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January 3rd

WORTHINGTON CALENDAR

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Worthington Fridge Sheet-A quick glance at the 24/25 SY

January

6: ELA Map Testing 5th grade (morning)

7: PTA Restaurant Night at Chipotle Use code CEBCCHT for online orders

8-9: Math Map Testing 5th grade (afternoon)

10: PTA Bingo Night

16: Group Photos for Yearbook

20: Schools & Offices Closed ~ MLK Jr Day

21: In School Band/Strings Concert

22: Rising 6th grade Parent Orientation at Ellicott Mills MS

23: End of 2nd Marking Period

3 hr Early Dismissal ~ WoES will dismiss at 12:55 pm Band & Strings Concert 7 pm at Howard High School

24: Spelling Bee

27-28: Grade 3 Math MAP Testing (afternoon)

29: Schools Closed ~ Professional Work Day

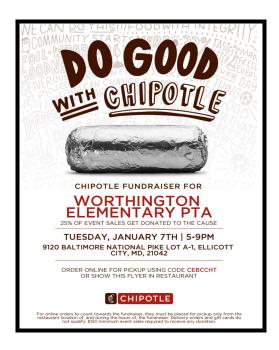
30-31: Grade 4 Math MAP Testing (morning)

Grade 2 Math MAP Testing (afternoon)

FROM THE PTA

Restaurant Night: Tuesday, January 7th from 5-9 pm @ Chipotle

Join us at Chipotle in Ellicott City on Tuesday, January 7th between 5:00 and 9:00 pm. The Worthington PTA earns 25% of sales from all qualifying orders. Show the flyer (paper copy coming home with your child(ren) soon!) or use the code **CEBCCHT** when ordering online. Thank you for your support!





PTA Family Bingo Night - NEXT FRIDAY, January 10 Volunteers needed!

Join us for an exciting and fun night next Friday, January 10th at Howard High School! We will have 10 games of Bingo, a 50/50 raffle, a basket raffle, and food!

- Get your daubers and drinks early! There will be a limited supply on the night of the event as we don't want to over-purchase.
- We have around 20 baskets to raffle off. Make sure to pick up your raffle tickets early, as they cost more the night of the event.
- PIZZA SALES CLOSE ON MONDAY, JAN 6 AT NOON!

Bingo Night info: https://worthingtonespta.givebacks.com/w/bingo

Volunteers needed! Pulling off an event this large is not possible without volunteers. Helping us even for half an hour will help. Please consider volunteering and sign up here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49A5AB2AA1FA7-54083157-worthington#/

Winter Wonderland Dance - Friday, January 31

Volunteers needed! We can't commit to holding this event without some help. We will decide by January 15th, if we have enough help. Please consider volunteering for this fun event!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A49ABAE2AA5F49-53916803-worthington#/

National Blue Ribbon Wildcat Blankets for Sale

Cuddle up on these cold days with a Worthington Wildcats/National Blue Ribbon School blanket! Our PTA gets a portion of the sales and you will get to show off your Worthington pride - it's a win-win! https://worthingtonespta.givebacks.com/store

INSIDER INFORMATION

BSAP Saturday Math Academy Spring Program Registration, Jan. 4

The HCPSS Black Student Achievement Program (BSAP) Saturday Math Academy will offer an <u>in-person enrichment program this spring for any students in grades 3-12</u> in all levels of math, based on course availability. Registration will take place online Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. until capacity is reached. Class space is limited

HCPSS NEWS

Road to Kindergarten Workshops Begin Jan. 21, 2025

Save the date! HCPSS' Road to Kindergarten workshops begin Jan. 21, with additional sessions available through the end of the month. Each workshop will provide information on expectations for school readiness, the HCPSS kindergarten program, and more. Childcare will be available for children ages 2 and older. No registration is required, but attendees are encouraged to allow ample time for parking, childcare drop off, and check in.

HCPSS Emergency Notifications

As we head into the winter months, <u>families are reminded</u> that in emergency situations (including inclement weather), information will be shared with the community only through the HCPSS website, email and text, Twitter/X and the HCPSS weather hotline. <u>Be sure your Family File is up to date</u> and that you have <u>opted into texts</u> to receive emergency messages.

*Parents/guardians are automatically enrolled for email notification; however all users must opt in one time to receive text messages. To opt in or confirm that you are signed up to receive text messages, text the word "yes" to 67587 from the mobile

number listed in your Family File. If you are not receiving HCPSS or school emails/texts, please contact the front office.

All parent/guardian contact information comes directly from the Family File. Additional family and community members, and students may <u>subscribe manually.</u>

Decisions regarding closings due to inclement weather will be made no later than 5:30 a.m. Two-hour delays will be called by 5:30 a.m. and reevaluated for closure no later than 7:30 a.m. Follow-up messaging will only be issued if there is a change in operating status. If inclement weather conditions develop during the school day, a decision to close schools early is generally made no later than 10:30 a.m.

Schedules for pre-K/RECC planned and emergency late arrivals are available online.

Complete information on <u>HCPSS emergency/weather closings</u> can be found online.

COMMUNITY

Winter 2025 Howard County Recreation & Parks Before & After school classes for students at Worthington ES can be found here: Winter Rec & Park Classes These classes provide fun, structured, educational, and enriching activities for students, benefiting both the child(ren) and parents!Registration: HCRP Registration