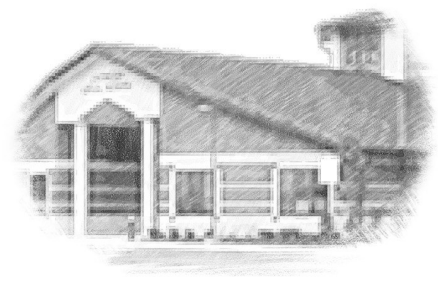




ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS

Home of the Archers

May 2025



SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

As we enter the month of May and the last few weeks of school for the 2024-2025 school year, students and staff are very busy with end of the year activities. Award programs, concerts, sporting events, and student programs highlight the month of May. Please check the district calendar and support our students with your attendance at these celebrations. Students in grades K - 11 will likewise be in a celebration mood with their last day of school arriving Wednesday, May 21st.

The end of April and the first two weeks of May are also times to celebrate and recognize the efforts of our faculty. Ohio School Bus Driver Appreciation Day was Tuesday, April 22nd. School Secretaries Appreciation Day was Wednesday, April 23rd. National Teacher Day is scheduled for May 6th while May 5th-9th is National Teacher Appreciation Week. May 7th has been designated National School Nurse Day. Please consider during this time frame to thank a bus driver, teacher, aide, school nurse, or other school employee who made a difference in your child’s life. We are proud of all our employees and believe they make a huge difference in the lives of children every day.

The Class of 2025, our 141st graduating class from Antwerp High School, will celebrate Commencement on May 18th at 2:00 p.m. with doors opening at 12:30 p.m. The ceremony will take place in the Main Gymnasium. We congratulate our senior class on their many accomplishments in reaching this milestone and wish them the best as they continue on a journey of lifelong learning.

During the summer months, a few projects will be completed in time for our annual Open House slated for Wednesday, August 13th and the first day of school scheduled for Thursday, August 14th. The annual repairs and sealing of our asphalt parking lots will take place during the month of July along with the paving of the parking lot at the Wellness Center. Interior projects include replacement of carpet in several classrooms and office areas. In addition, the library and main gymnasium will receive a new coat of paint, and both gymnasium floors will receive their annual re-waxing during the month of July. Another major project that will take place in July is the re-stripping of the track and relocating of the start/finish line to the “home” side of the track.

On the academic front, we are excited to share with you that thanks to the efforts of our STEAM instructor Della Miesle, our school has received a grant for \$2,680 to go toward the purchase of vex robotics equipment for elementary and middle school age students to utilize in our innovation center.

Prior to the start of the 2025-2026 school year, incoming 7th and 12th grade students will need updated immunizations per Ohio law. Students entering 7th grade will need the Tdap and Meningococcal Vaccines. Students entering 12th grade will likewise need the Meningococcal Vaccine. Additional information regarding the vaccine requirements, other recommended vaccines, and immunization clinics provided by the Paulding County Health Department, will be located on our school website and school app.

I want to thank the community for the support given to the Staff throughout this school year. Antwerp is a wonderful school district with excellent staff, students, and parents. As noted earlier, the 2025--2026 school year will begin Thursday, August 14th. In the meantime, enjoy the long summer days with your family and friends.

MS. ARNOLD- HS/MS

A big thank you to all of those working to make this year’s Prom and Post-Prom a safe and memorable night for our students! The student walk-ins begin at 5:00p.m. at Grant’s on May 3rd with dinner and the dance to follow. Come see *Paris in the Park* and our talented student workers’ creativity.

We are officially finished with state testing for the school year. I’d like to extend a big thank you for the hard work put forth by our teachers and students to prepare to do well.

Attention Seniors! Please remember that all academic requirements must be met and all school fees/fines must be paid prior to graduation practice. Students must take part in graduation practice on May 15th in order to participate in our Graduation ceremony on May 18th.

Our Senior Academic Awards night will be held on Wednesday, May 14th in the Auditoria at 7:00p.m. Parents will be notified of the awards to be received that night as we get the information. Families are invited to attend. Awards for underclassmen will be given out during the week of May 19th during the school day.

Summer School for MS and HS students will begin on May 27th and finish on June 6th. We will have morning sessions from 8:00-11:00, as well as an afternoon session from 12:00-3:00. Students and their parents will be notified by the end of the school year if they will be required to attend Credit Recovery classes during this time.

Excellent job, students and staff, on another successful year at Antwerp Middle/High School! Thank you for making my first year back at Antwerp such a memorable and fantastic school year!

Go, Archers,
~ Ms. Jessie Arnold, MS/HS Principal

HS/MS GUIDANCE NEWS

Parents of students that are required to come to summer school for credit recovery purposes will be notified in early May for first semester failures and no later than May 23rd for second semester failures. Summer school will run from May 27th – June 6th.

The AP Exam schedule is as follows: Biology, May 5th; Chemistry, May 6th; Computer Science, May 7th; Statistics, May 8th; and Psychology, May 16th.

