



RAMS Review

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Important Dates March	March Newsletter
<p><u>March</u></p> <p>6 – SSJHS Bandfest @ Arbor Park 5:30-8:30pm</p> <p>9 – SSJHS Declamation Event @ Richards High School 9am - 2pm</p> <p>13 – Worth BOE Mtg @ 6pm, Administrative Center</p> <p>22 – April Breakfast /Lunch online orders are due</p> <p>25 to 29 – Start of Spring Break NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>What is the SSJHSC? You may be asking yourself when you are reading the newsletters, “What is SSJHSC and why do I keep seeing it mentioned?” SSJHSC stands for the South Suburban Junior High School Conference and is a network of schools that collaborate together to provide middle school students experiences in academics, athletics and other interests. In addition to competitions, the conference looks to find ways for students to get to know one another prior to their transition to high school, where most of our students will attend together. Our school is one of ten schools that make up the SSJHSC. You can find more information about our conference by checking out its website at ssjhsc.org</p> <p>WJH Band Competition at Bandfest Our Worth Junior High Band musicians have been hard at work each morning and during their lessons under the direction of Mrs. Gansauer in preparation for their performance at the SSJHSC Bandfest at Arbor Park on March 6th. Recently, our 6th grade band students “graduated” to participate in morning band practices, way to go 6th graders! As they represent WJH at Bandfest, we want to wish all of our musicians the best!</p> <p>Another congratulations goes out to our 7th and 8th grade musicians who made the SSJHSC All-Star Band and practiced at Arbor Park earlier this week. This group of musicians will play alongside other All-Star Band students across the SSJHSC conference during Bandfest on March 6th.</p> <p>WJH Winter Athletics As we are entering the spring months, WJH has just concluded our winter sport seasons for cheerleading and boys basketball. Congratulations to our cheerleaders who competed at SSJHSC Cheerfest on February 13th. The team earned a Division II ranking with a perfect score in sportsmanship!! Thank you to Cheer Coaches Ms. Zirngibl and Ms. Z for all of their work this season with our cheerleaders!</p> <p>Our boys basketball season concluded with our 8th grade team advancing in the SSJHSC Boys Basketball Tournament (there is not a tournament for our 6th/7th grade teams). The 8th grade team advanced but came up short just before the semi-final conference game. We want to congratulate both of our 6th/7th and 8th Grade teams for their dedication to practicing and playing a competitive season! A very special thank you to Coaches DeRuiter and Dlhhy for their dedication and outstanding leadership cultivating our student athletes over the past 54 years combined!! We held a Pep Rally to honor them and celebrate their final basketball season at Worth Junior High School!</p>

School Lunches During Ramadan

For students participating in Ramadan, if parents have ordered school lunches for the month of March, student lunch pick up will occur at **the end of the school day after** 8th period. At dismissal, on their way out of the building, fasting students will report to the Student Commons to pick up their lunch (some of the lunches will be kept warm) and milk (two milks if they ordered breakfast). *Breakfast pick up will still occur each morning - students will place their cold breakfast into their backpack to take home. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the main office.

Early Morning Activity Drop Off

If your child participates in any of our before school programs (such as morning band or before school practices), please be aware of car traffic on New England Avenue. Please pull into an appropriate parking spot to drop off your child to ensure they safely exit your car and get to the sidewalk safely; this will also prevent cars from lining up in front of the main entrance in multiple directions. As always, please be aware when students are present, the streets around our school building are considered within a school zone which means the use of a cellular device is prohibited. This is to ensure your full attention on your surroundings which includes our students. We appreciate your attention in this matter to keep our school community a safe place for all students.

Spring Fishing Club Dates

With the return of spring-like weather comes the return of Fishing Club! We are so grateful to Sergeant Cozzi and the Worth Police Department for sponsoring Saturday mornings at Lake Katherine from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. In early March, your child can sign up for Fishing Club when information is posted on the Principal's Page on Google Classroom, and they return the signed permission slip. The following dates are scheduled for Fishing Club this spring: March 30th, April 13th, April 27th, May 11th, May 25th and June 8th.

Health Wellness and Attendance

As we exit the cold winter months, here are some helpful tips to help your child stay healthy and present at school during 3rd trimester. The items below are great opportunities to have good conversations with your child about being healthy.

1. Prioritize nutrition - as much as students think that Takis and soda makes a good lunch, students need healthier options to fuel them throughout the school day in order to help them learn.
2. Encourage proper hand washing.
3. Remind your child to disinfect or clean high touch areas.

Early Dismissal

Our last two early dismissal days will be April 25 and May 24. These days provide our staff the opportunity for Professional Development and School Improvement. Worth Junior High students are dismissed at 1:20 p.m.

5Essentials Survey

The 5Essentials Survey is administered every year to students, staff, and families to assist schools and districts with the necessary feedback to support all stakeholders of the school community. This survey provides our school with valuable information to help support our students and families with the best learning experiences possible. All of our students will

take the survey at school during one of their class periods. **All parents and guardians are encouraged to take a moment to complete the 5Essentials Survey using this [link](#).**

North Side of the Building - Afterschool Student Pickup

For families that choose to pick up their child from the **North** side of the Worth Junior High building, please see the traffic pattern picture below for how you should enter and exit the loop to ensure students have a safe dismissal. If you choose to park your car in a parking spot, please be patient as traffic continues to move forward to allow for students to be picked up.

Also, we have students crossing at the corner of New England Avenue and 111th Place, so please come to a complete STOP and be aware of students crossing in front of the STOP sign, since there are no sidewalks.



Advisory Update

Our grade levels will continue our social-emotional program Second Step Unit 4 on managing relationships and social conflict. In 6th grade, students learn strategies for developing and maintaining healthy relationships, perspective-taking, and dealing with conflict. This unit's content helps students learn to honor and understand differences based on varied personal, familial, and cultural backgrounds. In grades 7th and 8th, students learn how to develop a growth mindset and apply research-based goal-setting strategies to their social and academic lives. This unit's content helps create classrooms that are connected and encouraging by helping students set and achieve collective and personal goals, learn from challenges, recognize their personal strengths, and explore the unique aspects of their identities.

The Worth Junior High staff continues to work with our students on modeling what our RAMS Way traits look like throughout the building and classrooms. Our students continue to learn the importance of being a positive digital citizen in our world including how to appropriately interact with one another through social media. We continue to encourage you to have conversations with your child about topics they are learning in advisory (and all their classes). Feel free to contact Mrs. Wills and/or Mr. Tooth if you have any questions about the Second Step Social-Emotional Learning Program.

As we enter the 3rd trimester of the school year, we are encouraging our students to finish the school year strong by staying involved at school and with their academics. Doing this cannot happen without the students being present each day. We thank you for helping ensure that your child is present every day, ready to learn and grow as a student. Please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs. Wills or Mr. Tooth if there are any questions.

Sincerely,



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Principal, Worth Junior High



Mrs. Melissa Wills
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Daily Student Schedule

Breakfast

8:05 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Grades 6-8 Classes

8:15 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.

A Note About Absences

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

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