



Worthingway Middle School
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Worthingway Newsletter: 9-30-19

- 9/30, Mon: Board Game Club Rm 31 4 – 5:15 p.m.**
- 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: School Picture Retakes**
- MathCounts Club Mtg. 4 – 5 p.m.**
- Raising Canes PTA Fundraiser 4 – 8:30 p.m. (5132 N High St)**
- Children’s Hospital SOS Parent/Guardian Info Mtg. WEC 7 p.m.**
- 10/11, Fri: Way Day Fall Festival**
- 10/15, Tues: Fall Conferences 4 – 9 p.m.**
- 10/17, Thurs: Fall Conferences 4 – 9 p.m.**
- 10/18, Fri: No School – Classified Professional Development**
- 10/21-10/25, Mon-Fri: Actor’s Boot Camp WW Choir Rm 4-6 p.m.**
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Words Matter:

I had the outstanding opportunity to spend time in Mr. Jacob Reed’s choir class recently. Our choir program is so strong and impressive. Mr. Reed takes enormous pride in helping our students become strong performers. But the thing that impresses me the most is his focus on building individual student confidence. It takes a lot of courage at 12-14 years old to stand in front of one’s peers and sing. Mr. Reed knows this and does so much to help build a strong classroom culture. It is so evident that Mr. Reed cares about and builds a caring and supportive classroom environment. His classes always start with personal greetings and opportunities for students to share important events in their lives.

At one point in the class, during a transition, a young man began singing on his own. As he was doing so, he stopped and said, at random, “This is such a safe environment, I just have to sing.” I couldn’t have said it better. Great job Mr. Reed! Thank you for building a caring and supporting environment in which students feel safe and comfortable literally singing for joy!

PTA News:

Our next Worthingway PTA meeting is this coming a Tuesday, October 1st in the library at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Dinner Fundraiser:

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

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.

TWHS Boys' Volleyball Clinic:

Saturday, September 28 Thomas Worthington will host a free boys' volleyball clinic with the Ohio State Men's Volleyball Program and 7 time national champion coach Kevin Burch. The clinic runs from 10-noon and no previous skill is required. The registration link is below.

Questions? Contact Brian Lawless, TWHS Head Boys' Volleyball Coach blawless@wscloud.org

Registration: <https://forms.gle/6EzHR4acyz9hH39P6>

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.

Board Game Club:

Join us for the next Board Game Club on Monday, 9/30 from 4:00-5:15 in room 31. The cost is free and light snacks will be provided. See Mrs. Morgan with any questions.

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.

School Photo Retakes:

Thursday, October 3rd.

If a student would like to retake their school photo or if they did not take a school photo in August, school picture retake day is October 3 in the morning. Our photo supplier is Lifetouch. If you would like to order photos, please visit mylifetouch.com and use picture day ID: ZR419014Q1. Thank you!

MathCounts

I want to take this opportunity to invite your child to MathCounts! This is a national competition-based math club for middle school students. Any student is welcome to join (6th graders are welcome, but cannot be part of the official Worthingway team. They can compete on an individual level). We will meet once per week, starting Oct. 3, from 4-5pm. During that time, we work on high level math questions, both individually and in teams. The cost to join the club is \$35 which includes materials, competition fees, and transportation to Columbus State for the competition held in February.

There are at least 2 competitions we will participate in. The first is among the 4 Worthington middle schools, usually held on a Saturday in January. The second is held at Columbus State, usually on a Saturday at the beginning or middle of February. Both competitions have the same format:

- **Sprint Round:** focuses on speed and accuracy. Students have 40 minutes to complete 30 math problems without a calculator.
- **Target Round:** focuses on problem-solving and mathematical reasoning. Students receive 4 pairs of problems and have 6 minutes to complete each pair, assuming the use of a calculator.
- **Team Round:** focuses on problem-solving and collaboration. Students have 20 minutes to complete 10 math problems, assuming the use of a calculator. *Only the 4 students on a school's team can take this round officially.*
- **Countdown Round:** focuses on speed and accuracy. Students have a maximum of 45 seconds per problem without a calculator. *This round is optional at the school, chapter and state level.*

If our team qualifies for additional competitions, we have the option to move on at no additional cost to you.

Please let Mrs. Adesso or Mrs. McKinney know if you have any questions. We would love to have a great turnout for MathCounts this year!

