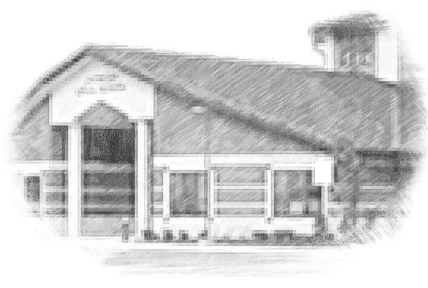




# ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS

## Home of the Archers



October 2025

### SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

Our school year has gotten off to a great start thanks in large part to the effort parents and caregivers have provided to assure their children were prepared for the start of the 2025-2026 school year and promptness to arrive on time at school each day. Likewise, a big thank you to the Antwerp Local School staff for their preparation to assure the classrooms, cafeteria, buses, and building and grounds were ready to meet the needs of our student body.

The start of the school year has been very busy with several field trips, numerous meetings, and of course, a slew of athletic events. With regards to athletic events, we hope you have had or will have the opportunity to attend and support our Archer athletes. A reminder that residents of our school district who are at least 65 years old are eligible for a free all-sports pass. This is one of the many ways we thank our senior residents for their support of our school system. If you have not received a pass yet, see Mr. Altimus in the Athletic Director’s Office. He is usually available from 12:00-2:30 each afternoon. The pass is good for admission to all home junior high and high school athletic events.

We are also excited to share that a group of 39 students and chaperones are gearing up for their trip to Spain in April of 2026. Our foreign language teacher Mrs. Lola Cortes Revuelta is from Spain and is looking forward to traveling with her students to her homeland. The trip is directed by Education First, an international company that specializes in educational travel and cultural exchange. The student group will gladly accept any donations to help fund their trip. Donations can be sent to Antwerp Local Schools and if using a check, note on the check “Spain Trip”.

A big thank you to parents and students for your cooperation with the pick-up of students around the large circle drive at the end of the school day. Your assistance and cooperation provide for a safer and smoother flow of students out of our school facility. Please continue to follow the directions of the staff supervising the circle drive and pull ahead as far as possible prior to picking up your child. Using the entire circle drive will allow us to load children more efficiently. If possible, have your child get in the car on the sidewalk side.

School districts across America will promote “School Bus Safety Week” during the week of October 20 – 24. This year’s National School Bus Safety Week theme is “Safe Rides, Everyday Heroes”. The week is a time for parents, students, teachers, motorists, school bus operators, and others to come together to address school bus safety. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) urges drivers to be aware of school buses and to slow down. School personnel seek your assistance with an effort to stress the importance of keeping our children safe around the bus and loading the bus.

If you would like to receive this newsletter and the school lunch menu by email, you may sign up electronically by sending an email to newsletter-subscribe@antwerpschools.org Your email should be blank; no message is necessary. You will get a reply with simple instructions to complete your registration.

Martin A. Miller, Superintendent

### MS. ARNOLD - HS/MS

We are off to a great start to the school year! We appreciate the family support we have received thus far this year and the wonderful families in our community. As always, if we can help your child in any way, please be sure to contact us.

We have several events coming up in the next few weeks, so be sure to mark your calendars..

First, our Fall Break will be October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. School will not be in session for those two dates. As a reminder, October 8<sup>th</sup> is also a two-hour delay for teacher in-service time.

Our picture retake day will be October 9<sup>th</sup>. If your child was absent on the first date, or if you would just like to have the picture retaken, please note this date.

National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society inductions will take place on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditoria. This is a great opportunity to honor our students for their dedication to service and academic excellence.

Our first quarter ends on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Parents are encouraged to monitor student progress on Progressbook. Mrs. Lucas can assist with your login information if needed.

Our annual 8th-grade trip to Washington D.C. takes place from October 27 - 31. We look forward to seeing the historical connections the students make during the enrichment trip. Thank you to all our chaperones and teachers for helping make the trip successful.

Looking ahead, Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing our students’ families on those two nights.

~ Ms. Jessie Arnold, MS/HS Principal

### HS/MS GUIDANCE NEWS

Students planning to take AP Exams in May must turn in their \$40 deposit to Mrs. Hammer by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Students will be given information on paying for exam fees in early October.

The ACT District retest will be given on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. The PSAT will be given on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Senior Parents: the FAFSA for the 2026-2027 school year is set to open on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please go to <https://sites.google.com/apps.aw.noacsc.org/antwerpmsshsguidance/financial-aid?authuser=0> for information on how to file the FAFSA.

Antwerp Local School’s annual College Credit Plus Night will be held on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> in the auditoria. If you want to know more about the College Credit Plus program, please plan to attend. Students will be given information about the College Credit Plus night the week of October 13<sup>th</sup>.

### HEARING/VISION SCREENINGS

Our school nurse, Mrs. Cline, will be conducting hearing and vision screenings throughout the school year for students in grades Preschool, Kindergarten, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11.

