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TWHS Weekly News & Updates

September 11, 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 |
| | | | | | 11:15 - 11:50 | Period 4 |
| 1:00 - 2:00 | Period 5 | Period 7 | Period 5 | Period 7 | 12:00 - 12:35 | Period 5 |
| 2:10 - 3:10 | Period 6 | Period 8 | Period 6 | Period 8 | 12:45 - 1:20 | Period 6 |
| Independent Learning Time | Period 3 | Period 1 | Period 3 | Period 1 | 1:30 - 2:05 | Period 7 |
| | Period 4 | Period 2 | Period 4 | Period 2 | 2:15 - 2:50 | Period 8 |
| | Period 7 | Period 5 | Period 7 | Period 5 | | |
| | Period 8 | Period 6 | Period 8 | Period 6 | | |

Dear Cardinal Family,

Well, I can check another first off my list. We had our first moment of silence over Zoom this morning.

September 11, 2001 marks one of those moments in history when we all know where we were. We hope our kids and grandkids will continue to ask what we were doing when we first heard the awful news that day.

I was a young teacher at McCord Middle School, teaching eighth grade science. To this day, there are details I remember like they were yesterday. I remember the fear the adults all felt once we realized the first plane crash was not an accident. I remember feeling the lump in my throat as I was tasked with breaking the news appropriately to my next classroom full of kids. I remember our afternoon football practice being cancelled and feeling so strange heading home early. The Columbus airport (I lived in Gahanna at the time) was eerily silent. The loss of life was staggering, and the inability to call my sister, who lived in New York City, was terrifying. The news and images became repetitive and failed to satiate our collective desire for answers.

But, if only for a brief period, things changed. Our petty differences melted away, and our country felt meaningfully unified. We longed to be together and to help others, regardless of how well we knew them. *That feeling was the most amazing thing I remember.*

In tough times, we work together. We all play a role. We all matter. We make sacrifices for the greater good.

The lesson I learned from 9/11 is: Our desire to work together can easily overcome any disagreements we may have. After that fateful day, our willingness to express gratitude and appreciation were the only thing that felt contagious!

Although our circumstances are much different today, it sure feels like we're all being tested. As I said last week, I am so appreciative of how our staff, students, and families have stepped up to help. I look forward to seeing everyone in person in a couple of weeks.

Have a great weekend and Go Cards!

Pete Scully
Principal
TWHS

COVID-19 Policies for Students and Staff

The safety of our students and staff is our highest priority. All parents and staff are encouraged to utilize our [COVID-19 page](#) to report potential exposures, report positive cases and to review new case data.

NEW announcements for this week

- TWHS [Virtual](#) Meet the Teacher Night
- Tuesday, September 15: Deadline for 10th & 11th grade students to [register for PSAT/NMSQT](#)
- Join the TWHS PTSO September 15th [Zoom](#) Meeting
- Introducing the 2020-21 Thomas Worthington PBIS Team
- Complete [Survey](#) to Help Worthington Bridges Support Students and Families

ACADEMIC UPDATES

2020-2021 Remote Attendance Principles and Procedures

As we begin 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.



TWHS Virtual Meet the Teacher Night

We have assembled [introductory videos](#) for each teacher and each of his/her classes. Click on the content area, then scroll down to the appropriate teacher and class. If you're not sure which teachers and courses your child is in, please ask them to see their schoology page with courses and teachers listed. Of course, you can always call us for assistance at 614-450-6200.

Tuesday, September 15: Deadline for 10th & 11th Grade Students to Register for PSAT/NMSQT

Worthington Schools has received permission from the department of health to host the College Board's **Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test** (PSAT-NMSQT) at the district's expense. We will be following a strict set of [guidelines, procedures, and protocols](#) that the department of health and the College Board have set for us to ensure student and staff safety. However, due to the uncertain nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is possible that we may have to cancel this opportunity depending on the recommendations of the health department at the time of the test.



