



Worthington Wildcat Press

Dear Worthington Families

We were delighted to see so many of our families at our Back to School Nights! Our staff were thrilled to share grade-level specific information, as well as have the opportunity to speak with so many amazing families. As the school year progresses, please feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Thank you to our families who have completed or updated the Family File - Emergency Card! We currently have 72% of our Family File information complete/up-to-date. We are working to reach 100% completion by Friday, September 29th! This form must be completed online at <http://www.hcps.org/connect>. We are checking the system daily and the first grade level to reach 100% completion will receive extra recess from Mrs. Jenkins and Mr. Ortega! We can't wait to identify the winning grade-level!

Please remember school is closed Thursday, September 21st and Friday September 22nd.

We look forward to seeing our students Monday morning! Have a wonderful weekend!

Upcoming Events/Important Dates

September

21 - Schools and Offices Closed - Rosh Hashana

22 - Schools Closed for Students - Professional Learning Day

28 - PTA Spirit/Restaurant Night @ BJs Restaurant, 4:00-10:00 pm

October

4 - Flu Clinic

4 - National Walk to School Day

11 - PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm

12 - Progress Reports Issued

20 - Schools Closed for Students - Professional Work Day

25 - 1, 2, 3, Magic Parent Presentation, 6:30 pm

31 - Halloween Parade, 10:00 am (more information will be available soon)



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National Walk to School Day Announcement

It's ALMOST time to celebrate "National Walk to School Day!" On Wednesday, October 4th, please consider joining students, families, school leaders, community partners and mayors around the country to celebrate the benefits of walking to school during "National Walk to School Day". Students may walk to the corner of Doncaster and Roundhill Road and precede down the sidewalk into school, high-fiving some of their teachers and staff members along the way. Stickers will be handed out to walking participants and a poster will be available to sign!

Why walk to school? "National Walk to School Day" connects with many issues that communities care about such as: creating safer, more walkable routes to school; building a sense of community or school spirit; and inspiring families to use their feet for the school commute more often. We are so excited to be one of many schools in Maryland participating in this event! We hope you consider joining!

DISMISSAL CHANGES

School is dismissed at 3:55 pm. Buses typically leave Worthington by 4:00-4:05 pm. If your child has a change in the normal daily dismissal routine on any day, the office must receive a written note from a parent. Please be sure you send a note to school with your child for a change in dismissal. The school will not accept a student's verbal report of a change in dismissal at any time. The safety of our students is our first priority!

ABSENCE NOTE/LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DISMISSAL NOTES

This is a friendly reminder that when your child is absent from school, please send in a note explaining the reason. The homeroom teacher will send it to the front office, where it will be coded in the system. Also, if your child will have an early dismissal, change in dismissal or late arrival, please be sure you send a note to school with your child. The school will not accept a student's verbal report of a change in dismissal at any time. The safety of our students is our first priority!

THANK YOU: Thank you to J.M. Gaske, Inc. for printing our Take Home Folders . We appreciate this service and all the sponsors that advertise on the back of the folders. When/If your child needs a folder replaced, please have your child come to the front office for a new one.

STRAWBRIDGE PHOTOS: This week, ALL students had their picture taken for the upcoming yearbook. If you purchased a photo package and haven't paid for it yet, please send in your payment envelope. We will be sending an envelope to Strawbridge on Wednesday, September 27th with any late payments. You can also pay online: strawbridge.net Enter code: 101341



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FAMILY FILE - EMERGENCY FORM IN HCPSS CONNECT

WE NEED YOUR HELP! PLEASE UPDATE YOUR FAMILY FILE!

We currently have 72% of our Family File information up-to-date. Please complete your family file as soon as possible! We would like to have 100% complete by September 29th! HCPSS utilizes Family File for parents/guardians to complete emergency information. Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child and can do so by logging in to HCPSS Connect, selecting the Family File tab, then clicking on Family File.

PARENT VOLUNTEER PROCEDURES AT WORTHINGTON

Worthington values our volunteers and the contributions they make to our students and school. Parents who wish to volunteer must complete a brief training course online and submit a certificate of completion to the school. Please remember that all who desire to volunteer, including field trip chaperones, must complete the training. This volunteer training course must be completed EACH SCHOOL YEAR! Visit the following link to complete the training and receive your certificate. <http://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/>

FLU VACCINATION CLINIC AT WORTHINGTON - OCTOBER 4TH

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Influenza, also known as the flu, is a serious illness that affects people of all ages. One of the best ways to prevent the flu is through vaccinations. We are pleased to again join with the Maryland Partnership for Prevention (MPP) to offer flu vaccinations at our school.

New this year, you may give permission for your child to be vaccinated using (1) an online form at www.vaccineconsent.com or (2) the hard copy form which will be sent home next week.

We urge you to protect your family from the flu. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone ages 6 months and older get a flu shot. Please visit www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm for more information about the flu vaccine.

