



# 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

<b>NEW: April 29 &amp; 30</b>	Cap & Gown pickup during all 4 lunch periods <b>(this has been rescheduled)</b>
<b>Friday, April 30</b>	Special Extended 3 <sup>rd</sup> period <a href="#">Bell Schedule</a> for Student Body President speeches
<b>Tuesday, May 18</b>	Last day of classes for seniors
<b>Tuesday, May 25</b>	Commencement, 7 pm – venue TBA
<b>Wednesday, May 26</b>	Last day of classes for grades 9-10-11

Dear Kilbourne Family,

Several times throughout the past year we have witnessed events that have caused us to reflect. This past week has caused an array of emotions and it is hard to ignore the divisiveness trying to separate people from one another. My reflection has led me to determine that I should check on people more frequently and ask them how they are doing. We are very fortunate to participate in a community that has the well-being of our students at the center of our efforts. We have a community that checks on neighbors, volunteers for charitable organizations, and generally and actively supports the schools. We have a community of love, pride, and affection. We have each other.

As we progress through these trying times and as you reflect, please know that it is important to try to see things from a variety of perspectives if for nothing else, to have a better understanding of the various positions people have on any matter for which we face.

Please be well and, as always, if you have any questions or concerns please reach out.

Sincerely,

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

**Parents of Seniors:** Be sure to check out the new information on Page 3, including the Mandatory Senior Information Form, Senior Recognition Ceremony, and updates about the Commencement Ceremony

## April Is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

**National Child Abuse Prevention Month** recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to strengthen families, in order to prevent child abuse and neglect. Being aware of signs along with prevention services and supports can help protect children and produce thriving families. The CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control defines three critical qualities of relationships and environments that can reduce the occurrence and negative effects of child maltreatment and other adverse childhood experiences (CDC, 2019): safety, stability, nurturing. Risk factors for child abuse and neglect include: poverty, substance abuse, and stress. Below are resources to help learn more about supporting your child:

- [Child Welfare: Protective Factors Approaches](#)
- [Child Welfare: Abuse and Neglect: Signs and Symptoms](#)
- [Stanford Medicine: Signs & Symptoms of Abuse/Neglect](#)
- [Child Welfare: Parenting Resources](#)
- [Darkness to Light: Warning Signs of Child Sexual Abuse](#)

### Resources for Worthington Families:

- [Cap4Kids Utility and Housing Assistance](#)
- [Worthington CARES Coalition](#)
- [Worthington Resource Pantry](#)
- [Cap4Kids Resource Child Abuse Page](#)
- [Where's the Line Website](#)

## Know! How to Combat Spring Fever



Spring has sprung and changes are plentiful all around us! You may notice changes in your children as well this time of year. So how can we help children finish out the school year strong, while keeping the attitudes and behaviors in check? [Click here](#) to read tips from **Prevention Action Alliance**.

## 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; you'll receive help logging into teams for meetings to connect with employers. 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.



# Seniors / Class of 2021

## Mandatory Senior Information Form

As we prepare for the senior recognition and graduation ceremonies, we need some additional information from senior students. On Friday, students were sent [this mandatory senior information form](#) which will be used for seniors to:

- Indicate their preferred Diploma Presenter
- Request their Final Transcript
- Report information needed for the programs
- Provide feedback on their HS Reflections

**This form should be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than May 4<sup>th</sup>.**

If students receive additional scholarships after submitting their questionnaire, please have them email the updates to [afocht@wscloud.org](mailto:afocht@wscloud.org) so that it can be added to the program. Please note, we cannot guarantee that information received after May 4<sup>th</sup> will be able to be added into the program before printing.

## Senior Recognition and Commencement ceremonies

We are looking forward to honoring and celebrating the students in the Class of 2021 this spring. The **Senior Recognition Ceremony** will be conducted virtually and will be released at 7pm on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. The **Graduation** ceremony will happen at 7pm on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. The goal is that graduation will continue as planned at the Schottenstein Center, but the WKHS Stadium is the backup plan. There is no doubt that the inability to know exactly where graduation will take place is stressful to our staff, students and families, but we are awaiting final approval from Ohio State University and the Health Department. **The bottom line is that no matter where we end up celebrating the graduates of the Class of 2021, we are thankful that we will be able to be together and hold an in-person ceremony.**

## Grad Banners! Place online orders now until May 9<sup>th</sup> / 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.**

## NEW DATES: Cap & Gown pickup is April 29 and 30 during all lunch periods

Cap & Gown Pickup has been changed due to testing last week. Remind your graduate that **Cap & Gown Pickup** will be **April 29 and 30** 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, parent run and organized. Baccalaureate will be held on **Friday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. at Worthington Christian Church.**

**NEW!** The Baccalaureate celebration will showcase student performances and guest speakers. If you are a graduating senior who is interested in sharing your talent at Baccalaureate, please sign up [here](#). In preparation for Baccalaureate, please send a baby picture and a senior picture to [wkhs2021pics@gmail.com](mailto:wkhs2021pics@gmail.com) by May 7<sup>th</sup>. 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!

# 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

## Link Leaders 2021-22

**Current sophomores and juniors: Apply to be a Link Leader for 2021-22**

**Do you remember your first days of high school? Do you want to make a difference in the life of an incoming freshman?** If so, you can apply to be a Link Leader for the 2021-22 school year. Link Leaders are upperclassmen who are good role models for younger students and who have been successful at our high school. Link Leaders' communication skills, leadership potential, responsibility, and personality have helped them succeed in the high school environment, and the lessons they have learned should be shared to help others succeed. You could have a tremendous influence on our new students, and you will learn many valuable leadership skills in the process.



You either can submit an application by scanning the QR code on the flyer posted on our school website ([click here](#)), or use this direct link to the [Google Form application](#). Applications must be submitted by Sunday, May 2nd, so make sure you receive confirmation from the Google Form that your application was successfully submitted. See Ms. Johnson or Ms. Bode for more information.

**Freshman Day 2019**



## Students parking on campus must display a permit



**In March 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

### Support Worthington Kilbourne Girls Golf

The **Worthington Kilbourne Girls Golf Team** is holding a **Peachskin Sheets** fundraiser! [Click here](#) to go to the flyer for details.

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

**City  
BARBEQUE**

**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=KRQQQL>

### 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](mailto: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.