifts* by M. R. Carey. Any interested students should read the book and join us for a lively discussion and delicious treats!

### **TWHS Girls Basketball Camp 2020:**

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

TWHS

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Drills for skills, games and instruction by TWHS coaches.

Session 1: Girls entering grades 3, 4 and 5 4 – 6 p.m.

Session 2: Girls entering grades 6, 7 and 8 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Forms in the school office.

### **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: 2nd and 9th periods will continue reading *The Boys in the Boat* and 4th, 6th, and 7th periods will continue reading their choice novels with a focus on literary devices. Please encourage your student to read at home!

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

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

CHillBaker ELA will continue our literature circles with a focus on characterization and plot structure. Students should be reading their assigned pages in their books at home each night and studying for their Thursday grammar quizzes.

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

ELA: Students are finishing up their expository essays!

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

Grade 7 ELA: This week we will be focused on writing our Marley Dias Companion Guide. The students will write a compare/contrast essay about Marley and the activist that they chose to research.

#### **Spanish**

##### **Mrs. Newcomb**

Sra. Newcomb's Spanish 1a classes are now able to discuss their likes and dislikes of common hobbies and pastimes. Each student has also had a chance to be calendar person of the day to demonstrate their ability to tell

the day, date, season, weather and their opinion of the weather. Next up- we will be designing interview questions about likes and dislikes, interviewing classmates and creating graphs based on the data collected, COMPLETELY IN SPANISH. :-)

Sra. Newcomb's Spanish 1b classes are working with foods - describing them in general (using the verb SER) and describing specific examples of foods (using the verb ESTAR.) There will be a summative test on this skill early in the week, and then we will shift our focus to communication in a restaurant setting. We will include everything from table talk to interacting with servers. We will be using a skit format to do a lot of this work in class but there will be written practice as well.

All 8th graders were given my recommendation for which class to sign up for as 9th graders in class on Thursday, February 6th. They were told to share it with parents/guardians. Please sign it and send it back with your student so I know you got it. If you would like to discuss options with me, please try to schedule a conference with me on our conference night, Feb. 20 and Feb. 25. If those dates won't work for you just send me an email ([knewcomb@wscloud.org](mailto:knewcomb@wscloud.org)) and I will be happy to email you back or set up a phone conference with you. :-)

### **Ms. Fellows**

#### *Spanish 1a*

Students should be reading aloud the stories created in class in Spanish and translating them aloud in English. It is important because these stories recycle old vocabulary, add new vocabulary and build background knowledge your student needs to be successful! We just finished a picture talk this week. They are also posted on Google Classroom if your student forgets to bring their binder home. We are learning more about likes and dislikes, hobbies, and adding details with frequency.

#### *Spanish 1b*

Students are learning about food and restaurant words. Cajas will be approaching soon. Please encourage your student to review stem changing verbs and begin to study food vocabulary. In addition, it is important they are reading Spanish stories at home and translating aloud in English.

### **Science**

*Science 8* - Now that we've learned about how traits are passed from parents to offspring, we begin looking deeper at the genetic code that helps make us who we are: DNA. We'll explore the passage of traits through generations in pedigrees, as well as discover our own DNA fingerprint and find out how they are used in forensic science by law enforcement.

### **Social Studies:**

#### **Mr. Tisdale**

*Grade 8:* We are starting on Articles 1-3 of the United States Constitution. We will be doing a series of bookmarks, notes, and using iCivics to investigate the Articles.

*Grade 7:* We are looking into the events that helped cause feudalism to end in Western Europe in the Middle Ages.

### **Art**

#### **Mrs. Patridge**

Art- Our journey with the art element line continues! We are studying the American Sign Language Alphabet, and are drawing hands to create a word that describes our personality using contour lines.

## **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:

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. Swarengen**

*Parent Teacher Conferences*

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.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are February 20th and 25th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm. Conferences are scheduled in 10 minute time blocks. You can start scheduling conferences on February 10th around 8:00a.m.

at [http://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Worthingway Middle School](http://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Worthingway_Middle_School).

### **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.

## **WorthingWay Cafe'**

**Breakfast Menu:**

*Tuesday-* Apple or Cherry Frudel or Cocoa Puff Cereal Bar

*Wednesday-* Mini Choc Chip French Toast or Golden Graham Cereal Bar

*Thursday*- UBR or Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Bar

*Friday*- Powdered or Chocolate Covered Donuts or Mini Maple Waffles

\*\* Breakfast will include milk, juice, cheese stick and fruit.

**Lunch: 2/10-2/14**

*Monday*- Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll, BD Pep Pizza or SB&J with Crinkle Fries

*Tuesday*- Burrito Bowl w/ Rice, French Bread Pizza or Turkey Club Sub with Black Beans

*Wednesday*- Mandarin Chicken over Rice, Cheesy Twists or Hot Italian Sub with Broccoli

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

*Friday*- Pancakes and Sausage, Fiestada Pizza or Turkey Sub with Potato Smiles

All Entrees include Milk and Fruit.

ICE CREAM IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SNACK BAR FOR \$1.00

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