

WILDCAT PRESS



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WORTHINGTON CALENDAR

2022-2023 FALL IMPORTANT DATES

November: American Indian Heritage Month

- 11/21 - **IN-PERSON** Parent/Teacher Conferences ~ Early Dismissal @ 12:55 PM ~ No ½ Day Preschool/PreK
- 11/22 - **VIRTUAL ONLY** Parent/Teacher Conferences ~ Early Dismissal @ 12:55 PM - No ½ Day Preschool/PreK
- 11/23 - **VIRTUAL ONLY** Parent/Teacher Conferences ~ **Schools CLOSED for Students**
- 11/24-11/25 - **SCHOOLS CLOSED** for THANKSGIVING BREAK
- 12/3 - PTA Sponsored Secret Shop 10 am - 1 pm
- 12/5 - Restaurant Night at Noodles & Company to support WoES PTA

RELATED ARTS COLOR SCHEDULE

November 2022

APPROVED

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November holidays and other dates of interest 11 Veterans Day		1 ORANGE	2 YELLOW	3 GREEN	4 BLUE	5
6	7 RED	8 Election Day Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	Schools close 3 hours early. No half-day Pre-K. End of first marking period. 9 ORANGE	10 YELLOW	11 GREEN	12
13	14 BLUE	15 RED	16 ORANGE	17 YELLOW	18 GREEN	19
20	21 BLUE Schools close 3 hours early. No half-day Pre-K/REOC. ES/MS parent/teacher conferences and countywide HS Professional Learning.	22 RED Schools close 3 hours early for parent/teacher conferences. No half-day Pre-K/REOC.	23 Schools closed for students. Parent/teacher conferences.	24 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY		25
27	28 ORANGE	29 YELLOW	30 GREEN	Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	26

INSIDER INFORMATION

Parent/Teacher Conferences are Coming!

- On Monday, November 21, conferences will be **IN PERSON** only. Teachers will hold all conferences in person at Worthington.
- On Tuesday, November 22, and Wednesday, November 23, all conferences will be held **VIRTUALLY**.

The Lost & Found is Full!

If your child has returned home without a coat, sweatshirt or other piece of clothing, please ask them to check the lost and found in the cafeteria. We have already accumulated a large amount of items. Please remember to label coats and jackets for easy return when misplaced throughout the building. If you are coming to WoES for an in person conference, please take a minute to take a look if any of these items belong to you.



Carson Scholar Program – Seeking 5th Grade Nominee from Worthington

The Carson Scholar Fund (CSF) is a non-profit organization founded by retired world-renowned pediatric neurosurgeon, Dr. Benjamin S. Carson and his wife, Candy. The CSF aims to recognize and reward students who earn the highest level of academic achievement and also display strong humanitarian qualities. To date, more than 10,000 scholarships have been awarded in all 50 states and Washington D.C. Scholarship winners are designated as “Carson Scholars” and receive a \$1,000 scholarship award to be held in trust until the student is accepted into a four-year college or university. **Each school may nominate only one student for consideration.**

In order to apply, students need to have a 3.75 GPA or higher for the current school year and be involved in community service activities. To be considered, you must meet the above requirements and also write a brief essay (450 word minimum-500 word maximum) on one of the following prompts:

1. What memorable act of kindness stands out to you, and how did it change you?
2. Imagine one day at school you are allowed to create a new rule for students to follow. Explain the rule you created and why you chose to make that rule. How would this new rule help improve your school and community?

To apply, please type your essay, along with a list of community service activities, and submit them to Mrs. Southern, School Counselor or Ms. Salinas, School Psychologist, no later than **Friday, December 1 at 3:00 p.m.**

Submissions must:

- Include applicant's first name, last name, homeroom and accurate word count
- Be typed, double spaced, and use Times New Roman 12pt font
- Include the following statement, handwritten, with student signature:
- I (student name) acknowledge this written essay is my own work and I did not receive assistance while completing it. (signed and dated – student name)

Good luck and we can't wait to read your application!

