



RAMS Review

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<p>Important Dates March</p>	<p>March Newsletter <i>“Your ATTENDANCE shapes your academic JOURNEY.”</i></p>
<p>March</p> <p>4 – End of Trimester 2</p> <p>SSJHSC Bandfest @ 5:30 pm at Arbor Park</p> <p>5 – First day of the Trimester 3</p> <p>8 – Daylight savings time</p> <p>11 – Board of Education Meeting @ 6 pm, Administrative Center</p> <p>12 – Grades for Trimester 2 are finalized on PowerSchool</p> <p>17 – Teacher Institute Day - NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE</p> <p>25 – Worth Soccer vs Hamlin @ 4:30 pm</p> <p>26 – 8th grade graduation fees are due</p> <p>Worth Soccer vs Finley @ 4:30 pm</p>	<p>School Attendance - April Attendance Campaign</p> <p>Coming soon is our April Attendance Campaign, encouraging our students to be present each day in April. We continue to appreciate your partnership in helping your child understand the importance of daily attendance. During our last check-in period at Day 90 (January 27th), we had our best attendance rate of 81.7% of our students missing less than 9 days of school. This cannot happen without your partnership and dedication to ensure your child attends school each day!</p> <p>Tardy Procedure Update</p> <p>Worth Junior High would like to thank you for your support in implementing our new tardy policy over the past few weeks. Since the start of the policy on February 9, we are pleased to report that approximately 21% fewer students are consistently tardy. This means more students are in classes, ready to begin instruction at 8:15 AM. We are encouraged by this substantial decrease in tardiness, and thank you for your support in helping our students develop effective morning routines.</p> <p>We would like to remind you that at the beginning of the 3rd trimester (March 5), all students will have their tardy record reset to zero. Here’s a recap of the policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are allowed to be tardy to school three times each trimester. After the 3rd tardy, students will be required to stay after school for the same number of minutes they were late past the 8:15 a.m. bell. • Families will be notified by phone when their child is required to stay after school due to tardiness. • Students must report to the main office at the end of the day, where the supervisor will take them to serve their detention. Students will be supervised by staff members starting at 3:15 p.m. They will be dismissed once they have completed their "late time," which will not exceed 4:00 p.m. This will occur every time students are tardy <u>after their 3rd tardy</u>. <p>Our continued goal has been to support our students in arriving at school on time and learning the importance of attendance.</p> <p>WJH Drama Club</p> <p>The WJH Drama Club recently completed its first-ever performances of Disney’s The Jungle Book during the week of February 23rd. This performance was possible with the help of some additional performers from Worthwoods and Worth Elementary. It was a wonderful opportunity to see all three schools in our district working together to put on such an amazing performance. They were fantastic! We want to thank our sponsors, Mrs.</p>

27 – Early Dismissal
Day @ 11:15 am

SPRING BREAK
March 30 to April
3rd - NO SCHOOL

CLASSES
RESUME APRIL
6th

Boril, Mrs. Constantino, Ms. Hill, and Ms. Suheil for all of their hard work in helping prepare our young performers!

Parking Around the Building

As a neighborhood school, we want to remind all families to be mindful of our neighbors. Please avoid blocking driveways and parking in spaces belonging to residents in the surrounding community, especially the apartment buildings north of Worth Junior High School. We appreciate your cooperation and respect for our neighbors.

Extracurricular Activities

An important aspect of the middle school experience is providing opportunities for students to explore their interests both in and out of school. We are fortunate to offer numerous ways for students at Worth Junior High to connect with their interests and peers. Below, we would like to highlight some of these opportunities. Please reach out if you think your child might be interested in any of the following:

- **Lego Club**
- **eSports Club**
- **Cricut Club**
- **Yearbook Club**
- **Fishing Club**
- **Board Game Club**
- **Book Club**
- **Golf Club**
- **Math Team**
- **Scholastic Bowl**
- **Declamation Team**
- **Art Club**

Student Chromebooks

Worth School District 127 is fortunate to provide our students with a one-to-one school-issued device to enhance their educational experiences. This year, we are excited to introduce new devices that were purchased this past summer and issued to students at the start of the school year.

Please remember that these district-issued devices are the property of the school district, and students are responsible for their care. This responsibility includes any damages or vandalism that may occur, such as cracked screens, damaged keyboards, or inappropriate writing on the devices.

Students should only use their devices for the specific classroom purposes outlined in the student device agreements completed during school registration. If any issues arise, please note that we will contact you, and damages may result in a fine or the need to replace the device.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Tooth or Mrs. Russell.

Student ID's

This is a reminder that students at WJH are expected to wear their student IDs throughout the school day. If a student does not have their ID with them, they should report to the main office to obtain a replacement for the day.

If a student has lost their ID, they can purchase a new one for \$1 for the first replacement, and then \$5 for each subsequent loss.

We appreciate your support in reminding your child to bring their student ID to school each day. Thank you!

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

Our Soccer Club is pausing as we are in the midst of the WJH Soccer Team tryouts. Coaches Moroney and Carmody have already secured our Girls team and are holding tryouts for the Boys team the first week of March. This is the second year of our trial season, and we are excited to expand the trial to a four-game season starting in late March/early April.

WJH is getting ready for the upcoming Track and Field season by distributing an interest survey to students who wish to participate. This survey helps coaches gauge how many students are interested in competing in the various events available. Students can find the survey on the Principal’s Google Classroom page.

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 4 that focuses on managing social relationships and social conflict. This unit’s content helps students learn to honor and understand differences based on varied personal, familial, and cultural backgrounds. 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!