



Dear Weaver Families,

Thank you to our Wildcats for another great week at 4600 Avery Road! We had a great "Blue Out" competition during Team Time. There was excellent creativity and Wildcat spirit at WMS. We are looking forward to naming our winners of the competition soon!

As you may have seen on our district website, we are proud to announce that the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce has released the 2023-24 Ohio School Report Cards, and Hilliard City Schools (and Weaver Middle School) has much to celebrate:

"Our district earned 4.5 out of 5 stars, signifying that we exceeded state standards. Even more exciting, the Hilliard City Schools was ranked #1 out of 606 public school districts in Ohio for overall value-added composite (value-added score), according to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. This is the second year in a row that the Hilliard City Schools has been ranked #1 in the state of Ohio on this critically important measure."

To continue the great news, **Weaver Middle School also received a 4.5 out of 5 star rating - exceeding state standards.** In addition, we received 5 stars in gap closing. This is a huge reflection of the hard work of our students and staff at WMS. We are relentless in our commitment to being responsive to our learners and

helping grow every student, without exception. Today and always, we are proud of our Wildcats!

Next Friday (10/4), I would like to invite you to our Weaver Family Tailgate 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, October 4. We hope you can join us for this special event!

As a reminder, please continue to check <u>Home Access</u> for your student's coursework and learning. **Our Conferences are October 3 - please see below for sign up information.** We are looking forward to continuing our partnership and support. As a reminder, the first grading period ends on October 11.

Welcome to October! Have a great weekend Wildcats!

Katherine Hueter Principal

Parent-Teacher Conference Night – Next Week!

Weaver's Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held the evening of **Thursday**, **October 3**rd. **Please use this link to sign up for a conference with your student's teacher(s) by October 1**st: http://bit.ly/wmsconferences



Weaver Family Tailgate

• Friday, October 4th

- 5:00 PM 7:00 PM
- Outside at WMS (Parking lot near Davidson Road light)
- 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!

Thank you! Go Cats!



Order Your 24-25 Weaver Yearbook Online!

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

24-25 WMS Yearbook Order

8th Grade Washington DC Trip Update:

It is exciting that our DC trip is less than a month away! If you were unable to attend the Parent-Student DC meeting last week, please check the <u>Weaver DC page</u> on the WMS website to see the slide show presentation from the meeting. If you haven't submitted your signed medical form, please do that as soon as possible. We are looking forward to having a fabulous trip!

Tardy Update

Weaver's staff continues to make instructional time valuable for all learners. With that in mind, students need to be present and ready to learn. We appreciate any steps you have taken to ensure your child arrives to school on time. Now, we also need your help in ensuring your child is making it to class on time. Students will receive a warning after their first four times being tardy to any class during the first nine-week grading period. After that warning, disciplinary consequences may be assigned. If your child has issues arriving on time to any class period on a regular basis, they should discuss that issue with Mr. Hunt, the Assistant Principal.

Canvas Parent App

Canvas has launched new functionality in the Canvas Parent app which makes it very easy for parents to check student Canvas submissions and teacher feedback. Weaver and Davidson are piloting this, and we feel confident promoting the Canvas Parent app. Please consider downloading it onto your mobile device.

Canvas is a learning management system where work can be assigned, submitted, and graded. Observers can choose to receive notifications of work completed in Canvas: <u>click here to learn how</u>. Canvas sends score updates into *Home Access*, our district's official gradebook. Guardians can choose to receive grade notifications from Home Access. This video shows how.

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.
- 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.



PTO

PTO Meetings

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

Monday, October 7th Monday, November 4th

Courtyard Clean-up

PTO is also seeking a skilled landscaper and gardener to help beautify the Weaver Courtyard on October 7th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. If you're interested or just want to volunteer and help us clean up the courtyard, please email hilliardwmspto@gmail.com.

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.

Our Give Now Campaign will be running <u>until October 11th</u>. We need your support to reach our goal of \$5,000. Unfortunately, we are not quite there yet. These funds will support various events and initiatives, including the Fall Socials, Student Recognition, 8th Grade Clap Out, Teacher Appreciation Week, Conference Meals, and more. Your contribution will help make these events successful for the 2024-2025 school year.

Don't forget to switch your Kroger Rewards and Box Tops to Weaver Middle School.

As a 501©(3) organization, some companies and corporations may offer donation matches on behalf of parents with students attending Weaver MS.

Thank you for your support!



Performing Arts

Upcoming Concerts:

October 1st, 7 PM - WMS Choir Concert with HDV BKOTB @ WMS

October $7^{\rm th},\,7$ PM – Orchestra Concert: WMS Cadet, HDV Sym & Concert @ HDV

October 8th, 7 PM – Orchestra Concert: WMS Concert 1 & 2, HDV Chamber A & B @ HDV

October 10th, 7 PM - WMS Fall Band Concert @ HDV



Athletics

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.



Important Dates

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, October 3 Parent-Teacher Conference Night

Friday, October 4, 5-7 pm Weaver Family Tailgate

Friday, October 11 End of 1st Grading Period

Friday, October 18 No School – Central Ohio In-Service

Tuesday, November 5 No School - Professional Learning Waiver Day



District News

Issue 39 Community Conversations Continue

Please join us for a Levy Information Community Conversation. Each meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a short presentation from Superintendent David Stewart and Treasurer Melissa Swearingen. Then, community members will have time to ask questions regarding the November 5, 2024, ballot levy initiative.

October 2 – Hoffman Trails Elementary

October 9 - Davidson High School

October 16 – Brown Elementary

October 23 – Ridgewood Elementary

Parent Voice in Hilliard Science Curriculum

The Hilliard City School District's Curriculum Department is in the midst of a multi-year curriculum revision

cycle for several content areas. An important part of this process is seeking input from our parents on what is important to them in each content area. The next content area that a district committee will revise is Science. If you are interested in providing feedback in regards to your child's Science curriculum, please click this <u>link</u> and respond to a brief, two question survey. Thank you for your consideration.

Child Find

Hilliard Schools is responsible for locating any child birth through 21 with a suspected disability who resides within the Hilliard School District. The school district provides special education services to any child who qualifies as having a disability according to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act ages 3 through 21 years of age. If you know of a child who is suspected to have a disability, please call Jamie Lennox, Director of Special Education, at 614-921-7000 or contact your building principal for more information.

Detección de Niños,

Las Escuelas de Hilliard son responsables de localizar a cualquier niño desde su nacimiento hasta los 21 años de edad que se sospeche discapacitado y él cual resida dentro de los limites del Distrito Escolar de Hilliard. El Distrito Escolar proporciona servicios de Educación Especial a cualquier niño que califique como tal, de acuerdo con la Ley del Mejoramiento Educativo pará los Individuos con Discapacidades (IDEIA de acuerdo con sus siglas en ingles) o la Sección 504 de la Ley Rehabilitación para las edades comprendidas entre los 3 hasta los 21 años de edad. Si Usted conoce a algún niño con discapacidades o tiene la sospecha de que sufre de alguna, por favor comuníquese con la Señora Jamie Lennox, Directora de Educación Especial, al teléfono 614-921-7000 o contáctese con el Director de la Escuela correspondiente a su área para mas información.



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
 <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 *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.