Due to the pandemic, the College Board is allowing schools the option to conduct testing on Wednesday, October 14 and Thursday, October 29. At this time, we are planning to take advantage of this and will be utilizing the two testing dates with a maximum capacity of 100 students for each date as approved by the department of health.

HOW TO REQUEST REGISTRATION:

- Individuals who will be a **10th or 11th grader in the 2020-21 school year** can request to be registered to take the PSAT/NMSQT at this link <https://forms.gle/SD4japwHvkoeySst7> or through their home high school's **counseling center**.
 - This opportunity is not available to students in any other grade level.
- **There is a strict registration deadline of September 15, 2020.**
- We will be able to offer this test to a total of 200 students. 11th grade students will receive priority.

If you have any questions, please contact Todd Keenan at tkeen@wscloud.org



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.

Senior Information Night – Your Guide to Applying to College

Seniors and senior parents/guardians are expected to view the [Senior Information Night Presentation video](#) to 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!



Classroom School Fees Listed Now Listed in MyPaymentsPlus Student Accounts

Parents/guardians, please check your child's current balance for any outstanding fees. All fees and outstanding fines and fees are to be paid via the online payment system, www.MyPaymentsPlus.com.

The 2020-21 classroom fee for grades 9-12 is \$65; however, parents/guardians of juniors will find their \$65 fee loaded under Linworth rather than Thomas Worthington. The Treasurer's Office has asked that this fee be paid with the assurance that the paid fee will be redirected to Thomas Worthington High School.

Please contact Cathy Shaw, TWHS Administrative Secretary, at cshaw@wscloud.org, or by phone at 614-450-6272 if you have questions about your child's school fees.

SENIOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Purchase Your Yearbook before the October 1st Price Increase!

Purchase your 2020-21 yearbook from Buckeyescholastic.com for \$60 before October 1st when the price will increase. Click [here](#) if you would like more information on the 2020-21 Yearbook.



Senior Picture Deadline is Monday, January 4, 2021

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

Late photos will not be accepted.

Senior Ad Page Deadline is Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Parents/guardians of seniors are encouraged to purchase a Senior Ad Page to feature their child in the yearbook. This page can include baby photos, childhood memories, and/or other accomplishments for your child. Click on the [Recognition Ad](#) tab to create an account to purchase your Senior Ad Page. The cost for a 1/8 page senior ad is \$40; 1/4 page senior ad is \$75; and a 1/2 page senior ad page is \$125. The deadline to submit your senior ad page is April 14, 2021. Please contact service@buckeyescholastic.com with any questions.



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

Purchase your cap/gown/tassel for \$26.95 before the October 1st Price Increase! Click [Class of '21](#) for information to order your cap/gown/tassel and additional products for graduation. **The final deadline to submit orders 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 on your computer or mobile device.
- Print and mail [this completed form](#) to the address below.

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PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ORGANIZATION (PTSO)

PTSO Meeting Dates Set for 2020-21

The PTSO meetings will be held via Zoom on September 15, November 17, January 19 and March 16 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Click the [PTSO tab](#) for photos, announcements and other information.

Join the September 15th Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/92414854579?pwd=RjBWTitoZkpOTVIPV21uaTMwZkd5Bdz09>

Meeting ID: **924 1485 4579**

Passcode: **miDf06**

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



Worthington Alliance of Black Families & Educators Meeting on September 16

The first official meeting of the [Worthington Alliance of Black Families & Educators](#) is scheduled to take place on September 16, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. To register, please email: worthingtonalliancebfe@gmail.com or call 614-747-4917 or 614-256-5622. Click [here](#) for additional information.

Virtual Enrichment Classes Begin on September 21 for Registered K-12 Students

Worthington Schools is partnering with 6Crickets to offer [virtual enrichment programming](#) for K-12 students. 6Crickets has curated classes on a variety of topics, including engineering, robotics, life skills, math, yoga, dance, music production, French, and Spanish. Some of the providers are local providers and many have served Worthington in the past – they have worked hard to create online classes. Click [Registration](#) for more information and to register for classes that begin on September 21.



