



Notes from the Principal

Dear Weaver Families,

Thank you to our Wildcats for another great week at WMS! We are proud of our students for completing the first round of testing! We have a few more state testing sessions left - please see the testing information below for additional details.

We are proud to share that WMS was recognized with the “Momentum Award” from the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce. This recognition is for schools who had significant improvement in growth and achievement on the Ohio School Report Card. We are proud of the commitment of our students, staff, and Wildcat community. Together, we are creating a positive learning environment where our students are ready to learn, grow, and achieve. We are proud of the hard work taking place at 4600 Avery Road!

For 7th grade students interested in the Washington DC trip for the 24-25 school year, the dates for this trip are October 14-17. The deposit is due NEXT Friday, April 19. Please see the information below for more details.

Our attendance challenge is coming to a close. We are excited to reveal the winner of the competition between 7th and 8th grade next week! Thank you for your commitment to being at WMS ready to learn.

Our students and staff have started counting down until the last day of school. We are so close! We want to encourage you to keep up the good work when it comes to having your child in school every day. Already, you have helped us stay on track for our year-end attendance goal. So far this year, we have seen a drop in the percentage of students missing 10 or more days from 57% to 52%! The number of students who are chronically absent this year is just 39%. We still have work to do, but are grateful for your partnership in making school a priority.

It was great seeing a lot of our Wildcats in action at WMS this week. Best of luck to our student-athletes who are competing this weekend!

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

Katherine Hueter
Principal

Next School Year's 8th Grade DC Trip Information

Our current 7th graders will have the opportunity to attend next year's 8th Grade Washington, DC Trip from **October 14-17, 2024**. The three Hilliard Middle Schools will be traveling during the same timeframe.

The three middle schools held a combined webinar to provide information about the trip. A representative from our partner tour company, Prodigy Tours, shared information. [Webinar video here.](#)

A non-refundable deposit of \$135 per student is due to Prodigy Student Travel by Fri. April 19, 2024.

Please see the links below and visit the [Washington, DC Trip webpage on our Weaver Website](#) for the most up-to-date information.

Our Washington DC Coordinators are Meghan Schultz (Meghan_Schultz@hboe.org) and Cathy Emmons (Cathleen_Emmons@hboe.org). They are a great resource for any questions!

[Weaver MS – GDC Parent Letter 2024](#)

[Weaver MS – GDC Trip Itinerary 2024](#)

[Weaver MS – GDC Trip Passcode 2024](#)

State Testing Information

Weaver Middle School will be administering State Testing on the dates listed below. Please note that we will be on an [adjusted schedule](#) these days. [Click here](#) to review important AIR testing information for students. [You can learn more about these Ohio State Tests by following this link.](#)

Wednesday, April 17th - Science Part 1 and 2 (8th grade only)

Wednesday, April 24th - Math Part 1 (7th and 8th grade)

Thursday, April 25th - Math Part 2 (7th and 8th grade)

Testing will take place from 7:55 – 10:13 am on these days and students will follow an [adjusted bell schedule](#) once testing is complete each day. Please make sure that your child is well rested, has a good breakfast and arrives to school on-time. Students should also make sure their iPads are completely charged when they arrive at school on testing days.

If possible, please try to avoid scheduling any appointments or other planned absences on these testing dates. Students who are absent will make up the tests on a later date.

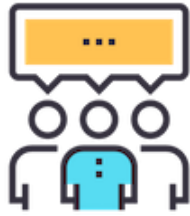
Order Your 23-24 Weaver Yearbook by April 27!

The final deadline to order your 2023-2024 Weaver Yearbook is drawing near! April 27th is the last day to order your yearbook – the price is \$47 each. Make sure to reserve your copy before it's too late! Click the link below to place your order, Go cats!

[WMS 23-24 Yearbook Order](#)

Courtyard Clean-up

PTO will clean up the WMS Courtyard on Tuesday, April 16th from 3:00 - 8:00 pm. We welcome anyone who'd like to help (including those students needing volunteer hours)! Dress for outdoor work.



