



Notes from the Principal

Dear Weaver Families,

There is a special buzz and excitement at WMS as we turn the page to August! We have staff members starting to come back into the building, fall sports in action, and we are continuing to prepare to open our doors (officially) on August 22!

Opening the new school year, we will have a new Assistant Principal at WMS! A special congratulations to Mrs. Constantinovich on becoming the next Principal at Darby Creek Elementary! While we will greatly miss her at WMS - she is an incredible leader and is ready for this special opportunity. The entire Wildcat community wishes her the best of luck in her new role! Thank you for all you have done for WMS, Mrs. C!

With that being said, we would like to officially welcome Mr. Kevin Hunt into the Assistant Principal position! Mr. Hunt is excited to join Weaver Middle School as a Wildcat! He spent the last two years as an Instructional Coach in Hilliard City Schools, working with teachers at Weaver as well as other middle and high schools in the district. He spent seven years as an English teacher at Hilliard Darby High School before that. Mr. Hunt earned his bachelor's degree from Ohio University, gained his teaching license through Ashland University, and completed a master's degree in Educational Leadership through the American College of Education. Welcome to the Wildcat Community, Mr. Hunt!

Throughout the year, Weaver administration will be present and visible at school and school events. Please do not hesitate to introduce yourself - we are looking forward to partnering with the Wildcat community to create the best educational experiences for our students!

Once again, we are incredibly excited to welcome our Wildcats back to WMS this month! Please see the information below about CAT Days, Open House/Meet and Greet, New-to-Weaver Orientation, and other 23-24 school year information.

For the first time - in addition to CAT Days - we are hosting a back-to-school kickoff event the evening of Tuesday, August 15. Thank you to our amazing PTO for their hard work and for organizing this event for our Wildcat families! The Open House/Meet & Greet will give students and parents/guardians an opportunity to

tour Weaver, visit classrooms, and meet the WMS Staff. There will also be music, food trucks, spirit wear, and more. We hope you can join us to kickoff the 23-24 school year at WMS!

To stay informed about 23-24 school year information, please continue to reference our [school website](#), Weaver Wire eNews, or WMS Social Media ([Facebook](#), Twitter: [@WMSCats](#), and Instagram: [weavermcats](#)). As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. We are always here to help!

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

Katherine Hueter
Principal

2023/23 School Calendar Change

The date of Ohio's spring primary election day has been changed by the State of Ohio to **March 19, 2024**. Consequently, we have revised our 23-24 school calendar to reflect this change: rescheduling our spring Professional Learning Day (no students) to March 19 and making Tuesday, May 7 a normal school day. Please make note of this!

Getting Ready for 2023 – 2024!

The first day of the 2023-2024 school year will be Tuesday, August 22nd.

WMS CAT Days

Weaver CAT Days for the 2023 – 2024 school year are scheduled for August 14th & 15th. This is an opportunity for students to pick up their iPads, try out their lockers and walk through the building to find their classes. Families are welcome to come and go any time during the hours listed below. (Parents are not required to be present for students to pick up their iPad).

Monday, August 14th, 8:00 am -11:00 am and 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, August 15th, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

PTO will also be selling Spirit Wear during CAT Days and Kona Ice will be at Weaver too! We hope to see you there!

WMS Open House/Meet & Greet and New Student Orientation – August 15th

Weaver will be having both our Open House/Meet & Greet and New Student Orientation on **Tuesday, August 15**. This is open to current students and their families at WMS for the 23-24 school year. Join the WMS Staff and Wildcat Community for a back-to-school kickoff event at WMS!

Open House/Meet & Greet: Join us anytime between 5:00 – 7:00 PM

New Student Orientation Meeting in WMS Main Gym: 6:30 PM

Our Open House/Meet & Greet will give students and parents/guardians an opportunity to visit classrooms and meet the Weaver Staff. There will be music, food trucks, spirit wear, and more. Come kickoff the 23-24 school year at WMS!

Our New Student Orientation is for our incoming 7th grade students and 8th grade students who are new to Weaver. For our families who are new to WMS, we will also have an informational meeting in the Main Gym at 6:30 PM. At this meeting, we will provide information and details about the middle school experience.

Items to Note:

- iPad pick up will not be available during Open House/Meet & Greet or New Student Orientation so please also plan to attend one of Weaver's CAT Days. Students unable to pick up iPads during CAT Days will receive their iPad on the first day of school.
- Parking may be a challenge this evening - please consider parking at Davidson High School and walking across the street!

WMS School Supplies

These items are recommended (not required)

1 three ring binder

Dividers

1 pkg. pencils

1 ink pen

Ear buds

1 pkg. 200 count notebook paper

Optional: Stylus

Band: 1" Binder with 25 plastic top-load sheet protectors (required)

Orchestra: 1" Binder (required)

(Teachers will communicate any specific needs for courses in the first few weeks of class)

Picture Day – August 25

Individual student pictures will be taken during school the morning of Friday, August 25th. These photos are for the yearbook as well as student ID's so all

students will be photographed, even if not purchasing pictures. We will have a make-up picture day in September.

Watch the mail for a flyer from HR Imaging that contains all of the information needed for picture day! Extra order envelopes will be available in the main office closer to picture day.



Events

Important 8th Grade Washington, DC Trip Information:

The final deadline to register for the 8th grade DC trip is Friday, August 25th.

The trip will be on **October 16-19, 2023**. Please visit the [Washington, DC Trip webpage on our Weaver Website](#) for the most up-to-date information about this fall's 8th Grade trip, including registration information and a link to a recording of our informational webinar.