Students in grades 6-12 will be participating in the Signs of Suicide Lesson on May 9th (grades 7-12) and May 12th (grades 6) as required by Ohio Law. SOS is an evidence-based program used to help students recognize the signs of depression and suicide in themselves and others and how to seek help from a trusted adult. More information can be found at <https://mindwise.org/sos-signs-of-suicide/> and <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/school-wellness/Prevention-Education/Suicide-and-Violence-Prevention-Social-Inclusion>.

The Senior Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 14th at 7:00p.m. All seniors are encouraged to attend and those earning an award or scholarship will be notified via mailed invitation.

Students in grades 6-11 will be given a tentative copy of their 2025-2026 schedule before the end of the school year.

Fourth quarter report cards for grades 6-12 will be available on Progressbook after May 23rd.

MR. BILLMAN - ELEMENTARY

Here comes May! The month of May brings great excitement and plenty of activities. Please continue to communicate with our teachers and stay on top of events by checking our Events tab on our School App.

The following students were selected by their teachers as Students of the Month for March:

Kindergarten:
Bostyn Mckvay, Jimmy Yanez, Revan Bidlack

First Grade:
Claire Bechstein, Anna Shull, Emma Cross

Second Grade:
Liam Gill, Owen Larson, Greta Kobee

Third Grade:
Addy Chrisman, Sydnie Keeler

Fourth Grade:
Blade Ruffing, Duke Dangler, Leni Johnson

Fifth Grade:
Annabelle James, Quintin Reyes, Brody Smith

~ Mr. Doug Billman Elementary Principal

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

This month in classroom guidance, kindergarten learned about all the ways to keep safe over the summer. Water safety and bike safety were among some of the topics discussed. First and second grade talked about being kind to yourself. They worked on giving themselves compliments and practicing positive affirmations. They then went on an Easter egg hunt and each found an egg with a positive affirmation treat inside. They each made an Easter basket craft with their positive affirmation in it. Third and fourth grade worked on teamwork. They learned the qualities that make a good teammate, and then got to work on teams to complete a Lego challenge. Fifth grade learned about what to expect in middle school. Ms. Arnold and Mrs. Hammer spoke to the students about expectations and schedules. They visited the middle school wing, checking out potential classrooms and lockers.

As always, Mrs. Lichty is available to meet with individual students. Please reach out to her at 419/258-5421, extension 2204, or email lichty_e@antwerpschools.org if you have any questions or concerns.

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Archer athletes will have the opportunity to get their sports physical for next school year on May 5th at the school. Paulding County Hospital will be performing sports physicals for all athletes at Antwerp School from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Forms will be distributed to athletes before that day and must be thoroughly completed and signed by both the student and parents prior to arrival. The cost is \$15.00 for the sports physical and all money will go to the Antwerp Athletic Department. Please see Mr. Altimus for an appointment time and physical form. Additional appointments can be made at a later date by contacting your primary care provider.



ATHLETIC CALENDAR

VARSITY BASEBALL

May 2	5:00	@ Fayette
May 5	5:00	vs. North Central
May 6	4:30	Montpelier @ Parkview Field
May 7	4:30	vs. Paulding
May 9	5:00	@ Delta
May 13	5:00	@ Crestview
May 17	10:00	vs. Wayne Trace

JV BASEBALL

May 1	5:00	@ Paulding
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VARSITY SOFTBALL

May 2	5:00	@ Hilltop
May 6	5:00	@ Delta
May 7	4:30	vs. Paulding
May 8	5:00	vs. Ottoville
May 12	5:00	vs. Woodlan
May 13	5:00	@Lincolnview

JV SOFTBALL

May 1	5:00	@ Paulding
May 5	5:00	@ Woodlan

VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

May 6	4:30	vs. Edg/Cont/FJ
May 9	4:30	Antwerp Invite
May 12	4:30	@ WT/Paulding
May 15	4:00	GMC @ AV Field
May 16	5:30	GMC @ AV Finals
May 22	TBD	Districts
May 24	TBD	Districts

JH TRACK & FIELD

May 2	4:30	Antwerp Invite
May 5	4:30	@ AV/FV/Kalida
May 12	4:00	GMC @ Hicksville

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3	Prom
May 5	Sports Physicals
May 8	Last day for Preschool Students
May 9	Last day for Lifewise Students
May 12-13	Preschool Picnic at the park
May 14	Senior Awards - 7:00 p.m.
May 14-15	Elementary Field Days
May 15	Board of Education Meeting
May 16	Seniors Last Day of School
May 18	Graduation
May 21	Last Day of School (K-11)
May 27-Jun 6	Summer School

2025-2026 CALENDAR

Aug 13	Open House
Aug 14	First Day of School
Sep 1	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
Sep 19	Inservise - NO SCHOOL
Oct 3-6	Fall Break - NO SCHOOL
Oct 28	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov 6	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov 26	P/T Conf. Tradeoff - NO SCHOOL
Nov 27-28	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 22-Jan 2	Christmas/New Years break
Jan 19	M.L.K. Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL
Feb 13	Winter Break - NO SCHOOL
Feb 16	Presidents Day - NO SCHOOL
Apr 3-7	Easter Break - NO SCHOOL
May 15	Seniors Last Day
May 17	Graduation

