



ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS

Home of the Archers

March 2021 Newsletter



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

MRS. STOKES—ELEMENTARY

MR. LICHTY—HS/MS

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

The month of March is a very busy time period for our students and staff. Winter sports are either moving into their tournament opportunities or are winding down. Our student athletes are also gearing up for their participation in a spring sport season. A sizeable number of our students have also been busy in preparation for the High School musical entitled “Guys and Dolls.” Performances will take place April 9 and 10 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 11 at 2:00 p.m. Our Elementary and Middle School students are also busy in preparation for their musical entitled “Mary Poppins, Jr.” Performances will take place May 7 and 8 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 9 at 2:00 p.m. All performances will take place in our Auditoria. We are also looking forward to the return of our Arts Festival scheduled for April 17 from 4:00-9:00 p.m. in the Auditoria. We will keep you informed as to how you will be able to view and enjoy the fine art talents of our students.

From an academic standpoint, the third nine-week grading period ends Friday, March 12. As we work our way through the last half of the school year, our seniors are busy planning for their future after graduation by finalizing plans for college, work, or the military. Similarly, during the last quarter of the school year, students in grades 3-11 will also engage in state assessments. Additional information regarding the state assessments is available on the Ohio Department of Education website: <http://education.ohio.gov/>.

Situations involving the weather and the pandemic during the past few months have been a challenge to our academic and athletic endeavors. Fortunately, we appear to be moving in a positive direction as we appear to be battling fewer COVID-19 issues regarding positive cases and quarantines. A milestone was achieved recently as we had no staff or students with a positive COVID-19 case for a five day time period. In addition, the majority of our staff recently received the first round of the COVID-19 Moderna vaccine. The second round of the vaccine will take place on March 19. As we near that date, information will be shared with students and parents regarding the implementation of a similar Remote Learning Day utilized during the 1st vaccination date.

The effort to assure that educational needs and requirements are met for all the children in our school district, is a challenge especially when you consider that several of our school age children are receiving their education outside of the traditional school setting of our school building. On any given school day, 698 students in grades PK-12 attend school in the school building. Fifteen high school students are enrolled in at least one College Credit Plus (CCP) course that may involve traveling to the college or completing the course online. Forty-two students in grades 11 and 12 attend the Vantage Career Center in Van Wert. Seven students attend the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Synergy school located in Van Wert. We have two students who are transported and attend the Bryan Autism Center. There are also 49 students currently at home receiving their education through our NOVA online program. While technically not Antwerp Local Schools students, we have 33 school age children receiving their education in a “home school” environment. Unfortunately, we have two students who receive their education in a specialized residential or incarcerated setting.

Per adopted board policy 5517.01 (Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior), schools are required to semi-annually provide a written summary of all reported incidents of bullying/harassment/intimidation. Ohio law required school policies to use the definition of bullying found in R.C. 3313.666, which defines “harassment, intimidation, or bullying” as: Any intentional written, verbal, or physical

TESTING—Grades 3-5 will have English Language Arts and Math tests. Fifth grade will also have Science testing. Tests are two days each per subject. We will be testing ELA on April 14 and 15, Math on April 21 and 22, and Science on April 28 and 29. Please make every effort for students to be at school and on time always, but especially on these dates. Students are able to practice their skills at <http://oh.portal.airast.org/resources/students-practice-resources>.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022—Antwerp Elementary is now scheduling appointments for 2021-2022 Kindergarten Screening and Registration which will be held Wednesday, April 7 and Thursday, April 8. Students must be five years old before September 30, 2021. If you are planning to attend, please call the elementary office as soon as possible at 419-258-5421, ext. 2200.

PRESCHOOL—Have you thought about sending your 3 or 4 year old to Preschool at Antwerp Local Schools next year. If so, please call 419-258-5421, ext. 2103. We will have a FREE Early Childhood Screening for Antwerp students on March 2, 11, and 18 at the school. If you plan to send your child to our Preschool next year, your child must go through the screening.

OUTSIDE RECESS—As the temperature continues to fluctuate, please be sure students are coming to school dressed warmly in coats, hats, and gloves for the outdoor recess. Thank you!
~ Mrs. Tracey Stokes, Elementary Principal

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

This month in classroom guidance, Mrs. Lichty focused on “Honesty” in grades K-2. Students listened to the book *Howard B. Wigglebottom and the Monkey on his back*. Then they talked about the various reasons why people might be dishonest. They were given different scenarios and had to decide what action would be the honest action.

Third and fifth graders learned about stress and worry and how to cope with these issues, inside and outside of school. They first listened to the book *Keep Calm, My Stress Busting Tips*. Students were given a list of 100 coping strategies to use when they may be feeling overwhelmed, stressed out, or worried. Then they made coping strategies “cootie catchers.”

In fourth grade, students were asked to put themselves in others’ shoes. Students listened to the book, *Don’t Laugh at Me*. Then the students were given shoe boxes that contained different scenarios that other students might find themselves in. Students were asked to empathize and put themselves in the shoes of the students in the scenarios.

As always, Mrs. Lichty is available to assist any child with individual needs. Please contact her at 419-258-5421, ext. 2204, with any questions or concerns.

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act that a student has exhibited toward another particular student more than once and the behavior both: (a) causes mental or physical harm to the other student; (b) is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for the other student.

In accordance with these laws of the State of Ohio, it is reported that the administrators of Antwerp Local Schools dealt with the following number of incidences of bullying during the first semester:

2020-2021

Gr. PK-5: For the 1st semester of the 2020-21 school year, there were 0 cases of bullying.
Gr. 6-12: For the 1st semester of the 2020-21 school year, there was 1 case of bullying.
Go Archers! Dr. Martin A. Miller

ACADEMICS—All Juniors recently completed the ACT at school. Thank you to our teachers for engaging our students in ACT preparatory activities. We look forward to seeing our results.

