



RAMS Review

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Important Dates February

February Newsletter

“Be here TODAY so you can be where you want to be TOMORROW”

February

3 – ACCESS Testing Begins

4 – Home Boys Basketball game @4:00 p.m. vs. Hille

6 – Home Boys Basketball game @4:00 p.m. vs. Finley

10 – Away Boys Basketball game @4:30 p.m. vs. Independence

11 – Cheerfest competition @5:30 p.m., at Jack Hille Middle School, Oak Forest

12 – Board of Education Meeting @ 6:00 p.m., Administrative Center

March Breakfast/Lunch online ordering OPENS

13 – Home Boys Basketball game @4:30 p.m. vs. Wilkins

School Attendance Matters Updates

Thank you families for your partnership in getting your child to school each day! Having their arrival at school when doors open at 8:00 a.m. will set a positive tone for a great start to the school day.

WJH Attendance Tiers After 90 Days of School	Percentage of WJH Students
Tier 1a: Satisfactory attendance Miss less than 5% of our school days	39.9 %
Tier 1b: At risk attendance Miss between 5 - 9.9% of our school days	31.0%
Tier 2: Moderate chronic absence Miss between 10 - 19.9% of our school days	20.9%
Tier 3: Severe chronic absence Miss more than 20% of our school days	8.3%

****Just a reminder that the State Board of Education defines “chronic absenteeism” as students missing ten percent of the school year, which is 18 school days.***

Tips for helping support your child’s attendance at school:

- Set up daily routines for your child
 - Time to complete homework
 - Set a time to shut off all electronic devices, so your child’s brain can have time to relax before bed.
 - Develop a consistent bedtime for a good night’s sleep
 - Have belongings laid out the night before in the same location
- Check in with your child about how they are doing in classes
- Know who they are talking to at school and through social media
- Talk to your child about the importance of showing up each day for school

We appreciate all of your efforts to make school attendance a priority to ensure your child maximizes all the opportunities for academic growth. If there are barriers impacting your child’s ability to attend school, please know we are here to support you. We encourage you to contact Mrs. Wills or Mr. Tooth.

14 – Early Dismissal Day, WJH student dismissal @1:15 p.m.

17 – President’s Day,
NO SCHOOL

18 – Away Boys
Basketball game @4:30 p.m. vs. Prairie

20 – Away Boys
Basketball game @4:30 p.m. vs. Wilkins

21 – March
Breakfast/Lunch online orders DUE

24 – Home Boys
Basketball game @4:00 p.m. vs. Independence

Extracurricular Updates

We are so fortunate to provide a variety of extracurricular opportunities for our students at Worth Junior High School. There is a new club that has begun, the “Rise and Shine” club, on Monday mornings before school, doors open at 7:15 a.m. Students are invited to come in early for some games to start their week off and get active. Permission slips can be found outside of the main office. In addition to this club, please see the list of other opportunities for students to get involved:

- Homework Club - meets Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays after school
- Book Club - meets Tuesdays after school
- E-Sports Club - meets Tuesdays after school; rotates by grade level (6th/7th grade and 8th grade)
- Yearbook Club - meetings scheduled Thursdays after school (or as needed)
- Board Game Club - meets Thursdays after school (recently invited the Shepard Chess Team to come over to share their knowledge!)
- Student Council - meets Fridays after school (twice a month)
- Art Club - meets Mondays after school
- Rise and Shine Club - meets Mondays before school at 7:15 a.m.

Super Bowl Food Drive

As two teams are set to compete in the Super Bowl on Sunday, February 9th, Worth Junior High School is preparing for our own competition. Throughout the week of Monday, February 3rd to Friday, February 7th, Student Council will hold a Super Bowl food drive to determine which team students would like to see win the big game! Students cheering for the **NFC Philadelphia Eagles** to win the Super Bowl should bring in a non-perishable **canned good item**, and students cheering for the **AFC Kansas City Chiefs** to win the Super Bowl should bring in non-perishable **boxed good item**. If your child wishes to participate, items may be brought in a bag or box. All of the collected food items will go to a local food pantry.

Advisory Update

Worth Junior High School students are just wrapping up our READBowl VIII reading campaign leading up to the Super Bowl. READBowl VIII is a national campaign that encourages students to develop a passion for reading. Students have been reading in their advisory class each week on Mondays and Wednesdays. Advisory teachers then log the classes’ minutes with the winning advisory class earning a prize at the end of the campaign. Ask your child what they are reading during the READBowl VIII.

This month our students will finish Unit 3 which focuses on students' thoughts, emotions and decisions. The focus has shifted towards assisting students to make better decisions and determining ways to manage stress. This unit's content helps students understand that all emotions are valuable, because they provide us with information about our environment. Please be sure to ask your child about and discuss the topics they learn during Second Step.

Our staff continues to educate our students in advisory about Digital Citizenship to grow their mindset as they each become safer and more responsible digital citizens in our world. The students continue to explore the digital platform Xello during both advisory and the STEM class. Just a reminder, Xello is a digital career exploration program in which

students learn about potential careers based on their interests and understand different pathways related to various careers.

We are in the process of planning for our all-school book read for the spring with the book titled, *And Then, Boom!* authored by Lisa Fipps. Feel free to contact Mrs. Wills or Mr. Tooth if you have any questions about our Advisory programming.

WJH RAMS Athletics

We have entered the heart of our Boys' Basketball and Girls' Cheerleading seasons. Both groups have been great representatives of our Worth Junior High community. Thank you to our families for supporting them throughout their seasons!

Here are a couple of reminders about our home basketball games. WJH students are dismissed at our normal dismissal time and may return for home games at 4:00 p.m.; doors open at 3:55 p.m. *For safety purposes, younger siblings are only allowed at games if they are accompanied by a parent for the entire game.* The Worth Junior High Student Council sells concessions during half-time of the first game and in between basketball games.


We are excited to announce that our conference, the South Suburban Junior High School Conference (SSJHSC), will be piloting a short soccer season for our students! We will follow the same format as our Volleyball teams, a Girls and Boys team. There will be two games played the week of April 7th. If the pilot is successful, the conference will look into how a soccer season can be expanded into a larger format. More details to come on this exciting opportunity for our students!

Early Dismissal Days

Upcoming early dismissal dates include February 14, April 17 and May 23; WJH students dismiss at 1:15 p.m. These days provide ongoing school improvement opportunities for staff professional development.

We continue to strive towards having your child have a positive experience here at Worth Junior High School. This goal cannot be accomplished alone as it requires us to partner together to help your child grow as individuals. When we work together, great things can happen for our school community! Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns you may have regarding your child. We are honored to have the opportunity to serve as your child(ren)'s principals and look forward to continuing to grow Worth Junior High School!

Sincerely,



Mr. Jason Tooth
Principal, Worth Junior High



Mrs. Melissa Wills
Assistant Principal, Worth Junior High

Daily Student Schedule Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - 8:10 a.m.

A Note About Absences...

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

Grades 6-8 Classes
8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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