



RAMS Review

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Important Dates April	April Newsletter
<p>April</p> <p>1 – Classes Resume</p> <p>2 – IAR Testing, Math Unit 1</p> <p>3 – IAR Testing, Math Unit 2 & 3</p> <p>4 – IAR Testing, ELA Unit 1</p> <p>5 – IAR Testing, ELA Unit 2 & 3</p> <p>10 – Worth BOE Meeting @ 6pm, Administrative Center</p> <p>May Breakfast /Lunch online ordering opens</p> <p>11 – SSJHS Math Contest @ 4:30pm, Komar School</p> <p>12 – Spring Dance @ 3:15-5:00pm, Worth Junior High School</p> <p>13 – WJH Fishing Club @ 8-10am, Lake Katherine</p> <p>15 – Registration Help Night @ 4:30-6:30pm, Worth Junior High School</p>	<p>IAR Testing Reminders</p> <p>As a school district, we will be starting our annual state-wide testing, the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR), beginning on Tuesday, April 2nd. These assessments are an important piece of our educational process and we thank you for your partnership in helping us get your child ready to take the IAR. Here is an outline of the assessments the students will be taking each day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tuesday, April 2nd - Math Unit 1 ● Wednesday, April 3rd - Math Unit 2 & 3 ● Thursday, April 4th - ELA Unit 1 ● Friday, April 5th - ELA Unit 2 & 3 <p>Staff have been preparing our students throughout the school year but we can use your help as well. Here are ways that you can help your child be successful with IAR testing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Encourage them to do their best on each of the assessments. ● Be sure that they are on time to school (just like every day) so they can take their assessments on time. Students that arrive after testing has begun, will need to test during the makeup days scheduled for the following week. ● Encourage your child to have a restful night sleep each night. ● Help your child to be sure they have the necessary supplies each day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Charged Chromebook ○ Wired earbuds (<i>not wireless</i>) - students can purchase wired earbuds if needed in the main office for \$1 ○ Something to write with for testing <p>WJH Declamation Second Place Winners!</p> <p>Congratulations to the Worth Junior High Declamation team for earning 2nd place at the SSJHS Declamation Competition on Saturday, March 9th! We had nine of the eleven competitors make it to the finals in the competition. Great job to all of our students on their performances and to Mrs. DeGonia for her coaching efforts with our students!</p> <p>Spring Dance</p> <p>The WJH Student Council is sponsoring a Spring Dance on Friday, April 12th afterschool until 5:00 p.m. Students are able to purchase tickets for \$2 during their lunch period the week before the dance and members of the Student Council will be selling concessions. Students that need to leave to pick up siblings at the elementary schools are able to return back to school for the dance by 4:00 p.m. when the doors close. This is a reminder that we ask our students to keep all of their belongings in their lockers, including cell phones, until</p>

17 – Eisenhower
Cooperative Band
Concert @ 6:30pm,
Shepard High School

19 –
May Breakfast /Lunch
online orders are due

25 – Early Dismissal
Day @ 1:20pm

26 – Teacher Institute
Day, **No Student
Attendance**

27 –
WJH Fishing Club @
8-10am, Lake
Katherine

SSJHS Jim Wilms
Scholastic Bowl @
10am, Central Park
School

they are dismissed at the conclusion of the dance. You can call the main office if you need to get a hold of your child before the end of the dance at 5:00 p.m.

6th/7th Grade Arrival and Dismissal

This is just a reminder that with the start of construction on the east side of Worth Junior High School, our 6th and 7th grade students will be entering and exiting the school through the main entrance doors on New England Avenue. We will still need to keep New England Avenue closed during these times, so families will need to continue to use 112th Street for when they drop-off/pick-up students (students will just proceed to that location from the front of the building).

At this time, we are asking families to **NOT** park in the parking spaces on the north side of the building when you are picking up your child as these are being designated for construction workers. Please stay in your car and follow the lane so that students can be picked up safely and efficiently. Your patience is greatly appreciated as we are starting this very exciting project at Worth Junior High School!

Study Habit Tips

As we continue to help our students finish the school year strong, here are some study habit tips that can help students with their school work:

- Designate a study space
- Manage distractions
- Make a study plan
- Take breaks
- Personalize study habits

Remaining Early Dismissal

Our last two early dismissal days will be April 25 and May 24. These days provide our staff the opportunity for Professional Development and School Improvement. Worth Junior High students are dismissed at 1:20 p.m. and will have an earlier lunch each of those days.

Advisory Update

Our grade levels will be finishing our social-emotional program Second Step this month with Unit 4 on managing relationships and social conflict. In 6th grade, students learn strategies for developing and maintaining healthy relationships, perspective-taking, and dealing with conflict. This unit's content helps students learn to honor and understand differences based on varied personal, familial, and cultural backgrounds. In grades 7th and 8th, students learn how to develop a growth mindset and apply research-based goal-setting strategies to their social and academic lives. This unit's content helps create classrooms that are connected and encouraging by helping students set and achieve collective and personal goals, learn from challenges, recognize their personal strengths, and explore the unique aspects of their identities.

We will be starting an all-school book read later in the month with the book "Forget Me Not" by Ellie Terry. The theme of the book is about a new student, Calliope June, moving to a new middle school and looking for acceptance from her peers because of some unique characteristics. This is a great opportunity for our students to make connections to the Second Step skills they have been learning and understand how to accept others regardless of our differences. We continue to encourage you to have conversations with

your child about topics they are learning in advisory (and all their classes). Feel free to contact Mrs. Wills and/or Mr. Tooth if you have any questions about the Second Step Social-Emotional Learning Program.

We are in the home-stretch of the school year and continue to encourage our students to finish the school year strong by staying involved at school and with their academics. Doing this cannot happen without the students being present each day. We thank you for helping ensure that **your child is present every day**, ready to learn and grow as a student. Please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs. Wills or Mr. Tooth if there are any questions.

Sincerely,



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Principal, Worth Junior High



Mrs. Melissa Wills
Assistant Principal, Worth Junior High

Daily Student Schedule

Breakfast

8:05 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Grades 6-8 Classes

8:15 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.

A Note About Absences

If your child will not be at school for any reason, please call school to let us know. You can call the absentee hotline at **708-671-3999**, 24 hours a day and leave a message. You can also contact our main office at **708-448-2803**.

We appreciate your partnership in educating students and keeping them safe!