



RAMS Review

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Important Dates February

February

2 – Access Testing begins for our multi-lingual students through February 13th

3 – Away Boys Basketball game @ 4:30 pm against Finley

Parent Technology University @ 4:30-6 pm, Worth Junior High School

4 – Board of Education Meeting @ 6 pm, Administrative Center

March Breakfast/ Lunch menus released

5 – Home Boys Basketball game @ 4:00 pm against Independence

9 – WJH Yearbook Pictures for Athletics and Clubs during the day

Away Boys Basketball game @

February Newsletter

“Your ATTENDANCE shapes your academic JOURNEY.”

School Attendance- Day 90 Update

We appreciate your partnership in helping your child understand the importance of daily attendance. Ensuring students arrive when doors open at 8:00 a.m. will set a positive tone for a great start to the school day. We have seen a **positive change** in the amount of students present here at school and **thank you** for your partnership in helping students be present! Please see the **Day 90** update below:

Description of Absences	Percentage of WJH Students
Satisfactory Attendance - missed less than 5% of our current school days (Less than 4 days)	50.9%
At-Risk Attendance - missed between 5-9.9% of our current school days (5-8 days)	30.8%
Chronically Absent Attendance - missed between 10-19.9% of our current school days (9 days or more)	18.3%



The above is our scoreboard for attendance that is located in the Student Commons. It compares our current attendance rate with last month's attendance rate.

4:30 pm against Wilkins

10 – SSJHSC Cheerfest @ 5:30 pm, Springfield Elementary School

WPO Cookies and Canvas Family Night @ 4:30 pm, Worth Elementary School

12 – Home Boys Basketball game @ 4:00 pm against Prairie

13 – March Breakfast/Lunch online orders are due

16 – President's Day - **NO SCHOOL**

17 – Home Boys Basketball game @ 4:30 pm against Wilkins

19 – Away Boys Basketball game @ 4:30 pm against Independence

23 – Away Boys Basketball game @ 4:30 pm against Prairie

26 – 8th Grade Graduation Picture Retake @ 9 am, Worth Junior High

Super Bowl Themed Food Drive

The WJH Student Council will be sponsoring a Super Bowl themed food drive the week of February 2nd to February 6th. Students will bring in non-perishable items based on which team they would like to see with the big game on February 8th. Students can bring in **boxed items** for the **Seattle Seahawks** or **canned items** for the **New England Patriots**. Thank you in advance for helping our local community during these cold winter months. In addition, the Student Council will be hosting a spirit week with the following themes:

- February 2nd - Pajama Day
- February 3rd - Twin Day
- February 4th - Wacky Wednesday (mixed up clothes)
- February 5th - Disney Day
- February 6th - Super Bowl Team Colors Day

Tardy Procedure Update- PLEASE READ

It is essential for students to arrive at school on time to ensure their academic success. Recently, we've seen an increase in tardiness, leading to missed instruction. The building opens at 8:00 a.m., and classes begin at 8:15 a.m. We recognize that circumstances can arise, so we will implement procedures for tardy students:

- Each trimester, students will be allowed to be tardy 3 times within that trimester.
- On the 4th time, students will be expected to stay after school for however many minutes late they are after the 8:15 a.m. bell.
- Families will be informed when their child stays after school for being tardy.
- Students will need to report to the main office immediately following the 3:00 dismissal bell to meet their detention supervisor.
- Students will be supervised by staff members and their time will begin as soon as the students report to their location. They will be dismissed once they have fulfilled their "late time." (that time will not exceed 4:00 p.m.)

Our goal is to help support our students in getting to school on time and learning the value of showing up. This policy will begin the **week of February 9th**. We appreciate your partnership in helping grow our students so they are prepared not just for high school but their future.

5 Essentials Survey

Every year during this time, school districts across the state of Illinois are given a statewide survey that stakeholders within their community send out called the 5 Essentials Survey. This survey is intended to help support the work of school districts in serving its local community. The survey is completed digitally by students, staff, and families with school districts receiving the results in the summer. We ask that when you receive the link in the coming days to please take the time to complete the 5 Essentials Survey to help support our work as a school community.

Reporting Absences-Required

If your child(ren) is/are sick, please **contact the SafeArrival hotline at 855-660-0124** before the start of school (or the School Messenger Home "app" that can be found at home.schoolmessenger.com). Using the methods above allows for a quicker and more efficient process for reporting student absences for all stakeholders. Families should be calling the hotline above and **should not be calling the main school phone number** because it delays accounting for student attendance. Please do not hesitate to contact either Mr. Tooth or Mrs. Russell with any questions.

Early Dismissal Times

March 27th will be our next early release day. Worth Junior High students will be dismissed at 11:15 a.m. on our early dismissal dates. Students will still attend all of their classes for a shorter time period excluding their lunch period.

*Additional early dismissal dates: May 22.

WJH RAMS Athletics

Both our Boys Basketball and Cheerleading seasons are underway and we are proud of our WJH student athletes! The Boys Basketball teams will also be competing in the Shepard Junior High tournament on Saturday, February 7th (Coaches Koncius and Weidner will provide more details to the teams). We also want to wish our Cheerleaders good luck as they compete at the SSJHSC Cheerfest on Tuesday, February 10th (Coaches DeHaan and Sisk will provide more details to the team).

Please remember: WJH students attending home games are able to return to school for the start of the game at 4:00 p.m.; doors open at 3:55 p.m. for students. ***For safety purposes, younger siblings are only allowed at games if they are accompanied by a parent for the entire game.*** The Student Council will be selling concessions during halftime of the first game and between games in the Student Commons.

In addition, our Soccer Club continues to meet on Wednesdays and Fridays before school. This is a great way for students to get involved and we will be holding tryouts for the second year of our soccer pilot program in the SSJHSC conference. We anticipate tryouts happening in February.

Advisory Update

We continue to have students participate in the Second Step SEL program during advisory. Each of our grade levels is working on Unit 3 that focuses on thoughts, emotions, and decisions. These are all valuable concepts for our students and we appreciate your support in helping your child understand the importance of each of the above messages.

In addition to the Second Step program in Advisory, our staff also teaches students lessons on Digital Citizenship to help them be safer and more responsible digital citizens in our world. The advisory time also includes reinforcing our RAMS Way values through various activities students engage in throughout the school year.

We encourage you to continue to talk to your child about what they are learning in not only advisory, but all of their classes as well. Feel free to contact Mrs. Russell and/or Mr. Tooth if you have any questions about our Advisory programming.

Please let us know if you have any questions and we are so blessed to have the opportunity to work with your child at Worth Junior High School!

Sincerely,



Mr. Jason Tooth
Principal
Worth Junior High School



Mrs. Brittan Russell
Assistant Principal
Worth Junior High School

**Daily Student
Schedule**

Breakfast

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

Grades 6-8 Classes

8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

A Note About Absences...

If your child will not be at school for any reason, please use the SafeArrival information to let us know. You can call the **absentee hotline at 855-660-0124**, 24 hours a day. You can also use the School Messenger Home App to report absences that can be found at www.home.schoolmessenger.com

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