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# TWHS Weekly News & Updates October 30, 2020

## Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 2	Group A Regular Bell Schedule
Tuesday, November 3	No Classes - Teacher Workday
Wednesday, November 4	Group A Regular Bell Schedule
Thursday, November 5	Group B Regular Bell Schedule; 1 <sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks Grades Updated in Infinite Campus at 4:00 p.m.
Friday, November 6	Group A <a href="#">Homeroom Bell Schedule (16 min.)</a>

Dear Cardinal Family,

"Pete, when can we deliver the new furniture you ordered?"

"Is 'never' an option?"

You may have seen pictures or heard stories about the furniture placement in classrooms and large spaces, like the cafeteria. The spacing might give you some solace. We're doing a really good job of keeping kids six feet apart in our structured spaces. (It's puzzling to see four kids remove their masks and climb into one car at the end of a day, but that's a different topic.) What you may not think about is where all that furniture went. Well, right now it's stacked up in the Auxiliary Gym. With basketball and gymnastics about to start, we are frantically seeking spaces to stash desks and chairs.

But 2020 didn't disrupt everything. On an annual basis, we make measured and strategic furniture purchases to phase out older and damaged items. Last spring, I placed a significant order that seemed like a great idea. Yesterday, it showed up and seemed like a mistake.

I share this story, not to display my own inadequacy, but because it is symbolic of many things right now. The idea of new and needed desks sounds great, but we barely have space for the old items we now have to store.

Our traditional mindset of what school is and how it works is alive and very prevalent. However, our current pandemic reality has completely altered "normal." Lots of formerly routine tasks are now irrelevant or impractical.

A normal school year brings worries about rigorous coursework, kids falling behind our peer districts, limiting numbers of days absent, and providing exciting co-curricular events for our kids and families.

We either aren't allowed or don't have the ability to offer a traditional experience right now. We're certainly working hard to provide some level of normalcy and adequacy, but my worries have shifted significantly from previous years. I'm less worried about volume of learning and more worried about mental health. I'm less worried about crowd control and more worried about loneliness. I'm less worried about fighting and more worried about friendships.

Our new (temporary) reality should shift our focus to the things that really matter.

Have a great weekend! Go Cards!

Pete Scully  
Principal  
TWHS

## NEW announcements for this week

- **1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks Grades Updated in Infinite Campus as of Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.**
- **TWHS Band Boosters Annual Poinsettia Sale**

## ACADEMIC UPDATES

### **1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks Grades Updated in Infinite Campus as of Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.**

Your child's 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks grades can be accessed through Infinite Campus and report cards can be generated from the "Report" menu. If you wish to receive a printed copy of your student's report card for the 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Week grading period, please contact Penni Dow at 614-450-6296 or at [pdow@wscloud.org](mailto:pdow@wscloud.org) or Mary Mechenbier at 614-450-6304 or at [mmechenbier@wscloud.org](mailto:mmechenbier@wscloud.org).

### **Pre-ACT-Practice ACT Test for Registered Students on November 18 & 19, 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Pre-ACT empowers students with a unique ACT test practice experience. Scores provide valuable insights into students' predicted performance on the ACT and help inform important high school course decisions. Pre-ACT reporting includes both academic and career indicators, which are designed to identify strengths and areas of improvement, providing a complete view of students' college and career readiness.



The Pre-ACT will be held on **Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** in the Auxiliary gym at TWHS. Students can register for the Pre-ACT at the following [link](#) and the cost for the test is \$14.00. Payment can be made at the School Counseling office. Please bring exact cash or a check made payable to TWHS

Space is limited to a first come, first served basis, so please register soon if you are interested! **The deadline to register is Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.**



### **Attention Sophomores: Interested in Learning More About DACC?**

The [Delaware Area Career Center](#) (DACC) has amazing, hands-on programs for our juniors and seniors. Students are encouraged to apply during their sophomore year for these two year programs. Admissions criteria includes a virtual tour and online application. Use this [link](#) to learn more about their programs and admissions process. Click [here](#) for the series of virtual admissions overview sessions available for families to attend! Important dates to remember:

- **November 20:** The DACC application goes live on their website
- **November 23 & 24:** Mrs. Preisse will present an overview of the various DACC program offerings to sophomore ELA classes
- **January 15:** Priority DACC application deadline

Questions? Contact Celeste Preisse at [cpreisse@wscloud.org](mailto:cpreisse@wscloud.org) in the School Counseling Office for details!

### **Senior Information Night – Your Guide to Applying to College**

Attention Seniors and Parents/Guardians of Seniors: Please view the [Senior Information Night Presentation video](#) to learn about the college application process. In this video, you will learn the steps required to request transcripts, submit electronic documents through Naviance, request letters of recommendations, apply for financial aid, scholarships and grants, and more.

**TWHS Senior Information Night!**



### **Seniors and Parents/Guardians: Sign Up for Naviance Now!**

Naviance is a college planning tool for students to request transcripts to be sent to colleges, conduct college searches, and request letters of recommendations. Please make sure you have your email linked to Naviance as the School Counselors will send you emails about college rep visits, scholarships, deadlines, and more! Click [Naviance 101 Video](#) presentation or [this document](#) for step-by-step directions and more information about using Naviance.

## Veterans Day Celebration

Although we are unable to invite in our Veterans to celebrate with us as we usually do on Veterans Day, we will still be celebrating and honoring Veterans Day. Students in Mrs. York's AP Literature classes have been interviewing local Veterans and we will be watching these in our Social Studies classes the week of November 9<sup>th</sup>. We also have a student committee that will be writing notes of gratitude to our local Veterans and current military personnel. Additionally, we will be decorating our school hallways to honor all Veterans and current military service personnel that are connected to our TWHS family.



