



Notes from the Principal

Dear Weaver Families,

We are proud of our Wildcats with the spirit week! There was great energy and pride throughout the halls of WMS.

As a reminder, TONIGHT (9/22) is our WMS Family Tailgate! Our incredible WMS PTO is sponsoring a tailgate for our Wildcat families (both students and families are encouraged to attend)! The event will be located at the back entrance of WMS (near the intersection of Davidson Road) from 5-6:30 PM. There will be food trucks to purchase dinner, music, and games. We hope to see you there!

Thank you to our Wildcat families for your commitment to attendance! Over the last 6 days, our 8th grade attendance rate was 93% in attendance. Our 7th grade was 94% in attendance. Which grade will hit the 95% mark first?! As we know, attendance is essential to learning and student achievement.

Lastly, we wanted to remind families of our Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, October 4.

One of my favorite moments about my role at Weaver is to help celebrate the positive. If you have a positive experience at Weaver, please share these moments with me (Katherine_Hueter@hboe.org). A few of you have taken time to write these emails to me - and I love reading them. More importantly, I love sharing them with our staff. Today and always, we truly appreciate your partnership!

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

Katherine Hueter
Principal

Suicide Prevention Month

We want our families to know that September is Suicide Prevention month; we want our Wildcats to always know they are never alone. The [Hope App](#) on the district iPad has numerous resources to get immediate help. In addition, another resource is the National Suicide Crisis Hotline - the number is 988 (call or text). Today and always, we want our Wildcats to know this message: You Matter.

Time to Check Home Access!

We appreciate your commitment and involvement in your student's education. As we approach Week 6, please log into [Home Access Center](#) to access current grades and attendance. As always, please continue to communicate with our school staff if there is anything we can do to help support your student at WMS. We are here to help!

Reminder for Visitors

As a reminder, all visitors to the school (during the school day) need to report to the main office. We appreciate your support in our commitment to safety.

Weaver Family Tailgate – Tonight!

Weaver PTO will be hosting a Family Social/Tailgate tonight, Friday, September 22nd from 5 p.m. to 6:30 PM. We'll have food trucks (Nandos, Taquitos, Dos Hermanos, Kona Ice) 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](#)



Events

Sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences

WMS Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held the evening of Wednesday, October 4th. Please use the link below to sign up for a conference with your student's teacher(s). Teachers will continue to update their available conference times over the weekend so feel free to check again to see if more times become available.

<https://www.hilliardschools.org/wms/wms-conferences/>

Picture Make-up/Retake Day – September 29

Picture Make-up/Re-take day will be the morning of Friday, September 29th 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 to order a picture package. Order envelopes for make-up day are now available in the main office.

If you ordered a picture package from our original picture day, packages arrived and were passed out to students today. If you would like to have a picture retake, your student will need to bring the picture package back to school next Friday, September 29th, give it to the photographer and they will take another picture and order the same package using the new image.

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

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](#)

What is STAR?

STAR is a national normed, formative assessment given district-wide in grades 2 through 10 during 3 testing windows (Fall, Winter, Spring). Results from these assessments allows school staff to monitor progress towards mastery of content and skill development in both Math and English Language Arts. In addition, it provides us an opportunity to intervene as it can be a predictor of success on the Ohio State Assessments. As part of a balanced assessment system, this is one piece of information used by school staff so that we are responsive to individual student needs.

How do I access my student's scores?

By late September, all student scores can be found in Home Access Center under the 'Test Scores' tab. There you will find your student's 'Scaled Score' and their

national 'Percentile Rank'. Although these two scores provide some information about your student, there is much more instructional planning data and information available to our staff. If you have any questions and want to learn more about your student's score and how this information will be used, please contact your student's Math or English Language Arts Teacher.

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.

General School Reminders:

- For continued safety in the car line, 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.
- 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.



Athletics

Weaver Sports

Please visit our [Athletic Website](#) for information about Weaver sports.

Tickets for the 2023-2024 season will be sold and distributed in an electronic format. You can purchase a ticket from our box office by visiting our athletic website and clicking “Get Tickets.”



Important Dates

Dates to Remember:

Friday, September 22, 5-6:30 pm
Friday, September 29
Monday, October 2, 6 pm

Weaver Family Tailgate
Picture Make-up/Re-take day
Weaver PTO Meeting

Wednesday, October 4
Friday, October 6
Friday, October 13
Friday, October 20
Friday, October 27, 5-7 pm

WMS Parent-Teacher Conference Night
Kona Ice during student lunches
End of 1st Grading Period
No School – Central Ohio In-Service
WMS Halloween Social



District News

ISPTO Meet the School Board Candidates

The ISPTO is hosting a Meet the School Board Candidates night on September 26 in the Darby PAC. It begins promptly at 6:30 pm. All candidates running are participating. In addition to the questions curated by the ISPTO, you will be able to submit questions. All questions will be screened for redundancy and appropriateness. All candidates will answer each question.

The deadline to register to vote in the November 7, 2023 election is October 10, 2023. You can [click here](#) for more information from the Franklin County Board of Elections.

Where to find your Student's Grades

Although many scores for student work can be found in Canvas we want to remind families to use [Home Access Center](#) for the definitive source for student grades. Canvas is great for some scores and individual assignment feedback but HAC should be used for final scores and Grading Period grades. To monitor student daily classwork grades, look at the Classes tab.

Learn More: [Tutorials for HomeAccess](#)

iPad Setup Help

We recognize that students and families may be overwhelmed by our integration of technology into teaching and learning. With that in mind, we have created our iPad set up webpage. This page has many great resources on how to set up various apps on the iPad as well as some basic How To's of common tasks in the classroom.

Learn More - www.hilliardschools.org/ipadsetup



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