



WEAVER WIRE

Weaver Middle School's electronic publication for parents, staff, media, and community members.

FALL 2017

WELCOME TO WEAVER MIDDLE SCHOOL!!

As always, the summer days are going quickly and the opening of the 2017/2018 school year on Monday, August 21st will be here before we know it! The start of a new school year is an exciting time and it is an excellent opportunity for students to get off to a great start, explore new clubs, athletics, activities and focus on building a promising academic future. Getting students connected to school activities is critical for their success. Encourage your student to explore these opportunities as you have your back-to-school conversations.

We will once again begin this year with our #1st3Days event. In short, these days are set aside to focus on getting to know each individual student, your child. At Weaver, we truly believe that building relationships with our students will be the foundation to a successful year. We must build trust, create the connection and establish a rapport so that we can achieve our district and building culture expectations. As a team, we will be ready, respectful, responsible, reflective and responsive and live the Weaver Way.

The integral piece to our student's success is the communication from home and the support of our parents. With today's resources, parents can stay current with Home Access to monitor grades and Canvas to be supportive of their child's assignments. We encourage you to be highly involved in your child's journey at Weaver both academically and of course, socially.

Part of the success we experience at Weaver is through the giving that comes from our families. Our PTO is an amazing resource in learning. New this year we are initiating a *Give Now* fundraiser. Simply, nothing to sell, nothing to buy. The PTO will be seeking donations that support our school and the students learning experience and their environment. We look forward to sharing more about this at our New Student Orientation on August 14th and again at Open House.

Get ready for a great learning experience! We are proud to be Wildcats! The successes we have and continue to strive for even more will be our goal during this school year. The entire WMS family hopes that you enjoy the rest of your summer! See you in August!

Mr. Craig Vroom

CAT Days / School Pictures / iPad Pick Up

- ➔ Monday, August 14 at 8:00 am – 12:00 noon and 2:00 – 4:00 pm
- ➔ Tuesday, August 15 at 8:00 am – 12:00 noon and 5:00 – 8:00 pm

- **School pictures will be taken during CAT Days by HR Imaging Partners.** Students can pay for picture packages when photos are taken, or may use the online payment option at their website at <https://hrimaging.com/#shop>. Watch for the envelope from HR Imaging in your mailbox for order information. The makeup date is October 6 during school hours.

- **iPads** will be distributed in the Media Center during CAT Days (parents NOT required to pick-up iPads).
 - ➔ The cost of Technology Protection Plan (TPP) for the 2017-2018 school year will be \$25 for students in grades 6-12. Parents can pay the TPP fee online via [MyPaymentsPlus](#) (Jun 1 - Sept 1) or by check in the school office.
- **Language Arts novels** can be purchased in the Media Center (first come, first serve). Cash or checks only (payable to Hilliard City School District). Titles and prices are below:
 - ➔ 7th Grade Freak the Mighty \$ 7.00
 - ➔ 8th Grade The Outsiders \$10.00
 - ➔ Advanced 8th Grade Animal Farm \$10.00
- Students can pay on lunch accounts, locate and put items in locker as well as walk the building to find classrooms. Student schedules will be accessed on iPads on Monday, August 14th.

New Student Orientation - Monday, August 14 at 7:00 pm - 7th Grade Students & New 8th Grade Students Orientation (Both students AND parents attend)

Weaver Open House - Tuesday, August 22 – Time to be determined

Plan to attend our school-wide Open House for an opportunity to informally meet the teachers, visit classrooms, and see what your student(s) experience during their school day. Be sure to put it on your calendar and we hope to see you here!

Fall Sports Information

- All participants in the Hilliard Davidson/Weaver Sports Program must have a physical on file **prior to tryouts or practices**. Physical forms are available under forms at <http://hilliardschools.org/davidsonwildcats/>. There is an \$80.00 participation fee that is required to be paid prior to the first regular season contest. It is recommended to pay on-line at www.mypaymentsplus.com starting August 1.
- **Fall Parent Meeting:** The mandatory fall parent meeting for all parents/student-athletes will be Monday, Aug. 7th at 7:00 pm in the Davidson High School Performing Arts Center. For specific Weaver Fall sports information with dates and times please click [here](#). **Athlete To Do List** [here](#). Weaver Fall Sports Schedule [here](#).