The clinic at our school will be held on October 4th. We will send a notice home the day he/she has been vaccinated.



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If you want your child to be vaccinated, please:

- Fill out every section of the attached Consent Form OR complete it online at www.vaccineconsent.com. If you fill out the paper consent, write neatly and use ink. Only fill out the hard copy consent or the online consent. Do NOT fill out both.
- Use your insurance card to fill out your insurance information accurately. Your insurance company will be billed. There is no co-pay or deductible. You will NOT be charged by us or your insurance company.
- Read the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) and talk to your health care provider or the school nurse about any questions you have.
- Return the consent form no later than September 29, 2017.

To complete the consent form online, go to: www.vaccineconsent.com

The Mount Hebron Pancake Breakfast

OCTOBER 14th, MT HEBRON HIGH SCHOOL @ 7:30AM

Mount Hebron High School is preparing for 2017 Homecoming! On October 14th, the day will begin with our annual pancake breakfast followed by the parade and then the Vikings Homecoming Football Game. The Vikings Homecoming Pancake Breakfast menu will include sausage, doughnuts, fruit, and of course, PANCAKES! Don't miss out! Support the Vikings by attending the annual Viking Homecoming Pancake Breakfast. Tickets, ages 9 and older, are \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from members of the Mount Hebron Football team, at home football games or by emailing Trish Lettieri at trish_lettieri@comcast.net. Proceeds from the Viking Homecoming Pancake Breakfast benefit the Mount Hebron Football Program.

PTA NEWS

PTA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Be your student's hero. . . Join the PTA and donate today! The Worthington PTA organizes cultural arts events, class celebrations, and social events for all Worthington students. Your donation funds these events, and your gives you a voice in monthly meetings with the Worthington administration. Join and make your donation today at www.worthingtonpta.com.

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY: Thank you to all the parent volunteers for helping to make the Back to School Party a success! Also, special thanks to the Back to School party committee: Paula Mergler, Rachael Farkas, Jeanie Landolt, Ginny Peralta, Aimee Fiedler, and Stacy Ruehl. We appreciate everyone's help!! ~Nikki Hooten

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: Please consider donating extra school supplies to needy students in our community. Place items in the PTA box by the main office until September 30. Next up: Coat drive! Questions? Contact kristinduda1@hotmail.com



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YEARBOOK: We are excited to begin work on this year's yearbook. We don't want to miss a thing and your pictures help! If you have taken a great school-related shot, please email it to woesyearbookpix@gmail.com. Please be mindful that there are students who are on the do not photograph list. Yearbook sales will start in December and run until April. They will be delivered in June. More information to come. Please contact Laura Diaz at thumbsupfamily@gmail.com with any questions. Happy Snapping!

FACEBOOK: Be in the know! Join our WoES PTA Facebook page to stay up on all of our latest activities and events. LIKE us at <https://www.facebook.com/WOESPTA>

GIRL SCOUTS: Interested in Girl Scouts? Please join us at Glen Mar for a parent information meeting on Monday, September 25 at 7pm. For more information contact Laura Diaz at gscookietroop@gmail.com.

CUB SCOUTS: Interested in Cub Scouts? Join us for fun and leadership! Pack 495 is inviting any boy in 1st through 5th grades to join us at our first meeting on Thursday September 28 from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in the Worthington Elementary School cafeteria. Please contact Robert Hooten with questions at 443-802-9864, rhooten@cbpconstructorsllc.com.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Registration for PTA's Before-School and After-School Activities is now open! Details are available at <http://bitly.com/fall17pta> and you can find more details on our PTA website at <http://www.worthingtonpta.com/sign-up>.

Please note that programs may fill before the registration deadline, so be sure to register soon. If you have any questions, please email jillnagiel@yahoo.com.

Monday Afternoon: Little Scholars Newspaper Club: Students (grades 2-5) are transformed into reporters and editors and will publish the second edition of Worthington's school newspaper. October 2 - December 11 from 4:05 - 5:05 pm

Tuesday Afternoon: P.E.T. Club Kid Empowerment (Smashing Ants): Kids (grades 2-4) unleash their P.E.T. Power and reach toward their full potential in this fun, hands-on program! October 10 – November 14 from 4:05 - 5:35 pm

Wednesday Afternoon: - Club SciKidz: Icky, Gross, Spooky Science (Grades K-2) OR Forensic Biology Fun (Grades 3-5) October 4 – November 29 from 4:05 - 5:05 pm

Thursday Morning: Silver Knights Chess Club - all grades and skill levels welcome! October 5 – November 30 from 8:10 - 9:10 am

STAFF APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: Our next meal will be in November for conference dinner. Another signup genius will circulate at that time for items we will need for that dinner. Your food donations are what make these meals a success! If you are interested in receiving the signup genius please email Rachael Farkas at Farkas.rachael@gmail.com to be added.