The third grading period ends March 12. Please continue to monitor student academics on ProgressBook.

Summer School is tentatively scheduled to begin Monday, May 24. The program will be in-person this year. High school students that fail a course for at least 1 semester will be required to attend. Middle School students will attend if they fail a class for the year. Mrs. Hammer will begin contacting families during the 4th quarter.

GREAT JOB ARCHERS!—Congratulations to 8th grader Allie Carnes for winning the Paulding County Spelling Bee.

Congratulations to our Varsity Boys Basketball team for winning the GMC title. That makes it back-to-back conference titles for the program. Mr. Doug Billman coaches the boys program.

Sophomore Eli Reinhart recently placed 2nd in his weight division at the GMC Wrestling tournament. Great work, Eli! Mr. Adam Kosch is our wrestling coach.

The HS Competition Cheer squad garnered 3rd place finishes at Maumee HS and Bowling Green HS Invationals. The JH squad placed 1st at both events. Mrs. Katie Scharr and Mrs. Kelli Bradbury coach the high school squad; Mrs. Alicia Hook coaches the junior high. Good job ladies!

The Freshman boys basketball team finishing their regular season 11-0. The team is coached by Mr. Jason Landers.

~ Mr. Travis Lichty, MS/HS Principal

HS/MS GUIDANCE

Any sophomore or junior interested in attending Vantage Career Center for the 2021-2022 school year should submit their application by Wednesday, March 3. Go to www.vantagecareercenter.com to submit an online application.

Students taking the AP exams can submit final payment of \$55 per exam to Mrs. Diana Hammer anytime during the months of March and April. Visit the guidance website for the 2021 AP exam administration schedule.

Any junior that missed the February 23, 2021 ACT test date will make up the exam on March 9.

A detailed scholarship list can be found on the school website at <https://sites.google.com/apps.aw.noacsc.org/antwerpmsguidance/scholarships?authuser=0>. There are numerous local scholarships due in the months of March and April.

SPRING BOOK FAIR

The spring Book Fair will be March 29 through April 1 this year. Elementary students will be allowed to shop at the Book Fair at their Library time during the school day. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, parents and grandparents will not be allowed to come in to shop. Thank you for your understanding. We are able to receive many new books for our library by hosting the Book Fair.

NEWSLETTER & MENU

To receive this newsletter and the school menu by email, simply send an email to newsletter_subscribe@antwerpschools.org. Your email should be blank; no message necessary. You will get a reply with simple instructions to complete your registration.

VARSITY BASEBALL

Mar 30	5:00	@ Eastside
Apr 1	5:00	@ Paulding
Apr 5	5:00	@ Wayne Trace
Apr 8	5:00	Home w/Fairview

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Mar 29	5:00	Home w/Edon
Mar 30	5:00	Home w/Hicksville
Apr 1	5:00	@ Continental
Apr 5	5:00	@ Parkway
Apr 6	5:00	@ Delphos Jefferson
Apr 8	5:00	Home w/Fairview

VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

Mar 30	4:30	Home w/Hilltop/Edgerton
Apr 1	4:30	@ Tinora/Wayne Trace
Apr 6	4:30	@ Fairview/Holgate

JV BASEBALL

Apr 6	5:00	@ Paulding
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JV SOFTBALL

Mar 30	5:00	@ Paulding
Apr 5	5:00	Home w/Parkway
Apr 8	5:00	@ Fairview

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK & FIELD

Apr 5	4:30	Home w/Tinora/Holgate
Apr 8	4:30	@ Hilltop/Edon

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 1	Vantage Applications Due for 21-22
Mar 12	End of 3rd Quarter
Mar 14	Time Change—Spring Forward
Mar 17	Spring Sports Pictures
Mar 29-Apr 1	Spring Book Fair
Apr 2-5	Easter/Spring Break
Apr 7 & 8	Kindergarten Registration
Apr 14-15	ELA Testing
Apr 17	Arts Festival
Apr 21-22	Math Testing
Apr 28-29	Science Testing

EARLY CHILD SCREENINGS

Antwerp Local Schools will offer FREE Early Child Screenings on March 2 and March 11 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. On March 18 screening will be available from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and there will be no Preschool that day. The screenings are available for Antwerp district children from birth to 5 years and are by appointment only. Call 419-258-5421, ext. 2103, to schedule your appointment.

SNEAK PEEK at 2021-2022

Aug 18	First Day of Classes
Sept 6	Labor Day—No School
Sept 24	Inservice—No School
Nov 24	Inservice Trade-Off—No School
Nov 25-26	Thanksgiving—No School
Dec 20-31	Christmas/New Year Break
Jan 17	M.L.King Jr. Day—No School
Feb 21	Presidents’ Day—No School
Apr 15-18	Easter/Spring Break
May 18	Last Day of School (K-11)
May 22	Graduation

Here’s What’s Cooking !

MENU March 1—5

Mon, 3/01	—Breaded Chicken on Bun, Baked Beans, Pineapple, Milk
Tues, 3/02	—Pizzaburger on Bun, Mixed Vegetables, Peaches, Milk
Wed, 3/03	—Fish on Bun, Cooked Carrots, Apple Crisp, Milk
Thurs, 3/04	—Cheeseburger on Bun, Tater Tots, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Fri, 3/05	—Chicken Quesadilla, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Milk

Please remember that our menus are subject to change without notice at any time. Our full menu is available in all of our school offices and online.

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