



# RAMS Review

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## Important Dates November

### November

1 – Early Dismissal Day,  
WJH student dismissal  
@ 1:15 p.m.

4 – Home Girls  
Basketball game @  
4:00 p.m. vs. Hille

5 – Election Day,  
**NO SCHOOL**

6 – Home Girls  
Basketball game @  
4:00 p.m. vs. Finley

**December Breakfast/  
Lunch menus released**

7 – Away Girls  
Basketball game @  
4:30 p.m. vs.  
Independence

11 – Home Girls  
Basketball game @  
4:30 p.m. vs. Wilkins

12 – Away Girls  
Basketball game @  
4:30 p.m. vs. Prairie

13 –  
End of Trimester 1

Board of Education  
Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.,  
Administrative Center

## November Newsletter

*“Be here TODAY so you can be where you want to be TOMORROW”*

### School Attendance Matters Updates

Your partnership in helping us emphasize the importance of your child being here at school continues to be so valuable! Ensuring students arrive when doors open at 8:00 a.m. will set a positive tone for a great start to the school day. ***Just a reminder that the State Board of Education defines “chronic absenteeism” as students missing ten percent of the school year, which is 18 school days.***

WJH Attendance Tiers After 30 Days of School	Percentage of WJH Students
Tier 1a: Satisfactory attendance Miss less than 5% of our school days	<b>53.2 %</b>
Tier 1b: At risk attendance Miss between 5 - 9.9% of our school days	<b>18.7%</b>
Tier 2: Moderate chronic absence Miss between 10 - 19.9% of our school days	<b>21.2%</b>
Tier 3: Severe chronic absence Miss more than 20% of our school days	<b>7.1%</b>

The last two above categories (moderate and severely chronic absences) can have an adverse impact on student growth/achievement in school. We will be in contact in the coming weeks with families if your child falls into the chronically absent category and discuss ways in which we can work together to support their attendance at school.

We know that circumstances arise and illness occurs, so we ask for your assistance in helping your student(s) to be present for school each and every day. If they are fever free for twenty-four hours without medication or have not thrown up in twenty-four hours, please consider sending them to school.

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### Parent-Teacher Conferences

We value the opportunity to educate your child and know the importance of working together to provide your child the best learning opportunities possible. An important tool in this process is communication between school and home. This year’s Parent-Teacher

**14 –**  
Start of Trimester 2

Mobile Dental Van @  
WJH

Away Girls Basketball  
game @ 4:30 p.m. vs.  
Wilkins

**15 – December**  
**Breakfast/Lunch online**  
**orders are due**

**18 to 22 –** Worth  
Junior High Food Drive

**21 –** Final Trimester 1  
Grades available on  
PowerSchool

**23 –** Worth Ton of  
Food Drive, American  
Legion

**No Student School**  
**Attendance**  
**November 25-29th**

**25 –** Parent Teacher  
Conferences @  
12:15-7:30 p.m.,  
Worth Junior High

**26 –** Teacher Institute  
Day

Conferences will take place on Monday, November 25th. Due to the amount of students that our teachers have, families are able to schedule **up to two conferences on the day of Parent-Teacher Conferences**. Staff members are always available to conference with families throughout the school day as needed by appointment. More information will be sent home in October with steps to request Parent-Teacher Conferences for your child using a virtual link. If you have any questions about scheduling a conference, please contact your child's teachers, Mrs. Will or Mr. Tooth.

### **No Miss November**

As we enter the month of November, we would like to introduce our attendance challenge campaign, "No Miss November". Throughout each week we will be determining which advisory class in each grade level has the best attendance rate at the end of the week. Those classes will be awarded the traveling Golden Ram trophy to display for the following week. Students in that advisory class will receive a RAMS Way card that will be entered into our weekly raffle.

### **Gratitude Challenge**

The month of November is known as a time for reflecting on what we are thankful for and for ways of showing our gratitude in our lives. Worth Junior High will be engaging students in a Gratitude Challenge each day of November. Students will see a "challenge" on the Principal's Page on Google classroom that they can participate in each day throughout the month of November. These "challenges" range from activities related to reflection to reaching out to those that have had an impact on their lives. We hope that this is an opportunity for our students to engage in some reflection and also open up conversations amongst family members, feel free to join in the Gratitude Challenge as well!

### **Advisory Update**

Worth Junior High School students continue to engage in the Second Step Social-Emotional Learning program as part of our advisory program. This month our students will be starting Unit 2 that focuses on developing a positive sense of self. The students will learn how to identify their guiding principles, explore different aspects of their self-concept, and practice strategies to build confidence. This unit's content helps students view themselves positively and work toward becoming who they want to be. In order to help support our students' social-emotional growth, please be sure to ask your child about and discuss the topics they learn during Second Step.

We just concluded the month of October where students learned about the importance of unity and recognized being making positive life choices by being substance free during Red Ribbon Week. These are great opportunities for you to continue to talk to your child about the importance of acceptance in not just their words but in the ways they interact with one another. It takes all of us in the Worth Junior High School community to make it the safe place that everyone deserves. Join us as we continue to work toward developing an environment where students choose kindness each day.

Our staff continues to educate our students in advisory about Digital Citizenship to help them be more safe and responsible digital citizens in our world. The students are continuing to explore the digital platform Xello during both advisory and their STEM class. Just a reminder that Xello is a digital career exploration program where students will learn about potential careers based on their interests and understand the different pathways

that are related to that career. Feel free to contact Mrs. Wills and/or Mr. Tooth if you have any questions about our Advisory programming.

**WJH RAMS Athletics**

Congratulations to our Volleyball teams on the completion of their seasons! Our Girls Volleyball team played hard throughout the season and grew as a team as they advanced in the tournament. The Boys Volleyball team earned second place in the conference and took second place in the SSJHSC tournament. We are so proud of our volleyball Rams this fall!

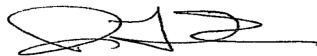
The Girls' Basketball season is up and running. WJH students are dismissed at our normal dismissal time and may return for home games at 4:00 p.m.; doors open at 3:55 p.m. The Worth Junior High home basketball games are for **current** Worth Junior High students. *For safety purposes, younger siblings are only allowed at games if they are accompanied by a parent for the entire game.* The Worth Junior High Student Council sells concessions during half-time of the first game and in between basketball games.

**Early Dismissal Days**

This is just a reminder that additional early dismissal dates include December 6, December 20, February 14, April 17 and May 23; WJH students dismiss at 1:15 p.m. These days provide ongoing school improvement opportunities for staff professional development.

We continue to strive towards having your child have a positive experience here at Worth Junior High School. When we work together, great things can happen for our school community! Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns you may have regarding your child. We are honored to have the opportunity to serve as your child(ren)'s principals and look forward to continuing to grow Worth Junior High School!

Sincerely,



Mr. Jason Tooth  
Principal, Worth Junior High



Mrs. Melissa Wills  
Assistant Principal, Worth Junior High

**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 call school to let us know by calling the absentee hotline at **708-671-3999**, 24 hours a day and leave a message. You may also contact our main office at **708-448-2803**.

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