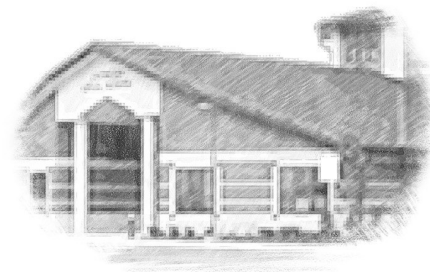




ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS

Home of the Archers

August/September 2023



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 Tuesday, August 15 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Our first day of classes for Gr. 1-12 will be Thursday, August 17. Kindergarten students will have their first day of classes Tuesday, August 22 and Pre-School will start Thursday, August 24.

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. School personnel will also clean, disinfect, and sanitize our school facility, playgrounds, and buses on a routine basis.

Speaking of student wellness, we are excited to share with you that our school has received a \$50,000 Stronger Connections Grant from the Ohio Department of Education to help support student wellness. The grant funds will be utilized to provide mental health programs and positive behavior support initiatives for our student body.

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 an inclusionary/co-teaching model of instruction. We are also pleased to share with you two important updates. Due to growth in the number of pre-school age children, we have created another pre-school unit. For the first time in several years, we will have a certified foreign language teacher instructing our students. Mrs. Lola Cortes has been hired by the Board of Education to fill the vacancy. Lola, her husband, and 21-month-old child came to us from Spain as part of the Ohio Department of Education’s efforts to arrange foreign language teachers for Ohio districts who are having difficulty filling positions. Lola and her family will be residing in our school district. Please welcome to Antwerp Local Mrs. Lola Cortes.

Recently, plans for the construction of our wellness and recreation center (referred to as “The Range”) were completed and put forth for the construction bidding process. The facility will be located on the west side of the baseball/softball complex. We anticipate construction starting in late August or early September. The Range will feature a large recreational space, multi-purpose classroom, restrooms, concession/kitchen and patio area, and elevated press box. The project will be partially funded with ARP/ESSER federal relief funds.

During the past month, a new roof has been installed over the two gymnasiums. The old roof lasted twenty-three years. Other improvements to the school building and property included the installation of new carpet in the Kindergarten classrooms and C-Wing hallway. We have also completed repairs to our parking lots and drives along with painting of markings on the surface. The addition of a new sidewalk and lighting along Archer Way will allow individuals to walk from the west side of the school building to the softball/baseball field complex, The Range, and to the football/track complex.

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 have several new employees who will work with our students during the coming school year. Mrs. Jaclyn Jeffery will serve as our new Pre-School teacher and Intervention Specialist at the elementary school level. Mrs. Katrina Tonneas will serve as a 1st Grade teacher due to increased enrollment in that grade level. Mrs. Lindsey Litzenberg will serve as a MS ELA/Science teacher. Mrs. Litzenberg is replacing Mrs. Alyssa Saylor who moved into our vacant MS Science position. Mrs. Brooke Webster will serve as a MS Intervention Specialist. Mrs. Shelley Snyder will serve as a high school social studies teacher having replaced the retired Mr. Pat Miesle. Mrs. Anne Cline and Mrs. Julie Phelan will each serve as an elementary school aide.

We have several other employees who will serve in a different capacity this year in comparison to the previous school year. Mrs. Ashley Fidler has moved into an elementary school intervention specialist position. Mr. Derek Smalley and Mr. Jared Eklund have moved into 5th grade teaching positions. Mr. Bob Fowler has moved into an elementary aide position.

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.

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

Martin A. Miller, Superintendent

MR. LICHTY - HS/MS

I hope you have all had a great summer and were able to enjoy some time with family and friends. We are making final preparations for a new school year and look forward to welcoming our students back to the building. Let’s all work together to make this a great year!

A few reminders:

- * The Academic and Athletic handbooks can be found on the school website.
- * Remember that hair must be a natural color.
- * We will once again 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.

~ Mr. Travis Lichty, MS/HS Principal

HS/MS GUIDANCE NEWS

Beginning August 7, students in grades 6-12 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.

