



# Notes from the Principal

**Dear Weaver Families,**

Thank you for a great start to 2024! The energy throughout our hallways this week was incredible. It was great to welcome back our students to WMS! We are looking forward to our Wildcats learning and growing together.

As always, our expectations for learning and behavior are still the same. We will make sure to refresh on our expectations with our students during lunches on Monday:

- **Respectful and safe behavior are important core values of the Wildcat Way.** It is important to respect yourself, respect others (both students and staff), and respect our property.
- **No cell phones during academic time (bell to bell).** We want you to be the best version of yourself in the classroom! You may use your cell phone at lunch. If any parents or family members need to get ahold of their child during class - please call the Main Office at 614-921-7700.
- Represent the Wildcat Way and strive towards the **HCSD Portrait of a Learner** competencies (Purposeful Communicators, Empathetic Citizens, Resilient Learners, Critical Thinkers, and Self-Advocates).
- **We have high expectations and high support for every student, without exception.** Please reach out to a staff member if you need help or support.

## **Attendance Tips**

What a week, we're so excited to welcome our students back to school! As we kick off the New Year, your support and involvement in your child's education continue to be invaluable. Let's start 2024 right by making attendance a top priority. Regular school attendance sets the stage for your child's success and we're here to assist in any way we can, ensuring that every day counts in their educational journey. Thank you for being an essential part of our school community. Together, we can make this year a remarkable one for your child's growth and learning.

As a reminder, Report Cards for MP2 will be live on Home Access on Tuesday at 3 PM. This is a great opportunity to have a renewed focus around learning and academics. We believe in you, Wildcats!

Thank you for all that you do for WMS!

Katherine Hueter  
Principal

## 2024-2025 – Next Year Scheduling Information

**Scheduling meetings for Parents** to learn about scheduling their student's next year's classes will be held on the following dates:

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade students going into 9<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Wednesday, January 24, 6:00 pm at Davidson High School.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade students going into 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** There will not be an in-person meeting, scheduling information will be shared soon.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade students going into 7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 pm in the Commons at Weaver Middle School.

**Note:** These meetings are for **parents only** as counselors will be giving students the same information during the school day. If you are unable to attend, this information will be posted to our website for each grade.

## Scheduling Information for Students

**Current 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:** Davidson counselors will be meeting with all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Weaver during their social studies class on January 24 to discuss

the high school transition and how to make schedule requests for the 2024-25 school year.

**Current 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:** Weaver Counselors will be talking to 7<sup>th</sup> grade students about registering for next year's classes during their Social Studies classes in mid-February.

## Save the Date for Conference Night!

Weaver Parent-Teacher Conference Night will be the evening of **Wednesday, February 14, 2024**. Check future Weaver Wires for more details!

## STAR Assessments

All Weaver students will participate in the district-wide ***STAR Reading*** and ***STAR Math*** tests in their Math and Language Arts classes.

### 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 mid-February, 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.

## **WMS Band Spirit Night at Chipotle**

Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Chipotle is donating back 33% of Dine-In, Carry Out and Delivery orders to support the Hilliard Weaver Middle School Band. Mention the Band when ordering, or use the code for online pick up orders, at the Fishinger Road location only. Invite friends and share! Your support of the band is appreciated!!



**PTO**

## **Next PTO Meeting**

Please join us for our January PTO meeting on Monday the 8th at 6:00 pm at WMS.

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

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

## Chipotle Fundraiser Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in our December Chipotle Fundraiser! We raised \$152.06!!

## Order Weaver Spirit Wear Online

The current PTO Spirit Wear Online Store is almost sold out! Click the link below to order:

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

New Spirit Wear coming soon!

## 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!



**Daily Announcements**

**Don't Forget to Order Your 23-24 Weaver Yearbook!**

Now through February 23<sup>rd</sup>, you can get your WMS yearbook for just \$45! Click the link below to place your order today! Go cats!

[WMS 23-24 Yearbook Order](#)

## **Get Involved at Weaver!**

There are many ways for students to get involved at Weaver, including clubs & activities. Check our website for more information: [Extra-Curricular Activities – Hilliard Weaver Middle School \(hilliardschools.org\)](#)

## **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.



## Important Dates

### Dates to Remember:

Monday, January 8, 6 pm

Weaver PTO Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 3 pm

Progress Reports available in Home Access

**Monday, January 15**

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

Wednesday, January 24, 6pm

8<sup>th</sup> into 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Scheduling Parent Mtg @ HDV

Thursday, January 25

Yearbook Groups & Clubs Picture Day

Monday, February 5, 6 pm

Weaver PTO Meeting

Wednesday, February 14

Weaver Parent-Teacher Conference Night

**Friday, February 16**

**No School**

**Monday, February 19**

**No School – Presidents Day**

Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 pm

6<sup>th</sup> into 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Scheduling Parent Mtg @ WMS

Monday, March 4, 6 pm

Weaver PTO Meeting

**Tuesday, March 19**

**No School – Professional Learning Day**

**March 29 – April 5**

**No School – Spring Break**

**Wednesday, April 10**

**No School**



# District News

## **Kindergarten Registration – Begins Monday**

Hilliard City School District will begin Kindergarten Registration on Monday, January 8, 2024 for the 2024-25 school year. If your child will be five years of age on or before September 30, 2024, they are eligible to start kindergarten during the 2024-25 school year.

Parents can access the [registration website](#) (on or after January 8, 2024) to complete online registration. The earlier you complete the registration process, the more likely your student will be able to attend the school assigned to your address. You will also have more flexibility in scheduling the kindergarten screening. Once you begin the registration process, you have 30 days to complete it, or your application will be deleted. Once finished, the Welcome Center will schedule your screening appointment for August.

Please don't delay. The District uses registration numbers in the spring to determine how many kindergarten classes will be offered at each building. Contact the Hilliard City Schools Welcome Center at (614) 921-7096 with questions. For more information, please visit the Hilliard City Schools' website at [www.hilliardschools.org](http://www.hilliardschools.org).

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## **Parent Accounts for Canvas and How to use them**

Canvas is the online Learning Management System we use in Hilliard Schools. Your child's teacher(s) may use Canvas in a variety of ways. Some examples are: to provide access to important resources, to create online discussions where students can post and reply, and to receive, evaluate, and/or provide feedback on work your child submits digitally. As a parent or guardian, you are already enrolled as an Observer in all of your student's active Canvas courses. To login to Canvas as an observer go to [hilliard.instructure.com](http://hilliard.instructure.com) or click on the link to Canvas from our [HCSD Parent page](#). Your parent observer username and password match your username and password for Home Access Center. If you want to learn more about how to navigate Canvas as a parent, find the course "How to Use Canvas for Parents" on the homepage after you login.

## **College Savings Strategies for K-8 Families**

Hilliard City Schools is hosting an event to inform parents about strategies to save for college. Mr. Woodford, College Counselor, will present along with J.D Archer and Sara Canterbury from Rider+Reinke Financial Group. We will dig into pros and cons of all options that are available as well as cover some potential pitfalls to avoid. This will be an informative conversation on what is available to help you and your student pay for college. There will be a short Q & A session at the end.

What: Saving for College  
Where: Davidson HS  
When: Jan 23 at 6:30pm

Any questions, please reach out to Tom Woodford at [Tom\\_Woodford@hboe.org](mailto:Tom_Woodford@hboe.org)





## 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