### MR. BILLMAN - ELEMENTARY

Third graders will take part in the Third Grade Fall Reading Test on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The third graders are ready and we know they will do great! If at all possible, families, we ask that you avoid scheduling appointments on those dates so students are in attendance.

Students in grades K-5 will have an opportunity to participate in after school tutoring activities starting in October and lasting until the end of December. Tutoring sessions will begin on October 1<sup>st</sup> and will be once a week for 1 hour.

On Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, Antwerp Elementary will again host a day for students to explore the prairie garden next to the school. Thank you to Linda Mabis, retired Antwerp Teacher, for setting up the day.

Picture retakes will be Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your picture packets in on the day of retakes. Anyone that did not get a picture on the original day will get their picture taken on this day.

The week of September 29 - October 3 **will be the last week for our elementary students to wear shorts.**

~ Mr. Doug Billman, Elementary Principal

### ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

This month, classroom guidance started. Mrs. Lichty did a lesson with kindergarten students, introducing herself and teaching the students what types of things she does for the school. Mrs. Lichty kicked the year off with first grade through fifth grade by reading the book, *Our Classroom is a Family*. Students talked about how their classmates and teacher are like family, how to make their classrooms feel safe, comfortable, and accepting, so that everyone feels included and welcomed. They also discussed how they can show respect and kindness to their school family. Then each class made a special family bracelet and a classroom family tree, displaying each of their pictures on a leaf.

This year, Mrs. Lichty has a practicum student shadowing her from the University of Toledo. Carson Shull is a graduate of Paulding High School, and will be joining Mrs. Lichty on Fridays.

As always, Mrs. Lichty is always available to meet with students for their individual needs. You can contact her at 419-258-5421, extension 2204 or lichty\_e@antwerpschools.org.

### CAFETERIA MENU

Wed, Oct 1	Pizzaburger on bun, green beans, pineapple, & milk
Thu, Oct 2	Mini corn dogs, fries, applesauce, & milk
Fri, Oct 3	NO SCHOOL
Mon, Oct 6	NO SCHOOL
Tue, Oct 7	Loaded potato wedges, corn, mixed fruit, & milk
Wed, Oct 8	Sloppy joe on bun, green beans, pineapple, & milk
Thu, Oct 9	Chicken teriyaki, steamed rice, pot stickers, pears, & milk
Fri, Oct 10	Stromboli, carrots, fruit cup, & milk

*Our menus are subject to change without notice.*

### ATHLETIC CALENDAR

<b>CROSS COUNTRY</b>		
Oct 4	9:00	Antwerp Invite
Oct 11	9:30	GMC @ Edgerton
Oct 18	TBA	District

<b>VARSITY FOOTBALL</b>		
Oct 3	7:00	@Fairview
Oct 10	7:00	Wayne Trace
Oct 17	7:00	Ayersville
Oct 24	7:00	@Paulding

<b>JH FOOTBALL</b>		
Oct 2	5:00	@Delta (7th)
Oct 7	5:00	@Wayne Trace
Oct 14	5:00	@Edgerton

<b>VARSITY VOLLEYBALL</b>		
Oct 6	5:30	Van Wert
Oct 7	5:30	@Ayersville
Oct 9	5:30	Paulding

<b>JH VOLLEYBALL</b>		
Oct 2	5:00	@Hicksville
Oct 6	5:00	@Montpelier
Oct 9	5:00	Liberty Center

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 1	Prairie Garden Day
Oct 3-6	Fall Break - <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Oct 8	2 - Hour Delay - Inservice
Oct 9	Picture Retakes
Oct 12	NHS/NJHS Induction Ceremony
Oct 13	Board of Education Meeting
Oct 17	End of 1st Quarter
Oct 20-24	School Bus Safety Week
Oct 28	Parent-Teacher Conferences
Nov 3-7	Fall Book Fair

### RENEWAL INCOME TAX LEVY

On November 4, 2025, Antwerp Local School District will ask the Antwerp community to vote on a Renewal of the Permanent Improvement Levy. The 2.9 mill levy generates approximately \$178,000 annually and is utilized to maintain buildings, purchase new equipment, repair or upgrade existing equipment, purchase student computer devices, textbooks, and school busses.

Our current school building was constructed and ready for occupancy in January, 2004. The 21-year-old building is still in excellent condition and regarded by many visitors as a beautiful, well-kept structure. The ongoing care and attention of our school facilities and equipment is provided by our district’s hard working and dedicated IT department, custodial, grounds, transportation, and maintenance staff.

Passage of the Permanent Improvement Levy **will not** increase taxes and will allow the district and community to continue to benefit from the State “Rollback” Program. Through this program, the state pays up to 12.5% on residential/ agricultural and owner-occupied properties of the monies collected through the levy. A renewal of this levy will continue the “Rollback”. Rollbacks are no longer permitted with new levies.

In recent years, funds from the levy have been utilized to assist with the purchase of the following: interior and exterior LED lighting, security cameras, roof replacement, athletic bleacher systems, classroom carpet replacement, busses, Math, Science, and Social Studies Textbooks, Robotics systems, and computer devices for all students and staff.