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# TWHS Weekly News & Updates November 6, 2020

## Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 9	Group A Regular Bell Schedule
Tuesday, November 10	Group B Regular Bell Schedule; <a href="#">Community Coffee</a> w/Dr. Trent Bowers, WEC – 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.; <a href="#">Special Education Virtual Information Session</a> – 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 11	Group A <a href="#">Homeroom Bell Schedule (16 min)</a>
Thursday, November 12	Group B Regular Bell Schedule
Friday, November 13	Group B <a href="#">Homeroom Bell Schedule (16 min)</a> <a href="#">Community Coffee</a> w/Dr. Trent Bowers, WEC – 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.; Deadline to <a href="#">register</a> for Pre-ACT-Practice ACT Test

Dear Cardinal Family,

I'm just waiting, and I'm really not good at that.

My wife grew up within an hour's drive of New York City, and whenever we visit, we quickly slip into East Coast Driving Mode. If you're not familiar, it looks like this: lane markers are suggestions; speed limits are minimums; driving like your passenger is in labor is normal; and every car is a bumper car if there's an open parking spot. It is a fairly stark contrast to midwestern driving. Impatience and anxiety reign.

Oddly enough, our current reality also amplifies both feelings. We are all impatiently waiting. I'm getting pelted with questions about hybrid mode, testing, graduation, prom, and a return to some semblance of normal.

They're all good questions, and waiting for answers is extraordinarily frustrating.

On the other hand, we still have real fear and anxiety regarding safety and exposure. I'm also getting a barrage of questions about when cases will stop rising, personal safety concerns, and which kind of suffering is the most detrimental to kids.

Everyone has legitimate concerns, but answers aren't always easy.

We are currently documenting our district-level COVID data through CATS (COVID-19 Analytics and Targeted Surveillance), a tracking system run by the Ohio State College of Public Health. It shows that our school district is in the lower 25% for case rates in Franklin County. Just recently, our local health departments put out a [joint statement](#) affirming that school, with social distancing, is still the best recommendation, even with cases rising.

So, it seems like our waiting game will continue. At least we haven't been waiting for any other big news this week.

I hope you have a restful weekend!

Go Cards!

Pete Scully  
Principal  
TWHS

## NEW announcements for this week

- **Thomas Worthington Cardinals of the Month**
- **Italy and Greece Trip Set for Early June of 2021**
- **Special Education Virtual Information Session Set for November 10, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**
- **Global Trips Summer 2022 Family Travel Informational Night**
- **Cardinal Theatre Auditions for the Main Stage Musical Scheduled for the Week of November 16<sup>th</sup>**
- **Community Coffees Scheduled**

### Thomas Worthington Cardinals of the Month

Each month, the Thomas Worthington staff recognizes students for their outstanding performance in three distinct areas. The first area of recognition is Respect, where we praise kids for the way they communicate with others here at school. The second area is Responsibility, where we recognize students for being present and timely for all their classes. The third area is Relationships, where we promote positive interactions between everyone here at Thomas Worthington. The ten students who best display



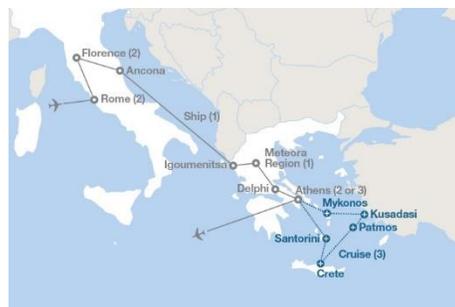
September  
2020  
Cardinals  
of the Month

 <b>Austin Moore</b>	 <b>Barini Subramanian</b>	 <b>Harold Hadnot</b>	 <b>Kaleh Dixon</b>
 <b>Sydney MacGillivray</b>	 <b>Emma Cossin</b>	 <b>Nila Burroughs</b>	 <b>Tyler Bice</b>
 <b>Jonathan Duffy</b>	 <b>Paul Pfeieger</b>	 <b>Juliet Keisten</b>	 <b>Mark Mossburg</b>
 <b>Carlos Perna Chavez</b>	 <b>Ahmed Alkaradi</b>		

and embody the spirit of Respect, Responsibility, and Relationships are chosen to be our Cardinals of the Month.

We also recognize members of the Thomas Worthington staff for their excellent contributions to the school through their effort, compassion, and dedication to the school, their students, and their colleagues. Four staff members are chosen to be Cardinals of the Month.

