



# Notes from the Principal

Dear Weaver Families,

To start, I would like to take a moment to share my gratitude. From our dedicated teachers, to our hardworking students and supportive parents, the commitment to excellence has created a positive learning environment at WMS. I am incredibly thankful for the effort and enthusiasm from our Wildcats. We are looking forward to more memories - and learning - at 4600 Avery Road.

As we get closer to the halfway point in the school year, we want to continue to emphasize the importance of attendance. Earlier this week, your family received “Why Attendance Matters!” email from our district. Nearly all buildings across our district decreased their absence rate in the first quarter compared to last year. As a reminder, students who attend school regularly are 6.7 times more likely to read on grade level by third grade and 9 times more likely to graduate high school on time. Thank you for your continued dedication to establishing healthy attendance habits with your student!

In addition, hopefully your family saw the district email yesterday with details about the Master Facilities Plan survey. Parent and community input is vital as the district plans for the next several decades. Remember, the scenarios presented are just examples of the possible options; none are guaranteed. This survey is to find out what concepts our community wants the district to focus on as planning continues. You can find the video, options, and survey by [clicking here for our web page](#). The survey is available in English, Spanish, and Arabic. Please share the survey with friends and neighbors who may not receive these emails. Your feedback is important to us!

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

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

Katherine Hueter  
Principal



**PTO**

## **Order Weaver Spirit Wear Online**

The PTO Spirit Wear Online Store is open! Click the link below to order:

<https://weaver-middle-school.square.site/>

## **Help PTO Update the Courtyard**

Are you a Weaver family member who has experience in masonry, gardening, or landscape architecture? Our PTO is looking for volunteers to help with the planning and implementation of updating the Weaver Courtyard (the enclosed, outdoor space next to the cafeteria). If interested, please send your contact info to [hilliardwmspto@gmail.com](mailto:hilliardwmspto@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

## **2023-2024 PTO Meeting Dates**

PTO Meetings are at 6:00 pm at Weaver on the following dates:

- December 4th
- January 8th
- February 5th
- March 4th
- April 8th
- May 6th



# Daily Announcements

## Media Center News

Between November 1, 2023 and May 1, 2024, seventh & eighth grade Weaver students will be completing a million-page reading challenge. Every book counts - fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels...even class novels. Students will write the book title on a pawprint which will be displayed in the hallway so they can see which grade is reading more. Our entire school will be trying to read a million pages!

## You are invited to the Holiday Art Workshop!

At the [Holiday Art Workshop](#) students will create 2 homemade gifts for the holidays, plus a handmade ornament. Ms. Schmidt will lead a step-by-step canvas painting and Mrs. Murlin will demonstrate how to make a ceramic tree candle holder. We will have snacks and holiday music during the workshop.

The workshop will take place in room 144 and 145 over two days, December 6th and 13th from 2:45-5:45pm. The cost of the workshop is \$40 and can be paid on [mypaymentsplus.com](#). Once paid on [mypaymentsplus.com](#), students are automatically registered for the class. Any student at Weaver can register for the workshop. They do not have to be in art class.

Grab your friends and signup before it sells out! Class space is limited and on a first come, first serve basis.

## Weaver Ski & Board Club

The Weaver Ski & Board Club is now working on gathering its members! Less than 20 seats remain on the busses. Full details of the club are available here: <https://rebrand.ly/wmssbc2024>. No experience is necessary! Come learn to ski or snowboard in a 6 week program starting in early January. See Mr. Banyots [David\\_Banyots@hboe.org](mailto:David_Banyots@hboe.org) with questions.

## **Attention all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students!**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade just got back from a great trip to Washington DC which means that your DC trip is next! We will start planning in the Spring for your October 2024 trip. This year's trip cost was \$785. The cost of next year's trip will be the same or slightly higher. This is a large amount. However, if you start saving \$65 per month now, you will have the \$785 by next year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip in October. Please contact Mrs. Schultz or Miss Emmons with any questions.

## **Order the 2023-2024 Weaver Middle School Yearbook**

Now through December 29th, you can get your WMS yearbook for just \$43! Click the link below to place your order today! Go cats!

[WMS 23-24 Yearbook Order](#)

## **General School Reminders:**

- 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.
- 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.
- If students bring blankets to school, they need to be stored in their locker or in their bookbag. In general, extra layers are encouraged instead of the blankets. This can become a safety hazard as students are walking around desks and could potentially trip on the blanket.



## Athletics

### Weaver Winter Sports Information

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:

Monday, December 4, 6 pm

PTO Meeting in the Media Center

**Wed-Fri, Nov. 22 – 24**

**No School – Thanksgiving break**

**December 20 - January 2**

**No School – Winter Break**

Wednesday, January 3

Students return from winter break

**Monday, January 15**

**No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day**



## District News

### Hollyfest

The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Hollyfest Arts & Crafts Show will take place at Hilliard Davidson HS on Saturday, December 2, from 9-3. There will be 120 vendors with only handmade items for you to purchase. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for seniors and students.

### Festa's Holiday Good Tidings Store

FESTA will again offer the Good Tidings Christmas Store to HCSD families. This allows families to purchase items at very affordable prices in a respect-filled manner. This year's store dates are December 4 – December 7.

Shoppers must register online; just click this link:

<https://bit.ly/2023gtsignup>.

They are also collecting new toys and gift donations for the store. Click this link for the Good Tidings Amazon wish list: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/HP4CF5HRQF42/ref=hz\\_ls\\_biz\\_ex](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/HP4CF5HRQF42/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex).



## 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