PTO

[PTO Meeting](#)

The Hilliard District CFO will attend our next meeting on Monday, April 15th at 6:00 pm at WMS. We will review the Courtyard Beautification Project with him and would love to hear from you!

Our last PTO meeting of the school year will be on Monday, May 6th at 6:00 pm. We will be voting for next year's PTO Officers. We currently have an open spot for PTO Secretary and if you're interested, please email hilliardwmspto@gmail.com.

[Perennials 4 Pollinators Fundraiser](#)

Help pollinators and support WMS PTO at the same time! WMS PTO and Riverside Native Perennials are working together to bring 100+ perennial species to your home landscape! When checking out use promo code "WMS" and select "fundraisers only" for delivery. There are 100+ species available and come in 1.5 pt containers for \$8-\$12 each. <https://riversidenativeperennials.com/shop/> The pick-up is Thursday, May 16th from 2:00 - 5:00 pm at WMS.

[Spring Social](#)

Mark your calendars - Friday, May 3rd is the Spring Social! We're currently gathering student input and will have more details in the coming weeks (including a volunteer sign-up for parents who would like to help).

[1st Place Spirit Wear Sale](#)

All full-zip hoodies are \$10 OFF this week! Supplies are limited, so act fast! Shop: <https://1stplace.sale/73953>

2024-2025 Davidson PTO

We are currently accepting Davidson PTO officer and committee chair nominations until **April 26, 2024**. All nominations will be compiled and voting will occur at the **May 13, 2024** PTO meeting in the Davidson High School Teacher's Lounge at 7 PM. All are welcome to attend. The teachers, staff, and students thank you for your support.

Officers: Secretary, Co-Treasurer

Chairs: ISPTO, Spirit Wear, Social Media

If you would like to be considered for any of these positions or have any questions, please email hdvpto@gmail.com.

PTO information is available from several sources

Facebook: Hilliard Davidson High School PTO

Twitter: @PTODavidson

Website: Davidson PTO Parent Tab



Daily Announcements

Spirit Night

Grab some pizza for dinner and support the Hilliard Weaver Band!

Grandad's Pizza (4093 Trueman Blvd)

Tuesday, April 23rd @ 4-10pm
Dine In, Carry Out or Delivery

** Must mention Hilliard Weaver Band Spirit Night!

Middle School College Planning Meeting – Next Week

There is a Middle School College Planning meeting on April 16, 6:30pm at Bradley High School to go over the college process and what students can begin to do when they get to high school. It will also cover high school and college terminology so families have a better understanding of the process.

8th Grade Class Panoramic Photo

Save the date for our upcoming 8th Grade Panoramic Class Portrait scheduled to be taken on Friday, May 3rd at about 12pm.

Just prior to the event, you will be receiving the actual "Order Envelope" sent home with your student. Use it to place your order (with payment) and have your student bring it to the photographer on picture day for "Picture Day Only" specials!

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.
- [Click here](#) for information on Mental Health Crisis Helplines translated into several different languages.
- There are many ways for students to get involved at Weaver, including clubs & activities. [Check our website](#) for more information!



Important Dates

Dates to Remember:

Monday, April 15, 6 pm	WMS PTO Meeting
Wednesday, April 17	State Testing: Science Part 1 & 2 (8 th grade only)
Friday, April 19	Next Year's 8 th Grade DC Trip Deposit Due
Wednesday, April 24	State Testing: Math Part 1 (7 th & 8 th grade)
Thursday, April 25	State Testing: Math Part 2 (7 th & 8 th grade)
Friday, April 26	Kona Ice during student lunches
Friday, May 3, 11:45 am	8 th Grade Panoramic Class Photo

Friday, May 3

WMS Spring Social

Friday, May 10

Kona Ice during student lunches

Monday, May 27

No School – Memorial Day

Friday, May 31

Last day of school/End of 4th Grading Period



District News

Two More Hilliard Schools Earn Purple Stars

We are proud to announce that Hilliard Darby High School and Washington Elementary have been recognized as a Purple Star School by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.