MRS. STOKES - ELEMENTARY

I hope you are having a relaxing and enjoyable summer! We are looking forward to getting started for the 2023-2024 school year.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

The student handbook for 2023-2024 may be found on the school’s website.

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 2023-2024 school year. The fees may be paid online or at the school.

TEACHER LISTS

This year’s class lists will be posted on the front doors beginning August 7. These lists are tentative, so please be aware that changes may occur due to enrollment.

~ Mrs. Tracey Stokes, Elementary Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 31	6th Grade Orientation
Aug 15	Open House
Aug 17	First day of classes
Aug 22	First day of Kindergarten
Aug 24	First day of Preschool
Sept 4	Labor day - No school
Sept 22	In-service - No school

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

CROSS COUNTRY

Aug 26	9:00	Defiance Early Bird
Aug 29	4:30	@ Edon/Edgerton
Sept 2	9:00	Columbus Grove Invite
Sept 9	8:30	Northrop Invite
Sept 12	5:00	vs. Edgerton/WT/Leipsic
Sept 16	9:00	@ Fayette
Sept 19	4:30	County Meet WT/Paulding
Sept 30	9:00	Edgerton Invite

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Aug 18	7:00	vs. Montpelier
Aug 25	7:00	@ Edon
Sept 1	7:00	@ Hilltop
Sept 8	7:00	@ Hicksville
Sept 15	7:00	vs. Tinora (HC)
Sept 22	7:00	@ Fairview
Sept 29	7:00	vs. Wayne Trace

BOYS GOLF

Aug 3	9:00	GMC vs. BBC
Aug 7	9:00	Defiance Invite
Aug 8	9:00	@ Montpelier/Edgerton/Paulding
Aug 10	9:00	Paulding Invite
Aug 14	9:00	Patrick Henry Invite
Aug 15	4:30	vs. Crestview/Edon
Aug 17	4:30	@ Kalida
Aug 22	4:30	@ Paulding/Hicksville
Aug 24	4:30	Wayne Trace Invite
Aug 28	4:30	@ Tinora/Wayne Trace
Aug 29	4:30	@ Lincolnview/LCC

GIRLS GOLF

Aug 7	9:00	Lincolnview Invite
Aug 9	10:00	@ Parkway/Delphos Jefferson
Aug 10	9:00	Defiance Invite
Aug 14	4:30	vs. Montpelier/Edgerton
Aug 17	4:30	@ Patrick Henry
Aug 21	4:30	vs. Lincolnview/Edgerton
Aug 28	4:30	vs. Wayne Trace/Edgerton
Aug 29	4:30	@ Archbold
Aug 31	4:15	@ Patrick Henry/Tinora

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Aug 19	10:00	vs. Holgate
Aug 21	5:30	@ Kalida
Aug 22	5:30	@ Ottoville
Aug 24	5:30	vs. Miller City
Aug 26	5:30	@ Lincolnview
Aug 28	5:30	@ Montpelier
Aug 31	5:30	vs. Crestview
Sept 5	5:30	vs. Hicksville
Sept 11	5:30	vs. Delphos Jefferson
Sept 12	5:30	@ Tinora
Sept 16	10:00	@ North Central
Sept 18	5:30	@ Fayette
Sept 19	5:30	vs. Fairview
Sept 21	5:30	vs. Woodlan
Sept 25	5:30	vs. Hilltop
Sept 26	5:30	@ Wayne Trace
Sept 30	10:00	@ Edon

LUNCH PROGRAM

Parents must complete a Free/Reduced priced Breakfast/Lunch Application form in order for school officials to verify your household income status for qualification of either a free or reduced price for breakfast and/or lunch during the 2023-2024 school year. Applications will be placed in elementary student packets and may be picked up at Open House August 15 or they will be sent home with elementary students their first day of school. MS/HS students will have an application attached to their class schedules.

Note that students who qualify for free breakfast/lunch may also qualify for waivers of work-book 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 fill out and return the application form the first week of school.

Lunch prices for students this year will remain the same at \$2.80 for K-5, \$2.90 for 6-12, and \$1.50 for breakfast (all grades). Adult lunch is \$4.00. Extra milk is 50 cents.