Children's Hospital SOS Parent/Guardian Information Night:

Prior to our Nationwide Children's Hospital SOS classroom presentations, we will offer an opportunity for families to learn more about the program. We will host a parent/guardian information night on Thursday, October 3rd, from 7-8pm at the Worthington Education Center (200 East Wilson Bridge Road).

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.

TWHS Boys Lacrosse Fall Clinic:

Saturday, October 19th 6:30 - 9 p.m. at Hamilton Field TWHS Stadium. Parents are invited to join at 8:30 p.m. to watch a scrimmage and meet the coaches. Open to grades 1-8. All skill levels.

Meet and learn from the TWHS coaches and players. Tour the weight and locker rooms. Get a free TWHS lax t-shirt for attending. Bring a water bottle and equipment if you have it. If not, there will be equipment to borrow.

Register by October 13th at www.twhsboyslax.com. Walk-ins are welcome, but registration will assure the correct shirt size.

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 News:

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.

Open Gyms

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

News from the Staff:

ELA

Mrs. Adolph

Students will finish watching the film adaptation of *Flowers for Algernon* and we will discuss changes made. Additionally, we will begin a mini unit on argumentative writing.

Mrs. Baker

Ms. Hill

CHillBaker will be finish reading *Flowers for Algernon*, take a test over the story, and begin the film adaptation. We will also work through a 2 day mini-unit on argument writing.

Ms. Beasley

ELA: As we finish *The Outsiders*, students will begin to decide on which character they want to focus on for our first essay.

ELA EPP: Students are finishing *The Outsiders* and are focusing on annotating skills this week with the text.

Mrs. Perkins

Grade 7 ELA: We are closing out our unit for *The Outsiders*. Their test will be on Tuesday, October 1st. They have been given a study guide. They will also be assessed over how a character changed from the beginning of the book to the end, using text evidence. In addition, they will also have to do a brief argument stating whether Johnny should be considered a hero or villain. They took notes for this ahead of time.

Global Languages

Sra. Newcomb

Sra. Newcomb's Spanish 1a students have been practicing greeting a new person and exchanging basic information with new people and about others. We are working to add birthdays to this information. Students will be having small vocabulary quizzes most days the week of 9/30. We call them "caja" quizzes because the information comes in small boxes. Students need to mastery learn the new terms and phrases to spelling correctly level!

Sra. Newcomb's Spanish 1b students are working on the tricky phrasing when talking about turn-taking in Spanish. Students will have a formative and a summative assessment by October 4th so studying, practice and review should be happening at home regularly.

Science

Mrs. Spencer

Most of the houses on our stream tables survived the rush of the river flowing nearby. We are getting a good picture of erosion and deposition. Now we will be applying those concepts to glaciers, wind and

gravity. Students will be developing their own labs to identify the motion of a glacier. Using glacial goo we will be able to test our understanding of the impact of erosion and deposition in glaciers.

Social Studies

Ms. Speicher

8th Grade Social Studies: We will continue our study of European colonization of the Americas and begin to look specifically at the establishment of the 13 unique, English colonies.

Mr. Tisdale

8th Grade: We are finishing up English colonization in North America and beginning to look at the causes of the American Revolution.

7th Grade: We will be creating a mythological creature and using it to write a Greek myth using the 6 elements of a myth.

Mr. Vallette

The Golden Age of Greece and The Key Elements of Mythology.

Art

Mrs. Patridge

What can you do with a line? Well you can use the art element line to create shapes, like circles, and then you can use a line to create a grid. From there you can use the art element color and add complimentary colors and an analogous color to your artwork. Finally you can use charcoal to create value, adding a shadow. What do you have you created if you have followed this recipe? An optical illusion! We have spent the last 2 school weeks creating optical illusions, and they are looking awesome!

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.

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
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.

Lunch

Monday

Mini corn dogs
WM Cheese Bites w/Marinara Sauce

6" Italian Sub
Corn and Tomatoes
Seasonal Fruits
Milk

Tuesday

Cook's Choice
Oven Fries
Carrots
Seasonal Fruits
Milk

Wednesday

Totally Taco Bites
Cheese Bosco Sticks w Marinara Sauce
Black Beans
Seasonal Fruits
Milk

Thursday

Lasagna Roll-up w/roll
Pepperoni Pizza
Garden Salad w/roll
Broccoli
Cucumber Slices
Seasonal Fruits
Milk

Friday

Chicken Fries w/ Roll
French Bread Pizza
Sunbutter-n-jelly Sandwich
Sweet Potato fries
Celery Sticks
Seasonal Fruit
Milk