



Worthington Kilbourne Weekly Newsletter

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ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

Click [HERE](#) for upcoming
athletic contests.

ATTENDANCE OFFICE

Please use these direct
numbers to call about your
student's attendance:

24-hour Recorded Line:
614-450-6410

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Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

March 29 - April 2	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
Week of April 19	Daily altered schedule for Ohio state testing
April 24	Prom, WKHS Commons at 8 pm

Dear Kilbourne Family,

Last year, Worthington contracted with the **Schottenstein Center** to host our school commencement ceremonies. We shared with families the dates and times for each school:

- Thomas Worthington High School - Monday, May 24 @ 7 PM
- **Worthington Kilbourne High School - Tuesday, May 25 @ 7 PM**

The Ohio State University is not allowing large groups at this time, so we cannot finalize anything or confirm the location at this time. We are in regular conversation with them and hope to hear soon whether we can confirm their location.

If we are not able to hold our graduation ceremony at the Schottenstein Center, we will hold the ceremony on the same date and time at our football field.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Aric Thomas, Principal 614-450-6400 / athomas@wscloud.org



Counseling Center

Grief Group

We are partnering with OhioHealth Hospice to provide the opportunity for WKHS students to participate in grief groups. Often times, high school students are experiencing the death of a significant loved one for the first time in their lives. We would like to give all students who would benefit the opportunity to learn more about the grief groups so they can decide if this would be helpful for them. If you believe your son or daughter has experienced a loss and would benefit by participating in a grief group at WKHS, **please notify your child's counselor by Monday, April 5th.**

Armed Forces Career Commitment Celebration for Ohio Students

Are you a junior or senior who has committed to serving in the Armed Forces after high school? Please check out [this](#) information to see how you can be a part of the celebration!



Virtual Job Fair April 30

The counselors are hosting a **Virtual Job Fair** on April 30 from 8:30am -10am. Must be 16 years old to attend. Please join us in the library for this fun and free event. [Click here](#) to view a flyer about the event.



Parents of Seniors: Check out these scholarship opportunities!

The WKHS Counselors webpage has many scholarship opportunities listed. Please [click here](#) to go straight to all the scholarship information, and encourage your senior to apply soon.



Know! To Talk Teen Romance



It's spring, and love is in the air, regardless of there being a pandemic taking place. In fact, while COVID may be creating additional complexities for romance, young love is still blooming. Though some parents cringe at the thought of talking to their child about romantic relationships, it's a must-have discussion. According to [LovelsRespect.org](#), all relationships fall somewhere on The Relationship Spectrum from healthy to abusive, with unhealthy being somewhere in the middle. This article from Prevention Action Alliance guides parents in opening up regular and ongoing talks with your child about relationships. Please [click here](#) to view the full article.

Academics & Testing

Worthington Schools is administering the **American History end-of-course test for Spring 2021**. All students who are currently enrolled in American History and AP US History, as well as those students who wish to retake the American History end-of-course test, are scheduled to take the test in April. Ohio just passed legislation to waive the state's American History test as a way to reduce testing this Spring.

Aligned with other Central Ohio school districts, Worthington Schools made a decision to still administer the American History end-of-course test. Although the state has waived the test, it is still tied to the Citizenship Seal, one of the state graduation seals available under the permanent graduation requirements for the class of 2023 and beyond. Therefore, students who do not take the American History test will not be able to earn the Citizenship Seal, which could affect graduation eligibility. In the best interest of our students, we want to be sure we offer every opportunity for each student to meet graduation requirements.

Update From the Health Office

*** COVID-19 Information***

Revised March 22

As we return to a normal schedule with all students attending school daily it is extremely important **NOT** to send your student to school if they are sick and not feeling well. **A daily health check is required for parents and students to complete each morning prior to school.**

[Daily Home COVID-19 "Before School" Screening](#)

[Protocol for COVID-19 School Screening and Follow Up Requirements](#)

If your child develops or reports any of the symptoms listed below during the school day they will be isolated and a parent or guardian will be called for immediate pick up. Follow-up with a health care provider will be required for your student to return to school. The COVID-19 protocols will be strictly enforced to ensure a healthy environment for our students and staff.