We would like to invite you to share with us information about a Veteran or current military service personnel that is in your family and/or is connected to TWHS in any way. [Please complete this short form](#) to share with us the person you would like to honor. You may also submit a photo by having a student drop it off to Mrs. Volpe in Central Office or an adult may drop off in our front office. Please submit a copy and not original as we will be hanging this up in our hallway and it will not be returned. If you choose to submit a photo, please do so by November 6. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Todd Keenan at [tkeen@wscloud.org](mailto:tkeen@wscloud.org).

## SENIOR ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Important 2020-21 Yearbook Deadline Dates for the Class of '21

Click [Senior Picture Submission Directions](#) to submit your senior picture for the yearbook by January 4, 2021.

**Late photos will not be accepted.**

Click on the [Recognition Ad](#) tab to create an account to purchase your Senior Ad Page by April 14, 2021.

### Class of '21: Important Dates for Cap & Gown Ordering

Click [Class of '21](#) for information to order your cap/gown/tassel and additional products for graduation. **The final order deadline is January 31, 2020 to ensure delivery of your student's cap & gown in the spring.**



Two ways to place your order:

- View products and place your order online at [buckeyescholastic.com](http://buckeyescholastic.com) on your computer or mobile device
- Print and mail [this completed form](#) to Buckeye Scholastic, 118 Graceland Blvd., Box 214, Columbus, OH 43214

## PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ORGANIZATION (PTSO)

### TWHS PTSO Memberships Available

Our PTSO needs your support! The TWHS PTSO represents the parents, teachers and students of TWHS. We aspire to support our school's mission by supporting the education of students by fostering relationships among the school, parents, students and teachers. Please consider joining/donating to help make the 2020-21 school year a great experience for our students by clicking [PTSO Membership Form](#).

### PTSO Meeting Dates Set for 2020-21

The PTSO meetings will be held via Zoom on **November 17**, January 19 and March 16 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Click the [PTSO tab](#) for photos, announcements and other information.



### Sign Up for Kroger Community Rewards® and Help Support PTSO!

Shop at your favorite Kroger store and support the TWHS PTSO at the same time! Thank you for your support! Click [Sign Up for Kroger Community Rewards®](#).

# SCHOOL COMMUNITY CONNECTION

## **TWHS Band Boosters Annual Poinsettia Sale**

The TWHS Band Boosters Annual Poinsettia Sale runs through November 30, 2020. Click [Poinsettia Sale](#) for more information and to order your poinsettias for the holidays! Red poinsettias in a 6.5 inch pot are available for a donation of \$10 (per poinsettia). Order pickup will take place on Wednesday, December 9, at Door 16 (Music Lobby) from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Thank you for your support!



## **Before and After School Guidelines for TWHS Students**

Your support in following these guidelines is greatly appreciated. The safety of our students is our number one priority.

**Reminder: The gate located next to the tennis courts on Evening Street is closed during school hours.**

[Student Drop Off and Pick Up](#)

[Walkers and Bike Riders](#)

[Bus Riders](#)



## **FREE Meal Service Available for ALL TWHS Students During Hybrid Schedule**

In addition to serving daily breakfast and lunch at school, breakfast and lunch will be made available for students to take home at the end of each school day. Students may stop by Room 119 on their way out of the building during dismissal to pick up meals for the next day when they are not in school. This is free for all students. If you have questions, please contact the Worthington Schools Food Service Department [HERE](#).

## **Fee Waivers for School Fees and Athletics/Activities Participation Fees**

Eligible families are required to submit the Federal Meals application and Worthington Schools fee waiver form to receive free or reduced school fees posted on their [MyPaymentsPlus](#) accounts. These fees include the \$65 classroom fee, athletics/activities participation fees, testing fees, and \$35 Senior fee. Click [here](#) to apply for student fee waivers.

## **School Calendar Updated on TWHS Website**

Click on [TWHS School Calendar](#) to access the TWHS website calendar.



October 30: End of 1<sup>st</sup> grading period

November 3: **No Classes** - Teacher Workday

November 5: 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks Grades Updated in Infinite Campus at 4:00 p.m.

November 6: [Homeroom Bell Schedule \(16 minutes\)](#)

November 11: [Homeroom Bell Schedule \(16 minutes\)](#)

November 13: [Homeroom Bell Schedule \(16 minutes\)](#)

November 13: Deadline to [register](#) for Pre-ACT-Practice ACT Test

November 17: TWHS PTSO meeting via Zoom – 7:30 p.m.

November 18-19: [Pre-ACT-Practice ACT Test](#) for registered students – 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

November 20: Delaware Area Career Center application goes live on their website

November 23-24: Overview of the various DACC program offerings will be presented to sophomore ELA classes

November 25-27: Thanksgiving Break

November 30: Last day to [Order Poinsettias](#) for TWHS Band Booster Fundraiser

### Attendance Office Procedures for TWHs Students on Assigned "At School" Days

Parents/Guardians may contact the Attendance Office (messages can be left in English OR Spanish) by

email at [twhsattend@wscloud.org](mailto:twhsattend@wscloud.org) or call 614-450-6291

Click [Attendance Philosophy & Procedures](#) for important information regarding your child's absence from school.

### Conduct Daily Health Check Before School

Parents/Guardians: Please complete a daily health check of your child *before* they leave for school.

Keep your child home if any of the following symptoms are present:

- Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth
- New or worsened cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Nasal congestion or runny nose
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

Keep your child home if two or more of the following symptoms are present:

- Headache
- Body aches
- Fatigue

**\*\*Please know that if your child is at school and develops any of these symptoms they will be isolated and a parent will be called for immediate pick up.**