Stay Connected with HCSD / Weaver

- ➔ **Update Contact Information through parent Home Access** – please update as changes occur during the school year. All address changes must go through the HCSD Welcome Center located at 2140 Atlas Street, Columbus, Ohio 43228.
- ➔ Also, to keep up with activities at Weaver, the daily announcements as well as the weekly **Weaver Wire** will be posted on the Weaver [website](#). Follow Weaver Twitter feed at [@wmcats](#) and like us on [Facebook](#).
- ➔ **Hilliard City School District** — Like us on FaceBook at www.facebook.com/HilliardSchools or follow the district Twitter feed at www.twitter.com/HilliardSchools

2017-2018 School Fees

There will no school fees for Hilliard City Schools' students this school year, except for the Technology Protection Plan.

- Technology Protection Plan (TPP) cost is \$25 for students in grades 6-12.
- Please pay fee online at [MyPaymentsPlus](#) (Jun 1 - Sept 1) or by check in the school office.
 - ◆ Free lunch certification - TPP is free
 - ◆ Reduced lunch certification - TPP is ½ price

Supply Lists

The basic supply list for all Weaver students is as follows:

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| 1 - 3 ring binder | Ear Buds |
| Dividers | Notebook Paper |
| Pencils & Pens | Optional: Stylus |
| Band/Orchestra Supply: 1" binder | |

[WEAVER PTO NEWS Website](#)

Dear Weaver Parents,

Hard to believe that summer is quickly coming to an end and students return in just a few short weeks. As we think ahead to all the great experiences that await our students, your children, it is important to think about how many of our experiences are provided by the PTO and the schools. While the district provides a vast number of opportunities, it is our own PTO that also gives back to the school community. For example, WMS PTO recently helped fund the water bottle drinking fountains, new mats for the gym, and new stage curtains.

Participating in WMS PTO is an opportunity every parent and teacher are encouraged to be involved in. In order for the PTO to provide the experiences it does, some funding is required.

Our PTO has decided to approach our request for funds differently this year. And, with the elimination of fees for your middle school student (with a couple of exceptions like athletics/iPad insurance) we are excited to make this as simple as possible.

In the past we have asked students to sell cookie dough (most recent fundraiser at WMS) and in return they would earn prizes for their and your effort. This year we are taking a break from that and are instead launching our first ever **Give-Now** from August 14 – September 1.

Yes, we are simply asking for a flat donation to your PTO. We are a non-profit organization so your donation is tax deductible. We will accept cash, checks, use POS at school functions and paypal via e-mail links.

To ensure your donation directly benefits the students and staff, we are keeping costs to a minimum and therefore we will have one **Give-Now** raffle with 10 winners selected:

- **For every \$50 you donate, your family will receive a raffle ticket to attend a private tour of Ohio Stadium in the spring of this school year.... 10 families will be selected and one adult and their student will be invited to attend.**

Questions? Please contact our PTO at Hilliardwmspto@gmail.com.

[#1st3Days](#)

As students return to school on August 21st, the staff at Weaver Middle School is taking a unique approach again this year to welcoming students to the 2017/2018 school year. Beginning Monday morning, we will spend the first three days of school with intentional and powerful interactions that will focus on our community, our culture and our relationships here at Weaver. Students will see all of their teachers each day. However, we will run on a modified schedule and have unique opportunities for them to acclimate to the #WeaverWay and the year about to begin.

[Zero Period](#)

The Weaver Commons will be open for students every day from 7:30 – 7:50 am. During this time, students can eat breakfast, finish homework or read a book. Students can bring their breakfast or purchase one from the cafeteria. Enter through the **front or back doors only** and take a seat in the Commons. Weaver staff members will be supervising all students. Students will not be permitted to visit their lockers until the 7:50 am bell. Misbehavior during this time will result in being removed from Zero Period.

