



## Notes from the Principal

Dear Weaver Families,

Thank you for an incredible first week at Weaver Middle School! It was full of great opportunities for learning and getting to know our Wildcats. Through our class meetings, we introduced an important part of our school culture: The Wildcat Way. To conclude our week, we ended with a “Proud to be a Wildcat” Pep Rally. Without a doubt, we loved seeing numerous smiles throughout WMS.

In addition to prioritizing safety and respect at our school, we also emphasize the importance of learning. To help create the best learning environment for our students, we have a “no cell phone rule” during academic time. Cell phones are to be stored away in bookbags during academic time. We appreciate your help in reminding students of the importance of this expectation.

Next week, we continue the great work that has started for the 23-24 school year. WMS will also be full of multiple athletic events - good luck to our athletes in action next week!

As we look ahead on the calendar, please save the date for our Weaver Family Tailgate (9/22) sponsored by our incredible PTO. It would be great to see our Wildcat families at this event! If you are interested in supporting our PTO - please consider donating to our [Give Now Campaign](#). This money goes directly back to supporting our Wildcats.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything that we can do to help support your student at WMS. We are always here to help.

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

Katherine Hueter  
Principal

## **Weaver PTO Courtyard Project Goal \$10,000**

Our goal is to start the process of courtyard beautification – an outdoor place that can be utilized by our students and staff. We want to start the process by providing bench seating for students and, with the money raised, we will provide as much seating as possible. [Pictured is an example of a single bench placed](#), but our eventual goal would be to form circular seating around the tree, which would serve a dual purpose of keeping rocks in place.

Please use this link Donate: <https://tinyurl.com/397rtasj>

## **Weaver Family Tailgate – Friday, September 22**

Weaver PTO will be hosting a Family Social/Tailgate on Friday, September 22nd from 5 p.m. to 6:30 PM. We'll have food trucks (Nandos, Taquitos, Dos Hermanos) so bring your family and connect with the Weaver Community! We hope you can join us for food, games, Weaver swag sale, music and fun before heading over to the high school for the Davidson home football game!

Please use this link to sign up if you are available to help: [Weaver PTO: Weaver Family Tailgate](#)

## Picture Make-up/Retake Day – September 29

Picture Make-up/Re-take day will be the morning of Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> for students who missed picture day or who need to have a picture retake. If you missed ordering pictures on picture day, you can go to [shop.hrimaging.com](http://shop.hrimaging.com) to order a picture package.



### Events

## The Final Deadline to Register for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade DC Trip is TODAY, 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!

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

All families are welcome to tour the Innovation Campus on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 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



## Daily Announcements

### A Few Reminders:

- 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 not be allowing extra students on the bus. Only students assigned to the bus may ride.
- Students are not 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.
- 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.
- 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.

## 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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup> 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



## 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 \(hilliardschools.org\)](http://hilliardschools.org)



## PTO

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> (the PTO Flyer available during CAT Days had an incorrect date listed)



## Important Dates

## Dates to Remember:

Friday, August 25

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

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

Innovation Campus Open House

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

### Meal Accounts Update

We appreciate the patience of our families over the zero-balance lunch account issue. The problem has been corrected and all accounts should be correct. If you still have an issue, please [click here](#) to send an email.

Here are a few reminders from Aramark Food Service Director David Wilson:

1. Elementary lunch will cost \$2.50 and secondary lunches will start at \$3.00.
2. Breakfast will be \$1.25. Students who are eligible for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch free of charge. If your student hasn't tried breakfast in school, we encourage them to do so. A hungry student is a distracted student. Starting the day with a nutritious breakfast is the best way to prepare students for the learning environment. So please take advantage of this opportunity to help your child start the day off on the right foot.
3. Click this link to apply for free/reduced meals:  
<https://www.hilliardschools.org/departments/food-services/>
4. We hope that you and your child have a great year! Please feel free to call Mr. Wilson at 614-921-7492 with questions or comments.



## **Columbus Metropolitan Library's School Help Centers Open**

Columbus Metropolitan Library's School Help Centers are now open, offering after-school help to the students in your family. Plus, they can get connected with virtual tutors for one-on-one help Monday through Friday from 2-11 p.m. through Brainfuse's HelpNow program. Visit [columbuslibrary.org/school-help](http://columbuslibrary.org/school-help) to learn more.

## **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](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