Complete Survey to Help Worthington Bridges Support Students and Families

[Worthington Bridges](#) is a local organization that helps those in need. Since 2018, they have helped fill in the gaps for students and families who struggle financially. This short [survey](#) shares the initiatives they have in place for our students - specifically masks and technology. Throughout the pandemic, they collected donations. While some schools have used their allocated funds, others have not. If you have questions about that, please reach out to Ray Lees, Worthington's Area Director, at worthingtonbridges@gmail.com.

When you have a few moments, please complete the [Worthington Bridges Survey](#).

Purchase Your Yearbook before the October 1st Price Increase!

Purchase your 2020-21 yearbook from Buckeyescholastic.com for \$60 before October 1st when the price will increase.



Pre-ordered 2019-20 Yearbooks

If you purchased a 2019-2020 Yearbook, they have been shipped out, but you may experience delays in delivery because of the pandemic. If you purchased a Yearbook, but do not receive it by September 18th, please reach out to service@buckeyescholastic.com. Families who wish to purchase a 2019-20 yearbook can do so for \$75 on buckeyescholastic.com through the end of September while supplies last. Once purchased, the yearbook will be delivered directly to your address.

Introducing the 2020-21 Thomas Worthington PBIS Team

Did you know we have a PBIS team at Thomas Worthington?

PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports and is an evidence-based framework for improving the systems and practices in our building to produce better outcomes for our students and staff. In other words, we are a team of TWHS employees who listen to students, staff, and families about our school culture and work intentionally to build a system that maximizes the learning environment and supports all learners.

The members of the PBIS staff team are: Todd Keenan, Jeff Matraccia, Rodney Hopkins, Julie York, Keith Day, Adrienne Carr, Betsy Youse, Mark Mossburg, Brett Shaffer, and Stephanie Matson.

The members of the PBIS student team are: Lauren Beier (9), Emma Lynch (9), Kanyae Lees (10), Bria Searight (10), Gavin Rode (10), Tate Beegle (10), Luis Torres Linarez (11), Jada Stephens (12), and Roble Elmi (12).

At TWHS, we expect that our students exemplify three basic behavioral expectations:

1. Show **Respect** - use academic language
2. Build **Relationships** - cultivate belonging
3. Be **Responsible** - attend and be on time to class

Especially during a remote learning setting, it is our mission to highlight the positive behavior of students at Thomas Worthington High School! To recognize and encourage the positive behavior we see in all of our students daily, we will utilize the following reinforcement strategies: verbal praise, shout-out cards, Cardinal of the Month award, positive contact home, positive office referrals, numerous teacher-directed techniques within the classroom, and recognition on social media and school announcements.

- Mr. Todd Keenan, Assistant Principal



ATTENTION ALL 12th GRADE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Ohio revised code 3313.671 requires two doses of meningitis vaccine for 12th grade students (or one dose if given on or after the 16th birthday). Unless there is a valid medical/philosophical exemption on file, **all seniors MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020 in order to remain in school.**

Please call your physician and seek advice to safely schedule an appointment to have your child receive the required Meningococcal vaccine. You may also schedule an appointment with the Columbus Public Health Immunization Clinic by calling 614-645-8180 or clicking [HERE](#). Franklin County Public Health also offers Immunization Clinics; please call 614-525-3719 to make an appointment.

If your child has had this immunization, and you have not yet provided documentation, please email the proof of vaccination to TWHS School Nurse Julie Frank at jfrank@wscloud.org or fax a copy to 614-450-6391.

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 Meal Delivery](#) 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.

September 15: Deadline for 10th & 11th grade students to [register for PSAT/NMSQT](#)

September 15: PTSO meeting via [Zoom](#) - 7:30 p.m.

September 16: [Worthington Alliance of Black Families & Educators Meeting](#) via Zoom – 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

September 30: Deadline to [purchase 2020-21 yearbook](#) for \$60 before October 1st price increase

September 30: Seniors: [Early-bird deadline](#) to purchase cap/gown/tassel for \$26.95