

# **RAMS** Review

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#### Important Dates May

#### <u>May</u>

**3** – WJH Track Meet @4:00pm at ShepardHigh School

#### 8th Grade permission slip to The Forge due

**6** – First Day of Teacher Appreciation Week

#### 7 – BeSure Cyber Assembly for WJH students @ 1:45pm in Worth Junior High School Gymnasium

8 –

SSJHSC Conference Track Meet @ 10am-3pm at Shepard High School

WJH Art Fair @ 4:30-6pm at Worth Junior High School

Worth School District 127 Board of Education Meeting @ 6pm at Worth Junior High School

**10** – Last Day of Teacher Appreciation Week

8th grade trip to The Forge payment is due

# **May Newsletter**

#### WJH Construction Update

We cannot thank everyone enough for their patience as we have started construction on the East-side of the Worth Junior High School. Here are just a few reminders:

- On the North end of the building, please pull forward when dropping off/picking up to allow for cars to enter the lane.
- During arrival and dismissal, please avoid parking in a parking spot to prevent congestion that is created when cars then need to back out of a parking space. This will especially help our staff members that are arriving at school in the morning.
- During dismissal if you use 112th Street, it is one-way going West, and parking may only occur on the North or South side of the street. We have had families double parking, which then does not allow for other cars to move successfully down 112th Street and causes congestion down by the Worth Elementary gate.

#### Happenings Around WJH

It's a busy time around Worth Junior High School! We want to congratulate our Scholastic Bowl team for their recent participation in the SSJHSC Jim Willm Scholastic Bowl on Saturday, April 27th. The team worked hard in each of their matches and stretched their knowledge of trivia. Thank you to coach Mrs. Catt for her work with the team this season!

Our WJH Band students recently participated in the Eisenhower Cooperative Concert at Shepard High School on Wednesday, April 17th. The students have been sounding amazing during morning rehearsals and we are looking forward to hearing them at the Spring Band Concert on May 16th. It is definitely graduation season as they are preparing for their performance at our graduation ceremony as well!

WJH artists have been preparing their beautiful work for the WJH Art Fair on Wednesday, May 8th from 4:30-6:00 pm at Worth Junior High School. If you have the opportunity, we encourage you to come and check out their creative and beautiful pieces!

# Special Recognitions at WJH

This past Wednesday, April 24th was recognized as National Administrative Assistant Appreciation Day. We wanted to take a moment to thank our wonderful Administrative Assistants, Mrs. Castanon and Mrs. Katts, for all that they do to help our entire school community. They are always there to help support all that enter Worth Junior High School, so please take a moment to thank them the next time that you see or talk to them.

**11** – WJH Fishing Club@ 8-10am at LakeKatherine

**17** – 8th Grade Class trip to The Forge in Lemont from8:30am-1:30pm

20 – 8th Grade Graduation Party @ 3:10-5pm at Worth Junior High School

21 – Afternoon Graduation Practice; Worth Junior High School

22 – Morning Graduation Practice with early 8th grade dismissal @ approximately 11:00am; Worth Junior High School

8th Grade Graduation Ceremony @ 7pm in Worth Junior High School Gymnasium

**24** – Early Dismissal Day @ 1:20pm

**25** – WJH Fishing Club @ 8-10am at Lake Katherine

**29** – Last Day of School

June 8 – WJH Fishing Club @ 8-10am; Lake Katherine We want to recognize 8th graders Liliana Lukasiewecz and Noah Geras for representing Worth Junior High School at the Illinois Principals Association's South Cook Student Recognition Breakfast on May 2nd. These two students were nominated by their eighth grade teachers and represent The RAMS Way during their time here at Worth Junior High School.

This upcoming week, May 6th to May 10th, is National Teachers Appreciation Week. We are so appreciative for the work our staff does each day to help support and grow our students. Information was sent out to families earlier this week on an opportunity to thank a staff member that has made a positive impact in the life of your child(ren). If you are able, please take a moment to complete that opportunity or just send a message to a staff member that you would like to recognize.

#### Registration for 2024-2025 School Year

It is that time of the year again to register your child(ren) for the 2024-2025 school year at Worth School District 127. Please be sure that you complete your registration using the Worth School District 127 website. If you need assistance registering, please contact the District Office at 708-448-2800.

### 8th Grade Events

Here are just a few reminders for our 8th grade families about events coming up:

- May 3rd Permission slip and digital waiver due for The Forge is due
  - May 6th Students will receive their Class of 2024 Graduation signs
- May 10th Payment due for The Forge
- May 13th Students come home with cap, gown, tassel and graduation t-shirt
- May 17th The Forge field trip
- May 20th 8th grade Graduation Party after school
- May 21st 8th grade Graduation afternoon practice
- May 22nd 8th grade Graduation morning practice and early dismissal at approximately 11 am (8th grade only)

# Last Early Dismissal

Our last early dismissal day will be on Friday, May 24. These days have provided our staff the opportunity for Professional Development and School Improvement. Worth Junior High students have earlier lunch periods and are dismissed at 1:20 p.m.

# Advisory Update

Advisories have completed the Second Step program and recently started our Whole School Book Read titled <u>Forget Me Not</u> by Ellie Terry. The book is about a new student, Calliope June, moving to a new middle school and looking for acceptance from her peers because of some unique characteristics. This is a great opportunity for our students to make connections between the Second Step skills they have learned throughout the school year and understand how to accept others regardless of differences. We want to thank Mrs. Valenti, our Library Media Specialist, for organizing the Whole School Book Read over the next four weeks ending with a virtual author visit with Ellie Terry on May 22nd! 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 final month of this school year, we would thank you for your partnership this school year to provide the best learning experiences for the students of Worth Junior High. When we work together, we have an opportunity to achieve great things for our school community. We are honored to have the opportunity to serve as your child's/children's principals and look forward to continuing to grow Worth Junior High School!

We wish our 8th graders the best as they begin their high school career and look forward to seeing our current Rams in the fall. We wish all of our families a safe and wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

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Mrs. Melissa Wills Assistant Principal, Worth Junior High

#### **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 the absentee hotline at **708-671-3999**, available 24 hours a day for you to leave a message. You may also contact our main office at **708-448-2803**. We appreciate your partnership in educating students and keeping them safe!