



WORTH COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL - November 14, 2017

RAMS - ISSUE 4

Principal - Tiffany Sevier

Assistant Principals - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Carole Slappey 7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Jacque Walker 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Donald Edwards

THANKSGIVING  
BREAK  
NOV. 20-24  
NO SCHOOL



**WHAT:** PBIS All Star Good Behavior Break

**WHEN:** Tuesday, December 19, 2017

**WHERE:** WCMS Gym

**TIME:** 2:00 PM

**Students must meet the following requirements:**

Must have a grade of 74 or Higher

**NO** unexcused absences

**NO** Referrals starting on 10/15/17 - 12/15/17



WCMS will be giving away food baskets again this year to deserving families. If you or your organization would like to contribute to our cause by donating items listed below, it will be greatly appreciated.

Turkey or Ham, red or white table cloth (plastic), white laundry basket (medium size), rolls of holiday ribbon (Christmas), canned sweet potatoes, canned green beans, stuffing mix, gravy, cranberry sauce, seasoned rice in bag or box, seasoned instant potatoes, pecan pie, apple pie, cake, jiffy corn meal mix, rolls, bottled water, 2 liter soft drink, paper plates, cups, paper towels, forks, and table cloth. **All donations must be received by Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help with this effort to feed families in need.**



Students who come on intervention days will receive help With Math, Science, Language Arts and/or Social Studies and have **"one"** unexcused absence removed from their attendance record. Please contact Mr. Edwards at 229-776-8620 if you are interested in your child attending. Class begins at 8:30 a.m. Please have your child picked up by 11:25 a.m.

**Intervention Day**

Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

**SCHOOL MATTERS! ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW**

# YEARBOOK

On Sale Now! Order Here!

The Worth County Middle School

2017-2018 YEARBOOK is on sale NOW!!

Order online at [ybpay.lifetuch.com](http://ybpay.lifetuch.com) using ID Code #12563718

Traditional yearbooks are \$30 and you can own a personalized copy of the yearbook for \$38.

Information about Yearbook Ads will be coming home soon. You may contact Mrs. Sandy Bozeman at [sbozeman@worthschools.net](mailto:sbozeman@worthschools.net) if you would like more information about yearbooks.



The Gifted and accelerated students will be selling tickets for a drawing **from November 17th-December 12th.**

Drawings will be for gift baskets including a gift card wreath, spa basket, family fun night basket, and teacher basket.

Tickets are \$5 each for the chance to win.

You do not have to be present to win.

**The drawing will be held on Thursday, December 14th.**

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards field trips and in-class activities.

See a gifted/accelerated student to purchase a ticket or contact Pam Parten at [pparten@worthschools.net](mailto:pparten@worthschools.net) for more information.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Student attendance will be calculated differently for 2017-2018. Please read pages **four through six** of the student handbook carefully for attendance and tardiness protocol. For more information on student attendance please contact our Attendance Secretary, Doris Harris at 229-776-8620.

## MUSIC News

The WCMS Chorus will be performing at the Atlanta Hawks basketball game on **Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM.** For more information about this trip contact Mrs. Lesli Holton at [lholt@worthschools.net](mailto:lholt@worthschools.net)



National Parent Involvement Day is Thursday, November 16, 2017. Here are just a few ways that you can be an engaged/involved parent:

- ✓ Make school important
- ✓ Volunteer at school
- ✓ Join School Council
- ✓ Attend meetings, events, workshops, and be a part of decision making at your child's school
- ✓ Stay in touch with your child's school
- ✓ Stay informed and responsive by visiting the school website at [www.worthschools.net](http://www.worthschools.net)



The Title I Resource Center is located on the A hall in room 36. Please feel free to come by anytime between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions about events going on at WCMS, becoming a volunteer, or would like some information to help provide academic support, please feel free to contact Mrs. Jaki Johnson at 229-463-3082, or by email at [jjohnson@worthschools.net](mailto:jjohnson@worthschools.net). I am here to help make this a successful year for parents, guardians, and students.



Parent input is needed and appreciated here at WCMS. Your input is needed as to how funds reserved for Title I Parent Engagement are allocated for parent engagement activities. Currently these reserved funds are used for supplies for the parent engagement program at WCMS. If you have any ideas on using reserved funds, please contact Christie Foerster at [\(229\)776-8600](tel:2297768600) or via email at [christie@worthschools.net](mailto:christie@worthschools.net).



Parents and Guardians are encouraged to sign up for Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Infinite Campus will allow you to track your child's attendance and grades throughout the 2016-2017 school year. If you have questions about signing up, please contact Mrs. Jaki Johnson by phone at 229-463-3082 or by email at [jjohnson@worthschool.net](mailto:jjohnson@worthschool.net).

**WCMS IS A TITLE I SCHOOLWIDE SCHOOL**



Please contact our Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator, Jaki Johnson at 229-463-3082 if you would like to become a volunteer, and remember if you will be going on any overnight trips with your child, you must become a Tier 3 volunteer. The process for becoming a Tier 3 volunteer must be started at least 2-4 weeks prior to the date of the scheduled trip.

# AfterSchool Program

- Do you need extra help in Math, Language Arts, and/or Social Studies?
- If yes, you need to participate in the After-School Program.
- Get an application from your homeroom teacher and return it ASAP.
- After school dates for November are the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and the 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.
- Snacks **WILL NOT** be provided during the sessions.
- Transportation **WILL NOT** be provided for students in the program.



