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TWHS Weekly News & Updates

December 4, 2020

Monday - Thursday Online Class Schedule					Friday Online Class Schedule	
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Time	Friday
8:00 - 8:50	Connections				8:00 - 8:50	Connections
9:00 - 10:00	Period 1	Period 3	Period 1	Period 3	9:00 - 9:35	Period 1
10:10 - 11:10	Period 2	Period 4	Period 2	Period 4	9:45 - 10:20	Period 2
11:20 - 12:50	Connections				10:30 - 11:05	Period 3
1:00 - 2:00	Period 5	Period 7	Period 5	Period 7	11:15 - 11:50	Period 4
2:10 - 3:10	Period 6	Period 8	Period 6	Period 8	12:00 - 12:35	Period 5
Independent Learning Time	Period 3	Period 1	Period 3	Period 1	12:45 - 1:20	Period 6
	Period 4	Period 2	Period 4	Period 2	1:30 - 2:05	Period 7
	Period 7	Period 5	Period 7	Period 5	2:15 - 2:50	Period 8
	Period 8	Period 6	Period 8	Period 6		

Dear Cardinal Family,

Is that a human voice in the hallway? I'd better go see what's going on!

I recently came across a line from leadership consultant Tim McClure that smacked me in the face: "The biggest concern for any organization should be when their most passionate people become quiet."

A recurring worry I've heard teachers share during remote learning is about classroom dynamics. Everything is more difficult to gauge because kids are quiet. When kids are at home, behind a screen, it's easier for them to be passive and not participate, and it's harder for teachers to engage kids. This quietness is perceived as a problem--a lack of engagement or interest that leaves a void of information and teachers wondering how to respond. They're certainly trying to bridge that gap by building in instructional practices that require responses and participation.

It's not just kids. I've noticed the same quiet phenomenon in staff meetings and other large group meetings over Zoom.

It's interesting to me. When school is in full swing, I hear tons of concerns and complaints about the opposite: too much noise and disruptions. The pandemic has swung the pendulum, and as a result, the concerns have shifted. (For what it's worth, I think both extremes of this concern are legitimate and I understand why our staff has them.)

Thank you for all you're doing to help manage learning at home. Please encourage your child to actively participate in their classes!

Have a great weekend and Go Cards!

Pete Scully
Principal
TWHS

NEW announcements for this week

- **Thomas Worthington Cardinals of the Month**
- **Opportunity for Parents/Caregivers to Recognize a Staff Member!**
- **College & Career Planning for the Class of 2022: Junior Night Presentation**
- **Online ACT Crash Course for Worthington High School Students on January 15, 2021**
- **Attention TWHS Students & Parents/Guardians: Register for ACT Boot Camp by February 2!**
- **Reminder for Seniors: Submit Yearbook Senior picture by January 4, 2021. Late photos will not be accepted.**
- **Attention Seniors: Apply for the Diploma of Distinction!**
- **The 12 Days of Giving: A 12 Day Virtual Performance and Charitable Drive – TWHS Orchestra & Student Council**
- **NCCC Sponsors Drive-Thru Winter Holiday Giveaways on December 7 & 14 – 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.**
- **Yearbook Sale Runs December 14 - 18!**

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,

November 2020 Cardinals of the Month

	Diego Salguero	Sabrina Sandhere	Juliette King	Tate Beegle
	Jeremiah Smith	Kate Browning	Elis Coe	Camden Beatty
Kate Weber	Ben Berens	Tina Nunez	Angolica Morris	Karen Navarro-Mendez
				Seth Keasel

where we promote positive interactions between everyone here at Thomas Worthington. The ten students who best display 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.

Opportunity for Parents/Caregivers to Recognize a Staff Member!

Attention Parents/Caregivers – would you like to recognize the positive impact that a staff member has had on you or your child? The PBIS Team at TWHS would like to give you that opportunity. Please take 2 minutes and [click here](#) to complete the recognition form. Thank you!

