

# Worth School District 127

WORTH JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL | 11151 S. NEW ENGLAND AVE. WORTH, IL 60482 | 708-448-2803



August 2023

Dear Worth Junior High School Community,

We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful summer! We want to welcome back our seventh and eighth grade student RAMS and extend a warm welcome to the new sixth grade students for the 2023-2024 school year at Worth Junior High School! It is our honor to continue serving the WJH community in our second year as the WJH administrative team. We are excited and look forward to seeing everyone on the first day of school, August 22nd, if not sooner!

## **First Day of School**

On the first day of school Tuesday, August 22, all students may enter the building beginning at **8:05 AM**. Students that are entering 6th or 7th grade report to **1st period** and 8th grade report to **2nd period** to receive a copy of his/her class schedule for the 2023-2024 school year. Students should bring their school supplies - [supply lists](#) are posted on Worth School District 127's website.

Student schedules are posted and available in PowerSchool. Sixth grade students will also receive a paper copy of their schedules during the **6th grade Orientation** held on **Wednesday, August 16**.

## **Early Dismissal Days**

Our school district will be utilizing early dismissal days throughout this school year to provide our staff with professional development and school improvement planning. On these school days, our students will still have lunch but will be dismissed at 1:20 p.m. The early dismissal days for this school year are October 6, October 31, December 8, December 22, February 16, April 25 and May 24.

## **Breakfast / Lunch ordering**

As in years past, parents and guardians need to pre-order breakfasts and lunches served in school. Parents and guardians must place orders for August breakfast AND lunches by **Friday, August 11** to ensure that your child(ren) will receive breakfast and lunch each day in August. Otherwise, students need to bring lunch from home. Information for meal ordering can be found on District 127's website on the following link: <https://worthschools.org/parents/meal-program/>.

## **August Important Dates**

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| • Wednesday, August 16th: | 6th Grade Orientation - 10:30 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.          |
| • Monday, August 22nd:    | First day of school - 8:20 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.              |
| • Thursday, August 24th:  | <i>The RAMS Way</i> Kickoff AND Pro Kids Show @ 6:00 p.m. |
| • Wednesday, August 30th: | Worth Junior High School's Open House - 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. |
| • Friday, September 22nd: | Fall Picture Day*   |

\*After Fall picture day, each student will receive a student ID to wear daily during the school day.

## **Per the Parent/Student Handbook:**

**Student cell phones:** During the school day, cell phones should be kept in a student's locker. If a student needs to contact home regarding an academic need, forgotten lunch, or extracurricular activity, they are able to use the classroom phone with teacher permission. If a student feels sick, he/she can ask teacher permission to go to the nurse for further evaluation.

**Sick Protocol:** Please note that all students must be symptom-free for 24 hours prior to returning to school. This includes being fever and vomit-free.

**Student Chromebook Take-Home Agreement:** Families completed a Student Chromebook Take- Home Agreement when they registered their child for the school year which identified appropriate use of the Chromebook and student responsibilities for the device.

### WJH NEW Addition

We are excited to announce that Worth Junior High School will receive an addition, with the construction beginning in the Spring of 2024. This addition will include a new library, makerspace, and breakout rooms to allow for small group instruction. There are also plans to renovate various areas in the building. More information about construction will be shared as new updates are available. This will be a great opportunity for our school community to provide additional spaces for instruction for our students.

### The RAMS Way Kickoff

Here at Worth Junior High, we strive to live *The RAMS Way* which defines our core values we believe will help individuals be successful; **R**espect all people, **A**chieve academic effort, **M**ake safe and responsible decisions, and **S**how ownership of actions. On Thursday, August 24th, we will kickoff *The RAMS Way* throughout the school day. In the morning, students will have the opportunity to rotate throughout the building to experience and model what *The RAMS Way* looks like at Worth Junior High School. In Advisory classes, students will also follow up with *The RAMS Way* through a variety of activities including modeling and cooperative learning. In the afternoon, we will hold an all school assembly, the Pro Kids Show, with presenter Tim Hannigan focusing on building a positive school community and how students can be great citizens.

### Before/After School

In order to ensure students are safe, the following safety protocols will be enforced during arrival and dismissal times:

- Students may arrive at the Worth Junior High School campus at **8:05 a.m.**
- Students are asked to remove any hoods or hats while on school property.
- Students will not be allowed to play games on the blacktop before school, and at dismissal, students will be expected to leave the school grounds immediately unless they are participating in an extracurricular activity or school sport.
- Students will enter/exit the school building as follows:
  - Grade 6: Door 6E (back of the school blacktop - east side of the building)
  - Grade 7: Door 5E (back of the school blacktop - east side of the building)
  - Grade 8: Door 2S (along 112th Street)
- Just a reminder, Car Drop-off or Pick-up is **NOT** allowed in the **Bank** or **Library** parking lots.
- Please remind students to use sidewalks on their way to and from school.

### Traffic Reminders

One-Way Streets	Street Closure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b><u>ALL day</u></b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ <b>112<sup>th</sup> Street</b> heading west between Oak Park Avenue and New England Avenue</li></ul></li><li>▪ Between the hours of <b><u>7 a.m. and 9 a.m. day</u></b> <b><u>AND 2 p.m. till 4 p.m.</u></b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ New England Avenue heading north between 112<sup>th</sup> Street and 111<sup>th</sup> Place is <b><u>ONE WAY</u></b></li><li>◦ New England Avenue heading south from 112<sup>th</sup> Street to 112<sup>th</sup> Place. This means that if you drop off or pick up your child along 112<sup>th</sup> Street, you can <b>turn either right or left onto New England Avenue</b> in order to leave the area.</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ To ensure the safety of students who cross <b>New England Avenue</b> on their way to and from school, during arrival time <b><u>7:55 a.m.-8:30 a.m.</u></b> and dismissal time <b><u>2:55 p.m. till 3:20 p.m.</u></b>, <b>New England Avenue will be closed.</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Cars will not be able to turn right onto <b>New England Avenue</b> off of 112<sup>th</sup> street.</li><li>◦ If you pick up and/or drop off your child <b>along 112<sup>th</sup> Street</b>, you may leave the area <b>by turning left onto New England Avenue.</b></li><li>◦ Traffic cones will be set up daily on <b>New England Avenue</b> in front of Worth Junior High in order to help enforce this system.</li><li>◦ To avoid a dangerous situation for students and staff, please do <b><u>NOT</u></b> drive around the cones.</li></ul></li></ul>

Please know we continue to dedicate ourselves to providing the best possible educational experiences for your child(ren). Your continued support is much appreciated as we begin the upcoming school year. Always feel free to contact your child(ren)'s teachers, Mr. Tooth, or Mrs. Wills with any questions or anything you or your child may need from the Worth Junior High School community. Please refer to the Worth School District 127's webpage at [www.worthschools.org](http://www.worthschools.org) for general information. We look forward to a successful school year and your partnership!

Respectfully,



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Worth Junior High School



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Worth Junior High School