

Worthington Kilbourne Weekly News

Week of January 8, 2024



Dear Kilbourne Family,

Happy New Year! This May will mark the completion of the 33rd year in our school's history. And, we will begin a major renovation to nearly every space within the building giving that new feel to all of our learning and common spaces. Beginning in March, our science classrooms will be closed and demolished. The goal will be to get them renovated before the start of the 2024-25 school year. New, fully-equipped science labs will bring us up-to-date with all of the modern furnishings and lab equipment for our students to use and explore.



This is an exciting time, but as with any renovation, there will be disturbances (sounds of hammering, tile removal, etc.) that we will need to endure. In the end, we know it will be well worth the wait. In Worthington, we want all of our students and their experiences to be of the highest quality. Both TWHS and WKHS will place our students in a wonderful position to make effective changes today and tomorrow.

Thank you for choosing Worthington, and thank you for allowing us to work with your students.

Aric Thomas, Principal



Upcoming Events for your Calendar

Wednesday, January 10: [PACK Period](#) schedule

Monday, January 15: **NO SCHOOL** - Martin Luther King Day

Wednesday, January 24: [PACK Period](#) schedule

Thursday, February 8: Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:40-7:20 p.m.

Saturday, February 10: Winter Formal, 8-11 p.m.

Tuesday, February 13: Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:40 p.m.

Monday, February 19: **NO SCHOOL** - Presidents' Day

Tuesday, March 5: Academic Honors Night, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 8: **NO SCHOOL** / End of 3rd Grading Period

March 25 through 29: Spring Break

ASVAB

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery



ASVAB career interest inventory, for grades 10-12

The ASVAB is a career interest inventory that allows students to learn more about who they are and what their future can hold.

While many people know the ASVAB as a test for military enlistment, it's an amazing career exploration tool! **The ASVAB can be taken by all students in 10th grade and above. Students can have no intention of entering the military.**

WKHS will be offering the ASVAB on Friday, January 12, at 9 a.m. in Room 231. Scan the QR code to be linked to the parent interest form and register your student, or [click here](#) if unable to use a QR code.



WKHS Transition and Curriculum Night / Wednesday, January 24, 2024

WELCOME TO TRANSITION & CURRICULUM NIGHT AT
WORTHINGTON KILBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL

8th Grade Parents meet in the auditorium for the Transition and Curriculum Night opening from 7-7:15 p.m. *All grade levels* may attend the concurrent curriculum sessions from 7:25 to 8:40 p.m.

Our **Transition and Curriculum Night** gives parents and students the opportunity to receive first-hand information about the courses and programs offered at the high school level. You may choose from four different curriculum sessions ranging from electives and requirements representing every academic discipline and course offerings at WKHS. Each session repeats every fifteen minutes with five minutes in between for time to travel to your next session. Faculty members will be available to answer questions about their department's curriculum and special programs after they have given a short presentation at the beginning of each session.

Presentation Schedule:

7:00 - 7:15 Welcome and Program Overview for Eighth Grade Students & Parents (Auditorium)
(Open to ALL students and parents)

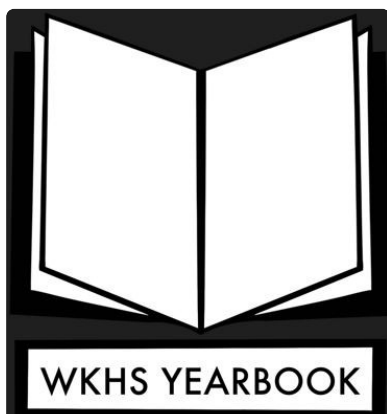
7:25 – 7:40 SESSION 1

7:45 – 8:00 SESSION 2

8:05 – 8:20 SESSION 3

8:25 – 8:40 SESSION 4

WKHS Counselors Monthly Newsletter link: [CLICK HERE](#)



Time to PRE-ORDER your 2023-24 WKHS Yearbook!

Pre-Order your 2023-24 Yearbook now through **Buckeye Scholastic**: Click [here](#) for the direct link to order.

For further information, and to see what you can look forward to in our Yearbook, follow our **Instagram**: [@wkhswolfbook](#)

Click [here](#) for the direct link to order.

And don't forget to [purchase a celebratory ad for your Senior](#) to be published in the Yearbook!



Senior portraits may be submitted for the yearbook

Senior Portraits are due the day before Spring Break: **March 22, 2024**. Students or parents may submit Senior Photos to the Google Form [at this link](#). Soon, we will provide information for families who wish to have a Yearbook photographer take their student's Senior Portrait free of charge.



Student IDs must be shown when entering the school

If you had your picture taken on **October 3** during Picture Retakes, ID's are in Student Services ready to pick up!



Reminder: you must show your ID on a card or on your phone if you arrive at school after 8:40 a.m. or enter at any time during the day. See the instructions BELOW and the QR code to scan it to your phone.



Scan and log in to receive your School ID

The problem that prevented successful downloading of school IDs onto phones has been fixed. The image of your ID can be saved to a mobile device for use throughout the school year. Students should scan the QR code on the left to retrieve their ID image. You will need to use your last name and student ID number to access your ID. Images can be sent via text or email.

Infinite Campus Access for Parents

For step-by-step instructions on how parents can access **Infinite Campus** to check grades, attendance and behavior messages, please [CLICK HERE](#).



