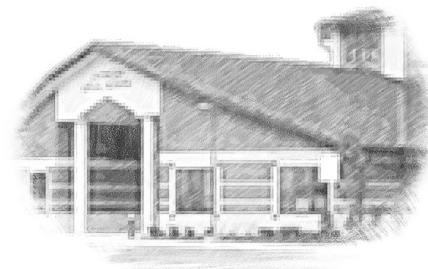




# ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS

Home of the Archers

August/September 2025



## SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

Our staff looks forward to welcoming back all students and their families for the start of another school year with Open House Wednesday, August 13 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Our first day of classes for Gr. 1-12 will be Thursday, August 14th. Kindergarten students will have their first day of classes Thursday, August 21st and Pre-School will start Thursday, August 28th.

In order to effectively carry out a successful school year with respect to health and wellness, we need parents to assist us with educating your child on the importance of maintaining safety routines and exhibiting healthy behaviors. School personnel will likewise continually emphasize and reinforce student responsibility for safe and healthy behaviors that protect them and those around them.

On the academic front, our staff will continue to receive professional development opportunities during this school year in order to increase their abilities and improve their skill set to provide instruction and engage student acquisition with respect to the state academic content standards. The district will also continue to provide training for staff with respect to the use of AI in instructional practices and student use, and multi-tiered systems of academic and behavioral support.

Prior to the start of the school, a few projects have or will be completed with respect to our building and grounds. The most visible project is the annual repairs and sealing of our asphalt parking lots, drives, and playground. In addition, a new asphalt parking lot has been completed for the Wellness Center along with an asphalt surface for the baseball/softball spectator seating area. Interior projects completed include replacement of carpet in several A-Wing classrooms, and elementary/middle school office spaces. Our library and main gymnasium received a new coat of paint and both gymnasium floors received their annual sanding and re-waxing. Another major project that will be completed in late August is the re-alignment of the track markings that will move the start and finish line to the home side of the track for spectator viewing. Lastly, new stage curtains will be installed in August.

Parents are reminded that we will once again utilize the number tag system for elementary student pick-up in the large circle drive at dismissal time. If you are unfamiliar with this system and need a number tag or forgot your family number, please call the District Office at extension 2300 or Elementary Office at extension 2200 or stop by the District Office entrance during Open House and staff will be available to assist you.

Community members are encouraged to frequently visit our school website and view happenings taking place at our school or better yet, download our school app by going 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 delay and closings and more. Also choose what notifications and alerts you want to receive through MY ALERTS tile. Additionally, parents are reminded that the ONEVIEW parent portal is located in the PARENT tab and QUICK LINKS tab in the upper right-hand corner of the website. Parents may utilize the ONEVIEW parent portal to update student information such as change in address and/or contact numbers. The ONEVIEW Portal also serves as a location for parents to complete student forms (Emergency Medical Form/Transportation Form). The ONEVIEW parent portal is also the location

parents may visit to complete the registration process for new students to our district.

We are excited to share that we have several new additions to our staff. Ms. Keri Perkins will serve as our 6<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts teacher. Ms. Perkins is replacing Mr. Kevin Snyder who had served in the capacity this past school year. Mr. Snyder will continue to serve the district in a substitute teacher capacity this coming school year. Mrs. Megan Parisot will serve as an aide and work specifically with our special need children. Mrs. Pam Holtsberry will serve as a part-time gifted instructor. Mollie Oller will work in the cafeteria.

We have several other employees who will serve in a different capacity this year in comparison to the previous school year due to grade level sizes. Mrs. Mary Lillemon will move from grade 1 to a Kindergarten position and Mrs. Ashley Malfait will move from grade 4 to grade 3.

As the new school year begins, please remember that the most meaningful factor in assisting students to have a successful school experience is our ongoing partnerships with parents and guardians. In order to help your children attain their goals, we need your involvement, whether through attending conferences, extra-curricular events, volunteering in your child’s school, or, perhaps most importantly, reinforcing the importance of education and on-time school attendance.

Through the range of experiences and emotions throughout a year, from celebrations to heartbreak, we should always remember that we are all stronger – and our students’ experience better – when we work together as a team, extended family and community.

Remember to stay informed about your child’s school through our school app or by visiting our website at [www.antwerpschools.org](http://www.antwerpschools.org).

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer vacation and best wishes for a successful school year.

Martin A. Miller, Superintendent

## LUNCH PROGRAM

Note that students who qualify for free breakfast/lunch may also qualify for waivers of workbook fees. Letters are being sent to families who are pre-qualified for the program. It is NOT necessary for Pre-Qualified families to complete the Free/Reduced Application. If you did not receive a letter and want your child to participate, please complete and return the application form the first week of school.

Lunch prices for students this year will have a slight increase at \$2.90 for K-5, \$3.00 for 6-12, and \$2.00 for breakfast (all grades). Adult lunch is \$4.00. Extra milk is 50 cents.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 6	6th Grade Orientation - 6p
Aug 13	Open House - 5-6:30p
Aug 14	First day of classes
Aug 21	First day of Kindergarten
Aug 28	First day of Preschool
Sept 1	Labor day - No school
Sept 19	In-service - No school

## MS. ARNOLD - HS/MS

I hope you have enjoyed a fun and relaxing summer and are gearing up for the 2025-2026 school year. We are making the final preparations for the year, and I am excited to welcome our wonderful students and staff back this August for another successful school year.

