



# News From the 'Woods

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Important Dates	A Letter from the Principal – November 2023
<p><b>Nov 8</b> - Trimester I Ends</p> <p>Worth Board of Education Meeting</p> <p>December Breakfast/ Lunch menus released</p> <p><b>Nov 10</b> - Veteran's Day Assembly</p> <p><b>Nov 14</b> - WPO Family Fall STEAM Event</p> <p><b>Nov 16</b> - Report Cards Go Home</p> <p><b>Nov 17</b> – Breakfast/Lunch online orders are due</p> <p>Picture Retakes</p> <p><b>Nov 20</b> - Parent-Teacher Conferences - <b>No School</b></p> <p><b>Nov 21</b> - Teacher Institute - <b>No School</b></p> <p><b>Nov 22-26</b> - Thanksgiving Holiday - <b>No School</b></p> <p><b>Nov 27</b> - Classes Resume</p> <p><b>Looking Forward:</b></p> <p><b>Dec 7</b> – Winter Band Concert @ WJH @ 6pm</p> <p><b>Dec 8</b> – Early Dismissal - WE students dismiss @ 1:30pm</p> <p><b>Dec 13</b> – Worth Board of Education Meeting</p>	<p>Dear Worthwoods Families,</p> <p>November is officially here and it's the perfect time of the year to think about all that we're thankful for! It's a time to slow down, be with our loved ones, and show our appreciation and gratitude for those who greatly impact our everyday lives. It's also the perfect time to enjoy some delicious treats and maybe even some pumpkin pie!</p> <p>Although we had a lot of fun in October, November seems even busier! It's hard to believe that we are ending our first Trimester of the school year and that report cards will be going home on November 16th. Picture retakes will be held on November 17th and Parent Teacher Conferences are on November 20th. Sign ups took place at Open House with additional reminders/sheets with times that went home. Please reach out to individual classroom teachers with conflicts or questions. The Worth Parent Organization is excited to be hosting a Family Fall STEAM night at Worth Junior High. Lastly, we're excited to host a Veterans Day assembly on November 10th. We will be honoring the men and women who have served our country as members of our armed forces.</p> <p>The Illinois State Board of Education has released their annual school report cards and we are pleased to report that Worthwoods earned a designation of Commendable. We are so proud of our teachers and students!</p> <p>As we end this month with Thanksgiving, we can't help but think about all of the things that leave me feeling thankful. One thing we know is that we are truly grateful for our Worthwoods community. We are thankful for the dedicated teachers, staff, parents, and all of our families whose partnership with our schools help to create a strong learning environment for our students both at school and at home. For all those who celebrate, on behalf of our Worthwoods family, we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving and a restful break!</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p><i>Ashley Adams</i> <i>Elizabeth A. Andrade</i></p>

<p>January Breakfast/ Lunch menus released</p> <p><b>Dec 18</b> – Mobile Dentist @ Worth Elementary</p> <p><b>Dec 22</b> – WE Early Dismissal for Winter Break Students Dismiss @ 1:20</p> <p>Breakfast/Lunch online orders are due</p> <p><b>Dec 22 – Jan 7</b> Winter Break - <b>No School</b></p> <p><b>Jan 8</b> – Classes resume</p>	<p>Ms. Ashley Toms Bonnstetter Worthwoods School Principal</p> <p>Mrs. Elizabeth D’Andrea Worthwoods School Assistant Principal</p>
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## Important Parent Information

### Daily Student Schedule

Grades 1-5  
8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Kindergarten  
AM: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
PM: 12:15 - 3:15 p.m.

Kindergarten students were enrolled in sessions based on availability at the time of registration.

### Phone Information

School Messenger - Worth School District uses an automated telephone system to email and call parents with important information, updates, and information regarding emergency school closings.

Calls are made to the phone number designated by the parent/legal guardian.

Please make sure the school always has your most up-to-date phone number and email.

**District Website** - [www.worthschools.org](http://www.worthschools.org)

**Worthwoods Main Office Phone** - 708-448-2802

### Attendance

Attendance will be taken at 8:30 a.m. for ALL students.

P.M. Kindergarten will take attendance at 12:15 p.m.

Please call the office to report any absences or late arrivals.

If your child is sick, please call the

### Meal Ordering

Meal orders are available for grades 1-8 only. No meals will be provided for K.

If you are in need of assistance with ordering, please call the Nutrition Hotline at 708-671-3903.

ABSENCE HOTLINE  
708-671-5899

The Absence Hotline answering machine is on 24 hours per day.

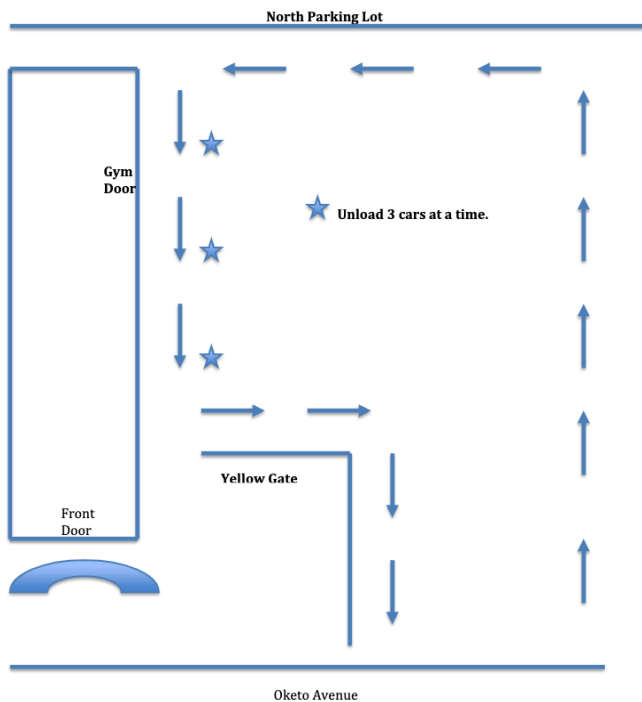
Meal ordering information is now available on the district website:

<https://worthschools.org/parents/meal-program/>

### Drop-Off / Pick-Up Procedures

#### Arrival @ 8:15 - 8:30 AM

- *Grades 1-5 and AM K: Gym Doors*
- *PM K: Door 2, first door North side of the building*
- Follow the circular pattern towards the back of the north parking lot.
- All students will enter the **Gym doors** starting at 8:15.
- Students should exit from the **passenger side** of the car only.
- Pull as far forward as possible to allow 3-4 cars to unload at one time.



#### Dismissal @ 3:15

- *Grades K,1: Door 2, first door North side*
- *Grades 2-3: Door 3, second door North side (with ramp)*
- *Grade 4-5: Gym doors*
- Plan to arrive between 2:55 - 3:10 as we **close** the parking lot at **3:12**.
- **Back into a parking spot** or line up in rows at the back of the parking lot.
- The parking lot will reopen once all children have safely cleared the area.
- Cars will be dismissed from front to back.