This award celebrates the school's dedication to supporting military-connected students and their families. Congratulations on this well-deserved achievement! These two join Davidson and Bradley High Schools which have already been designated as Purple Star Schools. To learn more about the Purple Star Award, click [here!](#)

Hilliard Schools Summer Enrichment Registration Open

Hilliard City Schools will offer summer exploration and enrichment workshops for students in kindergarten through eighth grade, and online high school credit classes. All offerings will be based on the availability of staffing. Registration is based on the students' current 2023-2024 grade level. Should our student registration exceed our available staff, we will let parents know by May 10th.

[Click here to register.](#)

Fine Arts Web Page Re-Design

We are excited to announce the launch of our newly revamped Fine Arts Web Pages! With a fresh design and improved navigation, it's now easier than ever for parents and community members to explore the amazing fine arts programs offered across our district.

From vibrant visual arts to captivating musical performances and inspiring theatrical productions, our fine arts department is dedicated to fostering creativity and talent in every student. With the new web pages, you can stay up-to-date on upcoming events, performances, and opportunities for involvement.

You can [click here to access](#) the new Fine Arts Web Pages.

Parent and Community Preview of New Math Curriculum Resource

The Hilliard City School District is in the process of adopting a new math curriculum resource for grades/courses 6th-8th, Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2 called Imagine Learning Illustrative Math. This resource was also adopted last year for K-5 Math. We are excited to have continuity and a rich and rigorous math resource for kindergarten through Algebra 2. The Board of Education and the community have the opportunity to preview this new resource. We invite all families and the community to preview Imagine Learning Illustrative Math and if so desire, use the [Feedback Form](#) to provide feedback. Clicking on [this link](#) will provide a preview for our families. A sample display of the curriculum resource by grade level and course have been available at Central Office since March 26. You can look over the resources through April 17. Visitors may come in person to preview the samples between the hours of 9:00am-11:00am and 2:00-4:00pm Monday - Friday.

Davidson Theater Performs The Little Mermaid

You are invited to attend a performance of the Little Mermaid presented by Hilliard Davidson Theater. There are shows on Thursday, April 25 at 6:30pm. and Saturday April 27, and Sunday the 28 at 2 pm and 7pm. You can [click here](#) to purchase tickets.

Webinar for High School Seniors Entering the Workforce

Families across Ohio want to know more about their child's options after high school including credentials earned through the Ohio Technical Centers are invited to attend a zoom on April 23 at 6:30pm. This is for families with soon to be graduates unsure about their next step. You can join this live webinar to learn about fast-paced, high-impact education to prepare for in-demand 21st century jobs. Register here:

<https://bit.ly/OTC-April23>

We Grow Scientists

The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences will host the second annual "[We Grow Scientists](#)" event on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 3:00-7:00 PM at Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory.

This afternoon of hands-on learning and activities will showcase the many STEM fields offered and will include a look at Waterman facilities such as the newly constructed Controlled Environment Agriculture Research Complex. "We Grow Scientists" is a free event open to learners of all ages looking to learn more about STEM in their community as part of the COSI Science Festival (May 1-4, 2024).

4- H Walk and Serve – Community Event

You are invited to participate in this Community Service Opportunity with 4-H. The free event is on Saturday, April 13 at the Franklin County Fairgrounds from 9:30 am to Noon. There will be Hands-On Community Service Opportunities and free food. The 4-H Walk & Serve will showcase over 10 non-profit organizations that serve Central Ohio. 4-H members along with their families, friends, and community members will complete service projects benefiting the non-profit organizations. [Click here](#) for more details.

ID Now Required for Visitors Signing Students in or out of School

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and security of our school community, this year Hilliard Schools began using a new visitor check-in system. It has been well received and is both easy to use and enhances the safety of our students, faculty and staff. Beginning this week, School Safe ID will now be required for anyone signing a student in or out of school for any type of early dismissal or appointment.

When signing a student in or out, visitors will be asked to scan their valid state-issued ID at the kiosk located in the high school attendance offices, or the middle and elementary school front offices. This quick process takes less than ten seconds and records only the visitor's name and date of birth. No additional information from the license will be stored in the system.

We understand that this may be a new requirement for some of our families, but we want to reassure you that the safety of our students, faculty, and staff remains our top priority. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we implement this important safety measure.



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.