A few reminders:

- \* The Academic and Athletic handbooks can be found on the school website.
- \* Remember that hair must be a natural color and all clothing appropriate for an educational setting (more guidelines can be found in the student handbook).
- \* We will be operating on a 7-period Academic day, with a 42 minute Academic Assist period at the end of the day. Encourage your child to use this time to complete assignments and seek help from teachers.
- \* Please monitor your child’s academic progress on ProgressBook. Mrs. Lucas is available in the high school office to assist if you’ve forgotten your login info.

Office hours are 8:00-3:00 until school starts. Don’t hesitate to call or stop in if you need assistance or have any other concerns.

The staff at Antwerp Local Schools is eager to greet our students August 14th, and we look forward to seeing your smiles soon!

~ Ms. Jessie Arnold, MS/HS Principal

## HS/MS GUIDANCE NEWS

Beginning August 4th, students in grades 7-12 may pick up schedules in the MS/HS office or make changes by seeing Mrs. Hammer Monday-Friday from 8:00-2:00. Students may also email Mrs. Hammer for schedule changes. Sixth grade students will receive a copy of their schedule at 6th Grade Orientation on August 6th.

## ATHLETIC CALENDAR

### CROSS COUNTRY

Aug 23	9:00	Defiance Early Bird
Aug 26	4:30	@ Edon/Edgerton/Hilltop
Aug 30	8:30	Columbus Grove Invite
Sept 6	5:00	@Seneca East
Sept 9	5:00	vs. Edgerton/WT/Leipsic

### VARSITY FOOTBALL

Aug 22	7:00	vs. Montpelier
Aug 30	7:00	@ Edon
Sept 6	7:00	@ Hilltop
Sept 12	7:00	vs. Edgerton (HC)

### BOYS GOLF

July 31	10:00	GMC vs. BBC
Aug 4	11:00	@ N.C./Swanton
Aug 5	9:00	Wauseon Invite
Aug 7	9:00	Paulding Invite
Aug 11	9:00	Patrick Henry Invite
Aug 12	9:00	GMC RD #1 @ Edg.
Aug 19	4:30	@ Paulding/Hicksville
Aug 21	4:30	Wayne Trace Invite
Aug 25	4:30	vs. Tinora/WT/Stryker

### GIRLS GOLF

Aug 4	9:00	Lincolnview Invite
Aug 6	10:00	vs. Delphos Jefferson
Aug 7	9:00	Defiance Invite
Aug 11	10:00	@ Def/Edg/Nap/Montp.
Aug 12	4:30	GMC RD #1 (@ Harvest Moon)
Aug 13	10:00	vs. PH/Otto/Paulding

### VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Aug 16	10:00	@ Pettisville
Aug 18	5:30	@ Kalida
Aug 19	5:30	@ Ottoville
Aug 21	5:30	vs. Miller City
Aug 23	5:30	@ Lincolnview
Aug 25	5:30	@ Montpelier

## MR. BILLMAN - ELEMENTARY

We hope everyone is enjoying a nice and relaxing summer break, BUT it’s getting close to that time once again! On behalf of the elementary faculty and staff, we are excited to welcome you back to another school year. We are looking forward to getting things started for the 2025-2026 school year. Below you will find a few starting points and initial information for the upcoming start to the year. We plan to be back into the office starting the week of July 28th, please let us know if we can help in any way.

### STUDENT HANDBOOK

The student handbook for 2025-2026 may be found on the school’s website. We do have one change that will affect the student dress code. It will involve elementary students and when they are able to wear shorts. Please read the following excerpt from the handbook:

- \* Elementary students may wear shorts in August, September and May, with the opportunity for an earlier date based on the discretion of the Principal.

We also want to highlight and re-inform everyone of our Attendance Policy brought on by House Bill 410 that deals with “Habitual Truancy” in schools.

- \* Students are allowed SEVEN excused absences per year. Students will be required to have a doctor’s note/excuse every absence past the seven day excused limit. Without a doctor’s note, the absence will be deemed unexcused. Beyond the seven days, the doctor’s note must be received within three days of the absence. The principal has discretion to determine the absence excused or unexcused.

School Nurse Excusals:

- \* Students sent home during the school day due to illness will be excused regardless of the number of prior missed days.
- \* If the illness requires an additional day out of school due to fever, vomiting, etc., the next day will be considered an excused absence as well and will NOT require a doctor’s note.

We want to emphasize the importance of communication of absences to the school to help in cleaning up unexcused absences. We also would like to encourage long vacations to be scheduled during non-school days. We certainly appreciate your understanding of the importance from our students to be at school. We understand the difficulty of this at times, but we want to make this a TEAM effort from our staff here at Antwerp Elementary and to you, as Parents/Guardians. Thank you for your understanding.

### BUS TRANSPORTATION

If you have any changes in your student’s bus transportation, please go into OneView and complete or update the Transportation form online as soon as possible.

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORMS

All student emergency medical forms must be updated each year. Please go into OneView and complete or update the Student Demographics and EMA form online before the first day of school.

### SCHOOL FEES

School fees will remain \$68.00 for the 2025-2026 school year. The fees may be paid online or at the school.

### TEACHER LISTS

This year’s class lists will be posted online beginning the first week of August. These lists are tentative, so please be aware that changes may occur due to enrollment.

~ Mr. Doug Billman, Elementary Principal