Testing at Worthington Kilbourne, 2023-24

The District provides an online resource for parents to look up standardized testing that occurs during the school year. You can search either by **your student's grade level** or click on the drop-down box and **click on any of the tests**. You will see a description of tests and what dates they will be administered. In this way you can avoid scheduling medical appointments that conflict with testing dates. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the site online.

COVID Algorithm from our District website

For guidance if your student is experiencing symptoms, you may consult a chart (**COVID Algorithm**) provided under the **Health Services** tab on the District website: [CLICK HERE](#).

When to keep your child home from school: [CLICK HERE](#)

Guidelines for Student Attendance

A parent is required to notify the **Attendance Office** to give the reason for a student's absence from school. The statutes of the Ohio Revised Code governing school attendance are specific and leave little option for school authorities to excuse students except for:

- Personal illness
- Medical or dental appointment (partial days in most cases)
- Death in the family
- Illness in the family
- Quarantine of the home
- Religious holidays
- Field Trips
- College Visit
- Family Emergency

Absences for any other reasons are generally unexcused. Please notify the Attendance Office in one of these ways:

- Call **614-450-6461** during school hours
- Call **24-hour message line at 614-450-6410**
- Email wkattend@wscloud.org

Please have students ask for a **printed excuse from any medical/dental appointment** as this will trigger a different code in the attendance system when presented at the Attendance desk. For more information, you may read pages 22-27 in the **WKHS Student Code of Conduct and Co-Curricular Program** by [clicking here](#).



WKHS Student Code of Conduct and Co-Curricular Program Handbook

The **2023-24 WKHS Student Code of Conduct and Co-Curricular Program Handbook** is available for viewing on our school website.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access the comprehensive handbook that covers all Worthington City Schools high school programs, policies and guidelines for students and parents, updated for 2023-24.



Student parking permits may be purchased through MyPaymentsPlus

Students who intend to park a car on the WK campus need to purchase a parking permit **each school year**. The cost of a permit for 2nd semester is reduced to \$20. Purchase online through [MyPaymentsPlus.com](https://www.mypaymentsplus.com) (parking permits are found under **ACTIVITIES**) and students may pick up their permits in **Student Services**.



Attention 11th Grade Parents!

Ohio Law (ORC 3313.671) requires all **12th grade students receive two (2) doses of the Meningococcal vaccine**. The second dose must be received **after the student's 16th birthday**. Please provide an updated immunization record showing that this state requirement has been met. See the following clinic information to receive a vaccine. Reach out to Nurse Julie if you have any questions. jgarner@wscloud.org



Students may not order food to be delivered

Students **may not** order food from **delivery services such as Door Dash**. This is against District policy and expressly prohibited in the **WKHS Student Handbook**. Please remind your student that they are not allowed to order food to be delivered to the school, and may not leave the building to meet delivery drivers outside. We appreciate your support of our security measures.

WKHS Special Education Key Communicator

Worthington's Special Education Key Communicator Committee strives to build positive, productive and collaborative relationships and partnerships amongst the educators and community of families whose children receive special education and related services. We will engage in two-way communication, with the goal being to provide a circle of influence where we can share out and learn from and with each other.

The key communicator will convey information from their building to the committee, as well as information from the committee to their buildings. The Key Communicator for **Worthington Kilbourne High School** is Sandra Hertz. Please reach out to her at sandra-76@msn.com if you have questions or topics to discuss.



ATHLETICS & COCURRICULAR

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS SPORTS SCHEDULES](#)

[Clubs & Activities at WKHS: CLICK HERE](#)



Participation in sports during 2023-24 school year

If you are interested in participating in a sport during the 2023-24 school year, please log on to your [Final Forms](#) account and register for the team(s) of your choice. This will help coaches communicate and get you involved in team training. If you have specific questions regarding a sport/activity, please contact the

Varsity Head Coach. You can find their contact information by clicking [HERE](#).



WKHS Softball Stadium Seat Fundraiser

Stadium seats with back support allow you to cheer on your favorite Worthington Kilbourne team and prevent backache and discomfort. [Click here](#) to view the flyer with ordering details.

Contact Bob Janosy at boobjanosy@gmail.com to arrange for delivery.



Student attendance at athletic events in 2023-24

Students in grades 6 through 12 will be admitted free to athletic events for the 2023-24 school year **with a current student ID**. [Click here](#) to read our ticket policies to attend athletic events this school year.

Game expectations for students

From Jeff Todd, Athletic Director:

Game Expectations for Worthington Kilbourne High School Events:

- Worthington Students in grades 6 - 12 will be admitted FREE to regular season events with a school ID (tip: take a picture of your ID with your phone so you always have it!)
- Footballs, soccer balls, etc. are not permitted to be brought into the game
- Students will be expected to sit in the stands during the game. No gathering in other areas of the stadium. Please sit in the student section
- No face paint or full face masks permitted to be worn
- No food or drink is permitted to be brought into the stadium
- Do not bring bags into the stadium of any type
- Re-entry is not permitted without purchasing ticket
- Cheer for our team. Cheers directed towards our opponent, their fans, officials, etc. are not acceptable
- Please clean up your area at the student tailgate. Nobody likes a mess or paint on their cars! Let an administrator know if you need more trash cans/bags
- A reminder that games are all 'school events' and all rules regarding appropriate behavior apply even though it is after school hours



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