



# RAMS Review

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<p><b>Important Dates</b> <b>May</b></p>	<p><b>May Newsletter</b> <i>“Your ATTENDANCE shapes your academic JOURNEY.”</i></p>												
<p><b>May</b></p> <p><b>1</b> – WJH Student Council Spring Dance @ 3-5pm, Worth Junior High School</p> <p><b>13</b> – WJH Art Fair @ 4:30-6pm, Worth Junior High School</p> <p>Board of Education @ 6pm, Worth Junior High School</p> <p><b>14</b> – WJH Spring Band Concert @ 6pm, Worth Junior High School</p> <p><b>15</b> – 6th grade Windy City Thunderbolts permission slip and payment due</p> <p><b>18</b> – 8th Grade Trip to The Forge @ 10am</p> <p>SSJHSC Track and Field Conference Meet @ 4pm, Shepard High School</p> <p><b>20</b> – 8th Grade Party @ 3-5pm, Worth Junior High School</p>	<p><b>Teacher Appreciation Week</b></p> <p>The week of May 4 - 8 is known as Teachers Appreciation Week and the impact that educators have on our lives is immeasurable. We are so thankful to the staff at Worth Junior High School for their dedication to helping support the students in our school community. Please join us in thanking them whether it be this week or any other day of the school year.</p> <p><b>School Attendance</b></p> <p>We are coming up to the 150th day of school on May 4th and appreciate everyone’s support in ensuring their child is consistently attending school each day. It is important that we continue to work together as a team in supporting student attendance each day because it truly does shape their academic journey. We are here to support you with that effort so your child does not experience gaps in their academic journey. Please reach out to either Mr. Tooth or Mrs. Russell if your child is experiencing challenges with attendance. Below is the update of our attendance scoreboard for Day 120:</p> <div data-bbox="565 1058 1357 1650" data-label="Figure"> <table border="1"> <caption>Attendance Scoreboard Data</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Category</th> <th>Percentage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Here for School</td> <td>79.9%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>This Period</td> <td>18%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Absent TOO Much</td> <td>201%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Last Period</td> <td>18.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PLAY BY PLAY</td> <td>61.7%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div> <p><b>Driving Safety Around Worth Junior High</b></p> <p>As a neighborhood school, we want to remind all families to be mindful of our neighbors. Please <b>avoid blocking driveways</b> and <b>parking in spaces belonging to residents</b> in the surrounding community, especially the apartment buildings north of Worth Junior High School.</p>	Category	Percentage	Here for School	79.9%	This Period	18%	Absent TOO Much	201%	Last Period	18.3%	PLAY BY PLAY	61.7%
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**21** – WPO Family Game Night @ 4:30-6:30pm, Worth Junior High School

**22** – Early Dismissal @ 11:15am

**25** – Memorial Day - **NO SCHOOL**

**28** – 6th Grade trip to the Windy City Thunderbolts game @ 10am

8th Grade Graduation @ 7pm, Worth Junior High School

**30** – Fishing Club @ 8-10am, Lake Katherine

### June

**1** – Student Chromebook, charger, and bag collection

**4** – RAMS Fest Field Day

**5** – Last day of school

The Worth Public Library has also reminded us that the only entrance for vehicles is off of 111th Street because it is a **one way** street. Please do not access the library from 111th Place (off of New England Avenue) as it creates a safety hazard for patrons that are trying to access the Worth Public Library. We appreciate your cooperation and respect for our neighbors in our community.

### **Extracurricular Celebrations**

We have some celebrations that we would like to recognize that happened throughout the month of April. Our Math Team competed on Tuesday, April 14th at the SSJHSC Math Competition at Central Park School. The students competed in both individual and team events throughout the competition. Worth Junior High earned 6th Place as a team at the competition. Congratulations to all of our students for their preparation and to coach Ms. Lisa Bray for all of her preparation for our students!

The Scholastic Bowl also competed at the SSJHSC Scholastic Bowl Competition on Saturday, April 25th at Jack Hille Middle School. The team has been practicing their trivia knowledge for the past several months and earned an placed 4th in the conference. Congratulations to all of our participants for their dedication and to coach Mrs. Sarah Catt for her guidance with the team!

The WJH Book Club recently traveled to both Worth Elementary and Worthwoods to volunteer their love of reading to various classrooms in both buildings. Our students had a great time not only being able to share their joy of reading but seeing their former teachers. Thank you to Mrs. Natalie Valenti, our library media specialist, for all of her work in organizing this trip and sponsoring the WJH Book Club!

### **8th Grade Events**

The end of the school year is a busy time and below are a couple of events that are planned to celebrate our Class of 2026 8th grade students:

- May 18th - 22nd: 8th Grade Spirit Week (themes voted on by students)
- May 18th: The Forge trip
- May 20th: 8th Grade party after school until 5:00 p.m.
- May 26th: 8th Grade Awards assembly
- May 28th: Graduation practice (students will be dismissed after practice concludes at approximately 10:30 a.m.) and **Graduation Ceremony at 7:00 p.m.**

### **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.

We will be collecting student Chromebooks, bags, and chargers on the following days listed below. Students that are missing chargers or have damaged their chargers, will need to replace those items.

- 6/7th Grade: June 1st
- 8th Grade: May 22nd

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](http://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**

Our next early dismissal day will be May on 22nd. 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.

### **WJH RAMS Athletics**

The WJH Track and Field team has competed in multiple meets throughout the month of April as they prepare for the conference meet on May 18th. They have been working hard during practices including training on the stairs throughout the rainy days of April. Thank you to coaches Mr. Michael Alvarado and Mr. Anthony Koncius for their preparation of our student athletes!

### **Advisory Update**

Our students have finished the final unit of the Second Step SEL program during advisory that revolves around managing social relationships and managing conflict. These skills will continue to be important for our students to develop and we encourage you to have conversations with them about their experiences.

We have shifted our focus to the all school book read during advisory. This year's book is [A Work In Progress](#) is a powerful novel written and illustrated by Jarrett Lerner. It is written like a journal in free verse format by a boy named William Chambers. William shares his inner thoughts in his journal with drawings reflecting how he perceives himself and his journey as a middle school student. [A Work In Progress](#) was nominated for the

24-25 Illinois State Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award as well as the 2023 Global Read Aloud book choice.

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.

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](http://www.home.schoolmessenger.com)

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