

# Worthington Kilbourne Weekly Newsletter

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## WKHS Website

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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

Wed., April 14	<b>Extended 3<sup>rd</sup> Period Schedule:</b> "Healthy Teen Relationships" discussion during 3 <sup>rd</sup> period
<b>Week of April 19</b>	<b>Special <a href="#">Bell Schedules</a> for Ohio state testing</b>
<b>April 21 &amp; 22</b>	Cap & Gown pickup during 4 lunch periods
<b>April 24</b>	Prom at WKHS – 2 sessions - see page 3

Dear Kilbourne Family,

Approximately 1,000 Worthington City Schools students were vaccinated this week in partnership with Nationwide Children's Hospital and Columbus Public Health Department. We are very appreciative of this opportunity afforded to our families. It is another step closer to bringing us back together in a manner we all wish. The second round of vaccinations will occur on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at TWHS.

Unrelated but equally as important, **senior tag** has seemingly started. We do not support or encourage senior tag at school and students would be subject to discipline for violating our school policies if they are acting in any manner related to this dangerous activity. Students often get hurt as a result of this game and we want our parents to be aware of the serious harm it could cause.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Aric Thomas, Principal      614-450-6400 / [athomas@wscloud.org](mailto:athomas@wscloud.org)



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



**Week of April 19-23 / Special State [Testing Schedule](#)**

**End-of-course exams (REQUIRED) will be given all week**

**[Click here](#) to view the Monday through Friday schedule**



**TWO Bus Runs each morning: one at the regular time, second run exactly 3 hours later.**

## Counseling Center

**Virtual Career Fair April 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m to 10:00 a.m.**

**Worthington Schools and Delaware Area Career Center (DACC)** are hosting a **Virtual Career Fair** on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. -10 a.m. 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. Any student 16 years or older who might be interested in gaining part-time or full-time employment this summer or post-graduation, should plan to attend. We will have a **variety of employers** at this event, including the following, *plus more*:

Firehouse Subs  
Kenneth's Hair Salon and Spa  
Jersey Mike's  
Ace Hardware  
Columbus Zoo & Zoombezi Bay  
Huntington Bank  
Swensens  
Vaughn Industries, LLC  
Aquatots  
Brookdale Trillium



### **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 Join the Meditation Movement**



When we or our children are stressed, our bodies enter a fight or flight mode. Long ago, it was a survival mechanism, a matter of life or death. Most times nowadays, we are not in physical danger, but our bodies still respond as if we are. Over the past year, more teens than usual have reported

feeling overloaded with stress, which can and has led to anxiety, withdrawal, aggression, physical illness and poor coping skills, including the use of drugs and alcohol. One powerful way to combat stress and its negative effects is through meditation. [Click here](#) to read an article for parents from [Prevention Action Alliance](#) on the benefits of mediation.

## 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.

# Seniors / Class of 2021

**Grad Banners! Place online orders now until May 9th / Pickup will be at WKHS May 11<sup>th</sup>**

Celebrate your senior with a yard banner! You may place orders online until May 9<sup>th</sup>. [Click here](#) to view the complete flyer, or follow [this link](#) to gradbanners.com. Banner pickup will be held at **WKHS on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, between 5 pm and 8 pm, around the back of the school.**

**Cap & Gown pickup is April 21 and 22 during all lunch periods**

Remind your graduate that **Cap & Gown Pickup** will be April 21 and 22 during all four lunch periods in the cafeteria/commons.

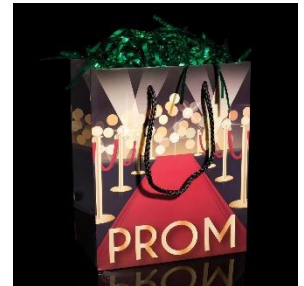


**Baccalaureate celebrates the Class of 2021! Friday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m.**

**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](mailto:wkhs2021pics@gmail.com). Photo files should be JPEG formatted and saved with your first initial and last name. Even if you are unable to attend the Baccalaureate celebration, please share your photos so they can be added to a 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!

**Seniors and Juniors! Prom is April 24, 2021 here at WKHS!**

**Tickets:** Tickets are \$10 per person. All tickets must be purchased [HERE](#) online no later than Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** **Scroll down the list of events and select Prom: Session 1 or Prom: Session 2.** You will see **TWO sessions** (8-10pm and 9-11pm). You **MUST** select **SESSION ONE** or **SESSION TWO** when making your purchase. Make sure you talk to your friends **BEFORE** purchasing, as we may not be able to accommodate switches after purchases have been made.



**Guests:** If you are bringing a guest from another school, you **MUST** complete the **WKHS Guest Permission Form** (either [click here](#) and print it out or pick up a copy in the WK Athletic Office). This document **MUST** be completed and turned in by 3:30pm on **THURSDAY, APRIL 22**.

Masks will be required the entire time and social distancing practices will be put in place. Please be understanding of the guidelines that are being set forth as we want to keep everyone as safe as possible. We look forward to seeing you all at the dance!

**Prom After Hours Party at Sawmill Lanes**

**WKHS Prom After Hours 2021**, sponsored by the Activity Club, is a safe, fun-filled, **FREE** event for students to attend after the Prom, as well as for seniors-only who are *not* attending Prom. We are hosting at AMF Sawmill Lanes, 4825 Sawmill Rd, Columbus, OH 43235 on April 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 pm-1:30 am. This event will be limited to 175 students and is following state guidelines for COVID protocols. You must wear a mask and lanes are limited to small groups with lane spacing in between groups.

Click on the red button below to register for the **After Hours** event via Eventbrite signup. **Students are required to register for entry.** In addition, **please fill out the permission form** on the signup site to accept the terms and conditions of the After Hours activities. Free Bowling, Trivia, Food and Prizes can be enjoyed at the After Hours event!

**Register Here** →



# 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)

## **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](mailto:jgarner@wscloud.org) / Office Phone: 614-450-6415

## From our District Office

### Worthington Alliance for Black Families and Educators (WABFE) Update

Here is the latest WABFE Update: [April Newsletter](#). If you'd like to attend the virtual meeting on Thursday, April 22 at 7 p.m., please register: [HERE](#)



## 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.**

## Athletics

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

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

**4/20/2021:** Dine to Donate with Skyline Chili on Tuesday April 20th from 3-10pm. This will be to support the WKHS Bands. Please [click here](#) to view the flyer.

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

### Kroger Community Rewards benefits the Gridiron Club

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 29<sup>th</sup> year of the **Boys Lacrosse Mulch Sale** started February 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.