



**Worthingway Middle School**  
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### Worthingway Newsletter: 8-19-19

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- 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 – 9:15p.m.**
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#### **Words Matter:**

Welcome back! We have had an outstanding start to our school year. I am so impressed with the focus and maturity of our 7<sup>th</sup> graders and the leadership of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Please take the time to thank your student(s) on my behalf!

I was excited to make my first Smile Call of the year on the first day of school. Smile Calls are a way for me to share the great things going on in our school and to recognize our outstanding students. I ask teachers to send me students they observe making caring and kind choices. Students sent to me for Smile Calls get a phone call home and their name read on the announcements (and if available, a treat to a local restaurant). It is my goal to call every family at least once about something positive. Our students are doing great things every day; it should be noticed and recognized. I also think it is important to share that no matter the act, big or small, if it helps to make our school community better, we will recognize it. I want our students to know that every kind act builds and creates a strong culture of empathy and support for our school.

Please do not be surprised if you see our number pop up on your phone and hear my voice on the other end. I always start with, “This is Mr. Kellenberger and I’m calling about something good.” No matter how fast I say that line, families are still concerned at first. I’m trying to change the perception of principal phone calls one call at a time. Hopefully you get a call from me soon. I look forward to partnering with you for a great school year!

#### **Message from PTA:**

It was wonderful meeting so many of you while your middle schoolers were picking up their schedules last week. We hope they’re having a great first few days of school. Our first PTA meeting will be *September 3rd at 7pm*. We hope you can join us! Please sign up for the Worthingway PTA Facebook page. We post events and volunteer opportunities on that page. Go Cards!

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.

### **Book and Bagels:**

Our first Books and Bagels get-together will take place on *September 19th at 8:00am in the library*. The book selection for this month is *Technically, You Started It* by Lana Wood Johnson. Any interested students should read the story and join us for a lively discussion and delicious treats!

### **Box Tops:**

Would you like to support our school, but you're not sure how? As long as you go grocery shopping, you can help us raise thousands of dollars by the end of the year! Collecting is going digital! [Here](#) is the link that shares how to download the new app that will allow you to simply scan your receipts and box tops automatically get saved to Worthingway. No more clipping!

"What if I still have clipped box tops?" Please send them to your child's homeroom teacher, and they will get them to the right place.

### **What's happening in the classrooms!**

#### **ELA**

##### **Mrs. Adolph**

Next week we will begin by reviewing the concept of inference. In addition, students should choose an independent book by August 30.

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

Over the next week, we'll continue to focus on building community in my classes!

##### **Ms. Hill and Mrs. Baker (aka ChillBaker)**

Read at home for 20 minutes every day. By Wednesday, August 21st students need to have chosen their independent book. They need to bring the book to class on this date. We will start talking about and practicing with close reading strategies next week!

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

We will start our pre-reading activities for the book *The Outsiders*. Look for an email from Mrs. Perkins every Friday stating what will be coming up the next week.

#### **Science**

##### **Mrs. Spencer**

As we begin this school year, in science, we would like to find out where each of our students are in their understanding of the concepts we will be teaching this year. As a result we will do a test that is not graded but will help us adjust the content to the needs of our students. We will also be identifying learning styles. These will help students identify how to best study and hold on to what they are learning. Our advanced science students will be doing an experiment which will be formatted to match the science fair expectations. They should begin thinking about a topic they would like to explore for the science fair.

#### **Social Studies**

## **Ms. Speicher**

Students will be working on getting to know the American history curriculum, beginning with historical foundations.

## **Mr. Vallette**

Quiz on the Map of the world next Thursday.

## **Art**

### **Mrs. Patridge**

It has been fun getting to know everyone in art! All art students will need a 3 prong folder and black sharpie:)

## **Guidance Office**

### **Mrs. Fei**

*S.M.A.R.T. Girls Group:*

If your 7th grader is interested in participating in the S.M.A.R.T. Girls group, please be sure to submit your permission slip as soon as possible. This group is geared toward 7th grade girls and will meet from 4-5 on Wednesdays this semester. The group will focus on self-esteem, stress, social media, safe boundaries, and more. Please email Mrs. Fei ([nfei@wscloud.org](mailto:nfei@wscloud.org)) with any questions or completed permission slips.

## **Cafeteria**

### **Mrs. Johnson**

Breakfast..Monday..Mini Pancake or Cereal bar/cheese stick, milk, juice, fruit

*Tuesday*.,Apple or cherry Frudel or Cereal bar/cheese stick, milk, juice, fruit

*Wednesday*..Chocolate chip French toast or cereal bar, milk, juice, fruit

*Thursday*..UBR or cereal bar/cheese stick, milk, juice, fruit

*Friday*..Maple waffle or Super donut, milk, juice, fruit

Lunch: *Monday*..Ravioli/sauce/dinner roll or French bread pizza or sunbutter and jelly sandwich, salad, tomatoes, seasonal fruit, milk

*Tuesday*..French toast bites/egg patty or personal cheese pizza or traditional cheese sub, smiles, carrots, seasonal fruit, milk

*Wednesday*..Nachos or cheese pizza or sunbutter and jelly sandwich, black beans, seasonal fruit, milk

*Thursday*...Tangerine chicken over rice or cheese bites or chef salad, corn, cucumber slices, seasonal fruit, milk

*Friday*..Chicken Drumstick/dinner roll or Bosco Sticks/marinara or Italian sub, sweet potato fries, celery, seasonal fruit