

Dear Weaver Families,

It was a great week at 4600 Avery Road! Thank you to everyone who attended our CAT Day sessions, our 7th Grade/New to Weaver Orientation, and Open House! There is a special energy and excitement with our Wildcats back in the building.

Thank you to our staff, PTO, and Davidson student leaders for helping with these events! We are very thankful for your help and support.

A special HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Weaver Middle School - we are excited to celebrate Weaver opening its doors for the first time in August 1994. In addition, we are looking forward to welcoming the Class of 2030 to our building. For those interested, PTO is selling a "30 Years" WMS t-shirt. Make sure to check out this item next time they are selling spirit wear. In addition, if you are interested in helping with the "Give Now" fundraiser - you can support our students and staff by following this link. We appreciate your continued support for Weaver Middle School.

Next Friday is the first high school football game at Davidson High School - GO CATS! If your child is interested in attending, please read the note below about the change in the middle school student section location.

Next Wednesday (8/21), we are excited to open our doors to more than 900 Wildcats! For our students new to WMS, here is a link to <u>our presentation</u> from Open House. For more 24-25 details, please continue to visit <u>our school website</u>. 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

### **DAVIDSON FOOTBALL GAMES**

We ask that you please continue to have conversations with your child about behavior at the Davidson football games. In order to improve and ensure a positive fan experience, we are partnering with Davidson, and **our Weaver students will be joining the back of the High School student section. There will be designated rows towards the top of the student section.** Please note - there will not be a middle school student section on the other side of the stadium as there was in the past. Students can either cheer for the Wildcats in the 7-12 student section or sit with their parents and watch the game in the stands. When students attend these games, the expectation is to be focused on cheering on the Wildcats! Students not representing the Wildcat Way will be removed from the game. As always, our goal is to continue to keep the game a safe place for the entire Wildcat community.

### **Bus Schedules**

If you're curious about your child's transportation for the school year, you can visit <u>https://www.hilliardschools.org/busstop/</u> to get the latest information from the Transportation Department. Please check the night before the first day of school as well. Last minute student registrations can change a scheduled bus run.

### Picture Day – Friday, 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 make-up pictures the morning of September 26.

HR Imaging emailed a flyer to families that contains all of the information needed for picture day! Extra order envelopes are available in the main office.

### 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. 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: <a href="https://www.hilliardschools.org/news/forms/">https://www.hilliardschools.org/news/forms/</a>. 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

## **Backpacks & School Supplies**

WMS has a number of donated backpacks containing school supplies that are available to any student who needs one, while supplies last. Have your student stop by the guidance office to pick one up.

### WMS Supply List

These items are recommended (not required)

three ring binder
Dividers
pkg. pencils
ink pen
Ear buds
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)



### Weaver Family Tailgate - Save the Date!

• Friday, September 6

- 5:30 pm 7:30 pm
- Mini Tailgating Game Area
- For Students, Families, Community
- Food Trucks

We're looking forward to a great time connecting with our Wildcat friends and family!

## 8th 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

<u>Washington, DC Trip webpage on our Weaver Website</u> 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 (<u>Meghan Schultz@hboe.org</u>) and Cathy Emmons (<u>Cathleen Emmons@hboe.org</u>). They are a great resource for any questions!

## **Preparing for the Trip:**

# Save the date: the Parent-Student Meeting will be on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

In preparation for the Washington DC Trip, we will need several forms from you. **One of these forms will require a doctor's signature if your child takes a prescription medication**. A signature will not be required for medications such as Tylenol and Dramamine. Knowing that many students will visit their doctor before the

start of school, we are attaching the <u>Overnight Trip Medical Permission Form</u> with the hope that you are able to have your pediatrician fill it out at the time of your appointment.

We will also be sending this form, along with another form through a DC Canvas course on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Parents and students will complete all forms electronically on the iPad and submit them electronically to the Canvas course by September 19<sup>th</sup>.



### **PTO Meetings**

WMS PTO Meetings are in the Media Center at 6:30 PM on the following dates:

Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

### **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: <u>Weaver - 2024</u> <u>Give Now</u>.



### **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:**

Wednesday, August 21 Friday, August 23 Monday, August 26 **Monday, September 2** Friday, September 6 Monday, September 9, 6:30 pm First Day of School School Picture Day 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip Registration Deadline **No School – Labor Day** WMS Family Tailgate WMS PTO Meeting



### Welcome Back to School

We are less than a week away now! Wednesday, August 21, is the first day for students in Kindergarten through 12 grade. By now, we hope you have logged in to Home Access to update all of your essential information. If you still need to, you can follow the directions below. We can't wait to see everyone's first-day photos! Please remember to share those pics on social media, tag the district, and use #HCSD1. Let's share all the fun all day long!

### **District Safety Training**

On August 19, Hilliard Schools, the City of Hilliard Division of Police, and the Norwich Township Fire Department will conduct an all-day safety training exercise at Bradley High School and Memorial Middle School. This training will focus on the reunification of students and parents after a major incident.

All Hilliard School staff will participate in this massive, live-action training to ensure authenticity. You will see many police and fire vehicles and personnel in the area, as their staff will also participate in the training. Please note that no one other than staff will be allowed on the Bradley and Memorial campuses during this time. There will be no students involved, nor will any sporting or extracurricular events take place.

We are grateful for our strong relationship with the City of Hilliard Division of Police and the Norwich Township Fire Department, and we appreciate your understanding and support in this matter. The safety of our students and staff remains our top priority, and your support is crucial in ensuring the success of this training. Thank you for being a part of our community's commitment to safety.

#### **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 <a href="https://frapps.horizonsolana.com/hilc04">https://frapps.horizonsolana.com/hilc04</a> 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 of 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 mealeligible students. Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines will be used to determine eligibility. <u>Click</u> <u>here</u> for more information.



### **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. Please visit our website to update your address: <u>https://www.hilliardschools.org/residency-update/</u>
- 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: <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.