ACADEMIC UPDATES

2020-2021 Remote Attendance Principles and Procedures

As we resume the 2020-2021 school year in a Remote setting, we believe attendance is a foundational piece of a student's academic success. Click [here](#) for 2020-2021 Middle School and High School Remote Attendance Principles and Procedures.

Parents will need to contact the [Attendance Office](#) if your child is late to class because he/she is not able to connect to the Online Learning Class due to internet, wifi, or technology issues.

College & Career Planning for the Class of 2022

College & Career Planning for the Class of 2022: Junior Night Presentation

Junior students and parents/guardians! College and career season is here! As a guide to the college admission process, the TWHS School Counselors have created a video titled, "College & Career Planning for the class of 2022." You can watch the video here: [Junior Night Presentation](#).

This presentation will give you inside information on the college application process, what admissions is looking for, ACT/SAT, and how to start creating your list of potential colleges to apply to. Please watch the video and contact your School Counselor with follow up questions!

Your TWHS School Counselors,
Felicha Smith, Kelly Swearingen, Celeste Priebe, David Quart, and Stephanie Burns

Online ACT Crash Course for Worthington High School Students on January 15, 2021

This is an [intensive crash course](#) presented by Dr. Srinath Sampath of [PrepAccelerator](#). Participants will review and discuss a variety of ACT questions from simple to complex. Focused on problem solving under timed test conditions, this crash course will cover all four required sections of the ACT as well as the optional Writing section.

Date: January 15, 2021

Time: 4:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Length: 4 hours instruction (with 30-min break at the half point) + 30-min Q&A at conclusion

Grades: 9-12

Location: Online. Students will need a computer with audiovisual capability and reliable internet access. Please do not go to your school to attend this event.

Registration Deadline: 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 14

Cost: Free

Registration Link: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/prepaccelerator/460779>

Attention TWHS Students & Parents/Guardians: Register for ACT Boot Camp by February 2!

Standardized tests can be intimidating, but we want students to be prepared. That's why we're excited to partner again this year with Dr. Srinath Sampath of PrepAccelerator to offer preparatory sessions. Data shows these rigorous crash courses increase scores an average of 2-3 points—and that's significant on a 36-point test!

An intensive, two-day training session open to Linworth, TWHS and WKHS students, will be taught online on February 7 and February 14, 2021. This opportunity will cost \$200, a heavily discounted rate, and will include handouts, one printed ACT test with solutions, two online ACT tests with printed solutions, and a printed handbook that contains cheat sheets, test-taking tips, and over 850 drills with solutions in English and Math. Click [ACT Boot Camp](#) for more information and to register for the training session.

Pre-registration Required for Delaware Area Career Center Virtual Open House on December 10

The Delaware Area Career Center is hosting their [Open House](#) on Thursday, December 10 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for both students and parents. Watch [this video](#) for a Virtual Open House overview and learn what to expect. Click [Open House Guide](#) to register for the DACC Virtual Open House 2020 event.



SENIOR ANNOUNCEMENTS



YEARBOOK

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

Late photos will not be accepted. Click [Senior Picture Submission Directions](#) to submit your senior picture for the yearbook by **January 4, 2021**.

Yearbook Sale! It will be the lowest price of the year before prices increase in January. Sale runs December 14 - 18. Use the Code "WINTER" for \$5 off The Cardinal Yearbook. [Click here to buy your yearbook!](#)

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. **January 31, 2021 is the final order deadline 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](#) on your computer or mobile device
- Print and mail [this completed form](#) to Buckeye Scholastic, 118 Graceland Blvd., Box 214, Columbus, OH 43214



Attention Seniors: Apply for the Diploma of Distinction!

