

WORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT 127

WORTH JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL | 11151 S. NEW ENGLAND AVE., WORTH, IL 60482 | 708-448-2803



August 2021

Dear Worth Junior High School Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! In looking ahead, the dedicated staff of Worth Junior High School will once again strive to create and maintain a safe and caring learning community for your child. We are looking forward to working with you to ensure that this coming school year will be one that provides your child with the best academic and social-emotional experiences possible.

As a parent/guardian, you play an important role in helping your child have a successful experience in school. As a result, our staff will strive to develop strong partnerships with you in order for us to work together to help your child be successful. We encourage you to reach out to us with any questions, concerns and/or ideas regarding what we can do together to help your child have a good experience both in and out of the classroom here at Worth Junior High School.

Schedule - All Students

We will be returning to a full day schedule. All students, grades 6-8 will be in attendance from 8:20 AM until 3:05 PM. Students will be allowed to enter the building beginning at 8:05 a.m. The school day will start at 8:20 a.m. and student dismissal is at 3:05 p.m.

Breakfast / Lunch Procedures

Pre-ordered meals will be served in school. As in years past, parents and guardians need to pre-order breakfasts and lunches. Only students who ordered breakfast and/or lunch will receive school meals. Students who ordered breakfasts will be provided with breakfast at the beginning of the day in their classrooms from 8:05 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. Sixth and Seventh grade students will eat breakfasts in their first period classrooms. Eighth grade students will eat breakfast in their 2nd period classrooms daily from 8:05 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. and then proceed to their 1st period classes. Lunch will be provided at scheduled lunch times during the school day. Students who did not sign up for meals will need to bring lunch from home. If you were not able to order breakfast/lunch for August, more information for meal ordering during the month of September will be shared soon.

Student Schedules

Your student's schedule is now posted and can be viewed through the parent portal in PowerSchool. Sixth grade students will receive a paper copy of their schedules during the 6th grade orientation being held on Tuesday, August 17. Seventh and Eighth grade students will receive a copy of their schedules on the first day of school on Wednesday, August 18.

Important Dates

- Tuesday, August 17th: 6th Grade Orientation 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 18th: First day of school - full day
- Thursday, September 2: Worth Junior High School's Open House 6:00-7:30 p.m.

First Day of School and 6th Grade Orientation Information

On the first day of school Wednesday, August 18, your child is to report to his/her 1st period classroom. At that time, he/she will receive a copy of his/her class schedule for the 2021-2022 school year. Sixth grade students will receive a copy of their schedules during the 6th grade orientation in their 1st period classrooms. **Please be sure to review your child's schedule that is now posted through the parent portal in Powerschool so your child knows who his/her 1st period teacher and classroom will be during the 2021-2022 school year.**

Student Arrival and Dismissal Locations

Students should not arrive to school any earlier than 8:05 a.m.

During arrival (8:05 a.m.-8:15 a.m.) and dismissal (3:05 p.m) students will enter and leave the building at the following locations:

- o 6th Grade: Door # 12 which is located on the East end of the school building.
- o 7th Grade: Door #4 which is located on the East end of the school building.
- o 8th Grade: Door # 2 located on the Southwest section of the building off of 112th street.

Worth Junior High School Traffic Pattern Information for Arrival and Dismissal Times

In order to ensure that our students arrive and dismiss in a safe manner, we ask that you please adhere to the following traffic patterns around Worth Junior High during drop off and pick up times on school days:

- 112th Street is one-way heading west between Oak Park Avenue and New England Avenue at all times.
- Between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., as well as from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m., New England Avenue is one-way heading north between 112th Street and 111th Place.
- During arrival time (8:05 a.m. till 8:15 a.m.) and dismissal time (3:05 p.m. till 3:15 p.m.), the street in front of Worth Junior High between 112th street and 111th place will be closed to traffic in order to ensure the safety of students who cross New England Avenue on their way to and from school. During these times, cars will not be able to turn right onto New England Avenue off of 112th street. If you pick up and/or drop off your child along 112th street, you will still be able to leave the area by turning left onto New England Avenue.
- There will be traffic cones and barricades set up on New England avenue in front of Worth Junior High on a daily basis in order to help enforce this system. Please do not drive around the cones or barricades while they are up in order to avoid a dangerous situation for any students and staff during arrival or dismissal time.
- Just a friendly reminder that cell phone use of any kind is prohibited by law in school zones during student arrival and dismissal times. We ask that you remain mindful of this law in order to ensure that our students are safe as they are dropped off and picked up from school.
- Please be advised that the parking lots at CIBC Bank just northeast of Worth Junior High School and the Worth Public Library are not available for student drop off and pick up during arrival and dismissal times.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to ensure that our students arrive and are dismissed in the safest possible manner. Do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions.

PPE / Health Protocols

In order to ensure students are safe under Covid-19 protocols, the following safety protocols will be followed during arrival and dismissal times as well as during the school day:

- Students are not to arrive onto Worth Junior High School's campus before 8:05 a.m. in the morning.
- Students will not be allowed to congregate into groups before and after school and they will be expected to immediately leave school grounds when dismissed.
- Students will be required to wear masks per Governor J.B. Pritzker's executive order requiring that masks must be worn indoors, regardless of vaccination status, by all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to P-12 schools.

If you have not yet done so, please read Dr. Fleming's, District 127's Superintendent of Schools, letter that was released on August 6 for more information if you have any questions regarding health and safety protocols we will be following to start the school year.

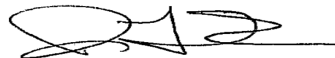
The letter can be accessed through the following link: [August 6 Parent Letter](#)

In these unique circumstances, please know we continue to dedicate ourselves to providing the best possible educational experiences for your child(ren). Always feel free to contact your child's teachers, Dr. Zampillo or Mr. Tooth with any questions you have or with anything you or your child may need from the Worth Junior High School community. Please refer to Worth School District 127's web page at www.worthschools.org for all other information. We are looking forward to a successful school year. Your continued support is much appreciated as we begin the upcoming school year.

Respectfully,



Joseph V. Zampillo, Ed.D.
Principal
Worth Junior High School



Jason Tooth
Assistant Principal
Worth Junior High School