## ACADEMIC UPDATES



### Italy and Greece Trip Set for Early June of 2021

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I am pleased to announce that Worthington students will be traveling to **Italy and Greece during the summer of 2021!** We are scheduled to depart in early June and there is still time to enroll. Stops include Rome, Florence, Delphi, and Athens along with a three day cruise of the Greek islands. Please visit our [tour website](#) to learn more or have your child stop by **room 122** to pick up an itinerary and enrollment book. I am happy to discuss the tour itinerary in more detail, travel dates and logistics, and payment options/fundraising. Email

[Lvanfossen@wscloud.org](mailto:Lvanfossen@wscloud.org) for more information or to set up a time to chat.

I look forward to hearing from you! Lindsey VanFossen

### Special Education Virtual Information Session Set for November 10, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Worthington Schools Special Education Department invites parents and caretakers to attend a virtual information session on November 10, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Families will be provided with updates about how our district is meeting the needs of students who receive special education services this unique year. Click [Informational Flyer](#) for more information.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/96741511462?pwd=RHQ3ZnJnRHlQOFdSYWZyUmJQY0dyUT09>

Meeting ID: 967 4151 1462

Passcode: 312414

### 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!



### 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>.**

### Global Trips Summer 2022 Family Travel Informational Night

Once again, we are excited to host an Informational Night for our Academic Global Trips for Summer 2022. We will share information on trips around the world and allow you to engage with our trip leaders. This year, we will host an online, live Zoom meeting to share all of the trips on Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. You must register for the meeting in advance to receive the Zoom link to the meeting: [Click here to RSVP for the November 19 Global Trips 2022 Family Travel Informational 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.



## TWHS Senior Information Night!

### 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.

### 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).

### 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)

### 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.

## 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](#).



### 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

### Cardinal Theatre Auditions for the Main Stage Musical Scheduled for the Week of November 16<sup>th</sup>

Potential thespians!

Audition season is upon us! Auditions for the main stage musical will be held the week of November 16th! The audition process will be broken up differently this year to ensure safe social distancing measures. The dates are as follows:



	Monday, 11-16	Tuesday, 11-17	Wed., 11-18	Thursday, 11-19	Saturday, 11-21
Class	Senior	Junior	Sophomore	Freshman	Call Backs
Time	6:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.

For the preliminary audition and call back please dress in comfortable clothing and shoes and be prepared to dance. BRING YOUR MASK AND BRING A WATER BOTTLE! You do not have to prepare a song or monologue for the audition. Students who are invited to call backs will be notified the following morning after the preliminary class audition. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Nawman. If you are not invited to the call backs that does not mean you have not been cast! Call backs will be primarily for lead roles!



### 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!

### Community Coffees Scheduled

The Worthington School District will be holding several community coffees with Superintendent Trent Bowers throughout the month of November. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all of the coffees will be held at the Worthington Education Center (200 East Wilson Bridge Road) and will be limited to 10 people. Masks and social distancing will be required.



If you are interested in attending one of the events, please email Christy DeWees at [CDewees@wscloud.org](mailto:CDewees@wscloud.org) with the following information:

- Your Name
- Date of session you'd like to attend (if that coffee is full, you'll be offered another date)
- Your phone number
- Any topics you would like to be update on

Click [Dates & Times](#) for the 5 Community Coffees scheduled for November, 2020.

### 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.



### 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](#).

### 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](#)

### School Calendar Updated on TWHS Website

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



November 10: [Community Coffee](#) w/Superintendent Trent Bowers, WEC – 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

November 10: [Special Education Virtual Information Session](#) – 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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

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

November 13: [Community Coffee](#) w/ Superintendent Trent Bowers, WEC – 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

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

November 16: [Community Coffee](#) w/Superintendent Trent Bowers, WEC – 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

November 16-21: [Cardinal Theatre Auditions](#) for the Main Stage Musical

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 19: [Community Coffee](#) w/Superintendent Trent Bowers, WEC – 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

November 19: [Global Trips Summer 2022 Family Travel](#) Virtual Informational Night – 7:00 p.m.

November 20: [Community Coffee](#) w/Superintendent Trent Bowers, WEC – 8:00 - 9:00 a.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

### 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.**

**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@wsccloud.org](mailto:twhsattend@wsccloud.org) or call 614-450-6291**

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