



Notes from the Principal

Dear Weaver Families,

It was a great week at 4600 Avery Road! Thank you to everyone who attended our CAT Days, our 7th Grade/New to Weaver Orientation, and Open House! There is a special energy and excitement with our Wildcats back in the building. Next Tuesday (8/22), we are excited to open our doors to more than 900 Wildcats!

Thank you to our staff, PTO, and Davidson student leaders for helping with these events! We are very thankful for your help and support!

Tonight is the first high school football game at Davidson High School - GO CATS! We ask that you please continue to have conversations with your child about behavior at the Davidson football games. When students attend these games, the expectation is to be focused on cheering on the Wildcats! Students not representing the Wildcat Way will be removed from the game. As always, our goal is to continue to keep the game a safe place for the entire Wildcat community.

As we start the 23-24 school year, we want to emphasize the importance of attendance. We want to highlight and echo this important message from Mr. Stewart - our superintendent.

Attendance Tips from Superintendent Stewart

As you heard in my [welcome message](#), a key focus for our district this year is partnering with our families to reduce absenteeism. I hope you had a chance to review the email sent out with your student's attendance record from last year. Hopefully, it wasn't a surprise, but a good piece of information as we move into this year.

You might be shocked to know that last year across our district, there were 23% chronically absent in grades 6-8. This means they missed more than 18 days.

Throughout the year, we will be sending out information to help keep our students in school. Right now, you can help by setting routines to prepare your student to return. Talk about the exciting things to come, and contact your student's teachers or counselors if you have any concerns.

We will see you all very soon.

David Stewart – Hilliard Superintendent

For more 23-24 details, please continue to visit [our school website](#). 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

#HCSD1 Next Week

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Picture Day – Friday, 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.

A flyer from HR Imaging was mailed home to families. Extra order envelopes are available in the main office for those who still need one.

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.** (Please note that at this time we will **NOT** be allowing extra students on the bus. Only students assigned to the bus may ride.)

August 29- 6:00-7:00-Innovation Campus Open House:

All families are welcome to tour the Innovation Campus on Tuesday, August 29th from 6-7PM so that students can walk the buildings of their first semester courses. Many teachers will be on hand during this informal visit at either the Innovative Learning Center/ILC (5323 Cemetery Road) or at the Innovative Learning Hub/HUB (3859 Main Street). We hope to see you on the 29th

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 last week.

Notes from the Nurse

Welcome to Weaver 2023-2024! I am the nurse for Weaver and Davidson. I can be reached by phone: 614-921-7710 or email: katy_kennedy@hboe.org Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

If your student has prescription medication that they will carry or store in the clinic, there must be a completed medication form to accompany each medication. You can access the forms on the district website under the parent tab and click on forms. Each medication will need form “A” (Parent permission) **plus** either form “B” “C” or “D” (Prescriber Authorization). You can also pick one up from the school or I can email the appropriate forms.

Starting in 7th grade, students may carry a day’s worth of Over-the-Counter medications with them. It needs to be in original bottle and have Form “A”, parent authorization signed and turned in.

If your student has had any changes in their medical history, please contact me. Probably when, not if, your student calls or texts you saying they don’t feel well and want picked up, please tell them to come to the clinic so we can help with that process. By coming to the clinic, we can assess their condition and call you.

I hope this year is a good one for you and your student! Let me know if I can be of any help.

Katy Kennedy RN

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 pick one up.

WMS Supply List

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)

Student Cell Phone Use

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.



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 - Save the Date!

- September 22
- 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
- Mini Tailgating Game Area
- For Students, Families, Community
- Food Trucks: Nando's, Taquitos, Dos Hermanos, Kona Ice

We're looking forward to a great time connecting with our Wildcat friends and family!



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 \(hilliardschools.org\)](https://hilliardschools.org)



PTO

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](#).

Join us for our first PTO Meeting – Monday, September 11, 6:00 pm in the Media Center. The next PTO Meeting will be Monday, October 2nd (the PTO Flyer available during CAT Days had an incorrect date listed)



Important Dates

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, August 22

Friday, August 25

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Tuesday, August 29, 6-7 pm

Friday, September 1

Monday, September 4

Monday, September 11, 6 pm

Tuesday, September 19, 7 pm

Friday, September 22, 5-6:30 pm

First Day of School

Picture Day

8th Grade Trip Registration Deadline

Innovation Campus Open House

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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You can find lunch menus, prices, and how to put money into your student's account on our [web page](#).

Please be sure you have checked [HomeAccess](#) to confirm your contact information is up to date. It is especially important we have an accurate MAIN/PRIMARY phone number listed as well as an e-mail address. These pieces of contact information are used by the district and your child's school building for emergency and important notification messages, like snow days! You can also view and sign off on the student handbook and purchase the Technology Protection Plan for any student in grades K-12.

[View the Technology Protection Plan](#)

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

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

Updated Family Trip Rules

On August 14, 2023, the Board of Education voted to amend Policy JED regarding family trips. Effective immediately, each student is limited to one approved trip of FIVE school days or less per school year without loss of academic standing, provided proper assignment make-up work is completed, including tests and final examinations. More than one trip with a cumulative of FIVE days or less may be approved by the building principal or his/her designee. Trips of more than FIVE school days shall not be approved except in extraordinary circumstances as determined by the superintendent or his/her designee. If a student is absent for family travel outside of the FIVE days of excused absences allowed by the District, he/she will be considered unexcused from school and subject to truancy regulations.

Application for approval (JED-E) still must be made by a parent or guardian at least two weeks in advance. Please make note of this change. The handbooks and Board Policy web page will be updated as soon as possible.

Parent/Guardian Book Selection Exemption Form

If you wish to request that a book or resource, **not** be checked out to your student from their Innovation & Discovery/Media Center, you must complete an exemption form. You can access more information and the form by [clicking here](#). Each submitted form will accept up to 10 book titles/author's names. This exemption form is for the current school year, and will need to be filled out each year.

Board Community Conversations

To prepare all students without exception to be Ready for Tomorrow, we must create authentic partnerships with our community. We want to hear your ideas, thoughts, and opinions about how your schools should approach a changing landscape. That's why the Hilliard Board of Education created the Community Conversation Program. How we educate students is changing rapidly and community input is essential.

These happen quarterly, and the next one is Tuesday, September 5 at 5:30 pm at the Hub. The conversation topic will be focused on Student Attendance. Please join us to share your voice.



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