



# News From the 'Woods

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## Important Dates

**Dec 6:** Winter Band Concert @ WJH @ 6pm

**Dec 8:** Worth Board of Education Mtg @ WJH @ 6pm

**Dec 15:** January meal menu release

**Dec 17:** Last day before Winter Break. Student Dismissal @ 1:50 pm

**Dec 18-Jan 3 :** **NO SCHOOL**  
Winter Break

**Dec 22:** **JANUARY MEAL ORDERS DUE**

### Looking Ahead:

**Jan 3:** **NO SCHOOL**- Last Day of Winter Break

**Jan 4:** Classes Resume

**Jan 12:** January Worth Board of Education Meeting @ 6pm

**Jan 12:** February meal menu release

**Jan 17:** Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day - **NO SCHOOL**

**Jan 19:** **FEBRUARY MEAL ORDERS DUE**

## A Letter from the Principal – December 2021

Dear Worthwoods Families,

We hope that you had a wonderful week off for Thanksgiving break! Hopefully you found time to relax, have a little fun, and were able to enjoy time with the special people in your lives. I personally feel refreshed from our short break and truly appreciated having the opportunity to spend some much needed quality time with my family and friends. We often get so wrapped up in our busy schedules that we forget to stop and enjoy the little things that enrich our lives so greatly. I find that it's in the quiet moments with our loved ones where we can take a minute to appreciate all for which we are thankful.

With the season of giving upon us, I would like to recognize all of the things that fill our hearts with the gift of joy. Last month our students were able to participate in a virtual cartooning assembly with Andertoons! They had so much fun drawing bugs and other animals, allowing them to embrace their inner creativity. During this season, our students have also had the opportunity to give back a little and bring joy to others. As a school, we collected donations for the American Legion Auxiliary's Quarter Campaign for Veterans. These donations will help to bring a little cheer to our veterans who are living in Veterans Homes. Continuing with this theme, Worthwoods has been asked to once again partner with the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation. Through the month of December, we will be collecting unwrapped toys and/or gift cards for children and teens who are currently undergoing medical treatment for cancer. Sometimes a small gesture or act of kindness can truly change someone's day!

December 17th is our last day of school before Winter Break and we are certain that the next couple weeks will pass by quickly! Chromebooks will be sent home with students in grades 1-5 in the event of inclement weather when returning from break. We look forward to seeing you back in January with classes resuming on January 4th. Whether you find awe in the twinkling lights, comfort in a warm cup of hot chocolate, or simply enjoy some R & R, we would like to wish all of our Worthwoods families a very happy holiday season and an even happier New Year. See you in 2022!

Yours truly,

Ms. Ashley Toms  
Worthwoods School Principal

Mrs. Melissa Wills  
Worthwoods School Assistant Principal



# IMPORTANT SCHOOL 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.

## 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**

**ABSENCE HOTLINE**

**708-671-5899**

The Absence Hotline answering machine is on 24 hours per day. You can also contact our main office at 708-448-2802.

## School Information

- **Voice Reach** – 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.
- **Website** – [www.worthschools.org](http://www.worthschools.org)
- **Main Office Phone** – 708-448-2802