



Worthingway Middle School
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Worthingway Newsletter: 8-12-19

8/14, Wed: First day of school – Welcome Back!!!!

8/21, Wed: Map Testing - Math

8/22, Thur: Map Testing – ELA

8/23, Fri: Map Testing – Science

8/26, Mon: Open House WW 6:30 p.m.

Words Matter:

Every year, the WCS Superintendent, Dr. Bowers, shares his focus for the upcoming school year. Last year our focus was “Your Words Matter.” He shared the message that everything we say to our students matters and therefore the words we use must be caring and supportive. This year our focus is “How You Do Anything Means Everything.” At the heart of Dr. Bowers’ message is that we will build caring and supportive relationships in Worthington Schools with our families and with our students.

I will send a weekly newsletter to families by Friday of each week. The newsletter will include a section titled “Words Matter” where I will highlight things our staff say and do for our students. The newsletter will also be posted on the school website.

I am truly excited to begin a new school year and I look forward to getting to know each of you and your students better. It is very important for me to share with each of you that I value communication and collaboration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have a concern or a question. Mr. Mosca (Dean of Students/Athletic Director) often tells families with whom he is working, “Never apologize for loving your child.” Many of you may have also heard Mr. Mosca say at our 6th grade orientation, “If you think you should call, you should call.” The message behind both of those statements is that we are always available and always willing to discuss questions or concerns. I welcome feedback and I look forward to working with all of you.

Below, I share some information that I hope will make the start of our school year smooth. These are items that typically come up during the first week of school. I hope this helps. Let’s have a great year!

Mr. Kellenberger
Principal

Message from PTA:

Our PTA President this year is Sara Gallaugher. We will meet as a PTA on the first Tuesday of the month. We will not have meetings the month of December or March. Our first meeting will be held Tuesday, September 3rd, from 7-8pm in the Worthingway Library.

Have a Kroger card?

Worthingway PTA benefits from Kroger Rewards. It costs you nothing and we receive a portion of the pool of money Kroger sets aside for non-profits. To update your card please go to:

<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/> You can search for Worthingway PTA or use the code (RF924). Please share this information with others such as grandparents, friends, and/or aunts/uncles who can support the school at no cost. If you sign up your Kroger card to benefit Worthingway PTA by September 27th you will be entered into a raffle for a \$25 gift card for Kroger. To be entered into the raffle please drop off your Kroger receipt to the main office by September 30th.

Athletics:

All athletic information is posted at the school website: <https://www.worthington.k12.oh.us/Domain/14>, under the heading “Athletics/Activities.”

Bus Information:

Bus information can be found on the District website: <https://www.worthington.k12.oh.us/> under the heading “Transportation.” Once there you can enter your address and find your student’s bus number and pick up and drop off times.

1st Day Schedule:

The first day of school for all students is Wednesday, August 14th (8:50am-3:50pm). We will have an adjusted schedule that day to allow students extended time during the lunches and to allow for an assembly for all students. We will have a number of staff members in the halls to help with locker combinations.

Students will take their tissues (2 boxes) to their first period class. The remainder of supplies will be put in lockers until needed by individual teachers.

Lunch Codes: These remain the same. We will be at the lunches, with lists, to help students. New students should ask for their lunch code in the cafeteria.

Technology codes: These change yearly. Your student’s 1st period teacher will share these with your student during 1st period on the first day and throughout the week, as needed.

Additional MS items to know:

Backpacks: We ask students to keep their backpacks in their locker throughout the day.

Cell phones: It is our goal to make strong connections with our students. To meet this goal, we ask students to keep cell phones off and in lockers during classes unless teachers ask their students to bring their phones to class for instructional purposes. New this year is that every Worthingway classroom is equipped with a phone. Students and staff will be able to utilize these phones to contact family members if a need arises.

Snacks in class: It is our goal to help students make healthy choices. For this reason we ask that students not bring snacks to class. Teachers may allow students to bring a snack for a specific reason or your student may have a health plan that allows for a snack. If so, we ask that any snacks be healthy choices. Water bottles are always permitted (except during state testing due to state regulations).

Pajamas and slippers: We ask students to refrain from wearing sleep attire to school such as pajamas and/or slippers. We may have a pajama day as part of a school event.

Breakfast: Breakfast is served daily from 8:15-8:45am. If your student’s bus is late, they can still eat breakfast. We will get him/her to the cafeteria and provide a pass to 1st period class. Students are not permitted in our main hallway until 8:35am.

Lunches: For safety reasons, students will not be permitted to receive on-line food delivery orders (for example: Uber Eats or Jimmy Johns). If a family member brings outside food to school for a student, we ask

the student to eat it in the office. We do this to avoid conflict over the food in our cafeteria, which has happened in the past (cakes and pizzas, as examples).

Lunch changes: Students will not be permitted to switch lunch periods unless there is a pre-existing concern (bullying, conflict, medical concern). We do this because lunch switches have created a number of safety concerns in the past. We also value relationships and developing our school community. This includes meeting and making new friends. Mr. Mosca and Mr. Kellenberger are at the lunches in the cafeteria. Mrs. Fei (school counselor) often attends as well. We make a strong effort to ensure students are eating lunch and meeting others.

Class attendance: Our goal is to use our entire class time for instruction. Please remind your student about the importance of being on time to class.

School attendance: You received an information sheet in our summer mailing regarding district attendance policies. If your student is going to be absent from school, please call the office to report the absence. If we do not hear from you, we will be in touch to account for your student. If your student will have an extended absence from school, we have a form in the office that should be completed in advance of the extended absence.

Related Art changes: Students will be able to make related art class changes during the first three weeks of school. After that three week period (by August 30th), students will not be able to change related arts (unless an extenuating circumstance arises).

Cafeteria

Breakfast cost: \$1.60 (\$.30)

Lunch cost: \$3.00 (\$.40 reduced)

Breakfast Menu 2019-2020				
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<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
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.				

Please refer to district website for lunch menu this first week.