[Bus Transportation Information](#)

On or after August 11, 2017, please check the transportation and bus routing information for students attending Hilliard City Schools [here](#).

[Arrival & Dismissal](#)

Students arriving by car should be dropped off in the back parking lot (closest to ball fields and tennis courts). At dismissal students should be picked up at the same location. Please do not drop off students in the areas marked with orange cones.

Vehicles are not permitted in bus line-up in the front driveway/parking lot. Please check [here](#).

You may also pick-up or drop off students in the parking lot in front of the Weaver football stadium. **The front parking lot and the single row parking area in the back of the building in front of the softball fields are not available for pick-up or drop-off.** Please keep our students safe and help us with this important safety issue.

IMPORTANT: Buses have the right of way from 7:30 to 8:05 am and at 2:30 to 2:50 pm

STUDENT HANDBOOK – [Click Here](#)

Attendance Policy

To report your student's absence please call the attendance office at **(614) 921-7700 (Press 1)** before 9:30 am. A voice mail will take calls before and after school, in the evening and on weekends. Please review the HCSD middle school Attendance Policy in the Student Handbook on [pages 26-28 & 30-32](#). Please read the HCSD 6-Day Absence Policy for the secondary level below:

- If a student accumulates more than 6 total class absences, excused or unexcused, (excludes official absences) during each nine-week grading period the student may receive an F or may lose privileges attending in-school performances or extracurricular activities.
- Class absences are not cumulative and do not carry over from one nine-week grading period to another.
- When a student accumulates 4 & 6 class absences, the parent will be notified by letter.
- If a student misses more than 15 minutes of class, this is considered a class absence.

Student Dress Code

The Hilliard City Schools Board of Education in accordance with ORC 3313.665 believes that school dress should be such that it ensures the health, welfare and safety of the members of the student body and enhances a positive image of our students and their schools. The HCSD dress code can be found on [pages 45-46](#) in the [Student Handbook](#).

2017-18 District Calendar

For events for the 2017-18 school year, please click [HCSD Calendar!](#)

Miscellaneous Information

- ♦ **Free & Reduced Price Lunch Program:** Forms are available [online here](#) or you may obtain copies from all school and district offices. Your student's application is only good for the current school year. One application per family is sufficient. Upon completion, please return forms to the school office.
- ♦ **Current Health Information:** Complete [form](#) ONLY if your student has medical issues potentially affecting school academics/activities.
- ♦ **Student Accident & Illness Insurance:** The application for student insurance is available online on the website [here](#). Please contact the school office for paper forms.

LOOKING AHEAD TO FALL 2017-18

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| Tuesday | August 1 | PTO Meeting, 7:00 pm (1 st Tues/Month) |
| Monday | August 14 | CAT Days (8 am-12 Noon & 2-4 pm) |
| Monday | August 14 | New Student Orientation @ 7:00 pm |
| Tuesday | August 15 | CAT Days (8 am-12 N & 5-8 pm) |
| Monday | August 21 | First Day of School |
| Tuesday | August 22 | Open House – Time is TBD |
| Monday | September 4 | No School — Labor Day |
| Friday | October 13 | End of 1 st Grading Period |
| Friday | October 20 | No School — COI Day |
| Tuesday | November 7 | No School — Prof Dev Waiver Day |
| Wednesday | November 22 | No School — Conference Comp Day |
| Thurs & Fri | November 23 & 24 | No School — Thanksgiving Holiday |
| Friday | December 19 | End of 2 nd Grading Period |
| | Dec 20 — Jan 2 | No School — Winter Break |

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| Monday | January 3 | Students Return to School |
| Monday | January 15 | No School — MLK, Jr. Day |
| Friday | February 16 | No School — Conf Comp Day |
| Monday | February 19 | No School — President's Day |
| Friday | March 16 | End of 3 rd Grading Period |
| Mon – Fri | March 19 – 223 | No School — Spring Break |
| Friday | March 30 | No School — Good Friday |
| Tuesday | May 8 | No School — Prof Dev WaiverDay |
| Friday | May 31 | Last Day of School |