



Worthingway Middle School
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Worthingway Newsletter: 9-23-19

- 9/20, Fri: Community Coffee 8 a.m. Panera (Worthington Mall)**
- 9/23, Mon: Board Game Club 4 p.m. Rm. 31**
- 10/1, Tues: PTA Mtg. 7 p.m. WW Library**
- 10/2, Wed: Worthington Cares Speaker Series 6 – 8 p.m. TWHS**
- 10/3, Thurs: Raising Canes PTA Fundraiser 4 – 8:30 p.m. (5132 N High St)**
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Words Matter:

I had the good fortune of spending time in our language arts classrooms this week. As a former language arts teacher, I feel at home visiting these classrooms (conversely French 1B can be a bit confusing). A consistent theme I experienced in multiple classrooms is writing, specifically argumentative writing. Each class I visited (7th or 8th) was focusing on the concept of finding the ‘best’ evidence to support an argument. Again, the focus was finding the ‘best’ evidence, not just evidence. There is a rigor of thought in this concept that often requires students to re-read and explore text to prove an argument and to explain ‘why.’ Our teachers consistently stress the importance of ‘why.’ As a former middle school parent, I know firsthand how hard it can be to get an answer from a middle school student. I have had painful conversations around the dinner table where I am trying, with all my might, to pull detail out of my two kids, especially my son.

“William, how was school?”

“Boring.”

“Why?”

“Because it’s school.”

And so on... I’m sure many of you can relate. It was amazing to see Olivia Adolph (8th grade) and Rachel Beasley (7th grade) pull details from a room of 24 kids who are just like mine. We are working hard as a school this year to help our students develop a strong ability to use and cite evidence to support a position. You can help us by asking for evidence from your students. Help us express the power of ‘why.’ When your student shares details or opinions about his or her day, ask them for more detail. If you really want to challenge them, ask them to support their ‘claims’ with the ‘best’ evidence from their day. Our students have amazing things to say! Thank you for all of your support, have a great weekend and Go Cards!

Message from PTA:

Please join our [Facebook Worthingway PTA](#) page for information on events and volunteer opportunities.

Thank you to everyone who came out to Chipotle to support Worthingway Middle School on Tuesday.

Our next Worthingway PTA meeting is October 1st in the library at 7pm. Hope you can make it!

The Worthingway PTA sells concessions at home sports events. We are looking for someone to head this up for the upcoming Winter and Spring seasons. If you would like more information about this volunteer position please send an email to WorthingwayPTA@gmail.com.

Hope you have a great week! Go CARDS!

Upcoming Dinner Fundraiser:

10/3: Raising Canes 4-8:30pm (5132 N High St). Please mention you're there to support Worthingway.

Box Tops News:

Box tops count double this week only!!! Don't forget to download the app and scan your receipts!

Check out Project More:

Does your student enjoy working with younger kids?

Worthingway Students have the opportunity through Project More to serve elementary students through reading.

Student volunteers will read for 30 minutes a week with a Worthington Estates' 2nd or 3rd grader. Worthingway students may volunteer before school (8:15-8:45).

Please email Mrs. Fei at nfei@wscloud.org if this is something your Worthingway student would be interested in, or if you have any questions.

Student Support Time:

Starting next week we will have a shuttle bus from TWHS to WWay for our morning support. Your student will need to ride the high school bus to TWHS. Once there, he/she will get on bus 59 to WWay. Bus 59 will leave TWHS at 7:15am. Mr. Kellenberger will be there on Thursday and Friday to help students find the bus. It will be parked in the bus loop at TWHS near the Athletic entrance.

Please contact the school office if you have questions. If transportation is a concern, please let Mr. Kellenberger or Mr. Mosca know at 614-450-4300.

Board Game Club:

Board Game Club begins Monday, September 23rd. We will meet 2 Mondays per month from 4:00-5:15 in room 31. In Board Game Club we will learn to play a variety of board games, card games, and get to know each other through friendly competition. If you like games and/or like to try new things, Board Game Club is perfect for you. BGC is free. See Mrs. Morgan if you have any questions.

Road Construction:

State Route 161 will be under construction starting on *Monday, September 23, 2019*.

For approximately a month, the westbound lanes of SR 161 (Dublin-Granville Road) will be closed between Linworth Road and Olentangy River Road.