The Diploma of Distinction recognizes students for their excellence in academics, character, and service in one or more specific subject areas. In order to be considered for a Diploma of Distinction, please complete this [APPLICATION](#) by Friday, February 12, 2021. Late applications will not be accepted. Diplomas of Distinction are currently available in nine (9) areas: Project Lead the Way (PLTW), English, World Language, Theater Arts, Musical Arts, Service Learning and Career Mentorship, Visual Arts, Entrepreneurship Business Academy (EBA) and Science. Questions? Please email Mr. Quart at dquart@wscloud.org.

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ORGANIZATION (PTSO)

PTSO Meeting Dates Set for 2020-21

The PTSO meetings will be held via Zoom on **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!

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SCHOOL COMMUNITY CONNECTION

12 Days of Giving

Virtual Performance and Charitable Drive.

The 12 Days of Giving: A 12 Day Virtual Performance and Charitable Drive

During these challenging times, the TWHS Student Council and Orchestra are teaming up to spread some cheer and do a little good! The 12 Days of Giving is an opportunity to experience the *gifts* of our orchestra students and make a *gift* to the Worthington Resource Pantry! You can anticipate unwrapping 12 daily orchestral performances starting on December 7th.

For those who find themselves in a place to pass some *gifts* on, you can join our efforts to support the Worthington Resource Pantry by making a financial donation. Revenue from the ticket sales will be donated to the WRP to support their efforts of helping our community, with a specific focus on providing baby diapers and wipes. Additionally, there will be a drop box for diapers and wipes for anyone wanting to make an in-kind donation! It will be located just inside the Athletic Entrance of TWHS. Click [here](#) for more information and to access links to the performances and to donate!

TWHS Band Boosters Annual Poinsettia Sale

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!



NCCC Sponsors Drive-Thru Winter Holiday Giveaways on December 7 & 14 – 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

North Community Counseling Centers (NCCC) will sponsor a drive-thru event for families to pick up winter essentials on December 7 and 14 between 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Old Worthington Library Parking Lot. Click [Winter Holiday Giveaways](#) for more information.



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Remote Meal Delivery Information

For the 2020-21 school year, all families can have meals delivered via bus routes in the Worthington School District. Click [Remote Meals](#) for more information about bus routes, daily menu and required online order form.



School Calendar Updated on TWHS Website

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

December 4: [TWHS Orchestra Boosters Fundraiser](#): Last day to order!

December 7: NCCC Drive-Thru [Winter Holiday Giveaways](#), Old Worthington Library parking lot – 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

December 7-18: [The 12 Days of Giving](#): A 12 Day Virtual Performance and Charitable Drive

December 9: TWHS Band Boosters Annual Poinsettia [Order Pickup](#)

December 10: Delaware Area Career Center Virtual [Open House](#) for pre-registered families – 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

December 14: NCCC Drive-Thru [Winter Holiday Giveaways](#), Old Worthington Library parking lot – 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

December 14-18: [Yearbook Sale](#) - \$5.00 off!

December 17: [TWHS Orchestra Boosters Fundraiser](#) Pick-up

December 21-January 1: Winter Break

January 4: [Senior Picture Submission Deadline](#) to submit yearbook senior picture – **late photos will not be accepted**

January 14: Registration deadline for [Online ACT Crash Course](#) for Worthington High School Students

January 15: [Online ACT Crash Course](#) for pre-registered Worthington High School Students – 4:30 - 9:30 p.m.

COVID-19 Information

Please continue to report positive cases of COVID-19 using the online district reporting form:

[Worthington Schools COVID-19 Reporting Form](#)

It is important for schools to be notified of positive cases affecting our TWHS families to keep staff and students who are participating in school athletics safe and minimize the potential spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Keep your families safe by continuing to wear a mask, practice social distancing of at least 6 feet and wash hands often. Traveling can increase your chances of getting and spreading COVID-19 so be extra diligent with safe practices and stay home when possible over the upcoming holiday seasons.

More healthy precautions:

- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap & water are unavailable
- Cover your mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Stay home when you are sick
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Clean “highly touched” surfaces often at work and home
- Do not let your guard down!