



# **Notes from the Principal**

Dear Weaver Families,

Thank you for another great week at WMS! Our 3rd grading period is officially complete today! On Monday, we will start our last grading period of the school year. With one quarter left of this school year, we want to remind our Wildcats to finish strong!

Congratulations to our talented music programs with their concerts in February and March! We are impressed by the talent of our Wildcats.

Throughout the month of March, students will take another round of STAR assessment for ELA and Math. Please see below for more information. Here are a few interesting statistics about the STAR Scaled Score:

#### Language Arts:

- 7th Grade: 97% of students who reached a scaled score of 1088 on STAR passed the Ohio State Test
- 8th Grade: 90% of students who reached a scaled score of 1119 on STAR passed the Ohio State Test

#### Math

- 7th Grade: 90% of students who reached a scaled score of 1100 on STAR passed the Ohio State Test
- 8th Grade (not including ALG/GEO): 80% of students who reached a scaled score of 1107 on STAR passed the Ohio State Test

Lastly, we want to put on your radar our Ohio State Testing Dates in April. Please see below for more information on STAR and Ohio State Tests. We are excited for students to "show what they know" on these assessments. Thank you for all you do for WMS! Go Cats!

Katherine Hueter Principal

#### **STAR Assessments**

All Weaver students will participate in the district-wide *STAR Reading* and *STAR Math* tests in their Math and Language Arts classes. Please see the information below to have conversations with your student about the STAR assessment and their learning.

#### 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.

# **Middle School College Planning Event**

There is a Middle School College Planning meeting on April 15, 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. The meeting will cover topics including high school terminology, Advanced Placement, College Credit Plus, what colleges are looking for in an applicant, ACT/SAT and test-optional.



# **Performing Arts**

# Weaver's Spring Play – March 17 & 18

Please join us for Weaver Middle's Drama Club production of *Buckshot & Blossoms*, a western that takes place in the town of Trail Dust where there's a villainous band of outlaws, contested rights to a copper mine, a new sheriff, a stolen diamond, and a campaign to make the town safer. Add in a spark of romance and bunches of flowers and this play has a little something for everyone. It promises to be a fun night of action, comedy and romance. The show is on March 17 & 18 at 7 PM in the Weaver Commons. We hope to see you there!

Get Tickets for Monday's Show (We will have ASL interpreters at this performance.)

Get Tickets for Tuesday's Show

# **Upcoming Concerts:**

Thursday, March 20, 7 pm - HDV/WMS Percussion Ensemble Concert at Davidson PAC

Tuesday, March 25, 7 pm - Combined 6-12 Advanced Bands Concert at Davidson PAC



#### From the Weaver Clinic:

#### Mobile Dentists will return to WMS on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Please use the online site <a href="https://www.myschooldentist.com/33432">https://www.myschooldentist.com/33432</a> schsrm to register your student or have them pick up a form in the office. For the paper form, please complete and return to school. If you have any questions, please call the clinic at 614-921-7710 or email <a href="https://www.myschooldentist.com/33432">kennedy@hboe.org</a> or <a href="mailto:abigail-dischel@hboe.org">abigail Gischel@hboe.org</a>

# 2025-2026 – Next Year Scheduling Information

You can find information about planning for next school year on our website's Scheduling & Registration page: <a href="https://www.hilliardschools.org/wms/scheduling-and-registration-info/">https://www.hilliardschools.org/wms/scheduling-and-registration-info/</a>

# Order Your 24-25 Weaver Yearbook Online!

The 2024-2025 WMS Yearbook is on sale now! Order by March 28<sup>th</sup> for just \$45! Click the link below to place your order today. Go cats!

24-25 WMS Yearbook Order

### **Ohio State Testing - April**

Looking ahead, in April we will begin our Ohio State Testing. Students have been working hard all year and to "show what they know" on these assessments. You can access your student's Ohio State Test scores from previous years in <a href="Home Access">Home Access</a>. We are going to have discussions around goal setting with our students for Ohio State Test and STAR assessments with our students.

For planning ahead, here are our state testing dates:

Wednesday, April 9th - ELA Part 1 (7th and 8th grade)

Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> - ELA Part 2 (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

Tuesday, April 15th - Science Part 1 and 2 (8th grade only)

Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Math Part 1 (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Math Part 2 (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

We believe in our Wildcats! As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything we can do to support your child at WMS. We are always here to help!

