

January 14, 2022

Dear Families of Worthington 6th graders:

Phoenix Middle School is excited to **begin our recruitment for our 2022-2023 7th grade class!** Below, you will find a list of dates and information that will be relevant should you choose to find out more about our program for your 6th grader:

Informational Sessions for 6th Grade Students:

In January and February, every 6th grade Assist classroom will be receiving information, videos, and a classroom student visit to discuss Phoenix Middle School. Our goal is to provide every 6th grade student in Worthington with all of the details about our school before they apply to enter the lottery to become a 7th grade student with Phoenix in the 2022-2023 school year. This information will also be posted on our website and made available for families to review with their students outside of class.

Learning about Phoenix Middle School:

Phoenix Middle School is an option for families in Worthington Schools, and we invite all parents of current 6th graders to learn about our school and see if it will be a good fit for their children. Below are recommended opportunities to learn about Phoenix Middle School:

Attendance is highly encouraged for those parents whose children are interested in entering the lottery.

- **Student/Parent Information Meeting**
 - Tuesday, February 15, 2022 (6:30-8:00 PM)
 - Location: Phoenix Middle School
 - Staff will lead prospective students and families through an overview of the program.

- **Open House for Prospective Families**
 - Saturday, February 26 (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM)
 - Location: Phoenix Middle School
 - Staff, current students, and parents will be available for personal tours.

- **Additional Information**
 - Phoenix Middle School Website: <https://www.phoenixms.org/>
 - [Click Here for More Information About Phoenix Middle School](#)

The student application will be accessible on the Phoenix website.

The application will be available online Feb. 1 until March 11 at 4PM.

Application, Lottery, and Sibling Information:

- **To apply to be a Phoenix 7th grader for the 2022-2023 school year:** students must complete the current Phoenix Middle School Application (this will be available to complete online Feb. 1, 2022 at www.phoenixms.org) and **submit it to the website no later than Friday, March 11, 2022, 4:00 pm.**
- Students who have submitted applications on time will be entered into a lottery that will be held at the Worthington Education Center on **Wednesday, March 16, 2022.**
- The Phoenix Middle School lottery is conducted at the district level; not the school. All questions about the lottery process should be referred to Jeanne Prest, Administrative Assistant to Dr. Neil Gupta, Director of Secondary Education, at 614-450-6015.
- Students will be drawn from the lottery on **Wednesday, March 16, 2022** by neighborhood school.
- The McCord MS attendance area students (23 students) will be pulled from the lottery at 10:00 AM; Kilbourne MS students (18 students) from 10:30 AM; Worthingway MS students (23 students) from 11:00 AM; and, Perry MS students (20 students) at 11:30 AM.
- To be eligible, students must be residents in the Worthington Schools when school begins Fall 2022.

The lottery will be live-streamed.

Students are NOT required to be present at the lottery on drawing day.

- Due to our unique daily schedule, we allow current Phoenix families with a student who is in the 7th grade (moving to 8th grade in Fall 2022) to have automatic admittance for an incoming 7th grade sibling through the application and lottery process. **IMPORTANT: Even if the 6th grader has a sibling who is a current Phoenix 7th grader, the student MUST complete and submit an application. Students without applications WILL NOT be entered into the lottery, regardless of whether their sibling is in the current Phoenix 7th grade class.**
- FYI: The children of Phoenix staff can be a part of the new class after an application is submitted. The Phoenix staff's child does NOT take a seat in the lottery pool.

Final Notes

- After the lottery has been completed and we have our new 7th grade class for 2022-2023, we will host the new students at Phoenix MS for an **Orientation on the morning of May 12, 2022. Parents will need to provide transportation to and from Phoenix that morning.** More information will be provided to students who are selected.
- We will also hold New Parent Orientation/Acceptance Meetings between March 21 and April 8. More information will be provided in the future.
- If you have any other questions about the Phoenix Middle School program, please email Sean Flynn (sflynn@wscloud.org) or Robert Estice (restice@wscloud.org).
- If you have any questions about the Phoenix Middle School lottery, please email Jeanne Prest (jprest@wscloud.org).

We look forward to meeting you and your 6th grade students during our recruitment process this spring!

The Phoenix Middle School Staff