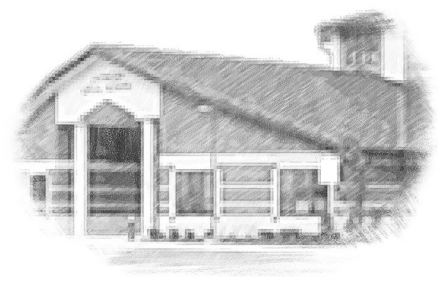




ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS

Home of the Archers

October 2021



SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

The start of the school year has been very busy, with adjustment to the current COVID-19 situation and efforts to continue normal school activities. The successful start of this school year is due in large part to parental support and student adherence to the multitude of new safety procedures necessary to address the current health situation. One of the safety procedures that will remain in place is the limitation of guests and visitors into our building. A reminder to parents and students that we highly recommend the wearing of masks by anyone who enters the building. Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Health have reiterated that students who wear masks in school will not be quarantined, remain in the normal in-person classroom setting, and participate in extracurricular and sport activities as long as they have no symptoms.

Recently, our School Resource Officer Caleb Miller put together a brief video segment for our school announcements. Officer Miller’s timely message was a reminder about respecting other decision to wear a mask or not wear a mask and whether you are joking or not, don’t make fun of others. Officer Miller shared with our student body that “some students are making a decision to wear a mask so they are not quarantined. Some students have practiced in an extracurricular activity all summer long and don’t want to be quarantined. A student might have a family member at home that is high risk and they made the decision to wear a mask to protect that family member. Students might wear a mask because they don’t feel well and are trying to protect their peers. Some students don’t feel comfortable in a mask and it may cause other issues so they do not wear one. Regardless, be kind and support one another.” We are thankful for the many services our school resource officer fulfills on a daily basis.

A big thank you also to parents and students for your cooperation with the pickup 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.

If you have been near the west side of the school recently, you may have viewed that construction has begun on the Innovation and Aquaponics Center. Construction will continue through most of the school year with completion scheduled for May 1, 2022. In other construction news, plans are in the design phase for a new multi-use facility (nicknamed *The Range*) to be constructed on the west side of the baseball/softball complex. Antwerp Local Schools has received federal funds for this project as part of the America Recovery Plan. The current plan is to utilize the facility space to expand academic and extracurricular offerings and expanded services for our special needs and preschool age children.

A reminder for parents to utilize our OneView Parent Portal to update student information such as change in address and/or contact numbers, and updating Transportation and Emergency Medical forms. An updated Emergency Medical Form is critically important in the event that a child has a health or medical issue while at school or on a Field Trip. The information shared on the form will assist school personnel and emergency responders with your child’s health or medical issue. In addition, the OneView

MR. LICHTY—HS/MS

SPIRIT WEEK is the week of September 27 through October 2. We have a fun week of themed dress-up days planned for the students and staff. The Homecoming game will be Friday, October 1 against Ayersville. The Homecoming Dance will be Saturday, October 2 from 8:00-11:00 p.m. The theme this year is “Candyland.”

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY, and QUILL and SCROLL inductions will take place on Sunday, October 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditoria.

Our first quarter ends Friday, October 15. Parents are encouraged to monitor student progress on ProgressBook. Mrs. Lucas can assist you with your login information if needed.

Looking ahead to November, we have **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES** scheduled for the evenings of November 9 and 11. More information will be communicated as we get closer to those dates.

~ Mr. Travis Lichty, 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 29. Students will be given information on paying for exam fees in early October.

Juniors will take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 13. Results of the PSAT will be available in early December.

There are numerous college representatives that will be visiting Antwerp High School in the month of October. Check out the guidance website for a list of colleges visiting with our juniors and seniors.

Superintendent, continued

Parent Portal is the location that parents may visit to complete the registration process for new students to our district. The OneView Parent Portal is located on the school website in the Parent Resources and QUICK LINKS tab.

Parents, students, and community members are also encouraged to download our new school App! Go to the App or Play Store, search “Antwerp Schools,” and install the free Antwerp Local Schools App. The App has numerous features that will keep you updated on news, events, school delays and closings, and more. You can also choose what notifications and alerts you receive through the MY ALERTS title.

Please note that there has been a change to our school calendar. There will be no school for students Friday, October 8. School personnel will spend part of the day reviewing and practicing our off-site evacuation plan. The remainder of the Inservice Day will be devoted to professional development on the topic of special education issues.

School districts across America will promote “School Bus Safety Week” during the week of October 18-22. The theme for this year’s safety campaign is: “Be Safe-Know the Danger Zone.” 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.

~ Dr. Martin A. Miller, Superintendent

MRS. STOKES—ELEMENTARY

PTO FUNDRAISER - Antwerp Elementary students will again be participating in our fall PTO fundraiser. The fundraiser runs September 20-October 11. Thank you to the PTO for all they are able to do for the Elementary.

MOBILE DENTIST—There will be a mobile dentist coming to Antwerp Elementary the week of October 4-8. Information was sent home and should be returned to the school if interested in participating in this free program.

OHIO THIRD GRADE READING TEST - Third graders will take part in the Third Grade Fall Reading Test on October 27 and 28. Third graders at Antwerp are prepared 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.