The School-Parent Compact and School Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy have been revised for the 2017-2018 school year. You can find a copy of the revised compact and policy on our school webpage, facebook, and in the Title I Resource Office. Each student has received a copy of the compact and policy. Please return the signature page of the compact back to your child's homeroom teacher by **Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**. This document is also available in a language you can understand upon request. Please feel free to call the Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator, Mrs. Jaki Johnson to request a copy of the School-Parent Compact or School Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Mrs. Johnson can be reached by calling 229-463-3082.

## Thanks for Donating!

Are you interested in donating to WCMS? Please contact the Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator, Mrs. Jaki Johnson, by phone at 229-463-3082 or by email at [jjohnson@worthschools.net](mailto:jjohnson@worthschools.net).



[www.facebook.com/WorthCountyMiddleSchool](http://www.facebook.com/WorthCountyMiddleSchool)



**NO CELL PHONE USE IN THE BUS LOOP AND AFTERNOON PICK-UP AREA!**

If you are caught using a cell phone without permission, it will be taken up.



[www.twitter.com/wcmsrams](http://www.twitter.com/wcmsrams)

WORTH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PURPOSE, DIRECTION, & BELIEFS



Purpose Statement

To ensure a quality education for all students leading to graduation and productive citizenship.

Direction

- Our vision for Worth County Schools is for our graduation rate to reach 80% or above, and for students to meet or exceed established accountability measures.
- We will achieve this vision by providing high expectations, a relevant and rigorous curriculum, data driven standards-based instructional practices, appropriate, interventions, and celebrations of success as we move forward.
- As a result of our success we will attract and retain high quality teachers, provide a foundation for community economic growth, and prepare graduates for post-secondary success.

Beliefs

- All students can learn and are unique learners;
- Education is a shared responsibility of the student, home, school, and community;
- Schools should maintain a safe and structured learning environment;
- All students should meet or exceed educational standards provided by a rigorous and relevant curriculum;
- All decisions should be driven by accurate and relevant data;
- College and career readiness activities prepare students for the future workforce;
- Students engaged in co- and extra- curricular activities perform better;
- Readily accessible technology resources improve teaching and learning;
- The system should employ and retain highly qualified personnel who demonstrate a high degree of professionalism;
- Job embedded professional learning results in improved instruction and increased student achievement;
- Prompt and regular attendance by all leads to improved performance;
- Effective and open communication is essential for the achievement of educational goals.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please take a moment to complete the Georgia Parent Survey. It contains 24 questions, and parents are able to complete the survey using their personal computers, smartphones or iPads. For parents who do not have access to the Internet, we have computers available at the school for you to use. All parents are encouraged to complete the Georgia Parent Survey. The data from this survey will be used to calculate the School Climate Star Rating. Survey responses are anonymous and will be submitted directly to the Georgia Department of Education for analysis. The Georgia Parent Survey is also available in Spanish. Parents may select the Spanish version within the survey. Data results from the Georgia Parent Survey will not be available to the public and will not be posted online. The URL address for the Georgia Parent Survey is <http://gshs.gadoe.org/parents>.



Parent/guardian input is always welcomed here at WCMS. If you have anything that you would like to share to help improve the services we provide to our students and families, please feel free to email the Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator, Mrs. Jaki Johnson at [jjohnson@worthschools.net](mailto:jjohnson@worthschools.net) or by phone at 229-463-3082. Feel free to stop by the Parent Resource Center to provide input as well.



- 11/7 - Afterschool - 3:30 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.
- 11/10 - Veterans Day Luncheon @ 11:00 AM
- 11/14 - Progress Reports Go Home
- 11/16 - National Parent Involvement Day
- 11/17 - Guest Speaker for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students  
(Mr. Rodriguez Thomas)
- 11/17 - National Substitute Day
- 11/20 - 11/24 - Thanksgiving Break - **NO SCHOOL!**
- 11/20 - Intervention Day 8:30 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.**
- 11/27 - Guest Speaker (Linda Dutil) w/presentation  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students
- 12/20 - 1/2/2018 - Christmas Break**
- 1/3/2018 - Teacher Workday
- 1/4/2018 - Students Return to School**

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# Counselor's Corner

## CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH



### WCMS Counselors:

Counselor Hunt - [gwebb-hunt@worthschools.net](mailto:gwebb-hunt@worthschools.net)

Counselor Smith - [dsmith@worthschools.net](mailto:dsmith@worthschools.net)

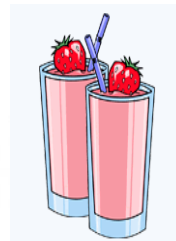


**Gatorade** - \$1 at each grade level lunch

**Sweet Tea** - \$1 on Thursday & Friday during each grade level lunch

**Smoothies** - \$1 during breakfast on Thursday and Friday

**Paper, Pens, & Pencils** - .50 cents Daily near Counselor Hunt's office



2017-2018

### Worth County Middle School Girls & Boys

#### Basketball Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>H/A</u>	<u>Time</u>
Nov. 13	Fitzgerald	Home	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 16	Americus-Sumter	Away	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 27	Lee County East	Away	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 30	Crisp County	Home	4:30 p.m.

**Principal:** Tiffany Sevier **Athletics Director:** Frankie Carroll **Head Girls Coach:** Shalisha Zinnamon **Head Boys Coach:** Corey Brown