

Dear Weaver Families,

We hope our Wildcats stayed safe and warm throughout the Snow Day! We missed our students at 4600 Avery Road.

Speaking of staying warm, we want to remind students to wear a coat during these cold temperatures. If your child is in need of a winter coat, hat, gloves, and/or boots, please call us at the school (614-921-7700). We have opportunities to help.

It is also hard to believe that scheduling for the 24-25 school year is around the corner. We will continue to communicate updates, but <u>please reference</u> <u>our school website for more information</u>. Our 8th grade students will be scheduling for their 9th grade classes first. **We also want our 8th grade families to save the date for a "Scheduling Parent Meeting" at 6:00 PM at Davidson High School on January 24 (Next Wednesday!).** In February, we will have 7th grade students start the scheduling process.

Lastly, we wanted to take a moment to celebrate some fantastic news and express our gratitude to the entire school community. Today, as we enjoy the beauty of the snow, we're thrilled to share that our first-semester attendance data is in! Our students' overall 'missed days of school' are down by an impressive 48% compared to last year at this same time. This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to the commitment of our students and parents to regular school attendance. Further, we set a goal to decrease the number of students who miss 10 or more days of school this year by 5%, and we are on pace to achieve this goal! Your efforts in making attendance a priority are truly making a difference in our school.

Thank you to each and every one of you for making regular attendance a priority and helping us establish a strong culture of learning. Enjoy the snow day, and stay warm!

Thank you for all that you do for WMS! Go Cats!

Katherine Hueter

Principal

2024-2025 – Next Year Scheduling Information

You can find information about planning for next school year on our website's Scheduling & Registration

page: <u>https://www.hilliardschools.org/wms/scheduling-and-registration-info/</u>

Scheduling meetings for Parents to learn about scheduling their student's next year's classes will be held on the following dates:

8th Grade students going into 9th Grade: NEXT WEEK - Wednesday, January 24, 6:00 pm at Davidson High School.

7th Grade students going into 8th Grade: There will not be an inperson

meeting, scheduling information will be shared soon.

6th Grade students going into 7th Grade: Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 pm in the Commons at Weaver Middle School.

Note: These meetings are for **parents only** as counselors will be giving students the same information during the school day. If you are unable to attend, this information will be posted to our website for each grade.

Scheduling Information for Students:

Current 8th Grade Students: Davidson counselors will be meeting with all 8th grade students at Weaver during their social studies class on January 24 to discuss the high school transition and how to make schedule requests for the 2024-25 school year.

Current 7th Grade Students: Weaver Counselors will be talking to 7th grade students about registering for next year's classes during their Social Studies classes in mid-February.

A message from the Innovation Campus:

Hello, families! As we begin the scheduling season, we would like to share with you some information about the Innovation Campus. We are excited to offer classes that complement the wonderful things going on at the home buildings and look forward to helping your student schedule for next year. Please take a moment to check out this link to view videos about our specific course offerings. We look forward to seeing you at the Innovation Campus during the 2024/2025 school year!

Save the Date for Conference Night!

Weaver Parent-Teacher Conference Night will be the evening of **Wednesday, February 14, 2024**. Check future Weaver Wires for more details!



Next PTO Meeting

Please join us for our February PTO meeting on Monday February $5^{\rm th},\,6{:}00$ pm at WMS.

Future PTO Meetings are at 6:00 pm at Weaver on the following dates:

- March 4th
- April 8th
- May 6th

Order Weaver Spirit Wear Online

The current PTO Spirit Wear Online Store is almost sold out! Click the link below to order:

https://weaver-middle-school.square.site/

New Spirit Wear coming soon!

Help PTO Update the Courtyard

Are you a Weaver family member who has experience in masonry, gardening, or landscape architecture? Our PTO is looking for volunteers to help with the planning and implementation of updating the Weaver Courtyard (the enclosed, outdoor space next to the cafeteria). If interested, please send your contact info to <u>hilliardwmspto@gmail.com</u>. Thank you for your support!



Get Involved at Weaver!

There are many ways for students to get involved at Weaver, including clubs & activities. Check our website for more information: <u>Extra-</u><u>Curricular Activities – Hilliard Weaver Middle School (hilliardschools.org)</u>

STAR Assessments

All Weaver students will participate in the district-wide **STAR Reading** and **STAR Math** tests in their Math and Language Arts classes.

