



Principal Good News

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LUNCH SUPERVISOR

Worth Junior High School continues to look for a lunchroom supervisor. If you are interested, please visit Worth School District 127's website for more information as well as to apply.

SIDEWALKS AND DESIGNATED CROSSWALKS

If your child and/or children walk to and from school, we ask that you continue to remind them to use sidewalks whenever possible. We also ask students to stay within the marked crosswalks painted on the streets near and around the school's campus whenever crossing streets. In addition, please be sure to remind your child and/or children to cross streets on their way to and from school during arrival and dismissal times where the crossing guards are assigned.

STUDENT ARRIVAL TIME

With colder weather upon us, we ask that you please make sure your child and/or children do not arrive at school earlier than 8:05 a.m. daily, which is when the doors to Worth Junior High School open. In addition, please be sure that your child and/or children dress appropriately for the weather to ensure their safety and comfort. Thanks for your cooperation and feel free to contact the main office if you have any questions.

UPCOMING BOYS BASKETBALL SEASON INFORMATION

The 2022 Boys Basketball begins during the week of January 11. The start times for all home games will once again be 4:30 p.m. for junior varsity and 5:30 p.m. for varsity. This is a reminder that students who plan to attend home games will not be allowed back into Worth Junior High School until just prior to the start of the junior varsity game which once again will be approximately 4:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17: NO SCHOOL

Just a reminder that there is no school on Monday, January 17, 2022 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

JANUARY ADVISORY UPDATES

The administration, faculty and staff have collaborated in putting together a program called *The RAMS Way* which will be presented during advisory in the month of January. The goal of *The RAMS Way* will be to review and reinforce academic and behavioral expectations with our students in a positive and constructive manner. Students will view videos created by faculty and staff while engaging in discussions with each other and their advisory teachers that will reinforce *The RAMS Way*. *The RAMS Way* involves **R**espect all Relationships, **A**chieve Academic Effort, **M**ake Responsible Decisions and **S**how Ownership of Actions.

During the month of January, Worth Junior High School students will also continue to participate in the Second Step Social-Emotional Learning Program during advisory. Topics that will be covered during Second Step include managing emotions effectively in different situations as well as how to best handle stressful situations.

Finally, students will continue to participate in Worth Junior High School's all school book read of *How to Speak Dolphin* by Ginny Rorby during advisory. Throughout the year, students and their advisory teachers have enjoyed reading and discussing this powerful story about a young girl's struggle to help her autistic brother as well as herself.

Please be sure to take the time to talk to your children about the relevant topics being covered in advisory during the month of January. Doing so will help ensure that our students learn the important social-emotional lessons that will help them learn and grow successfully as middle school students. Feel free to contact Mr. Tooth and/or Dr. Zampillo if you have any questions about any components of Worth Junior High School's advisory program.

NEW DROP-OFF & PICK-UP PROCEDURES AT WORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Just a reminder that there is a new **drop off** and **pick up lane** behind Worth Elementary School for parents and caretakers to use when driving students to and from school. We ask that all Worth Junior High School families please be patient as both school communities adjust to the new routines and procedures for drop off and pick up at Worth Elementary.

What follows are reminders related to the drop off and pick up procedures at Worth Elementary School:

- **Parents or caretakers driving students to Worth Elementary School** will use the new lane behind the school.
 - The gate to enter the new lane will open at **8:15am** for **drop-off** and **3:10pm** for **pick-up**. The gates will close after drop-off at 8:30.
 - Cars may not block traffic on 112th, Oak Park, or any of the local streets, as it will impede cars going to Worth Junior High School and the nearby houses.
- **During arrival times**, students walking from home (with or without parents) to Worth Elementary School will use the front entrances traditionally designated for those grades:
 - **EC/PreK/K, Grades 1, 4, and 5:** Main Entrance
 - **Grade 2-3 students:** North/Gym Entrance
- **During dismissal times**, WJH students walking to WE to meet siblings may meet them on the sidewalk next to the new drop-off/pick-up lane behind Worth Elementary. Worth Elementary School supervisors will supervise and direct WE siblings to this location.
- We ask that all parents of Worth Junior High School students who walk to and from school during arrival and dismissal times review the new drop-off and pick-up procedures that will begin on Tuesday, January 4 with their children as well as to reinforce the need to use the sidewalks and crosswalks around the school campuses and to only cross streets where crossing guards are located in order to ensure their safety.