



Dear Weaver Families,

It was a great week at 4600 Avery Road! We are excited to see the learning taking place in our classrooms. To conclude our week, we ended with a "Proud to be a Wildcat" Pep Assembly. Thank you to our Davidson students who provided great leadership, advice, and Wildcat energy. Without a doubt, we loved seeing numerous smiles throughout WMS.

WMS will be full of multiple athletic events next week - good luck to our athletes in action next week! In addition, <u>tonight</u> is the next high school football game at Davidson High School. If your child is interested in attending, please read the note below about the change in the middle school student section. Go Cats!

Next Friday (9/6), I would like to invite you to our Weaver Family Tailgate (9/6) sponsored by our incredible PTO. This is a great event for our Weaver community! The tailgate will be behind Weaver Middle School from 5-7 PM on Friday, September 6. We hope you can join us for this special event!

At the Davidson football game on September 6, our WMS staff will be recognized in between the 1st and 2nd quarter. It is also 8th grade band night at the football game! Our students have been working hard to join the Davidson band at halftime. It will be a great night for our Wildcats.

As a reminder, we will not have school on Monday, September 2. We are looking forward to seeing our students back on Tuesday (9/3) and a great week 3 at WMS!

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything that we can do to help support your student at WMS. We are always here to help.

Thank you for all you do for Weaver Middle School! Go Cats!

Katherine Hueter Principal

DAVIDSON FOOTBALL - MIDDLE SCHOOL SECTION MOVED

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 (bright orange signs that say WMS). 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.

Weaver Family Tailgate - Friday, September 6!

- Friday, September 6
- **NEW TIME** 5:00 PM 7:00 PM
- Mini Tailgating Game Area
- For Students, Families, Community
- Food Trucks

We are still in need of volunteers, please sign up here for any help you can provide: <u>Tailgate signup</u>

• No time to volunteer? Can pick up a few things while out? Please check out this donations list to help support Weaver students! Non-Monetary List

- Can't swing this event, but want to help at another event? (Next one is as soon as September 23!) Volunteer 2024-2025
- No Volunteer Badge yet? Here ya go! Volunteer Badge application

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

Order Your 24-25 Weaver Yearbook Online!

The 2024-2025 WMS Yearbook is on sale now! Order by September 27th for just \$40! This will be the lowest price all year! Click the link below to place your order today. Go cats!

24-25 WMS Yearbook Order

Mobile Dentist is Coming!

Great news! Our school has partnered with Smile Programs, the mobile dentist, to offer in-school dental care on Thursday, September 19th, 2024. The mobile dentists will be set up at Weaver Middle School. Davidson students will be walked to and from Weaver by a Hilliard City Schools staff member at their appointment time. Sign up your child here or fill out a paper form (forms will be delivered to students the week of September 3rd). Please return any paper forms to the building nurse by September 16th, 2024. Even better, dental care is usually at no cost to you. All insurance is accepted including Medicaid and CHIP. For those without insurance, a low-cost self-pay option is available. Our in-school dental program saves you time and provides a safe and comfortable place for your child to receive gentle dental care from licensed local professionals. Dental care includes a complete dental exam, x-rays, cleaning, fluoride and sealants when necessary, and in some cases, restorative care such as fillings.

Car Line Safety

For parents dropping off students or picking them up via the car line:

For continued safety, 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.

We know it can be frustrating if it seems to be taking a long time for someone else's child to walk to get picked up — and we will work to move those cars forward to another area so there is a better flow of traffic. Also, please speak with your child about paying attention right when they exit the building and getting into your vehicle as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this safety procedure!!



Preparing for the Washington DC Trip:

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

Students who are going to DC have been added to a DC Canvas course. Parents, please remind them to accept that course invitation. Once they accept the invitation, parents will be enrolled as observers. From this course, they need to download the DC Behavior Contract and the Overnight Trip Medical Permission Form in Notability. Parents should complete both documents on their child's iPad. Students must then upload the completed documents to the assignments in Canvas. Forms are due no later than September 19th.

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!

Picture Make-up/Retake Day - September 26

Picture Make-up/Re-take day will be the morning of Thursday, September 26th for students who missed picture day or who need to have a picture retake. If you missed ordering pictures on picture day, you can go to shop.hrimaging.com to order a picture package.

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 to 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.



PTO Meetings

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

Monday, September 9th

Monday, October 7th

Monday, November 4th

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.



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:

Monday, September 2

Friday, September 6

Friday, September 6, 5-7 pm

Monday, September 9, 6:30 pm

Thursday, September 19, 7 pm

No School - Labor Day

Smoothie King during student lunches

WMS Family Tailgate

WMS PTO Meeting

DC Trip Parent-Student Meeting



District News

Issue 39 Hilliard School Combined Levy/Bond for November 5 Election

The Hilliard City Schools Board of Education has taken the steps to place a crucial school levy on the ballot for the November 5 general election. In a unanimous decision, the Board passed the necessary resolutions to address the district's growing needs and future plans.

This is the first school levy request in eight years. Here are the key details of Issue 39:

- Operating Levy: A 6.9 mill operating levy, costing homeowners \$242 per \$100,000 in home valuation per year.
- Bond Issue: Authorizes the District to issue \$142 million in bonds to construct, renovate, and improve facilities. This levy will appear on the ballot at 1.84 mills, but due to maturing debt, no additional millage will be collected. In a resolution passed by the Board of Education on June 10, 2024, it was stated that in 2024, the district collected about 4.00 mills in property taxes to pay off existing bonds, as calculated by the Franklin County Auditor. If voters approve the new bond issue on November 5, 2024, the district plans to keep the property tax rate for paying off bonds at no more than 4.00 mills for 2025 and the following years.

You can read more about the purpose and impact, along with FAQ's, by <u>clicking here for the Issue 39 web page</u>. The district will also be hosting several Issue 39 Community Conversations. The dates/times/locations are listed below under Important Dates.

Treasurer's Office Wins Award

Hilliard City School District has been honored with the Meritorious Budget Award for excellence in the preparation and issuance of our budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year! This award, presented by ASBO International, recognizes our commitment to transparency, accuracy, and high standards in financial planning.

We are incredibly proud of our team for their hard work and dedication to upholding the best practices in school budgeting.

Important Technology Reminders

<u>Summer HomeAccess updates and the Technology Protection Plan (TPP)</u> - If you haven't done so already this summer, please check <u>HomeAccess</u> to confirm your contact information is up to date. It is especially important we have an accurate MAIN/PRIMARY phone number listed as well as an e-mail address for you. We synchronize this information across many of our systems and use this contact information to keep you up-to-date as well as important notification messages, like snow days! You can also view and sign off on the student handbook and purchase the Technology Protection Plan for any student in grades K-12. August 19 will be here sooner than you think, so why not do this all now, and not have to worry about it before the first day of school? Here are some links to help:

More about the Technology Protection Plan
How to enroll and purchase the TPP
To learn more about Home Access visit the Help Page

Canvas Accounts for Parents & How to use Canvas as a Parent or Guardian - 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, you are already enrolled as a Parent Observer in all of your child's active Canvas courses. To login to Canvas as a parent observer go to hilliard.instructure.com or click on the link to Canvas from our HCSD Parent page. Your parent/guardian 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" using the link below:



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/.
- <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: 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: weavermscats 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 <u>Flyers Connections Page</u> to find information on a variety of community resources.