Your child needs to be kept home if any of the following symptoms are present:

- Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth
- New or worsened cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Nasal congestion or runny nose
- Vomiting or diarrhea

Your child needs to be kept home if TWO or more of the following symptoms are present:

- Headaches
- Body aches
- Fatigue
- Nausea

Quarantine Guidelines for a Positive Case WITHIN THE HOME:

- All students within the home should quarantine, from school and activities, following a positive test of a family member.
- This would also apply to a symptomatic family member who is awaiting a test result.

Quarantine Guidelines for a Positive Case AT SCHOOL:

- According to the Columbus Public Health department, if a student not wearing a mask is found to be within 3 feet of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes, the student must quarantine from school and all other activities.
- If a student is found to be between 3 feet and 6 feet of a person who tested positive with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes while wearing masks, the student may attend school and they can participate in after-school activities, including sports.
- Finally, if a student is found to be more than 6 feet of a person who tested positive with COVID-19, the student does not need to be quarantined. (6ft is still the standard outside of school)

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Other Exemptions to the Quarantine Guidelines:

- Students that have had a positive COVID-19 test within the past 90 days are exempt.
- Students that have had two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine are also exempt.

Contact Nurse Julie if you have any questions or need further instructions.

Julie Garner RN BSN MSE / jgarner@wscloud.org / Office Phone: 614-450-6415

Please notify the Attendance Office if you know your student will be absent from school. Call ahead to pre-excuse for appointments and ask your student to pick up a pass in the office ahead of time – we prefer not to interrupt classes by calling rooms to dismiss. You may call the 24-hour recorded line to leave a message at 614-450-6410, or talk to Mrs. Dascenzo at 614-450-6461 between 6:45 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Or you may email her at wkattend@wscloud.org

Students parking on campus must display a permit

On March 22 the number of students parking in the student parking lots doubled, as students began to attend school every day. Student parking permits are available for purchase through MyPaymentsPlus, and have been reduced in price for the second half of the year. Log on to **MyPaymentsPlus** and choose “**Activities**” to purchase your student’s parking pass. **Have them stop in Student Services to pick up their tag.**

Arts & Entertainment

WKHS Theatre & Music Departments will stream the spring MUSICAL!

WKHS Theatre and Music departments are proud to announce the streaming of their musical ***Ranked***, music and lyrics by David Taylor Gomes and book by Kyle Holmes. **The show will be streamed on April 9 and 10 at 7:30 pm.** Streaming Passes can be purchased by going to wkhs.booktix.com. Passes are \$17.50 (\$15.00 goes to WKHS Theatre + \$2.50 in streaming and credit card fees.)



The story follows three sets of siblings as they navigate their way through high school, where everything you do, who you know and what you have depends upon your class rank. Written by two high school teachers in California, and published just before the "college-gate" scandal broke involving Hollywood stars, the show asks "What would you do if everything depended on your rank?" "What if someone's cheating?" Watch as this story unfolds as students face the pressure of nothing being as important as your class rank.

Seniors / Class of 2021

Baccalaureate celebrates the Class of 2021! Friday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Seniors, please SAVE THE DATE for Baccalaureate, a nondenominational celebration of our seniors. Baccalaureate will be held on Friday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. at Worthington Christian Church. In preparation for Baccalaureate, **please send a baby picture and a senior picture** to wkhs2021pics@gmail.com. Please save the photos with your first initial and last name. Your photos will be added to a Baccalaureate senior video to be shared at the event. Watch for more information regarding Baccalaureate to come soon! We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Parents of Juniors, Class of 2022

Juniors may leave for Open Lunch, with parent permission

On March 22 we resumed “All-In” Learning and students are attending school every day. (No more Blue/Green days!) In order to maintain social distancing during the four lunch periods, juniors are being given the opportunity to have **Open Lunch** for a limited time, **with parent permission**. Please [click here](#) to view the letter to parents and print the permission form, which should be signed and brought to **Student Services**.



