

# WILDCAT PRESS



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## WORTHINGTON CALENDAR

### 2022-2023 BEGINNING OF THE YEAR IMPORTANT DATES

- 9/5 - Labor Day - Schools & Offices **CLOSED**
- 9/13 - Back-to-School Night for Grades K, 1 & 2 @ 6:30 PM
- 9/14 - Gifted & Talented Information Session, 6:00 PM
- 9/14 - Back-to-School Night for Grades 3, 4, & 5 @ 6:30 PM
- 9/14 - Back-to-Music Night for Grades 3, 4, 5 @ 7:15 PM
- 9/20 - Individual Student Pictures
- 9/26 - Schools and Offices **CLOSED** - Rosh Hashanah
- 9/30 - PTA Back to School Party

### RELATED ARTS COLOR SCHEDULE

September 2022 APPROVED

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30

### WoES/HCPSS COMMUNICATION TO FAMILIES

Families may find it useful to bookmark the following webpages where information will be continually updated and posted:

- [WoES website](#)

- [HCPSS website](#)
- [HCPSS News site](#)
- [HCPSS Help site](#)

Calendars: [WoES](#) and [HCPSS](#)

## INSIDER INFORMATION

Want to  
Volunteer?



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you for your interest in volunteering within the Howard County School System! We value our volunteers and the contributions they make to our students and schools.

According to Howard County Board of Education Policy, all [volunteers must complete a Confidentiality Training Course](#) about protecting the privacy of our students, staff, and schools, and the [Child Abuse and Neglect Training](#) about reporting any suspicion of child abuse or neglect to Howard County Department of Social Services.

To complete your training please follow these steps:

1. Complete each training course ~ click through each slide.
2. When you have completed each course, print and sign the Volunteer Certification forms.
3. Scan and email the completed forms to Ms. Carmelita Taylor ~ [carmelita\\_taylor@hcpss.org](mailto:carmelita_taylor@hcpss.org). PLEASE submit forms 5 days prior to volunteering.

# INFORMATION WORTH REPEATING

## DISMISSAL REMINDERS

Walkers -- Now that students have established routines for walking to and from school, and to minimize traffic outside the building, we ask that parents and guardians please stand at the designated posts (start of walking path into neighborhood and trees beyond the school entrance sign) to dismiss students to school and to greet students after school.

## SAFETY DRILLS

We are conducting safety drills throughout the week. Lockdown, Duck, Cover, Hold, Modified Lockdown, Evacuation and Reverse Evacuation. Safety drills are part of the safety measures that all HCPSS schools conduct as part of our Emergency Response Preparedness Plans practice for students and staff. Detailed information about emergency procedures can be found at [www.hcpss.org/safety/](http://www.hcpss.org/safety/).

## WORTHINGTON FRIDGE SHEET 2022-23

Click here for the [Worthington Fridge Sheet](#)

**Worthington Elementary School**  
6010 Rockledge Blvd, Ellettsville, IN 47424  
 Phone: 402-223-2925 Fax: 402-223-2940

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**School Hours 8:20am - 3:35pm**  
 Opens gates at 8:20 am  
 • Absence notices are not posted and covers the student's face.  
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 • Report an Absence: Absence notifications can email [absences@wpschools.org](mailto:absences@wpschools.org) or call 402-223-2925. Absence notices are not posted and covers the student's face.  
 • Report Absence Contact Number: 402-223-2925

**School Related Communication**  
 Visit [www.wpschools.org](http://www.wpschools.org) for Worthington news and information, visit [info@wpschools.org](mailto:info@wpschools.org) for school calendar, and various resource links.  
 Look out for our digital Press Release/Message in your personal email. It is typically sent out on Fridays.  
 Want to support our staff and students? Visit [www.wpschools.org/donations](http://www.wpschools.org/donations) and inquire by joining our Parent Teacher Association. Look out for meeting dates & events.

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Grade	Break	Lunch	PK
K	8:25-9:00	10:20-11:00	1:50-2:30
1	8:30-9:00	10:20-11:00	1:55-2:35
2	8:35-9:05	10:25-11:05	2:00-2:40
3	8:40-9:10	10:30-11:10	2:05-2:45
4	8:45-9:15	10:35-11:15	2:10-2:50
5	8:50-9:20	10:40-11:20	2:15-2:55

**News, Lunch, and Related Arts Schedule (Order Completed)**

See [www.wpschools.org/news](http://www.wpschools.org/news) for news, articles, and upcoming activities. Register in our newsletter for 50% off items. Home night tickets should complete [www.wpschools.org/news](http://www.wpschools.org/news) for additional benefits.

**Report Card Dates**  
 1st Quarter (Final Report): Report card due March 11, 2nd Quarter (Final Report): Report card due April 12, 3rd Quarter (Final Report): Report card due April 18, 4th Quarter (Final Report): Report card due May 14

**WPSD Music Concerts**  
 Concert: Dec. 14, 5pm @ Worthington and May 18, 2pm @ Worthington  
 Band/Orchestra: Oct. 26, 5pm @ Community and Jan. 14, 5pm @ Worthington

**WPSD Drama Series Concerts (Open 2022-23)**  
 World Calendar: [www.wpschools.org/calendar](http://www.wpschools.org/calendar)  
 WPSD Drama Series: [www.wpschools.org/drama](http://www.wpschools.org/drama)

**Three Hour Early Dismissal - (Dismissal at 3:15)**  
 Lunch & Related Arts are held on Wednesdays.  
**WPSD Workshop:** [www.wpschools.org/workshop](http://www.wpschools.org/workshop)  
 Theater Club: [www.wpschools.org/theater](http://www.wpschools.org/theater)  
 After-school events at 3:30pm Lunch & Related Arts are held on Thursdays.  
**WPSD Transportation/Bus Loaders:**  
[www.wpschools.org/transportation](http://www.wpschools.org/transportation)  
[www.wpschools.org/transportation](http://www.wpschools.org/transportation)

**FAMILY FILE ~ WE CURRENTLY HAVE 86% COMPLETION ~ We need 100% completion!**

Family File is open through [HCPSS Connect](#).

