



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

Tuesday, May 18	Last day of classes for seniors
Tuesday, May 25	Commencement at Schottenstein Center, 7pm
Wed., May 26	Last day of classes for grades 9-10-11

Dear Kilbourne Family,

It is National Teacher Appreciation Week! We are excited to celebrate each of our teachers and supporting staff for all that they do to enhance our school community. As we are all aware, the adjustments this year for our teaching staff have created many challenges and yet they found a way to meet students in various formats to ensure student success. We are proud of our PACK and we hope you find a moment to send them a note this week. Everyone needs a positive word from time to time, and it means the world to us when we hear from our students and our parents.

Challenge: Send one email or card to one teacher each day of the week!

If you accept this challenge, our teachers and support staff will receive upwards of 10,000 notes in total. Even a fraction of that would be terrific.

Sincerely,

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

Parents of Seniors: Be sure to check out the new information on Pages 2-3, including the Mandatory Senior Information Form, Senior Recognition Ceremony, and updates about the Commencement Ceremony

Counseling Center



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.



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 →



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 April 23, 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 4th.

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

Unpaid Fees and Fines

All fees and fines MUST be paid in full in order to receive a diploma at Commencement and for final transcripts to be processed. Please visit [MyPaymentsPlus.com](https://www.mypaymentsplus.com) for a list of any outstanding balance you may owe. Should you have questions, please contact Mrs. Focht at 614-450-6483 or email her at AFocht@wscloud.org

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** is being finalized at this time. The **Graduation** ceremony will happen at 7pm on Tuesday, May 25th, in the OSU Schottenstein Center. **We are thankful that we will be able to be together and hold an in-person ceremony to celebrate the Class of 2021.**

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

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

Calling all Seniors! Starting on **Monday, May 3rd** - a senior banner will be put outside Worthington Kilbourne HS to celebrate the graduating Class of 2021! You don't want to miss it, so stop by and take a photo or two. We encourage you to share your senior banner photos on social media using #itsworthit or emailing your photos to ec0094@wscloud.org, so we can all celebrate and recognize the amazing students that make up this year's senior class. Congratulations to the Class of 2021! We wish you all the best and can't wait to see the great things you'll accomplish!

Caps and Gowns that were not picked up last week are in the Counseling Center

If your student didn't pick up his/her cap and gown last week these are now available for pickup in the **Counseling Center**. If your student still needs to place an order, [click here](#) and **scroll down to order a cap and gown.**



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

Attention WKHS Seniors! Mark your calendar for Baccalaureate, a special nondenominational, parent-sponsored event featuring guest speakers and senior talent designed to celebrate the class of 2021. **You may now reserve up to three tickets using the link below!** Capacity is limited, so reserve your tickets as soon as possible. Also, please send one baby picture and one senior picture to wkhs2021pics@gmail.com by May 12th. Photo files should be JPEG formatted and saved with your first initial and last name. Even if you are unable to attend the celebration, please send your photos so they can be added to a senior video to be shared at the event.

[WKHS Baccalaureate 2021 Registration, Fri, May 21, 2021 at 7:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Seniors, Join Us for Baccalaureate!

When: May 21 @ 7:30 p.m.

Where: Worthington Christian Church

What: A nondenominational celebration of the senior class featuring guest speakers and senior talent!

Who: Seniors may reserve up to three tickets

Capacity is limited. Tickets must be reserved in advance.



Seniors, please send a baby picture AND a senior picture to wkhs2021pics@gmail.com by May 7th!

Our larger community

You are Not Alone

A message from a student in our community: “My name is Andrea Nadolny, and I am a junior at Thomas Worthington High School. I am reaching out to you about my **Girl Scout Gold Award Project**. I have been working on spreading suicide awareness and education within our community.

“I have been working on two murals for suicide awareness. One is currently being displayed at the Worthington Community Center ([click here](#) to view) alongside my suicide infographics that I developed with the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation.

“The second mural is an interactive design that allows our community to come and paint their handprint on the mural which will be displayed at the Old Worthington Library. To spread the word about the handprinting events in June and July, please [click here](#).” Please check out Andrea’s flyer, posted on our WK website. We’d love to see handprints from the WKHS community represented on her mural!



Arts & Entertainment

WKHS Theatre News

WKHS Theatre is so excited to present a **LIVE production** on May 8th at 2 pm. **One Stoplight Town** by Tracy Wells tells the story of a small town that gets their first stoplight and the controversy and events of town life that revolve around it. Tickets are \$5 (plus online fees) and can be purchased at wkhs.booktix.com. There will NOT be ticket sales at the door; all tickets must be purchased online and virtual tickets will be scanned from your smartphone at the door. Although performed in the auditorium, seats are limited and, following COVID protocol, all patrons must be masked the entire time and self-check their own health before attending.

In addition, we hope to be able to stream both **A Christmas Carol** and **Alice in (Techno) Wonderland** the weekend of May 14 and 15th. Going virtual for the first time presented a steep learning curve, many hurdles and unexpected roadblocks. We are still working on some of them, but we hope to have them ironed out by that time. Stay tuned for more details.

The **2021 Theatre Celebration** is being planned by the WKHS Thespian Board for May 10th at 6:30 pm. This will be in the auditorium and seating is limited to 185, including the students being honored. We are asking students to sit with their parents. In order to receive a seating assignment for this event, complete this google form by clicking [HERE](#). You will be emailed your seating assignment the weekend before the event. If you know of a 2020 graduate, please invite them to attend and let us know they will be there. We would like to honor them as well.

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 / Office Phone: 614-450-6415

Athletics

Kilbourne Wolves Caravan Car Flag

Purchase a Wolves Caravan Car Flag and support the WKHS Baseball Team! [Click here](#) to go to the flyer.

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.



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 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.

Purchase a Kilbourne Wolves Caravan Car Flag and support the Baseball Team! [Click here](#) to order.