West bound traffic is being detoured south on SR 315, west on Bethel Road and north on Sawmill Road.

Our Worthington Transportation Department has made several route adjustments in preparation for the road closure, but we anticipate that some buses may be delayed due to traffic in the area.

OHYES! Survey for 7th Grade Students:

During the week of September 30th, Worthington Schools will be administering the online Ohio Healthy Youth Environmental Survey (OHYES!) to all 7th grade students. The survey gathers data on health risk and protective factors facing Ohio's young people, such as: alcohol, drugs, safety, and physical health & well-being. We will use these results to reflect on better ways to help our students be successful. You can find more information about the survey along with the survey itself at www.ohyes.ohio.gov . If you'd like to opt your child out of taking the survey, contact our school counselor, Natalie Fei.

Worthington Cares Speaker Series:

Healthy Teen Relationships – What You Need to Know!

October 2, 2019 TWHS

Free dinner 6 – 6:30 p.m.

Speaker and Youth Activities 6:45 – 8 p.m.

Sometimes it can be awkward to talk about dating, but teens need adults to start the conversation. This interactive session will explore the current dynamics of teen relationships. Caregivers will get tips and resources about communicating and setting appropriate boundaries with teens, including digital boundaries with a family media agreement.

Ambryn Welch Mental Health Awareness Day:

St. Johns AME Church on October 5, 10:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. St. John AME Church, 7700 Crosswoods Dr., will host the Ambryn Welch Mental Health Awareness Day on Saturday, October 5, 10:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. There will be breakout sessions and a panel discussion. Come and be informed and enlightened! Help raise awareness and click Mental Health Awareness to register for this event.

Actor's Boot Camp:

Build your acting skills. Drill professional audition techniques. Challenge yourself to become a better performer. Create memorable characters. Spend an intense week with WAP's amazing theatre director Mr. Leyva playing theatre games and working on scenes and monologues. This boot camp will include expert training to prepare you to audition for Worthingway's spring production of *Once Upon a Mattress*.

The **Actor's Boot Camp** runs Monday through Friday, 4pm-6pm, from October 21st - 25th and will meet in the WMS Choir Rm.

Register at <https://www2.mypaymentsplus.com/welcome> under "school year activities."

Winter Sports Info:

Girls' Basketball

7th Grade Coach-Mr. Jeremy Olaker/ lawhubby@gmail.com

8th Grade Coach-Mr. Eric Bidlack/ eric.bidlack@gmail.com

The current schedule is set up to allow the girls' basketball teams to practice from 4:00 to 6:00 for the entire basketball season. Coaches will be giving out calendars once teams are selected. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The girls will be committed to the basketball team on game days from 3:45 to as late as 9:00 pm. ***Please be sure you can make this kind of commitment BEFORE trying out for the team.*** There are open gyms listed below.

Open Gyms

4-5:30 September 23 & 30 (those not playing volleyball or cross country)

October 8, 16, 23, 24 (Everyone); Tryouts: 4-5:45 October 28, 29, 30

First Practice Nov. 1 4- 5:45

Cheerleading

Head Coach-Ms. Riley Adamaitis/rileya2009@hotmail.com

WWAY BASKETBALL CHEERLEADING TRYOUT Information 2019-2020

When: October 22, 23 and 24 from 4-6 pm

Athletes must attend both clinic days (Oct. 22 and 23) to be eligible for tryouts (Oct. 24)

Tryouts will be October 24, 25, and 26 at Kilbourne Middle School.

Where: KMS GYM (WWAY girls will be shuttled to KMS)

KMS Address: 50 E Dublin Granville Road, Worthington-43085

All athletes must have a ride home promptly at 6 pm

Requirements for tryouts:

Appropriate workout attire (t-shirt, athletic shorts, sweatpants, etc.)

