



Dear Weaver Families,

Today, we had our Weaver Hall of Fame Assembly - where we inducted 6 new members from the Class of 2024. This Ceremony today is special for many reasons. At Weaver, we take pride in the Wildcat Way. We take pride in our Wildcats making a difference in our classrooms, our school, and our community. The students we honored today exemplified Achievement, Citizenship, and Leadership. We were thankful to honor these former Weaver students - we appreciate them sharing a few words with our students at WMS.

As we approach the conclusion of this semester, it is important to reflect on our journey together at WMS. It has truly been a semester filled with growth, learning, and achievement - I am beyond proud of each and every single one of our Wildcats. While half of our story is written for 2024-2025, we are beyond excited to see what this next chapter holds for 4600 Avery Road. We know it is going to be special!

More importantly, I would like to take a moment to share my gratitude. Today and always, we are incredibly thankful for our Wildcat community - our students, our staff, and our families. THANK YOU for being an important member of our team. We hope everyone has a safe and wonderful break!

We are looking forward to welcoming our students back on Monday, January 6.

Happy Holidays! Thank you for all that you do for WMS!

Katherine Hueter Principal

#### 2025-2026 – Next Year Scheduling Information

**Scheduling meetings for Parents** to learn about scheduling their student's next year's classes will be held on the following dates:

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade students going into 9<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Wednesday, January 22, 6-7 pm at Davidson High School.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade students going into 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Since it is a similar process to last year, there will not be an in-person meeting. Scheduling information will be shared soon.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade students going into 7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 6-7 pm at Weaver Middle School.

**Note:** These meetings are for **parents only** as counselors will be giving students the same information during the school day. If you are unable to attend, this information will be posted to our website for each grade.

#### **Scheduling Information for Students**

- **Current 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:** Davidson counselors will be meeting with all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Weaver during their social studies class on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the high school transition and how to make schedule requests for the 2025-26 school year.
- **Current** 7<sup>th</sup> **Grade Students:** Weaver Counselors will be talking to 7<sup>th</sup> grade students about registering for next year's classes during their Social Studies classes in early February.



### **Exciting PTO Meeting News**

Exciting News: Having trouble making it to our monthly meetings but still want to contribute to the middle school experience? Starting February 3, 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 3. 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! Order by March 28<sup>th</sup> for just \$45! Click the link below to place your order today. Go cats! 24-25 WMS Yearbook Order

### **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)



#### **Weaver Sports**

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



## **Important Dates**

#### **Dates to Remember:**

Friday, December 20 December 23 – January 3 Monday, January 6 Tuesday, January 14, 3:00 pm Monday, January 20 Wednesday, January 22, 6-7 pm Thursday, January 23 Monday, February 3, 6:30 pm Wednesday, February 12 Friday, February 14 Monday, February 17

End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Grading Period No School – Winter Break Students return from Winter Break Report Cards available in Home Access No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day 8<sup>th</sup> into 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting @ HDV **Groups & Clubs Yearbook Pictures** WMS PTO Meeting via Zoom WMS Parent-Teacher Conference Night No School – Conference Comp Day No School – Presidents Day Wednesday, February 19, 6-7 pm 6<sup>th</sup> into 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Scheduling Mtg



**Digital Wellness for Families During Winter Break** 

What's topping your kids' holiday wish lists this year? Chances are it has a screen, Internet access, and games. With a little planning -- and kids' assistance -- you can balance your family's tech activities with much-needed face time.

We want to provide families with some Digital Wellness tips and strategies to consider during the Winter break. These two weeks are an opportunity to exhibit a healthy balance with device use.

Here are some ideas to try from CommonSense Media:

- 1. **Be jolly -- but firm**. Let your kids know that you'll be enforcing stricter time limits to create more quality family time. And tell them that the rules will apply to the grown-ups as well.
- 2. **Make a list (and check it with your kids)**. Don't go cold turkey. Schedule some daily tech time for yourself and your kids. Get their input on which devices they absolutely can't live without, and allow some limited use.
- 3. **Plan a device-free dinner**. Put the phones and tablets in a basket and don't check 'em til the dishes are done.
- 4. **Make setup fun, not frustrating.** No matter how easy to use companies make new devices, there's always some (often frustrating) setup time. Truth be told, kids often figure out thorny tech glitches faster than parents, so involve your kids in the process. Use that time to discuss responsible use of the new device.
- 5. **Try some tech togetherness.** Unplugging for its own sake isn't the point. Family time is. Plan a night of video games, movies, or maybe preselected YouTube videos that you can all enjoy together.
- 6. **Combine on- and offline activities**. Document your family memories and consider compiling them into journals, cards, and scrapbooks. This is a perfect time to share your own holiday memories with your kids.
- 7. **If no creatures are stirring** ... don't check your email. Remember, your kids learn their media habits partly from you.

By January 5th, discuss questions with your students related to this activity, such as:

- 1. Did you feel more present with your family?
- 2. What was the most challenging part of the break for you?
- 3. What was the one offline activity we did that you enjoyed the most?
- 4. Can you help our family create a plan to make this a more frequent practice?

Wishing you and your family a wonderful and digitally smart winter break.

The HCSD Technology Department.

#### 2024 Popular Annual Financial Report

We are proud to present the Hilliard City School District's Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. As part of our commitment to transparency, the PAFR is intended to communicate our financial situation in an open and accountable manner. The PAFR offers an easy-to-understand overview of the district's general operating activities, as well as key financial trends and data. The PAFR is un-audited and is compiled using data taken from the audited information in our Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, which will be published in early 2025.

#### Click here to read the full PAFR.

#### Back to School Seniors Volunteer Opportunities in our Schools

The Back-to-School Senior Volunteer program pairs volunteers with elementary school students to help improve reading, social, and classroom skills. This program is an organized partnership with the City of Hilliard Social Center and the Hilliard City School District. <u>Click here to learn more</u>, and please share this opportunity with family who don't receive this newsletter.

#### Kindergarten Registration January 13, 2025

Hilliard City School District will begin Kindergarten Registration on January 13, 2025 for the 2025-26 school year. If your child will be five years of age on or before September 30, 2025, they are eligible to start kindergarten during the 2025-26 school year.

Parents can access the <u>registration website</u> (on or after January 13, 2025) to complete online registration. Once you have completed the registration process and provided all required documentation, you will be given access to schedule your child's kindergarten screening appointment for August. Please don't delay. The District uses registration numbers in the spring to determine how many kindergarten classes will be offered at each building. Please make sure that your child is enrolled as soon as possible to secure a spot at the building assigned to your address.

Contact the Hilliard City Schools Welcome Center at (614) 921-7096 with questions. For more information, please visit the Hilliard City School District website at <u>www.hilliardschools.org.</u>



# **Helpful Links & Resources**

### **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.