PARENT – TEACHER CONFERENCES—Parent-Teacher conferences will be scheduled for November 9 and 11 from 4:00-7:30. Teachers will be in contact to set up conference times. We appreciate your family’s support and ask you to continue to stay in contact with teachers throughout the year.

~ Mrs. Tracey Stokes, Elementary Principal

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

This month in classroom guidance, Mrs. Lichty introduced herself to the kindergarten students. Students listened to the book, *Counselorus*, about a dinosaur school counselor, to learn what a school counselor does. Then, the students were able to look in Mrs. Lichty’s “counselor toolbox,” to learn a little more about what she does and how she can help the students in Antwerp Elementary.

For the rest of the grades, one through five, Mrs. Lichty introduced the theme for the school year, “Everyone Counts!” Mrs. Lichty read the book *One* by Kathryn Otoshi, which is about standing up for each other and recognizing that everyone matters. Then each grade level colored the number coordinating with their grade level to add to an elementary poster. This poster will be hung in the elementary wing, with the theme, “Everyone Counts!” printed in the middle.

Mrs. Lichty is always available to meet all students’ individual needs as well. If you have any concerns regarding your child, please call Mrs. Lichty at 419-258-5421, extension 2204, or email her at lichty_e@antwerpschools.org.

LUNCH PROGRAM

Again this year, students who qualify for free lunches may also qualify for waivers of workbook fees or P-EBT cards. Antwerp Local Schools is participating in the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) during the 2021-2022 school year. Under this option, all children in the school receive a breakfast/lunch at no charge and without any application. However, to determine eligibility for various state and federal program benefits (*including waivers of workbook fees and P-EBT benefits*), please complete, sign, and return a Household Information Survey. Forms were distributed to all students K-12 the first week of school and are still available in school offices. And, yes you may fill out a form at any time during the school year. Please call 419-258-5421, ext. 2300 if you have questions.

National School Lunch Week will take place October 11-15. As part of the recognition, we salute our cafeteria staff for their efforts with planning, preparing, serving, and cleanup of our daily breakfast and lunch serving.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

GOLF
Sept 29 TBA District Meet
Sept 30 TBA District Meet

VARSITY FOOTBALL
Oct 1 7:00 Home w/Ayersville
Oct 8 7:00 @ Paulding
Oct 15 7:00 Home w/Edgerton
Oct 22 7:00 @ Hicksville

JV FOOTBALL
Oct 11 5:00 @ Paulding
Oct 18 5:00 Home w/Edgerton

JH FOOTBALL
Oct 5 5:00 @ Wayne Trace
Oct 12 5:00 @ Edgerton
Oct 19 5:00 Home w/Ayersville

CROSS COUNTRY
Oct 5 4:30 @ Paulding/Wayne Trace
Oct 9 9:00 Antwerp Invitational
Oct 16 9:30 GMC @ Edgerton
Oct 23 TBA District @ TBA

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
Oct 4 5:30 Home w/Continental
Oct 5 5:30 Home w/Paulding
Oct 11 5:30 Home w/Van Wert
Oct 12 5:30 @ Edgerton
Oct 14 5:30 Home w/Hicksville

JH VOLLEYBALL
Oct 5 4:30 Home w/Ayersville
Oct 7 5:00 @ Hicksville
Oct 11 5:00 @ Montpelier
Oct 14 4:30 Home w/Liberty Center
Oct 16 TBA GMC Home

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Rules and regulations for extracurricular participants apply the full calendar year (365 days). Participants shall NOT use tobacco products in any form, drink intoxicating beverages, or misuse/abuse any drugs or medication. Violations of these rules-regulations carry the penalties as outlined in the athletic handbook.

WHAT’S COOKING ?

MENU—OCTOBER 1-7

Fri, Oct 1 Pepperoni Pizza, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Milk
Mon, Oct 4 Cornndog, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk
Tues, Oct 5 Sloppy Joe on Bun, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk
Wed, Oct 6 Grilled Chicken on Bun, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk
Thurs, Oct 7 Burrito w/Salsa, Vegetable, Fruit, Milk
Fri, Oct 8 INSERVICE - **NO CLASSES**

SPECIAL NOTE: Our menus are subject to change without notice. Availability of menu items has become an issue for area school cafeterias. We are trying our very best to provide warm, nutritious lunches each day but don’t always know exactly what we will have available to serve. Thank you for your patience.

Fire Prevention Week will take place October 3-9 with the theme “Learning the Sounds of Fire Safety.” This year’s theme focuses on recognizing the different sounds smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make, and what to do when an alarm sounds.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 2 Homecoming Dance
Oct 6 Prairie Garden Day - Grades 1-5
Oct 8 NO CLASSES—INSERVICE DAY
Oct 10 NHS/NJHS/Q&S Inductions 2:00
Oct 12 Picture Retakes
Oct 13 PSAT—Juniors
Oct 28 Character Day—Preschool
Oct 29 Character Day—Grades K-5
Nov 2 Indoor Marching Band Concert 7:00
Nov 7 Time Change
Nov 8-12 Book Fair

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