



RAMS Review

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Important Dates January

January Newsletter

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

January

6 – Classes Resume

8 – RAMS Way Reboot

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

15 –
Interim period for
Trimester 2

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

February
Breakfast/Lunch online
ordering is open

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

18 – 8th grade
Graduation Pictures
from 9:00-12:00 p.m.,
Worth Jr. High

20 – Martin Luther King
Jr. Day, **NO SCHOOL**

School Attendance Matters Updates

Thank you families for your partnership in helping your child get to school each day! Ensuring their arrival 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 60 Days of School (Day 90 is January 27th)	Percentage of WJH Students
Tier 1a: Satisfactory attendance Miss less than 5% of our school days	41.7 %
Tier 1b: At risk attendance Miss between 5 - 9.9% of our school days	31.3%
Tier 2: Moderate chronic absence Miss between 10 - 19.9% of our school days	18.7%
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.***

Being chronically absent can have the following impacts on your child:

- Impact student growth in school
- Create bad habits for students academically and in life
- Have an impact on the chances of your child’s high school graduation

We appreciate everyone’s understanding in making their child’s attendance in school a priority to help support them in their academic growth. If there are barriers that are impacting your child’s ability to attend school, please know that we are here to help support. We encourage you to please contact either Mrs. Will or Mr. Tooth.

8th Grade Updates

As we are entering 2025, we have some exciting updates for our 8th grade Class of 2025. 8th grade students will be taking their graduation pictures the morning of Saturday, January 18th. The specific times for photographs will be sent out to families based on their child’s last name. We will be celebrating the graduation of our Class of 2025 on Thursday,

21 – Away Boys Basketball game @ 4:30 p.m. vs. Finley

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

24 – February Breakfast/Lunch online orders are due

27 – Erin’s Law Virtual Parent Presentation, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

28 – Away Boys Basketball game @ 4:30 p.m. vs. Central Park

Canvas and Cookies Family event **(pre-registration required)** @ Worth Elementary
Session 1: Child’s Last name A - M, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Session 2: Child’s Last name N - Z, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

30 – Home Boys Basketball game @ 4:00 p.m. vs. Arbor Park

31– Student Erin’s Law Virtual Presentation

May 29th at Worth Junior High School. This is such an exciting time in the lives of our students and families that we look forward to helping a successful transition to high school.

RAMS Way Reboot

The Worth Junior High School community is committed to helping guide our students to be their best and those values are known as The RAMS Way traits. Those traits are defined as follows:

- **Respect** all people
- **Achieve** academic effort
- **Make** responsible and safe decisions
- **Show** ownership of actions

As we return from winter break, we will be having a refresher with our school community on Wednesday, January 8th. Students will be participating in mixed-grade level groups in a variety of activities related to The RAMS Way, setting goals for the future and around our motto of *“Be here today so you can be where you want to be tomorrow.”* Included in the day This is a great opportunity to have conversations with your child about how they can make a positive impact in their lives and the goals they have for their future.

Advisory Update

Worth Junior High School students continue to engage in the Second Step Social-Emotional Learning program as we start up 2025. This month our students will be finishing Unit 3 that focuses on students' thoughts, emotions and decisions. The students will learn how to recognize strong emotions and unhelpful thoughts, and they learn to apply strategies for managing their emotions and reducing 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 help them be more safe and responsible digital citizens in our world. The students are continuing to explore the digital platform Xello during both advisory and their STEM class. Just a reminder that Xello is a digital career exploration program where students will learn about potential careers based on their interests and understand the different pathways that are related to that career. Feel free to contact Mrs. Wills and/or Mr. Tooth if you have any questions about our Advisory programming.

WJH RAMS Athletics

The Boys’ Basketball team has been preparing for the season since December and will be kicking off the start of their season the second week of January. We are also looking forward to having the WJH Cheerleaders share their talents during our home games throughout the basketball season as they have been practicing since November.

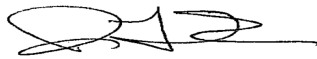
Here are a couple of reminders about our home basketball games. WJH students are dismissed at our normal dismissal time and may return for home games at 4:00 p.m.; doors open at 3:55 p.m. *For safety purposes, younger siblings are only allowed at games if they are accompanied by a parent for the entire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

Early Dismissal Days

This is just a reminder that additional 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. As a school, we value your feedback and opportunities 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.

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 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**.

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