



## Notes from the Principal

Dear Weaver Families,

Thank you for a great start to 23-24! We are proud of the Wildcat energy at 4600 Avery Road.

We want to continue to emphasize the importance of attendance. We want, and we need, our Wildcats to be at WMS! Did you know that 90% of students who missed four days in September went on to be chronically absent last school year? We want to continue to build on the success we are seeing with attendance and continue to see that percentage increase.

**Please see this important message about attendance from our Superintendent:**

I am proud to report that this year, we are off to a great start with keeping students in school. On August 28, 2022, our daily attendance rate was 91%, which sounds pretty good, but this year, on August 30, our attendance rate was up to 95%. That means we had 682 MORE students in school. Even a small percentage increase means a lot more students are learning.

As students grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students access learning opportunities and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job. Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful, and on track to graduation.

By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school, and by 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th-grade test scores. Missing just 2 days a month over the course of the school year can affect a student's academic success.

Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully, or facing some other difficulty. Please let us know so we can work with you to help your student.

David Stewart – Hilliard Schools Superintendent

Today and always, we appreciate your commitment and involvement in your student's education. As we approach Week 4, please log into [Home Access Center](#) to access current grades and attendance. As always, please reach out to a WMS staff member if there is anything we can do to help support!

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!

As a member of our Wildcat family, I would like to say THANK YOU for your continued support of WMS! Once again, we truly appreciate your support and energy to starting this new school year. I would like to highlight an opportunity to continue your support through our WMS PTO [Give Now Campaign](#). Our hope is to limit future fundraisers with this one-time donation. Any amount is appreciated and goes directly back to our school!

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

Katherine Hueter  
Principal

## **Tardy Update**

Weaver's staff continues to make instructional time valuable for all learners. With that in mind, students need to be present and ready to learn. We appreciate any steps you have taken to ensure your child arrives to school on time. Now, we also need your help in ensuring your child is making it to class on time. Students will receive a warning after their first four times being tardy to any class during the first nine-week grading period. After that warning, disciplinary consequences may be assigned. If your child has issues arriving on time to any class period on a regular basis, they should discuss that issue with Mr. Hunt, the Assistant Principal.

## **Car Line Safety**

For parents dropping off students or picking them up via the car line:

For continued safety, 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.

We know it can be frustrating if it seems to be taking a long time for someone else's child to walk to get picked up – and we will work to move those cars forward to another area so there is a better flow of traffic. Also, please speak with your child about paying attention right when they exit the building and getting into your vehicle as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this safety procedure!!

## **Order the 23-24 Weaver Yearbook Online!**

The 2023-2024 Weaver Middle School yearbook is on sale now, for the lowest price all year! Now through September 29th, you can get your WMS yearbook for just \$40! Click the link below to place your order today! Go cats!

[WMS 23-24 Yearbook Order](#)



## **Events**

## **Davidson's Wildcat Way Community Tailgate – Tonight!**

The annual Davidson Wildcat Way Community Day is tonight, Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm next to the stadium. There will be food trucks, inflatables, games and face painting available- all free. [See attached flyer.](#)

Davidson would like to invite everyone to come join us and then head on over to the Davidson/Darby football game in our stadium at 7!

## 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](#)

## Washington DC Trip – Mandatory Parent-Student-Meeting September 19<sup>th</sup>

**Mark your calendars! The Mandatory Parent-Student Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

Students who are going to DC have been added to a DC Canvas course. From this course, they need to download the DC Behavior Contract and the Overnight Trip Medical Permission Form in Notability. Parents should complete both documents on their child's iPad. Students must then upload the completed documents to the assignments in Canvas. Forms are due no later than 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!

## Parent-Teacher Conferences - Save the Date!

WMS Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held the evening of **Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**. More details, including a link to schedule a conference time, will be coming soon!

## Weaver PTO Halloween Social

Mark your calendars! The Halloween Social will be held Friday, October 27th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Weaver. More details coming soon!



## Daily Announcements

### 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.

### General School 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.

- 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.



**PTO**

## 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>

**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>



**Important Dates**

## Dates to Remember:

Monday, September 11, 6 pm

Weaver PTO Meeting

Friday, September 15	Kona Ice during student lunches
Tuesday, September 19, 7 pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade DC Trip Parent Meeting
Friday, September 22, 5-6:30 pm	Weaver Family Tailgate
Monday, October 2, 6 pm	Weaver PTO Meeting
Wednesday, October 4	WMS Parent-Teacher Conference Night
Friday, October 6	Kona Ice during student lunches
Friday, October 13	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Grading Period
<b>Friday, October 20</b>	<b>No School – Central Ohio In-Service</b>
Friday, October 27, 5-7 pm	WMS Halloween Social



## District News

### Meet the School Board Candidates

The ISPTO is hosting a Meet the School Board Candidates night on September 26 in the Darby PAC. You are invited to attend and ask question of the panel. It begins promptly at 6:30 pm. The deadline to register to vote in the November 7, 2023 election is October 10, 2023. You [click here](#) for more information from the Franklin County Board of Elections.

### Be Well – Prevention, Awareness, and Recovery Event

District and Community leaders are joining together on September 20 at Darby High School to offer a free event for parents and guardians interested in learning about spotting the signs of substance use addiction. The free program is open to adults only and the first 300 guests will receive a free dinner.

The event will begin with dinner and a resource fair in the school's cafeteria from 5 to 6 p.m. A simulated teenage bedroom will also be on display in the Performing Arts Center. Parents are invited to tour the interactive bedroom to learn to spot risky behavior.

A presentation to include panelists of local first responders, health and wellness experts, and school officials will follow from 6 to 8 p.m. Experts will discuss substance abuse (including vaping), mental health, recovery, and addiction prevention.

### Columbus Metropolitan Library's School Help Centers pen

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.



## 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 [@wmcats](#), 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