It is time to update your child's emergency information. This is the most important step as we prepare for the start of the 2022-2023 school year. Your Family file needs to be verified and/or updated EVERY school year.

Parents/guardians, please complete the Family File emergency information. Parents/guardians must verify or update information for each child, each school year. Once logged in, you will be asked to update or provide the following information:

- Student Information
- Parent/Guardian Contact
- Emergency Contacts
- Medical Information
- Arrival/Dismissal Procedures
- Media Coverage
- Data Confidentiality
- PTA Directory

Families that update and complete their Family File will be able to view teacher assignments prior to the start of school. In addition, having this information is critical to us as soon as the first day of school.

The following resources are available to assist you with Family File:

- [FAMILY FILE \(EMERGENCY FORM\) QUICK REFERENCE CARD](#)
- [FAMILY FILE USER GUIDE \(ENGLISH\)](#)
- [FAMILY FILE USER GUIDE \(SPANISH\)](#)
- [FAMILY FILE USER GUIDE \(KOREAN\)](#)

To update your Family File, go to [HCPSS Connect](#). For the safety of your child/children, it is very important that this information remain current.

## **2022-2023 SCHOOL MEALS**

- Families are reminded that the federal government has not extended waivers allowing free meals for all students. Consequently, **for the 2022-2023 school year, students whose families do not qualify for free or reduced lunch will be required to pay the [daily meal price](#).**

- Many HCPSS families are eligible to participate in the [Free and Reduced Price Meals \(FARMs\) program](#), which provides children with a wide range of benefits including free or discounted college tuition, testing and application fees, academic and athletic program fees and many others in addition to free or discounted meals.
- Families are urged to check their eligibility and complete a FARMs application as soon as possible. *Families must submit a new application every school year.*

## **TECHNOLOGY UPDATES**

All students in grades K - 5 will share devices that will be kept at school. **If your child is in grades K-5 and still has a Chromebook at home, please return it to WOES.** The current HCPSS device deployment implementation plan is:

- PreK: All students will receive an HCPSS-issued device to keep at home. Additional devices will be available for use in school.
- K-5: Students will share devices that will be kept at school. Students who have a device identified as a supplementary aid as designated in an IEP will continue to have a device assigned to them.
- 6-12: All students have or will receive an HCPSS-issued device to bring back-and-forth from home to school each day.

## **HCPSS STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

The HCPSS Student Code of Conduct provides a framework to support behavioral goals and disciplinary policies. While students are expected to be aware of and abide by this Student Code of Conduct, we all play a part in ensuring our school is a safe place where all students can learn. We look to partner together as families and school staff to support the social-emotional skill development of our students. At Pointers Run Elementary we implement programs such as Caring School Communities and PBIS to help teach and reinforce school-appropriate behaviors and build community amongst our students and staff. We thank you in advance for your partnership in working together to create a safe learning environment for all of our students. Please learn more about the HCPSS Student Code of Conduct by clicking the link below.

[HCPSS Student Code of Conduct](#)

## **PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY DEVICES/CELL PHONES**

Families are reminded that students must abide by [Board of Education Policy 8080 Responsible Use of Technology, Digital Tools, and Social Media](#), and specifically Standard E. Student Use-Technology, which states that “HCPSS permits students to bring personal technology devices to school, according to the following rules:

- Elementary Schools – Students will keep personal technology devices in backpacks during the school day, unless otherwise authorized by school administrators or instructional staff.

## **NEIGHBORLY USE OF OUR FIELDS**

If you use our fields for walks with your pets, we kindly ask that you pick up after. Our students (your children!) use these areas during the school day. Please be kind and help keep our school area clean.

## **BAND/ORCHESTRA & CHORUS NEWS**

Please join us for Back to Music Night at 7:15 PM on **Wednesday, September 14** in the cafeteria at Worthington (this is the same night as Back to School Night for Grades 3-5). You will have a chance to meet Ms. Broemm, our new music/chorus teacher! Mr. Henley and Ms. Broemm will be sharing information about chorus and band/orchestra for the upcoming school year.

### **Registration for Band and Orchestra:**

If you have a student in grades 3-5, take a moment to check out [worthingtonbandandorchestra.org](http://worthingtonbandandorchestra.org) for information about the different instruments offered at Worthington, important dates, and how to register for Band and Orchestra!

### **Registration for Chorus**

Students that are interested in Chorus can start to register using the link below. Be sure to read the important information at the top of the Google Form before registering: [Chorus Registration](#)

Please email Mr. Henley or Ms. Broemm with any questions about Band, Orchestra, or Chorus you may have - [brandon\\_henley@hcpss.org](mailto:brandon_henley@hcpss.org); [nicole\\_broemm@hcpss.org](mailto:nicole_broemm@hcpss.org).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Future Vikings Night**

Join us for a fun evening under the stadium lights where Future Vikings get to see a performance of the Marching Unit, meet current members, and march/perform with the band!

**Friday, September 23, 2022**

**WHO:** All musicians (grades 5-8) who will attend Mt. Hebron HS

**WHEN:** Friday, September 23, 2022

(Report: 6:00pm - Game: 7:00pm)

**WHERE:** Meet in the Band Room (Room 133)

**COST:** Free for Future Vikings

(Parent admission fee is required - All tickets are sold online!)

\*Families are encouraged to attend and can sit in the parent section next to the band.

Students should bring \$\$ for concessions.