### **General School Reminders:**

- To sign out your student early for an appointment or early dismissal, you will need to scan your Driver's License or state-issued ID using our School Safe ID kiosk in the main office, so please plan to **bring your ID into the office with you when you arrive.**
- All visitors and volunteers to our school (during the school day) will also be required to check in at our School Safe ID kiosk in the main office using a driver's license or state-issued ID.
- 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 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.

- 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.
- To avoid spills and keep our building clean, we ask that students only have water in our academic spaces.
- There are many ways for students to get involved at Weaver, including clubs & activities: <a href="Extra-Curricular Activities"><u>Extra-Curricular Activities Hilliard Weaver Middle School (hilliardschools.org)</u></a>
- If your student has prescription medication that they will carry or store in the clinic, or if they need to carry a day's worth of Over-the-Counter medication with them, there are forms that will need to be completed. You can access the forms on the district website under the medical forms at this link: <a href="https://www.hilliardschools.org/news/forms/">https://www.hilliardschools.org/news/forms/</a>.



#### **PTO News**

The Weaver PTO will need new board members for next year! There will be elections in May. If you are interested in being on the PTO board for the 2025-2026 school year, please sign up using the link below. Thank you!!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080848ADA729A3F94-55236832-ptoofficers

Having trouble making it to our monthly meetings but still want to contribute to the middle school experience? Weaver PTO Meetings are now via Zoom. You can join us from anywhere in the world and still make an impact!

Here is the link for the next PTO Meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>:



# **Athletics**

### **Weaver Spring Sports Information:**

Hello Weaver Athletes & Families, <u>please click here for information regarding your upcoming spring season at Weaver MS</u>, coach information, start dates, etc. If you have any questions, be sure to listen to WMS morning announcements, contact your coach, or contact the athletic department.



# **Important Dates**

#### **Dates to Remember:**

Friday, March 7

Monday, March 17, 7 pm

Tuesday, March 18, 7 pm

March 31 - April 4

Monday, April 7, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 9

Thursday, April 10

Tuesday, April 15

Friday, April 18

End of 3rd Grading Period

Weaver's Spring Play Performance

Weaver's Spring Play Performance

No School - Spring Break

PTO Meeting via Zoom

State Testing: ELA Part 1 (7th & 8th grade)

State Testing: ELA Part 2 (7th & 8th grade)

State Testing: Science Part 1 & 2 (8th grade only)

No School

Tuesday, April 22 Wednesday, April 23 State Testing: Math Part 1 (7th & 8th grade)

State Testing: Math Part 2 (7th & 8th grade)



# **District News**

#### **Updated Master Facilities Web Page**

In our continued commitment to transparency and open communication, we are excited to share the updated **Master Facilities Plan (MFP) Web Page**. This resource will serve as a central hub for information on the **Blueprint of Tomorrow**, the work being done through the **\$142 million bond issue approved in November 2024**, and the history behind our facilities planning.

On this page, you'll find historical data, current projects, and evolving timelines as we move through the various phases of the MFP. We encourage you to <u>bookmark the page</u> and check back regularly for updates as we bring these plans to life for our students and community.

#### Thank you, Hilliard Education Foundation

Thank you to the Hilliard Education Foundation for the unwavering support of our students and staff! Your generous grants create transformative opportunities, empowering our students to thrive and be ready for their tomorrow. Click here to watch a short video that shows a glimpse of the incredible grants awarded to our teachers across the district—unlocking experiences that wouldn't be possible without your generosity. We are truly grateful for all that you do!



# **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: <a href="https://www.hilliardschools.org/davidsonwildcats/">https://www.hilliardschools.org/davidsonwildcats/</a>.
- <u>Update Contact Information through parent Home Access</u> please update as changes occur during the school year. Please visit our website to update your address: <a href="https://www.hilliardschools.org/residency-update/">https://www.hilliardschools.org/residency-update/</a>
- To keep up with activities and events at Weaver, please check our <u>Activity Calendar</u>. In addition, the weekly <u>Weaver Wire</u> will be posted on the Weaver <u>website</u>. Follow Weaver Twitter feed at <u>@wmscats</u>, on Instagram: weavermscats and like us on <u>Facebook</u>.
- **Hilliard City School District** Like us on Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/HilliardSchools">www.facebook.com/HilliardSchools</a> or follow the district Twitter feed at <a href="https://www.twitter.com/HilliardSchools">www.twitter.com/HilliardSchools</a>

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