



# RAMS Review

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Important Dates October	October Newsletter
<p><b>October</b></p> <p>5 – Trimester 1 Interims/Progress Reports can be viewed on PowerSchool</p> <p>6 – <b>Early Dismissal</b> @ 1:20pm</p> <p>9 – Columbus Day - <b>NO SCHOOL</b></p> <p>11 – Board of Education Meeting @ 6pm, Administrative Center</p> <p><b>November Breakfast/Lunch menus released</b></p> <p>12 – Home Girls Basketball game @ 4pm against Independence</p> <p>14 – Fishing Club, Lake Katherine @ 8am-10am</p> <p>17 – Away Girls Basketball game @ 4pm against Prairie</p> <p>19 – Away Girls Basketball game @ 4pm against Kolmar</p> <p>20 – <b>November Breakfast/Lunch online orders are due</b></p>	<p><b>Early Dismissal</b></p> <p>We have our first <b>early dismissal</b> school day of the year this Friday, October 6th. As Dr. Fleming stated earlier this year in his letter to families, the purpose of these days are for Staff Professional Development and School Improvement. Worth Junior High students will be dismissed at 1:20 p.m. on our early dismissal dates. Students will still attend all of their classes for a shorter time period including their lunch period, just slightly earlier. Those lunches will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6th Grade - 10:16-10:46 a.m.</li> <li>• 7th Grade - 10:56-11:26 a.m.</li> <li>• 8th Grade - 11:36-12:06 p.m.</li> </ul> <p>*Additional early dismissal dates include October 31, December 8, December 22, February 6, April 25 and May 24.</p> <p><b>Parent Teacher Conferences</b></p> <p>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 Conferences will take place on Monday, November 20th. More information will be sent home very soon about how you can request a conference with your child's teachers.</p> <p><b>Student Lunch Drop-Off</b></p> <p>This is another reminder: <b>Only</b> a student's parent/guardian is permitted to have a lunch dropped off in the main office for <b>their own child</b>. Dropped off lunches can <b>NOT</b> be shared with other students. Please make sure dropped off lunches have your child's <b>first and last name</b> with their <b>grade level</b>. For safety reasons, students are <b>not allowed</b> to order and have lunches delivered for themselves. Ordering must be done by a parent/guardian. We appreciate your assistance reminding your child(ren) about this policy that must be observed.</p> <p><b>School Attendance</b></p> <p>The greatest impact we can have on student learning is having the opportunity to work with our students each day. It is crucial for students to attend school daily in order to build on prior academic skills. Ensuring students arrive when doors open at 8:05 a.m. will set a positive tone for a great start to the school day, which begins promptly at 8:20 a.m. 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 day. If your child(ren) are sick, please</p>

**23 – Away Girls**  
Basketball game @  
4pm against Hamlin

**24 – Home Girls**  
Basketball game @  
4pm against Central  
Park

**26 – Home Girls**  
Basketball game @  
4pm against Arbor  
Park

**27 – Halloween Dance**  
from 3:10-5pm

**30 – Away Girls**  
Basketball game @  
4pm against Hille

**31 – Early Dismissal @**  
1:20pm; enjoy your  
Halloween!

contact the main office at 708-448-2803 before 9:00 a.m. or call our 24-hour attendance line at 708-671-3999. Please do not hesitate to contact either Mr. Tooth or Mrs. Wills with any questions.

### **WJH RAMS Athletics**

We are excited to have started our athletic season at WJH! Our Volleyball teams are currently playing in the SSJHS Conference Tournament at Wilkins Junior High. The Girls Basketball season will start soon after, with our first home game on Thursday, October 12th at approximately 4 p.m. Our Student Council will sell concessions, and fans are asked to consume food/drink in the Student Commons.

### **The RAMS Way**

The Worth Junior High community continues to look for opportunities to recognize our students that are exhibiting our **RAMS Way** traits. We recently held a **RAMS Way** raffle where students that had their **RAMS Way** card chosen were able to play kickball during their advisory/lunch period. These traits focused around respect, academic effort, being safe and showing ownership continue to help make a positive impact on our school community.

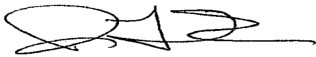

### **Advisory Update**

Worth Junior High School uses the Second Step Social-Emotional Learning Program as part of our advisory program throughout the school year. Second Step is a program that teaches powerful skills and competencies, such as handling strong emotions, setting and meeting goals, making good decisions, and forging positive relationships—while building the safe, supported learning environment middle schoolers need to succeed. The Second Step Middle School Program is a Social-Emotional curriculum that's modern, web-based, and responsive to the needs of today's students and educators. The program is guided by the latest research in adolescent brain development and social psychology. Second Step is a program that does not just help kids do better in school, it helps them do better in life! We will share monthly updates regarding the Second Step Social-Emotional learning program throughout the year.

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. Unit 1 for our 6th graders focuses on starting middle school, 7th graders engage in discussions & ways to help new students in our Worth Junior High School community, and 8th graders learn about discovering their identities.

In addition to the Second Step program in Advisory, our staff also teaches students lessons on Digital Citizenship, and we are in the process of selecting an all-school book read for the school year. Feel free to contact Mrs. Wills and/or Mr. Tooth if you have any questions about our Advisory programming.

We hope your child has experienced a positive start to the school year, and we thank you for your partnership as we support your child to grow into a young adult. We look forward to continuing to get to know them at Worth Junior High and help them pursue their interests, talents and dreams. When we work together, we have an opportunity to achieve great things 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

	<p>to serve as your child(ren)’s principals and look forward to continuing to grow Worth Junior High School!</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <div></div> <p>Mr. Jason Tooth Principal, Worth Junior High</p> <div></div> <p>Mrs. Melissa Wills Assistant Principal, Worth Junior High</p>

<p><b><u>Daily Student Schedule</u></b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b> 8:05 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.</p> <p><b>Grades 6-8 Classes</b> 8:20 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.</p>	<p><b>A Note About Absences</b></p> <p>If your child will not be at school for any reason, please call school to let us know by calling the absentee hotline at <b>708-671-3999</b>, 24 hours a day and leave a message. You may also contact our main office at <b>708-448-2803</b>.</p> <p>We appreciate your partnership in educating our students and keeping them safe!</p>
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