



WORTH COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL - September 1, 2017 RAMS ISSUE 2

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

### Annual Title I Meeting



Worth County Middle School will hold its annual Title I meeting on **Thursday, September 7, 2017 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM.** This will be an opportunity for parents to learn more about our Title I program at WCMS. We will get your input as we prepare to revise our School-Parent Compact and Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy as well. For more information contact the Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator, Mrs. Jaki Johnson at 229-463-3082 or by email at [ja.johnson@worthschools.net](mailto:ja.johnson@worthschools.net). We look forward to seeing you all!



You are invited to attend the first chorus concert for the 2017-2018 school year! The concert will be held on **Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** at Unity Baptist Church @ 6:30 PM. Come out and support the students of WCMS & WCHS.



Parent input is needed and appreciated year round here at WCMS. All parents are invited to attend the revision meetings for the School-Parent Compact and Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

#### Meetings Dates:

Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM

Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 2:30 PM

**Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM**

You may come by the school any time during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to give input. Ask for "Ms. Jaki" upon your arrival.

## 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 September are the 12th and the 19th 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.

**WE WILL BE CLOSED ON LABOR DAY**

**NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH**

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

# FLU SHOTS on campus

Flu shots will be given on 9/18/17 to students & faculty at WCMS beginning at 8:45 a.m. For more information on flu shots, contact Nurse Bridges at 229-463-3097 or by email at [wbridges@worthschools.net](mailto:wbridges@worthschools.net).



**NO CELL PHONE IN  
THE AFTERNOON  
PICK-UP AREA!**

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

## Counselor's Corner

CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH



Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule. Be tolerant and accepting of differences. Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone. Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements.

WCMS Counselors

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

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

## Learn It Academic Intervention



Don't Wait Until It's Too late to Get Help  
In Math, Science, Language Arts, and/or  
Social Studies

**INTERVENTION DAY**  
September 25<sup>th</sup>

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.

Get an application from your homeroom teacher and return it ASAP.

Each day you attend, it will replace one unexcused absence from school.

If you have any questions, please see Mr. Edwards.

**NO TOYS AT  
SCHOOL!!!!**

Students should **NOT** bring toys to school. This includes but not limited to:

**Fidget Spinners**



Dear Parents/Guardians,

In an effort to prepare WCMS students for the increasing curricular demands at high school and post-secondary school, all Worth County Middle School Students will be required to complete a social science project this semester. The projects will be due on **November 10, 2017**. Though the project will be discussed and worked on at school, the student will need to work on the project at home. Please discuss this project with your child and plan to have him/her complete one project. More information will be sent home based on the type of project your child will be completing. If you have any more questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the School Improvement Specialist, Maria Fletcher.

**WELCOME FALL!**

# PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NEWS

## 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.



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 [jajohnson@worthschools.net](mailto:jajohnson@worthschools.net). I am here to help make this a successful year for parents, guardians, and students.



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.



All Parents/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 2017-2018 school year. If you have questions about signing up, please contact Mrs. Jaki Johnson by phone at 229-463-3082 or by email at [jajohnson@worthschool.net](mailto:jajohnson@worthschool.net).

# PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NEWS



Richard Woods, Georgia's School Superintendent  
"Educating Georgia's Future"

## Parent's Right to Know Professional Qualifications of Teachers and Paraprofessionals

In compliance with the requirement of the Elementary and Secondary Act, the Worth County Schools would like to inform you that you may request information about the professional qualifications of your student's teacher(s). The following information may be requested:

- Whether the teacher/paraprofessional has met the Georgia Professionals Standards Commission's certification requirements for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status through which Georgia qualifications or certification criteria have been waived;
- The college major and any graduate certification or degree held by the teacher;
- Whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.

If you wish to request information concerning your child's teacher's or paraprofessional's qualification, please contact the principal at your child's school.

## 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.

**Donations  
are greatly  
Appreciated!**

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).

## DONATE FOOD HERE



We are collecting food to serve to students who may not have enough food for the weekends and short holiday breaks. Your donations would be greatly appreciated!

### Items Needed:

Cereal Bars, Popcorn, Juice Boxes, Bottled Water, Crackers, Pudding Cups, Vienna Sausages, Beanie Weenie, Cereal Bowls, Pop Tarts, Fruit Snacks, and Rice Krispy Treats. We will accept most nonperishable food that has **not** expired.

## your input is needed!

Parent input is always welcomed here at WCMS. I have included a **Parent Input Form** with this month's issue of the newsletter. Please take a few minutes to complete the form and return it back to WCMS at the front desk. You can mail input to:

Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator

Worth County Middle School

1305 N. Isabella St.

Sylvester, GA 31791

**WORTH COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL IS A TITLE I SCHOOLWIDE SCHOOL**



## Complaint Procedures

Worth County Schools will monitor any complaints alleging violations of the law in the administration of federal programs from parent(s), legal guardian(s), student(s), and provider(s). Formal complaints filed in the Federal Programs Office shall include the following:

1. A written statement of the allegation(s).
2. A summary of the facts upon which the allegation(s) is based.
3. Any documentation supporting the allegation(s).
4. The complaint's contact information, including name, address, and telephone number.

Complaints should be sent to:

Federal Programs Director

Worth County Schools

103 Eldridge St.

Sylvester, GA 31791

The Federal Programs Office will investigate the allegations set forth in the complaint and make a determination as to whether the allegation(s) warrant further review or action. If necessary, the Federal Programs Office may conduct an on-site visit to clarify any issues raised by the complaint. The on-site investigation may include an examination of relevant records and conduct interviews of relevant persons to determine whether there has been a violation of any applicable state or federal law(s), guideline(s), or rules(s).

The Federal Programs Office shall send all appropriate parties the steps necessary to resolve the complaint, including technical assistance activities, negotiations, and corrective actions to achieve compliance.



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

## CALENDAR of Events

9/4 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL!

9/6 - Ambassadors Meet & Greet

9/7 - Annual Title I Meeting - 5:30-6:30 PM

9/12 - Progress Reports

9/12 - After School - 3:30 - 4:25 PM

9/15 - GEM & TIE Club Meeting

9/19 - After School - 3:30 - 4:25 PM

9/19 - Chorus Concert - Unity Baptist Church @ 6:30 PM

9/22 - First Day of Autumn

9/25-29 - Fall Break - NO SCHOOL!

9/25 - Intervention Day - 8:30 AM- 11:25 AM



Lifetouch studios will be retaking school photos at WCMS on  
**Thursday, September 21, 2017**



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Visit us anytime at [www.worthschools.net](http://www.worthschools.net)



Smoothies Are Sold During  
Breakfast  
&  
Lunch

Every Thursday & Friday for  
\$2.00



Students will be allowed to  
purchase sweet tea for \$1.00  
during each grade level lunch on  
Thursday and Friday. All proceeds  
will benefit WCMS.



GATORADE FOR  
SALE AT EACH  
GRADE LEVEL  
LUNCH FOR \$1.00



**WCMS PARENT INPUT 2017-2018**



Here at WCMS we are always striving to increase Academic Achievement. Would you take a few minutes to tell us how we (parents, students, teachers, and school) can reach our academic goals.

What can the school do to improve academic achievement?

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What can teachers do to improve academic achievement?

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What can parents do to improve academic achievement?

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What can students do to improve academic achievement?

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Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 7<sup>th</sup> Grade 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please return to Jaki Johnson, Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator  
Thank you!