Guidelines for picking up students after school

After-school traffic is heavier than normal with the return to All-In learning. Please be patient!

Parents are encouraged to consider delaying pick-up until around 3:15 -- it would really help to reduce the traffic jam around 3:00pm with cars waiting for school to be out and buses turning in to the front of school to make the end-of-the-day run.

- The **Bus-only Lane** will be curbside right in front of the building. This curb is painted Yellow, indicating no parking or waiting during the day.
- There are **4 pick-up zones** for parents to use during after-school pickup according to the first letter of the student's last name:
 - **Zone 1:**
 - **A-B** will pick up in **Zone #1** in the Front East Zone, along the left of the median strip.
 - **L-M** will pick up in **Zone #1** in the Front East Zone, along the left of the median strip.
 - **Zone 2:**
 - **C,D,E** will pick up in **Zone #2** in the Front West Zone, along the left of the median strip.
 - **N, O, P, R** will pick up in **Zone #2** in the Front West Zone, along the left of the median strip.
 - **Zone 3:**
 - **F,G,H** will pick up in **Zone #3** at the Athletic Entrance around the back of the school.
 - **S, T** will pick up in **Zone #3** at the Athletic Entrance around the back of the school. (*continued. . .*)
 - **Zone 4:**
 - **I, J, K** will pick up in **Zone #4** at the Art Wing / Tech Entrance around the back of the school.
 - **U, V, W,Y,Z** will pick up in **Zone #4** at the Art Wing / Tech Entrance around the back of the school.

Parents picking up students along the left of the front median strip (Zones 1 and 2) should stay in the **LEFT** lane in the entrance driveway. **DO NOT BLOCK THE CORNER AS YOU TURN INTO THE PICKUP ZONE – this creates backups on Hard Road. If necessary, please pull ahead to the EAST parking lot and wait for your student there.**

Parents picking up students at the back of the school (Zones 3 and 4) should stay in the **RIGHT** lane in the entrance driveway and drive to the right of the school building, around to the back.

PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#) FOR AN AERIAL MAP OF THE 4 PICK-UP ZONES

Athletics

WKHS Football Dine & Donate / Click [here](#) for details

4/12/2021: JT's Pizza, 2390 West Dublin Granville Road

4/29/2021: City Barbeque (Powell location) 11am-8pm, **Promo Code: FundA**

Kroger Community Rewards

You shop, Kroger donates \$\$ to our program. Please [register](#) your Kroger Rewards cards. The Gridiron Club is listed under "WKHS Quarterback Club" (**Organization #PK943**) under Kroger Community Rewards.

WKHS Football Alumni Golf Outing

Save The Date!!! **June 21, 2021** at The Lakes Golf and Country Club. [Click here](#) for more information.

Join the WKHS Football FlipGive

Do you shop online?! Please join our **FlipGive** team!! You shop (with special deals and promotions) and WKHS Football earns money back! Thanks for supporting our team! Sign up below.

<https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=KROQQQL>

WKHS Boys Lacrosse Mulch Sale



The 29th year of the **Boys Lacrosse Mulch Sale** started February 20th. You may buy premium mulch online with free delivery directly to your house with a 10-bag order (in Central Ohio). Ordering is easy, fast and online, just [click here](#). Thanks for your support.

WKHS Girls Lacrosse Boosters

The **WKHS Girls Lacrosse Boosters** are now selling masks. If you would like to order, please email WKHSGLAX@gmail.com. The masks are \$8 apiece and we will deliver to the 43235/43065 area. We do prefer **Venmo** (@wkhs-glax) and we will also be selling outside of the stadium at home glax games.



SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, May 2



4th Annual Diamond Club Golf Outing / at Safari Golf Club.

Registration is now open. [Click here](#) for flyer and registration information.