



Notes from the Principal

Dear Wildcat Families,

It is hard to believe we have turned the page to December! Our winter sports are in action, winter concerts start next week, and learning continues to take place in the classrooms. We are proud of our Wildcats!

We are looking forward to the Art Show next week! Our students have been working hard and we are excited to highlight their learning. Please see the details below!

As we approach the last two weeks before winter break, it's important for your child's learning that they attend school regularly. Despite the holiday rush - valuable lessons are still happening, along with some holiday fun. We appreciate your support this year by maintaining regular attendance - your involvement makes a significant difference!

We are excited to share that we are offering new clubs this year that represent our student voice and interest. Check our website for more information: <u>Extra-Curricular</u> Activities – Hilliard Weaver Middle School (hilliardschools.org)

As you know, students spend 15 minutes outside at the end of lunch. As always, if you need any assistance with winter clothes, please reach out to Guidance/Admin at Weaver. We have shared the expectations that students should be dressed appropriately for the weather - we will go outside as long as the temperature and windchill are above 20°F. We know sometimes it is difficult to get a middle school student to wear a coat... You can always refer back to this message/the school in your conversations with your child!

Lastly, please see the information about PTO spirit wear. They will be selling Wildcat gear at a few of our events this week!

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything we can do to help support your student.

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

Katherine Hueter Principal

Holiday Art Workshop 12/9 and 12/16, 2:45-5:45pm

Sign up for the Holiday Art Workshop on mypaymentsplus.com. For \$35 students will create 3-4 holiday homemade gifts for the holidays. Students will glaze a mug, do a step-by-step painting, and create a few ornaments all while enjoying hot chocolate and cookies! This workshop is limited to 60 participants. For more information you can email shannon_murlin@hboe.org or michelle_schmidt@hboe.org.

Winter Art Show Open House December 12th, 5-6:30pm

Come join us for the annual Winter WMS Art Show. Art will be displayed all over the school. See all of the talented art work made by Weaver students.

Art Show Special Opportunity

Dec. 12th from 5-6:30pm, during the open house art show, students and family members will have an opportunity to purchase and glaze a ceramic tree. Trees will cost \$5, \$8, and \$10 depending on the size. Glazing will take around 15 mins and will be done in the Cafeteria. All proceeds will go to the WMS Art Dept. If you have any questions, please email shannon murlin@hboe.org.

Hope Squad Candy Cane Sale

Hope Squad is selling Candy Canes during all lunch periods Dec. 2-13. The cost is \$1/candy cane, students can either buy for themselves or have one given to their friends. The money raised from the sales will be put towards making care packages for patients and Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Hope Squad Toy Drive

Hope Squad is sponsoring a Toy Drive, Dec. 2-13. Please bring in any new, unwrapped toy that we will take to the local fire department for their Toys for Tots. Let's help to bring a smile to a child's face this holiday season.

Lost & Found Items

We have a lot of coats, water bottles, lunchboxes & more in our Lost & Found! Please remind your student to check for any items they may have lost this year. We will be donating any leftover items to a local charity during winter break, so be sure to remind your student to check the lost & found ASAP!



Weaver Spirit Wear Sale

Looking for more gift ideas? How about Weaver Spirit Wear? We'll be selling spirit wear at the Art Show/Basketball Game on 12/12 and the Basketball Game on 12/16. Or you can <u>visit our website</u> to schedule a pick-up.

Exciting PTO Meeting News

Having trouble making it to our monthly meetings but still want to contribute to the middle school experience? Starting February 6, we will transition our meetings to Zoom. You can join us from anywhere in the world and still make an impact! Please join us on February 6. No Meeting on January 6.

Upcoming PTO Events

Next PTO-sponsored event: February Parent-Teacher Conference (providing meals for teachers and staff during evening conferences).



Order Your 24-25 Weaver Yearbook Online!

The 2024-2025 WMS Yearbook is on sale now! <u>Order by March 28th for just \$45</u>! Click the link below to place your order today. Go cats! <u>24-25 WMS Yearbook Order</u>

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: <u>Extra-Curricular Activities Hilliard Weaver Middle School</u> (hilliardschools.org)



Performing Arts

Weaver Winter Concerts:

Tuesday, December 10th, 7:00 pm at Davidson HS:

HDV/WMS/THARP Combined Winter Choir Concert

Monday, December 16th, 7:00 pm at Davidson HS:

WMS Winter Band Concert

Tuesday, December 17th, 7:00 pm at Davidson HS:

WMS Winter Orchestra Concert



Athletics

Weaver Sports

Please visit our Athletic Website for information about Weaver winter sports.



Important Dates

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, December 10th, 7 pm

Thurs., December 12, 5-6:30 pm

Monday, December 16, 7 pm

Tuesday, December 17, 7 pm

Friday, December 20

December 23 – January 3

Monday, January 6

Tuesday, January 14, 3:00 pm

Monday, January 20

Combined Winter Choir Concert @ HDV

WMS Art Show Open House

WMS Winter Band Concert @ HDV

WMS Winter Orchestra Concert @ HDV

End of 2nd Grading Period

No School - Winter Break

Students return from Winter Break

Progress Reports available in Home Access

No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day



District News

Key Takeaways from the Five-Year Forecast

Ohio law requires every school district to update its five-year financial forecast twice a year: once by November 30 and again by May 31. These forecasts provide a snapshot of our district's financial health and help us plan for the future. Click here for an easy-to-understand overview of the key points from our latest update.

Winter Weather Precautions

As the colder temperatures return, we want to ensure the safety and well-being of our students during their commute to school. When colder weather impacts road conditions, there may be transportation delays. Please check your emails or phone messages in the morning for any updates regarding transportation delays. This will help ensure that your child is not waiting at the bus stop for an extended period in the cold.

If your child is in need of winter gear, including coats, hats, gloves, or scarves, please reach out to your student's teacher, counselor, or principal. We have donated winter clothing available, and able to provide the necessary winter gear to ensure your child stays warm and comfortable.

Stay warm and safe!

Embrace, Empower, Inspire Award Winners

Congratulations to this month's Embrace, Empower & Inspire Award winners, Chris Robinson (Innovation & Discovery Assistant at Darby Creek), Cathie Maple (Social Studies Teacher at Tharp). You can <u>click here</u> to read more on how these two staff members go above and beyond for our students every day. You can also nominate a staff member you think should be recognized for their exceptional work.

Hollyfest This Weekend

Gather up all of your Christmas shopping buddies and make plans to attend the 41st annual Hollyfest Arts & Crafts Show on December 7 from 9 am to 3 pm at Davidson High School. The Hilliard Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to bring this premiere event to the community. There is something for everyone at this event, <u>click here</u> for more information.



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: <u>weavermscats</u> and like us on <u>Facebook</u>.
- **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.