



Worthingway Middle School
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Worthingway Newsletter: 8-26-19

8/26, Mon: Open House/Curriculum Night WW 6:30 – 9:15p.m.

8/29, Thurs: PTA Blaze Pizza Fundraiser

9/2, Mon: Labor Day – No School

9/3, Tues: PTA Mtg. 7 p.m. WW Library

Words Matter:

Hopefully your student has shared our new focus in homeroom. We are implementing a program called the Responsive Classroom. Our district elementary schools have been implementing the program the past few years, so most of our students are familiar with the program. Our goal with Responsive Classroom is to build relationships with and between our students. I think the transition has been challenging for our 8th graders because this is not the system they are used to. The greatest frustration I have heard from students is the limited time allowed for class work completion (I'm also proud when students come to see me directly if they have a concern).

My advice to students has been, "Give it time." I fully respect and hear our 8th grade student concerns. We knew going in that the first two weeks of school would not have the same homework/classwork loads as later in the school year. The Responsive Classroom activities are intended to typically take 5-10 minutes, so students will have time to complete school work in homeroom as the year progresses. Responsive Classroom activities consist of a greeting and/or student recognition (at the door or in the room), school announcements (which are also located on the school website) and a brief activity.

This week our focus has been on the greeting. We want every student to know each other's names in their homeroom class. I spent this week in Mrs. Newcomb's 7th grade homeroom. I was truly excited to take part and help lead some of the activities. I was impressed with the student enthusiasm. Mrs. Newcomb shared the following with her homeroom, "Homeroom will become a way to help all of us build a positive relationship with each other. I want you to know each other's names and be able to introduce each other." By Tuesday, Mrs. Newcomb knew every student's name. She does a fantastic job modeling and teaching what she expects. I think it is impressive to point out that not only does Mrs. Newcomb get to know all of her students' names, she also assigns her students Spanish names and she learns these, too.

And even more impressive is the way Mrs. Newcomb's face lights up when she says her students' names. Her students know she cares and she values each of them. She models our Responsive Classroom goals every day.

Message from PTA:

Our monthly Blaze Pizza fundraiser is this coming Thursday, August 29th. Please mention Worthingway PTA when ordering at Blaze Pizza (across from the Worthington Mall).

Please join us on Facebook at Worthingway PTA.

If you'd like to bring a dessert for the Curriculum Night on August 26th please find the sign up link on our Facebook page or <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/4090944aba622a2f49-worthingway>

Hope you can join us September 3rd from 7-8pm for the PTA meeting in the 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.

Open House/Curriculum Night:

Curriculum Night will be Monday, August 26th, from 6:30-8:45pm. Families will walk student schedules, starting in 1st period. You will start in your student's 1st period class. When you arrive at the 1st period class, the 1st period teacher will provide you your student's schedule and a school MAP.

We will also have a brief Title I meeting in the school library beginning at 6pm. The purpose of this meeting will be to provide information regarding our Title program, answer any questions you may have, and provide an opportunity to sign up for our Family Title 1 Committee.

Thank you and we hope to see you on Monday, 8/26, at 6:30pm (6pm if you attend the Title I Meeting).

TWHS Cards Inc. Spirit Wear Shop:

Just wanted to let you know the Thomas Worthington Cards Inc. Spirit Wear shop opens today and has a ton to offer our Cardinal Families. It runs today through August 29th.

<https://www.bsnteamssports.com/shop/CARDSINC19>

Robotics Club:

There will be a quick, informational meeting *Friday morning, August 30th from 8:35 am - 8:45 am in Mr. Baird's room #30* for anyone interested in joining the Robotics Club for the 2019-20 school year. No experience or knowledge of robotics is required to join the Robotics Club. Hope to see you there! Get involved.

Worthington Cares Speaker Series:

Cheryl Mahoney, M.Ed., LSW presenting iWise Living. Her iWise mission is to teach people to be wise about screen use. Learn to: "Be Aware, Protect, Prepare, Respond." Topics include: gaming, screen addiction, internet pornography, social media and media violence.

Wednesday, September 4, 2019 6:45 p.m.

Free Dinner 6 – 6:30 p.m.

Worthington Kilbourne High School

1499 Hard Rd. Columbus, oh 43235

RSVP: [Worthington Cares](#)

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!

Global Languages:

Spanish

Mrs. Newcomb

Sra. Newcomb's Spanish 1a students are jumping right in to the alphabet! We have been practicing spelling in Spanish as well as sounding out Spanish words. Next week we will continue to refine that essential skill and add in numbers 0-31 and colors.

Sra. Newcomb's Spanish 1b classes have been working on our own personal coat of arms to display in the school. Each shield has quadrants with different information about us that we learned to communicate in Spanish 1a. Next week the review is over and we will jump into new content! Expect vocabulary lists and cajas to begin. :-)

French

Mr. Hack's French 1a classes have been learning the French alphabet, numbers to 30, and how to greet others and introduce ourselves! Ask your student about the alphabet and counting songs we've been learning in class! Hopefully they're greeting you every day after school with an enthusiastic "Bonjour"! Next week we will continue to build on our introduction vocabulary. We'll be doing a lot of talking with partners, and even start learning how to conjugate a verb!

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

Beasley ELA: We have worked on direct and indirect characterization and how it helps us better understand characters in a story. Next week we will have our writing diagnostic and then we will start our pre-reading activities for *The Outsiders*.

Mrs. Perkins

Perkins Grade 7 ELA: Our class will be focused on pre-reading activities for *The Outsiders*. The kids are excited to get started on this book. They will also have a quiz over story vocabulary on Friday, 8/30.

Social Studies

Ms. Speicher

Speicher 8th Grade Social Studies: We are continuing to study how to read history from multiple perspectives. We will be reading about the interactions of the Taino people and Columbus and well as studying the impact of European colonization.

Mr. Tisdale

Grade 7: We are creating graphic novels on Ancient Greece. We are currently working on Ancient Greek society and the rise of democracy this week and next.

Grade 8: We are creating pictorial essays of Spanish and French settlement in North America this week and next.

Art

Mrs. Patridge

We spent the first full school week focusing on getting to know each other and working **collaboratively!** Artists collaborated on making a sculpture that represents the cardinal spirit. We saved Sam (ask your artist about this one), and we constructed towers out of spaghetti that can support a gummy bear. Please follow along on our creative explorations on Instagram @woway_art.

Choir

Mr. Reed

7th grade choir students are learning about how their voices work and how to identify and perform rhythms. We are skill building with fun games and using rounds to practice singing in 3 and 4 part harmony.

8th grade choir students are breezing through a review of rhythm and pitch reading and will begin their first piece of music this week. We are singing more difficult rounds and working on our intonation.

7th grade general music students are analyzing the form of pop songs a learning how to identify the various instruments used.