



Worthingway Middle School
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Worthingway Newsletter: 2-3-20

- 2/3-2/7 Registration information through classes at Worthingway**
- 2/4, Tues: PTA Mtg. 7 p.m. WW Library**
Linworth Open House 7 – 8:30 p.m.
- 2/5, Wed: Worthington Care Speaker Series “We Need To Talk...” WKHS 6 p.m.**
National Girls & Women in Sports Day TWHS 7 p.m.
- 2/6, Thurs: PTA Porch Growler Fundraiser**
- 2/7, Fri: Worthingway Students’ Tour TWHS**
Winter Canteen 4 p.m.
- 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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Words Matter:

I invite you to play “Planner Jam” with your student(s) this evening! Student planners are an important part of what we do at Worthingway. Planners serve as hallway passes and as an organizational tool for our students. We combined these two roles with the hope that the first role will help students with the second role, in other words, keeping the planner as a hallway pass, means keeping the planner and staying organized. Organization is a tough skill to develop, so we are always looking for creative ways to help our students with this, which leads me to “Planner Jam.”

Last week I had the opportunity to spend time in Mrs. Sjanneke Baker and Ms. Christy Hill’s classrooms. Every Monday starts with Planner Jam. Mrs. Baker and/or Ms. Hill post the week’s assignments and students

add these to their planners. Once that happens Mrs. Baker or Ms. Hill announce, “Okay, you know what time it is! Time for Planner Jam. Let’s Jam our Planners.”

Students became noticeably excited about this opportunity. Given the anticipation in the air, I was ready to be wowed by what happened. Mrs. Baker and Ms. Hill walked the room and checked that each student had written down the assignments. If they had, the student’s planner was ‘jammed’ with a sticker. Yes, a sticker. It’s been a long time since I’ve seen students get so excited about stickers. I couldn’t help but laugh. We often try to generate grand plans. I was reminded that sometimes the smallest gestures have the biggest impact. I also think it’s fair to say, it wasn’t just the sticker, it was the people giving the stickers that mattered, too. Mrs. Baker and Ms. Hill make it very clear to their students that they care and want their students to be successful. Every sticker was given with excitement and genuine recognition.

If you find yourself in a store and see some affordable stickers, you could soon be playing Planner Jam. Our hope is that students record the day’s assignments every day (and cross them off when completed). A sticker from you might help us reinforce that skill.

Good luck and have a great weekend!

Winter Canteen:

Our Winter Canteen will be next Friday (2/7) from 4-6pm. Tickets will be on sale next week, through the lunches. Tickets are \$5 and will not be sold at the door. Tickets include a meal (Cane’s) and Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

PTA News:

Porch Growler Fundraiser

890 High St. Thursday, February 6th. They will give 50% of the proceeds back Worthingway. Please mention Worthingway!

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>

Worthingway PTA meeting

Our next PTA meeting is Tuesday, February 4th at 7pm in the Worthingway Library. Hope you can join us.

Linworth Information Night:

8th grade parents: You have so many exciting options for next school year. Please consider attending our Linworth Open House on Tuesday, February 4, 7:00-8:30 p.m. to hear more about our program.

Worthington Cares Speaker Series:

As adults, we are doing some things well and in other areas, let’s be honest, we can do better. What does ‘better’ look like? Come and join us for a presentation on prevention science from those working in the field and hear about teen life from a panel of or Drug Safe Worthington Youth Council contributors sharing insights we adults need to know. You might be surprised by what you hear and learn!

Worthington Kilbourne High School

Wednesday, February 5th
Free dinner 6 – 6:30 p.m.
Speaker and youth activities 6:35 – 8 p.m.

RSVP: www.drugsafeworthington.org/events

National Girls & Women in Sports Day:

February 5, 2020, marks the 34th Annual National Girls & Women in Sports Day (NGWSD). This celebration inspires girls and women to play sports and be active. The confidence, strength and character gained through sports participation are the very tools girls and women need to become strong leaders in sports and life. We invite you to celebrate NGWSD at Thomas Worthington High School with very special guest Kate Fagan.

Kate Fagan is the author of the instant New York Times bestseller, WHAT MADE MADDY RUN, which spent a month as the No. 1 New York Times bestseller on the sports list. Fagan is also the author of the coming-of-age memoir, The Reappearing Act, about her experience coming out while playing basketball at the University of Colorado.

Kate Fagan spent seven years as a columnist and feature writer for ESPN.com and ESPN The Magazine and as on-air talent for ESPN. Fagan hosted Outside the Lines and E:60 and was a core member of OTL's staple Friday afternoon show, The Friday Four. She also made 150 appearances on ESPN's Around the Horn, and served as the show's first female host in 2017.

While at ESPN, Fagan was a founding member of the first all-female national sports radio show, The Trifecta. She also co-hosted, on ESPN radio, the national radio show Will & Kate with Will Cain, and was a co-host for three years on the popular FiveThirtyEight podcast, Hot Takedown. Fagan's writing has won numerous awards, including being selected for The Best American Sports Writing.

Before joining ESPN, Fagan spent three seasons covering the Philadelphia 76ers for the Philadelphia Inquirer. She also played professional basketball in Ireland and in the NWBL, for the Colorado Chill. She and her wife, Kathryn Budig, live in Charleston, SC with their two dogs.

Doors open at 6:30 for this special event and seating is limited

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 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.

Worthingway School Musical:

This year's musical is "Getting to Know: Once Upon a Mattress" If your student likes to act, sing or dance we hope they will come join the show!

Students interested in being part of cast should join the google classroom with code: 8cmobja - and register using the form posted there. Much more information is available in the google classroom. Registration for stage crew is now closed. You can email Mr. Reed at jreed@wscloud.org if you have any questions.

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. 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.

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 9th, 10th and 11th

TWHS

\$70

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 and enter the school code: 13560720 to get yours now!

News from the Staff:

ELA

Ms. Beasley

EPP: We have finished reading *Wolf Hollow* and are now working on writing an expository essay surrounding the text.

REG: We have finished reading *A Monster Calls* and are now working on writing an expository essay surrounding the text.

Mrs. Perkins

Perkins Grade 7 ELA: We finished reading our Marley Dias book on 1/30. Our focus now is on our writing project. The students have read about ten young activist. They chose one of them and did research. We will be focus on comparing and contrast about **why** and **how** they became an activist to Marley.

Math

Mrs. Adesso

Good luck to the students competing in the regional MathCounts competition at Columbus State Community College on Saturday, Feb. 8!

Science

8th grade science has completed their study of mitosis, meiosis and sexual, asexual reproduction. We are now ready to explore Gregor Mendel's theory of genetics. This is a fun time to learn about genetic traits that have been passed down to each individual. We will also explore some genetically inherited diseases and figure the possibility that they could be passed on to the next generation. A lab exploration called Designer Genes is our starting point.

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. 3-7, 2020: Registration information through classes at Worthingway

Tues., 2/4/2020 @ 7p-8:30p: Linworth Open Admissions Night

Fri., 2/7/2020: Worthingway Students Tour TWHS

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

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 and the conference link will be provided in the next newsletter.

Mark your calendars...Parent Teacher Conferences are Thursday, February 20th and Tuesday, February 25th. More details to follow in future newsletters.

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.

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.

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 assist4ncia em portugu4s, por favor chamar a Raul Arias ao numero do telefone 614-450-7804 ou email rarias@wscloud.org

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