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Dear WHS Families,

It is with great excitement that we welcome you to the 2026-2027 school year at Worthington Hooker! It is our mission to ensure every student feels welcomed, connected, and part of our community. In this welcome package, please find a letter from your child's teacher, a supply list, a letter from our wonderful PTA, and an Emergency Contact/Dismissal Information Form (please return this form on the first day of school).

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
The first day of school for all K-8 students is Monday, August 31st.

Our NEW school hours are 8:20 am to 3:05 pm. Arrival doors are open from 8:20 am- 8:35am. Students are marked tardy after 8:35 am. Please make every effort to ensure your children arrive on time. This will provide them with the time to prepare for the day ahead and participate in morning procedures and activities. All WHS students are driven to school or are walkers. Because of this, it is vital that we exercise extreme caution and follow all procedures for arrival and dismissal.

CANNER ST. ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL
All 1st and 2nd grade students will enter through the front doors at 8:20 am. All kindergarten students will enter through the back doors near the playground. Students enter the building with the support of WHS staff. Parents and guardians do not enter at arrival. We are not permitted to allow students to enter any earlier. Double parking is not permitted on Canner St., as this causes dangerous congestion and decreased visibility. We ask that you please park farther down on Canner St. or any surrounding street in order to provide staff with a clear line of sight of all students entering the school.

Grades will dismiss from the following locations starting at 2:55 pm:
Kindergarten: Front doors
1st Grade: Back doors (on the playground)
2nd Grade: Café doors

WHITNEY AVE. ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL
All students will enter through the first set of double doors at 8:20 am. We are not permitted to allow students to enter any earlier unless they have a band lesson.

In order to alleviate traffic on Whitney Ave., it is extremely important that every vehicle is pulled all the way up into the parking lot, directly behind the vehicle in front of them. Once your child is dropped off, please proceed through the circular driveway and exit. A succinct drop-off will allow vehicles to enter and exit quickly and safely. Please do not drop your children off on Whitney Ave., as this is a safety risk. Students may also enter through the back gates on Everit Street. The back gate is open for arrival at 8:20 am. Students arriving after 8:35 am need to enter through the front doors. The back gate is then locked until dismissal at 2:50 pm.

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At 2:50 pm: 3rd and 4th grade students are dismissed out of the second set of double doors.
At 2:55 pm: 7th and 8th grade students exit through the back doors, facing the field. 7th and 8th grade parents can pick up their children by pulling over at the circular driveway. (Only 7th and 8th grade CAR pickups are allowed on Everit St.)
At 3:00 pm: 5th and 6th grade students are dismissed out of the second set of double doors.

If you have children in both locations, please first utilize the Whitney dismissal process and then move to Canner for dismissal. Thank you for adhering to the arrival and dismissal procedures to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

FOOD SERVICES
Breakfast is available daily as a grab-and-go option. Lunch is provided daily, as well. Please find the monthly menus here: https://nhpscnp.org/. A friendly reminder that we are a tree nut and peanut free school. Also, students are not allowed to bring candy or soda to school, nor are they to receive any outside food for breakfast or lunch.

ORIENTATION & MEET & GREET
Orientation is for families of incoming Kindergarteners and NEW students to WHS. Both orientations will be held on Thursday, August 20th.

- Kindergarten orientation will be held at 10:00 am via Zoom. https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89970753496?pwd=QaANDJqBhyOqQF2c3JucipIiR8DgOj
- For New students in Grades 1-8, Orientation is for parents/caregivers at 5:00 pm at the upper school on Whitney Ave.

The Kindergarten Meet & Greet will take place on Friday, August 28th at 2:00 pm at the Canner St. school playground. This will give you an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and connect with other families.

HANDBOOKS
Please review the Parent & Student Handbook and Kindergarten At-A-Glance for more detailed information about our school. These will also be shared on our website for reference.

MISCELLANEOUS
Please keep in mind that teachers are not able to conference with families at arrival and dismissal. Their job during those times is to assist in creating a safe and orderly environment. You can always communicate with teachers via their school email or through the New Haven Public Schools App. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

We encourage you to attend our upcoming family events that the PTA is sponsoring! See their website for details. https://www.whspta.org/

We look forward to an amazing year ahead!

In partnership,

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