# **Notes from the Principal**

Dear Weaver Families,

Thank you for a great week at 4600 Avery Road! We are proud of the learning taking place at WMS.

We are looking forward to seeing our students on Monday and Tuesday next week! With the holidays just around the corner your student might think it's no big deal to miss a day or two of school, but our commitment to decreasing chronic absenteeism is as strong as ever. There is still a lot of learning left. Our attendance numbers for the month of October are in, and Hilliard City Schools continues to take positive steps. We saw an 11% drop in the number of students who missed 6 days or more from last October to this October. That's a bigger drop than September. We appreciate your commitment to attendance!

Good luck to our winter sports who are starting their seasons! We are looking forward to seeing our Wildcats in action. GO CATS!

Happy Thanksgiving to our Wildcats! We hope that our students, staff, and families have a wonderful time with their family and friends. Today and always, we are thankful for our Wildcat community. We appreciate your continued support and partnership!

Thank you for all you do for Weaver Middle School!

Katherine Hueter Principal

#### **Mobile Dentist Coming to WMS**

Great news! Our school has partnered with Smile Programs...the mobile dentists to offer in-school dental care on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Please click the link below for more information including a link to sign up!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ijjhew6MGyTQdYryL8oUgUadPIuwuxUA/view?u sp=drive\_link

#### Weaver Art Show

The WMS Art Department is excited to invite you to the first semester art show on Dec. 13th from 5:45-7:15pm. The WMS Art show will be an open house format and located all throughout the school. If your son/daughter is registered for the Holiday Art Workshop, the WMS Art show conveniently starts at the conclusion of the second night, making it easy for families to attend upon pickup.

Please mark your calendars and plan to come to the art show. Students are very eager to share their finished pieces with family and friends! We are very proud of their hard work this semester!

If your students would still like to sign up for the Holiday Art workshop, <u>click here</u> <u>the flyer</u>. We still have several spots open.



### **Krispy Kreme Spirit Days!**

From now until December 10th, order a dozen Krispy Kreme donuts through our link below and our PTO gets 50% back! An easy and delicious way to support WMS!!

#### https://www.groupraise.com/offer-

<u>campaigns/13698?utm\_source=offers\_promo&utm\_medium=social&utm\_campaign=krispykreme&utm\_content=a</u>

#### **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 <u>hilliardwmspto@gmail.com</u>. 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



#### **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 <u>Holiday Art Workshop</u> 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! <u>Only 10</u> <u>seats remain on the busses</u>. Full details of the club are available here: <u>https://rebrand.ly/wmssbc2024</u>. No experience is necessary! Come learn to ski or snowboard in a 6 week program starting in early January. See Mr. Banyots <u>David Banyots@hboe.org</u> 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 <u>not</u> be allowing extra students on the bus. Only students assigned to the bus may ride.

- Students are <u>not</u> 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.



### **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 Wed-Fri, Nov. 22 – 24 December 20 - January 2 Wednesday, January 3 Monday, January 15 PTO Meeting in the Media Center **No School – Thanksgiving break No School – Winter Break** Students return from winter break **No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day** 



### **Stay Connected with HCSD / Weaver**

Please continue to visit our district website regularly for the most up-to-date school information: <u>https://www.hilliardschools.org</u>.

- **Current athletic information** can be found online on the athletic website: <u>https://www.hilliardschools.org/davidsonwildcats/</u>.
- <u>Update Contact Information through parent Home Access</u> please update as changes occur during the school year. All address changes must go through the HCSD Welcome Center, <u>https://www.hilliardschools.org/updating-your-address/</u>
- To keep up with activities and events at Weaver, please check our <u>Activity Calendar</u>. In addition, the weekly <u>announcements</u> as well as the weekly *Weaver Wire* will be posted on the Weaver <u>website</u>. Follow Weaver Twitter feed at <u>@wmscats</u>, on Instagram: <u>weavermscats</u> and like us on <u>Facebook</u>.
- **Hilliard City School District** Like us on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/HilliardSchools</u> or follow the district Twitter feed at <u>www.twitter.com/HilliardSchools</u>

Visit the <u>Flyers Connections Page</u> to find information on a variety of community resources