



RAMS Review

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Important Dates January	January Newsletter “Your ATTENDANCE shapes your academic JOURNEY.”									
<p>January 6 – Classes Resume</p> <p>9 – February Breakfast/ Lunch menus released</p> <p>14 – Board of Education Meeting @ 6 pm, Administrative Center</p> <p>17 – 8th Grade Graduation Pictures 9-12pm, Worth Junior High School</p> <p>19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL</p> <p>20 – Away Boys Basketball game @ 4:30pm against Hamlin</p> <p>February Breakfast/Lunch online orders are due</p> <p>22 – Home Boys Basketball game @ 4:00 pm against Central Park</p> <p>26 – Virtual Parent Erin’s Law Presentation @ 5:30 pm</p>	<p>School Attendance- Updates 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. Here is a current look at the attendance rate of Worth Junior High students after the 60th day of school:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="373 724 1542 1134"> <thead> <tr> <th>Description of Absences</th> <th>Percentage of WJH Students</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Satisfactory Attendance - missed less than 5% of our current school days</td> <td>55.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>At-Risk Attendance - missed between 5-9.9% of our current school days (3-5 days)</td> <td>24.8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chronically Absent Attendance - missed between 10-19.9% of our current school days (6 days or more)</td> <td>19.8%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*Chronic Absenteeism is defined as missing ten percent of the school year, which is equivalent to 18 total days.</p> <p>Reporting Absences-Required If your child(ren) is 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.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 		Description of Absences	Percentage of WJH Students	Satisfactory Attendance - missed less than 5% of our current school days	55.3%	At-Risk Attendance - missed between 5-9.9% of our current school days (3-5 days)	24.8%	Chronically Absent Attendance - missed between 10-19.9% of our current school days (6 days or more)	19.8%
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30 – Student Erin’s Law Presentation during the school day

Early Dismissal @ 11:15am (Worth Junior High)

- 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. We appreciate your partnership in helping grow our students so they are prepared not just for high school but their future.

Early Dismissal Times

January 30th-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: March 27 and May 22.

WJH RAMS Athletics

Our Boys Basketball season at WJH began on Tuesday, January 13th. We’re looking forward to an exciting season that includes performances by the WJH Cheerleading 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 has been meeting 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 later in March.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

As we continue into the winter months, we want to remind families to be good neighbors to the homes surrounding Worth Junior High School. Please avoid parking in the apartment spaces located to the north of the school and ensure that the driveways of nearby residents are not blocked. Your cooperation in being considerate of our local neighbors is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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.

Throughout January, our students are also participating in the national READBowl competition that promotes the importance of reading. Two days a week, students reading during their advisory class have their minutes recorded and charted by grade level outside of our music room. Our school’s total minutes are then included in the national competition, where the winning schools are announced during the Super Bowl!

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!