Tennis shoes

Hair pulled back and out of face

Water bottle

General information about the season:

- Athletes need an up to date physical as well as need to be on final forms **BEFORE** tryouts. Students will prior physicals will need their physicals to be valid through the end of November.
- Pay to play fee will need to be paid prior to the first game.
- Athletes will need to purchase necessary items to fulfil uniform requirements.
- Practices and games are on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- When games begin students will be expected to be at the school immediately after dismissal until the conclusion of the game

Wrestling

Head Coach - **Zach** Wojciechowski-zwojciechowski@wscloud.org

Assistant Coach-James Williams-jwilliams@wscloud.org

Pre-Season Team Meeting in Worthingway Library on Tuesday, October 29 at 6:15

Wrestling will begin **Monday, November 4**. We are a combined program with Kilbourne Middle School. *Practices will be held at TWHS from 4:15 to 6:15; students will be shuttled to TWHS and are to be picked up there Monday through Friday. Matches are on Wednesday's and Tournaments are on Saturday's. Home matches are in the WWAY Gym. Interested students should have shorts, t-shirt, and tennis shoes or if know you will be staying with program all year wrestling shoes and also wrestling head gear, preferably red. Please email Coach if you have any questions.*

Wrestlers will purchase team compression shirts and shorts for uniforms

Boys' Basketball

7th Grade Coach-**Demetrius** Ross-coachross35@gmail.com

8th Grade Coach- **Jenerrie** Harris-jenerrie.harris@gmail.com

The current schedule is set up to allow the boys' basketball teams to practice from 6:00 to 8:00 for the entire basketball season. Practices will not last more than 2 hours. Coaches will be giving out calendars once team is selected. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The boys will be committed to the basketball team on game days from 3:45 to as late as 9:00 pm. ***Please be sure you can make this kind of commitment BEFORE trying out for the team.*** There are open gyms listed below.

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Dates- Open Gyms-Sunday Nights-September 22, 29, October 6, October 13, October 20, October 27; Times: 5:00 to 6:30;

Try outs-October 28, 29, 30 from 6:00 to 8:00; Practice will begin November 1; 6:00 to 8:00

Site: Worthingway

What's happening in the classrooms!

ELA

Mrs. Adolph

ELA will finish reading *Flowers for Algernon* and students will take a summative exam on the skills they've been practicing: making inferences, writing objective summaries, identifying implicit and explicit characterization and using strong evidence to support a claim.

Mrs. Baker

Ms. Hill

CHillBaker will be continuing reading *Flowers for Algernon*. We will continue to work on summarizing skills, inferencing, and point of view. Students should continue to study their weekly vocabulary words and read for 20 minutes a night. Their Independent Reading Project is due 10/17.

Ms. Beasley

We are focusing closely on finding relevant and sufficient evidence to support our claims when writing arguments. We are also continuing to read *The Outsiders* as well.

Math

Are you a competitor? Do you love math? Do you like popcorn? Do you want to defend the championship Countdown reign that Worthingway earned last year? Then MATHCOUNTS is for you! Watch the announcements for start date of practices. See Mrs. Adesso or Mrs. McKinney with any questions. GO CARDS!

Mrs. Borders

Chapter 2 is coming to a close in Math 1. Students have been looking at tile patterns and a problem called "The Big Race!" that tracks riders in a tricycle race. This has given them the opportunity to discover the slope and the y-intercept in many different given situations, some being apparent and some being more hidden. Students will be testing over Chapter 2 on Wednesday 9/25 and Thursday 9/26.

Science

Mr. Canterbury

All 8th grade science

This week, students will be exploring many types of erosion and deposition that occur on our planet. Students have just completed a very involved river table simulation lab experience that highlighted stream erosion and deposition. We will continue discovering other ways water can form and change Earth's surface features.

Social Studies

Mr. Tisdale

7th Grade: We will be studying Greek mythology and creating our own myths.

8th Grade: We will be studying the English colonies in North America.

Mr. Vallette

Starting the week with boxing posters and the Persian Wars and then moving to the Golden Age of Athens.

School Office

Ms. Debernardi

Mrs. Swarengen

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.

Nurse's Desk

Mrs. Casey

We are quickly approaching the deadline for school required immunization compliance. Proof of all required immunizations must be turned in to Worthingway Health Office by NEXT TUESDAY SEPT 24, 2019. Please be in touch with Mrs. Casey if you have any questions or need assistance in getting these important immunizations. If we do not receive the records, and we do not hear from you, your student may be excluded from school starting SEPTEMBER 25, 2019.

Café

Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Clouse

Mrs. Wucinich

Breakfast Menu 2019-2020				
<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

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.

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

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