



# Notes from the Principal

Dear Weaver Families,

We are looking forward to an exciting week at WMS! Please see the information below for important details about next week:

**On Monday, August 12, our doors will be open from 8-11 AM and from 12-3 PM for our CAT Day sessions.** During our CAT Day, students are able to get their iPad, try out their lockers, and walk the building to find their classes. In addition, PTO will be selling spirit wear! We are looking forward to seeing many of our Wildcats back at WMS on Monday!

We know our students are excited about seeing their schedule for next year! **For your reference, schedules will go live on Home Access at 8 AM** (at the start of our CAT Days) on Monday.

In addition, we are excited to have former WMS students, and current Davidson High School students, help welcome and assist our Wildcats during CAT Day sessions. They will be a great resource to help with finding classrooms and answer any questions. We are proud of our #WildcatWay connection!

We also would like to **welcome our families back for our Open House / Meet and Greet on Tuesday, August 13.** In addition to CAT Day - we are hosting a back-to-school kickoff event. Thank you to our amazing PTO for their hard work and for organizing this event for our Wildcat families! The Open House/Meet & Greet will give students and parents/guardians an opportunity to tour Weaver, visit classrooms, and meet the WMS Staff. There will also be music, food trucks, spirit wear, and more. We hope you can join us to kick-off the 24-25 school year at WMS!

For incoming **7th grade students and our students who are new to Weaver** - we will hold an informational meeting during our Open House (8/13) at 6:30

PM. Our goal is to help answer general questions and, more importantly, formally welcome you to Weaver Middle School. We hope you can join us!

In 1994, Weaver opened its doors for the first time. Every single year since, there has been a rich tradition of providing exceptional experiences. **We are excited to share that Weaver is turning 30 years old this year!** We are looking forward to celebrating this milestone throughout the school year.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. We are always here to help!

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

Katherine Hueter  
Principal

## **WMS CAT DAY SESSIONS**

Weaver's CAT Day is **Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 8-11 AM and 12-3 PM**. This is an opportunity for students to pick up their iPads, try out their lockers and walk through the building to find their classes.

## **Open House/Meet & Greet**

**We are hosting a back-to-school kickoff event the evening of Tuesday, August 13, 5:00 – 7:30 pm.** Thank you to our amazing PTO for their hard work and for organizing this event for our Wildcat families! The Open House/Meet & Greet will give students and parents/guardians an opportunity to tour Weaver, visit

classrooms, and meet the WMS Staff. There will also be music, food trucks, spirit wear, and more. We hope you can join us to kick-off the 24-25 school year at WMS!

## New Student Orientation

For our incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are new to WMS, **we will have an informational meeting in the Main Gym on Tuesday, August 13, at 6:30 PM.** At this meeting, we will provide information and details about the middle school experience. Students and parents/guardians are invited to attend this informative meeting.

- Please note that iPad pick up will not be available during Open House/Meet & Greet or New Student Orientation so please plan to also attend Weaver's CAT Day if possible. Students unable to pick up iPads before school will receive their iPad on the first day of school.
- Parking may be a challenge this evening - please consider parking at Davidson High School and walking across the street!

## WMS School Supplies

These items are recommended (not required)

1 three ring binder

Dividers

1 pkg. pencils

1 ink pen

Ear buds

1 pkg. 200 count notebook paper

Optional: Stylus

Band: 1" Binder with 25 plastic top-load sheet protectors (required)

Orchestra: 1" Binder (required)

(Teachers will communicate any specific needs for courses in the first few weeks of class)

## Picture Day – August 23

Individual student pictures will be taken during school the morning of Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. These photos are for the yearbook as well as student ID's so all students will be photographed, even if not purchasing pictures. We will have a make-up picture day in September.

Watch the mail for a flyer from HR Imaging that contains all of the information needed for picture day! Extra order envelopes will be available in the main office closer to picture day.

## Notes from the Nurse

Welcome to Weaver 2024-2025! Our clinic staff for this year includes me, Heide Stoessner, and Abby Gischel, our returning clinic aide. I am new to the Weaver and Davidson buildings this year. I have been a Hilliard district nurse for 16 years in our elementary buildings, most recently at Britton and Norwich. I am very excited to be joining the staff at Weaver and I'm looking forward to reconnecting with some of my former students! I can be reached by phone: 614-921-7710 or email: [heide\\_stoessner@hboe.org](mailto:heide_stoessner@hboe.org). Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

If your student has prescription medication that they will carry or store in the clinic, there must be a completed medication form to accompany each medication. You can access the forms on the district website under the medical forms at this link: <https://www.hilliardschools.org/news/forms/>. Each medication will need form "A" (Parent permission) **plus** either form "B" "C" or "D" (Prescriber Authorization) depending on the type of medication. These forms are universal throughout the school district, however, newly signed and completely forms are required each new school year. You can also pick one up from the school if you prefer.

Starting in 7th grade, students may carry a day's worth of Over-the-Counter medications with them. It needs to be in the original bottle and have Form "A", the parent authorization form signed and turned in to the clinic.

If your student has had any changes in their medical history, please contact me. In addition, if your student calls or texts you saying they don't feel well during the school day and wants to be picked up, please encourage them to come to the clinic so we can help with that process. By coming to the clinic, we can assess their condition and then collaborate with you on the next steps.

I hope this year is a good one for you and your student! Let me know if I can be of any help.

Heide Stoessner, MEd, BSN, RN



## Events

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington, DC Trip

You can still register for this fall's 8th grade Washington, DC trip until August 26. The trip will be on **October 14-17, 2024**. Please visit the

[Washington, DC Trip webpage on our Weaver Website](#) for the most up-to-date information about this fall's 8th Grade trip, including registration information and a link to a recording of our informational webinar.