In order to receive a roommate selection form, your account must be up to date according to Prodigy Student Travel's payment plan. Therefore, on Friday, August 25th, you should have paid \$620 on your Prodigy account. Your final payment of \$165 will be due on Friday, September 15th.

Preparing for the Trip:

Save the date: the Parent-Student Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00 pm.

In preparation for the Washington DC Trip, we will need several forms from you. **One of these forms will require a doctor's signature if your child takes a prescription medication.** A signature will not be required for medications such as Tylenol and Dramamine. Knowing that many students will visit their doctor before the start of school, we are attaching the [Overnight Trip Medical Permission Form](#) with the hope that you are able to have your pediatrician fill it out at the time of your appointment.

We will also be sending this form, along with another form through a DC Canvas course on August 28th. Parents and students will complete all forms electronically on the iPad and submit them electronically to the Canvas course by September 19th.

Our Washington DC Coordinators are Meghan Schultz (Meghan_Schultz@hboe.org) and Cathy Emmons (Cathleen_Emmons@hboe.org). They are a great resource for any questions!

Weaver Family Tailgate – September 22

Mark your calendar for our Weaver Family Tailgate on Friday, September 22nd, more details coming soon. We're looking forward to a great time connecting with our Wildcat friends and family!



Athletics

Weaver Fall Sports Information

Fall Sports have started! Make sure to check our [Athletic Website](#) and also review the [parent tab on our Athletics webpage](#) for information about the necessary requirements for athletic participation.



Performing Arts

Attention All Students Who Love Theater:

The combined Hilliard Middle Schools (Heritage, Memorial and Weaver) will be putting on the production of the Lion King this fall!

Auditions will be held September 5th on the stage at Station.

For more information including the schedule, please visit the website: [Middle School Musical – 7th and 8th Graders – HCSD Performing Arts Department \(hilliardschools.org\)](http://MiddleSchoolMusical-7thand8thGraders-HCSDPerformingArtsDepartment(hilliardschools.org))



PTO

The Weaver PTO is busy planning for the 2023-2024 school year. Stay tuned for more information about meetings and upcoming fall activities. This year's officers are:

President: Laura Kessler

VP: Cassandra De La Rosa

Treasurer: Tom Stoltz

Secretary: Jenny Petrillo

ISTPO rep: Kim Amaya

Please feel free to contact us at hillardwmspto@gmail.com

Please “Give Now” to Weaver PTO

We love to support our students and staff and we can do this because of your generous donations. Please **“Give Now”** to Weaver PTO so that we can continue to give back to our school! The process has never been easier - use this link to donate: [Weaver - 2023 Give Now](#).

Next PTO Meeting – Monday, September 11, 6:00 pm in the Media Center



Important Dates

Dates to Remember:

Monday, August 14, 8-11 am & 5-8 pm WMS CAT Days & iPad Pick-up

Tuesday, August 15, 12 – 3 pm

Tuesday, August 15, 5-7 pm

Tuesday, August 15, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, August 22

Friday, August 25

Friday, August 25

Friday, September 1

Monday, September 4

Monday, September 11, 6 pm

Tuesday, September 19, 7 pm

Friday, September 22

WMS CAT Days & iPad Pick-up

Open House/Meet & Greet

New Student Orientation

First Day of School

Picture Day

8th Grade Trip Registration Deadline

Kona Ice during student lunches

No School – Labor Day

Weaver PTO Meeting

8th Grade DC Trip Parent Meeting

Weaver Family Tailgate



District News

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Visitor Management System

New this year the district will be implementing a visitor management tool at all schools. It is currently working in five buildings, with the intention to implement the change in all buildings this year. To start you will see this at Central Office, Beacon, Weaver, Darby, and the Hub. Visitors and vendors will need to show state IDs to enter, and will receive a printed badge to wear while in the building. More information will be coming.

Secondary Lunch Price Increase

This year, secondary lunch prices will increase to \$3.00. Elementary will remain \$2.50. Breakfast is \$1.25. Also, important to note, students who are eligible for reduced price lunch can eat breakfast free of charge.

Back to School Month

Hard to believe, but school is back in session this month! Please take a few minutes to be sure we have your updated contact information in Home Access Center. It is especially important we have an accurate MAIN/PRIMARY phone number listed as well as an email address. These pieces of contact information are used by the district and your child's school building for emergency and important notification messages. You can also view & sign off on the student handbook and purchase the Technology Protection Plan. Why not do this all now, and not have to worry about it come August!? Here are some links to help:

[View the Technology Protection Plan](#)

[To enroll/purchase click here.](#)

[How to update Registration Information/Contacts and more in HomeAccess](#)

Bus Schedule

Bus information will be available on August 8. As new students enroll in the district, and families move around, the routes are still being developed. You can [click here](#) to check your student's pickup-drop off time and stop location after August 8. Please check back the day before school to confirm no changes were made.

First Time Rider

Join the Hilliard Transportation staff at Weaver Middle School on August 12, to give your new student the chance to ride a bus for the first time and learn about bus safety. There will be many activities for your family to participate in.



Helpful Links & Resources

Stay Connected with HCSD / Weaver

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

- **Current athletic information** can be found online on the athletic website: <https://www.hilliardschools.org/davidsonwildcats/>.
- **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, <https://www.hilliardschools.org/updating-your-address/>
- **To keep up with activities and events at Weaver**, please check our [Activity Calendar](#). In addition, the weekly [announcements](#) as well as the weekly **Weaver Wire** will be posted on the Weaver [website](#). Follow Weaver Twitter feed at [@wmscats](#), on Instagram: [weavermcats](#) 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

Visit the [Flyers Connections Page](#) to find information on a variety of community resources