What is STAR?

STAR is a national normed, formative assessment given district-wide in grades 2 through 10 during 3 testing windows (Fall, Winter, Spring). Results from these assessments allows school staff to monitor progress towards mastery of content and skill development in both Math and English Language Arts. In addition, it provides us an opportunity to intervene as it can be a predictor of success on the Ohio State Assessments. As part of a balanced assessment system, this is one piece of information used by school staff so that we are responsive to individual student needs.

How do I access my student's scores?

By mid-February, all student scores can be found in Home Access Center under the 'Test Scores' tab. There you will find your student's 'Scaled Score' and their national 'Percentile Rank'. Although these two scores provide some information about your student, there is much more instructional planning data and information available to our staff. If you have any questions and want to learn more about your student's score and how this information will be used, please contact your student's Math or English Language Arts Teacher.

General School Reminders:

- As a reminder, all visitors to the school (during the school day) need to report to the main office. We appreciate your support in our commitment to safety.
- For continued safety in the car line, please stay in your lane when picking up your child do not pass any cars in front of you. There are too many vehicles in motion, as well as students walking, and we do not want any unsafe situations.
- Just a reminder that students are permitted to have phones at school, however, they are not to be used during class time. Students are able to use them during their lunch period. Thank you for helping us to reinforce the expectations.

- At this time, we will <u>not</u> be allowing extra students on the bus. Only students assigned to the bus may ride.
- Students are <u>not</u> permitted to get food deliveries from any restaurant or delivery service (Grub Hub, Door Dash, etc.) during their lunch periods. Parents are permitted to drop off lunches for students in the main office.
- If students bring blankets to school, they need to be stored in their locker or in their bookbag. In general, extra layers are encouraged instead of the blankets. This can become a safety hazard as students are walking around desks and could potentially trip on the blanket.

Stay Connected with HCSD / Weaver

Please continue to visit our district website regularly for the most up-todate school information: <u>https://www.hilliardschools.org</u>.

- **Current athletic information** can be found online on the athletic website: <u>https://www.hilliardschools.org/davidsonwildcats/</u>.
- 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, <u>https://www.hilliardschools.org/updating-your-address/</u>
- To keep up with activities and events at Weaver, please check our <u>Activity Calendar</u>. In addition, the weekly <u>announcements</u> as well as the weekly *Weaver Wire* will be posted on the Weaver <u>website</u>. Follow Weaver Twitter feed at <u>@wmscats</u>, on Instagram: <u>weavermscats</u> and like us on <u>Facebook</u>.
- Hilliard City School District Like us on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/HilliardSchools</u> or follow the district Twitter feed at <u>www.twitter.com/HilliardSchools</u>

Visit the <u>Flyers Connections Page</u> to find information on a variety of community resources



Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, January 24, 6pm @ HDV	8 th into 9 th Grade Scheduling Parent Mtg
Thursday, January 25	Yearbook Groups & Clubs Picture Day
Monday, February 5, 6 pm	Weaver PTO Meeting
Wednesday, February 14 Night	Weaver Parent-Teacher Conference
Friday, February 16	No School
Monday, February 19	No School – Presidents Day
Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 pm @ WMS	6 th into 7 th Grade Scheduling Parent Mtg
Monday, March 4, 6 pm	Weaver PTO Meeting
Tuesday, March 19	No School – Professional Learning Day
March 29 - April 5	No School – Spring Break
Wednesday, April 10	No School



K-12 Math Course of Study Revision

The Hilliard City School District is in the process of revising its K-12 Mathematics Course of Study. We invite all families and the community to preview the K-12 Mathematics Draft Course of Study and provide feedback

Kindergarten Registration – Open

Hilliard City School District will begin Kindergarten Registration is open. If your child will be five years of age on or before September 30, 2024, they are eligible to start kindergarten during the 2024-25 school year. Parents can access the <u>registration website</u> (on or after January 8, 2024) to complete online registration.

National Veterans Memorial and Museum President's Day Events

As part of their ongoing commitment to education and community engagement, the <u>National Veterans Memorial and Museum</u> is thrilled to celebrate President's Day with discounted admission and hands-on learning activities, and they want to invite our school community to be a part of it. You can <u>click here</u> to learn more about the day!