



## Notes from the Principal

Dear Weaver Families,

We are looking forward to an exciting week at WMS! Please see the information below for important details about next week:

### WMS CAT Days – Next Week!!

Weaver CAT Days for the 2023 – 2024 school year are scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am -11:00 am and 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>

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 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

In addition, we are excited to have former WMS students, and current Davidson High School students, help welcome and assist our Wildcats during CAT Days. They will be a great resource to help with finding classrooms and answer any questions. We are proud of our #WildcatWay connection!

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

## **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)

## **Backpacks & School Supplies**

WMS has a number of donated backpacks containing school supplies that are available to any student who needs one, while supplies last. Have your student stop by the guidance office to request one.

## Picture Day – August 25

Individual student pictures will be taken during school the morning of Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 are available in the main office.

## Bus Schedules

Bus information is now available. You can [click here](#) to check your student's pickup-drop off time and stop location. **Please check back the day before school to confirm no changes were made.**

## Important Visitor/Volunteer Update for 2023-2024 School Year

Beginning this year, all visitors and volunteers to our school will be required to check in with our new visitor management system. You can [click here](#) for more information that was emailed to families earlier this week.

## 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!



## Events

### Important 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington, DC Trip Information:

**The final deadline to register for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade DC trip is Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.**

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>, you should have paid \$620 on your Prodigy account. Your final payment of \$165 will be due on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Preparing for the Trip:

**Save the date: the Parent-Student Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Meghan_Schultz@hboe.org)) and Cathy Emmons ([Cathleen\\_Emmons@hboe.org](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 \(hilliardschools.org\)](https://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](mailto: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

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

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Open House/Meet & Greet

New Student Orientation

**First Day of School**

Picture Day

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip Registration Deadline

Kona Ice during student lunches

**No School – Labor Day**

Weaver PTO Meeting

8<sup>th</sup> Grade DC Trip Parent Meeting

Weaver Family Tailgate





## District News

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### Visitor Management System

This year Hilliard Schools will be implementing a new visitor check-in system at our schools and central office. It will be both easy to use and enhance the safety of our students, faculty, and staff. School Safe ID will require all visitors to present a valid state-issued ID. The system will compare the visitor's name and date of birth to the national database of registered sex offenders. The new system will be in place at Central Office, Beacon, Weaver, Darby, and the Hub immediately. The intent is to add this system to all schools this Fall.

School Safe ID will be managed through a kiosk in the front office. Visitors must scan their valid state-issued ID, and once approved, the visitor will be issued a badge that identifies his or her name and purpose for visiting the school. The system will only record the visitor's name and date of birth. No additional data from the license will be entered into the system. Visitors will not need to use the system should they simply need to drop off something in the main office.

In our quest to ensure a smooth transition to our new visitor check-in system, you can expect to receive additional information and reminders about its launch from your student's school principal. This new system should take less than ten seconds, and we know you will agree that the safety of our students, faculty, and staff is of utmost importance.

### 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 is now available. 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.



## 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](http://www.facebook.com/HilliardSchools) or follow the district Twitter feed at [www.twitter.com/HilliardSchools](http://www.twitter.com/HilliardSchools)

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