**The final day to register for the 8th grade DC trip will be Monday, August 26th.**

In order to receive a roommate selection form that week, your account must be up to date according to Prodigy Student Travel's payment plan. Therefore, on Monday, August 26th, you should have paid \$630 on your Prodigy account. Your final payment of \$165 will be due on Friday, September 13th.

Our Washington DC Coordinators are Meghan Schultz ([Meghan\\_Schultz@hboe.org](mailto:Meghan_Schultz@hboe.org)) and Cathy Emmons ([Cathleen\\_Emmons@hboe.org](mailto:Cathleen_Emmons@hboe.org)). They are a great resource for any questions!

**Save the Date: the Parent-Student Washington, D.C. Trip Meeting will be on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**



**PTO**

## Weaver Family Tailgate – September 6

Mark your calendar for our Weaver Family Tailgate on Friday, September 6, more details coming soon. We're looking forward to a great time connecting with our Wildcat friends and family!

## Please “Give Now” to Weaver PTO

We love to support our students and staff and we can do this because of your generous donations. Please “**Give Now**” to Weaver PTO so that we can continue to give back to our school! The process has never been easier - use this link to donate: [Weaver - 2024 Give Now](#).

**Next PTO Meeting – Monday, September 9, 6:00 pm in the Media Center**



# Performing Arts

## AUDITIONS!!

Auditions for the combined Hilliard Middle Schools (Heritage, Memorial and Weaver) fall production of *Legally Blonde The Musical*:

When: September 9th - 3PM - 5:30PM

Where: Station PAC - Door D 16

REGISTER before auditions!

Find what to prepare, dates, and all information at MMS theater website:

<https://www.hilliardschools.org/fine-arts/memorial/memorial-theater/>



## Important Dates

### Dates to Remember:

Mon, August 12, 8-11 am & 12-3pm

Tuesday, August 13, 5 – 7:30 pm

Tuesday, August 13, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, August 21

Friday, August 23

Monday, August 26

WMS CAT DAY & iPad Pick-up

WMS Open House/Meet & Greet

New Student Orientation

First Day of School

School Picture Day

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip Registration Deadline

**Monday, September 2**

**No School – Labor Day**

Friday, September 6

WMS Family Tailgate



## District News

### School Starts Soon!

As the days of Summer wind down, there are plenty of things our families can do now to prepare for the first day of school on Wednesday, August 21! Remember, on the first day to share first day pictures on social media with #HCSD1. Let's share all the fun all day long!

If you haven't already, you should soon begin receiving emails and newsletters from your student's school. All back to school information, including welcome days, supply lists, and more, can be found the school web page. (You can find a link to your school off the district web page, [www.HilliardSchools.org](http://www.HilliardSchools.org))

Now is the time to update the following items to ensure a smooth transition into the year:

1. In [Home Access Center](#) :
  - a. Update your student's Enrollment/Registration Information - Be sure we have your updated contact information in Home Access Center. It is especially important we have an accurate MAIN/PRIMARY phone number listed as well as an email address. These pieces of contact information are used by the district and your child's school building for emergency and important notification messages.
  - b. Sign-off on Student Handbook and iPad Loan Agreement
  - c. Submit a Change of Address request form as soon as possible if you have moved.

[Click here for quick reference](#) to update the above items.
2. View and pay for the Technology Protection Plan (TPP)
  - a. [View the Technology Protection Plan](#)
  - b. To enroll/purchase, go to: <https://MyPaymentsPlus.com>

### Free/Reduced Lunch Information

The 2024-2025 school year Free/Reduced Lunch Benefit guidelines for students unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program are now available. To apply, households will need to complete an application. This can be done either online <https://frapps.horizonsolana.com/hilc04> or complete a printed application and return it to the school. Copies can be printed from the Hilliard City School website or are available in the office in each school.

The State of Ohio Budget for school year 2024-2025 includes funding to cover the cost of reduced meals for breakfast and lunch. This provision allows schools to provide no cost meals to reduced price meal eligible students. Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines will be used to determine eligibility.

[Click here](#) for more information.



## Guidelines from Aramark on Breakfast/Lunch in 2024/25

Some important reminders and information for students getting meals at school this year.

- After making their lunch or breakfast selections, students will enter their student Id numbers in pin pads and be processed by cashiers.
- Students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals will receive their meals free of charge.
- All other students must pay with cash or funds on their food service accounts.
- Parents are encouraged to deposit money in their child's food service accounts to speed up serving lines.

For students who do not qualify for free or reduced meals, elementary lunches will cost \$2.50. Secondary school lunches start at \$3.00. Breakfast is still a great bargain at \$1.25! If your child hasn't tried breakfast in school, we encourage them to do so. A hungry student is a distracted student. Starting the day with a nutritious breakfast is the best way to prepare students for the learning environment. So please take advantage of this opportunity to help your child start the day off on the right foot.

To view menus online visit <https://www.hilliardschools.org/schools/menus/>

We hope that you and your child/children have a great year! Please feel free to call me at 614-921-7492 with questions or comments.

Thank you!

David Wilson

Food Service Director

## First Time Riders Family Event

Families with students who are first time bus riders, please join us on Saturday, August 10th, from 8am-12pm at Weaver Middle School to learn about bus safety and explore a bus, and more! You can also take photos of your little one's first bus ride and share in their experience. We look forward to seeing you there!



## 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. Please visit our website to update your address: <https://www.hilliardschools.org/residency-update/>
- **To keep up with activities and events at Weaver**, please check our [Activity Calendar](#). In addition, 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.