UPDATE FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

November is Diabetes Awareness Month

Type I diabetes is an autoimmune disease that occurs when a person's pancreas stops producing insulin. It is most commonly diagnosed in childhood, but can occur at any age.

Please take the time to learn the signs and symptoms of type I diabetes [\(insert pdf\)](#). It could be as much as noticing a child who started using the bathroom frequently or having accidents when they didn't use to, constantly filling their water bottle, being fatigued, sudden weight loss and can also be mistaken for a growth spurt or the flu. The signs can be subtle but progressive and identifying them really could save a life with early intervention!

Also, to learn the differences between Type I and Type 2 Diabetes check out [Type I and Type 2 Diabetes - The Johns Hopkins Patient Guide to Diabetes \(hopkinsdiabetes.info.org\)](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please never hesitate to come and chat.

****Please always feel free to email Ms. Jackie (School Nurse at jackie_brewer@hcpss.org) or Ms. Marquita (School Health Assistant marquita_fullard@hcpss.org) with any questions or concerns!**

Direct health room #: 410-313-2575

HCPSS NEWS

Impact Aid Forms Due Dec. 12

Parents/guardians who work on a federal property in Maryland and/or are a member of a uniformed service can qualify HCPSS to receive federal funding by [completing the Impact Aid form online by Dec. 12](#). Impact Aid supplements the HCPSS operating budget to enhance the teaching and learning that takes place in Howard County classrooms.

INFORMATION WORTH REPEATING

Classroom and Lunch Volunteers Reminders/Information

All visitors and volunteers must complete the following documentation prior to volunteering: [Confidentiality Training Course](#) and [Child Abuse Training course](#).

Parents should print out the certificates associated with these trainings (below) and hand them in to the Front Office. [Confidentiality Training Certificate](#) and [Child Abuse Training Certificate](#)

NOTES FROM THE PTA



Contents:

- **2022 Secret Holiday Shoppe: 12/3, 10am-1pm**
- **Restaurant Night: 12/5 @ Noodles and Company**
- **Spirit Wear on Sale in November!**



WoES PTA 2022 Secret Holiday Shoppe

Saturday, December 3, 2022 - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Secret Holiday Shoppe is back! This is a great opportunity for students to surprise their friends and family with special gifts they pick themselves. Families can RSVP to shop at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4EACAB2AA7F49-woes1>

This event cannot happen without our wonderful volunteers. Please consider helping us out with set up the night before, shopping, wrapping, or inventory. Also, we can always use gift wrapping supplies – bags, gift wrap, tissue, and tape with any theme is helpful. We will have a collection box at WOES next to the main office and we are happy to come pick stuff up as well.

Please be a part of a truly wonderful holiday experience by volunteering for an hour shift or more. We also love middle schoolers and high schoolers as volunteers. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4EACAB2AA7F49-woes>,

Restaurant Night: 12/5 @ Noodles and Company

Take a night off from preparing dinner and doing the dishes to join the Worthington PTA at our next Restaurant Night! Join us at Noodles and Company on Monday, December 5th between 4:00 and 8:00 pm. Noodles and Company will donate 25% of sales from all orders to the Worthington PTA to support future school-wide events. Ordering online for pickup? Great! Use code **GIVING25**. Dining in? No problem. Just show the flyer or mention our school at checkout. Thank you for your support!

Every Step Counts Autism Walk & 5K Run

Rescheduled due to Hurricane Ian, the Howard County Autism Society's (HCAS') Every Step Counts Walk & 5K Run has a new date: *Saturday, November 19, 2022*, 9am-Noon at Centennial Park in Ellicott City, MD.

The event brings together those touched by Autism and members of the community in a supportive, energizing and fun environment. Along with the race itself, enjoy the 5K's "village" featuring sponsors, family-friendly activities and entertainment, grab-and-go snacks, and more. All proceeds benefit the local Autism community through HCAS.

Register . Volunteer . Donate . Sponsor at

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/EllicottCity/EveryStepCountsAutismWalk5K>

Questions? Call 410-290-3466 or email info@howard-autism.org