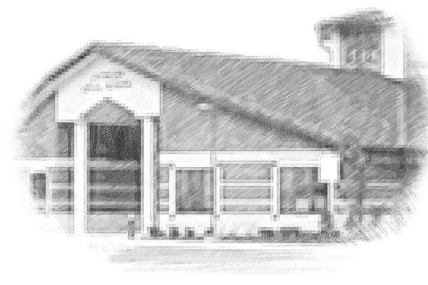




ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS

Home of the Archers



October 2024

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

MS. ARNOLD - HS/MS

MR. BILLMAN - ELEMENTARY

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Our school year has gotten off to a great start thanks in large part to the effort parents and caregivers have provided to assure their children were prepared for the start of the 2024-2025 school year and promptness to arrive on time at school each day. Likewise, a big thank you to the Antwerp Local School staff for their preparation to assure the classrooms, cafeteria, buses, and building and grounds were ready to meet the needs of our student body.

We are off to a great start to the school year! We appreciate the family support we have received thus far this year and the wonderful families in our community. As always, if we can help your child in any way, please be sure to contact us.

OHIO THIRD GRADE READING TEST

Third graders will take part in the Third Grade Fall Reading Test on October 22nd and 23rd. The third graders are ready 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.

CROSS COUNTRY

Oct 5 9:00 Antwerp Invite
Oct 12 9:30 GMC @ Edgerton
Oct 19 TBA District

The start of the school year has been very busy with several field trips, numerous meetings, and of course, a slew of athletic events. With regards to athletic events, we hope you have had or will have the opportunity to attend and support our Archer athletes. A reminder that residents of our school district who are at least 65 years old are eligible for a free all-sports pass. This is one of the many ways we thank our senior residents for their support of our school system. If you have not received a pass yet, see Mr. Altimus in the Athletic Director's Office. He is usually available from 1:00-2:30 each afternoon. The pass is good for admission to all home junior high and high school athletic events.

Mrs. Revuelta and Dr. Miller held an informational meeting about the April 2026 trip to Spain. There was great interest in the trip with over 50 families represented at the meeting. Mrs. Revuelta shared several of the benefits of international travel and the way it can transform one's life. Since the meeting, we have had overwhelmingly positive feedback from the community on the opportunity for our students to experience international travel in a safe and guided environment.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Students in grades K-5 will have an opportunity to participate in after school tutoring activities starting in October and lasting until the end of December. Tutoring sessions will begin on October 2nd and will be once a week for 1 hour.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Oct 4 7:00 vs. Fairview
Oct 11 7:00 @ Wayne Trace
Oct 18 7:00 @ Ayersville
Oct 25 7:00 vs. Paulding

We are excited to announce that our Wellness and Recreation Center is open for use by the Antwerp school community. Information regarding the rules and procedures for utilizing the Center and obtaining a fob for entrance can be found on our school website or available in the school's Central Office.

National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society inductions will take place on Sunday, October 13 at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditoria.

PRAIRIE DAY

On Wednesday, October 2, Antwerp Elementary will again host a day for students to explore the prairie garden next to the school. Thank you to Linda Mabis, retired Antwerp Teacher, for setting up the day.

JV FOOTBALL

Oct 7 5:00 vs. Fairview
Oct 14 5:00 @ Wayne Trace
Oct 21 5:00 @ Ayersville

We are also excited to share that we are planning a student trip to Spain in April 2026. Our foreign language teacher Mrs. Lola Cortes Revuelta is from Spain and is looking forward to traveling with thirty-two Antwerp students to her homeland. The trip is headed up by Education First, an international company that specializes in educational travel and cultural exchange. The student group will gladly accept any donations to help fund their trip. Donations can be sent to Antwerp Local Schools and if using a check, note on the check "Spain Trip."

Our first quarter ends on Thursday, October 17 with Fall Break on Friday, October 18 with no students. Parents are encouraged to monitor student progress on ProgressBook. Mrs. Lucas can assist with your login information if needed.

PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retakes will be Wednesday, October 16. Please bring your picture packets in on the day of retakes. Anyone that did not get a picture on the original day will get their picture taken on this day.

JH FOOTBALL

Oct 8 5:00 vs. Wayne Trace
Oct 15 5:00 vs. Edgerton
Oct 22 5:00 @ Ayersville

School districts across America will promote "School Bus Safety Week" during the week of October 21st - 25th. This year's National School Bus Safety Week theme is "Safety first-safety always". The week is a time for parents, students, teachers, motorists, school bus operators, and others to come together to address school bus safety. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) urges drivers to be aware of school buses and to slow down. School personnel seek your assistance with an effort to stress the importance of keeping our children safe around the bus and loading the bus.

On October 30th, our high school Spanish students will be visiting various elementary classrooms. These Spanish students are developing their own curriculum to teach a lesson to the younger grade levels and interact with these students. This is a great way not only for older students to be role models for the younger students, but also to continue to foster the school-wide pride we have throughout our entire building. Be on the lookout for pictures and examples of this great opportunity!

SHORTS

With the weather starting to change, SPIRIT WEEK, which is September 30th through October 4th, **will be the last week for our elementary students to wear shorts.**

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Oct 1 5:30 vs. Wayne Trace
Oct 7 5:30 @ Van Wert
Oct 8 5:30 vs. Ayersville
Oct 10 5:30 @ Paulding

A big thank you to parents and students for your cooperation with the pick-up of students around the large circle drive at the end of the 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, please have your child get in and out of the car on the sidewalk side.

Looking ahead, Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, November 4 and Thursday, November 7. Be sure to note this change from the original district calendar.

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

This month in kindergarten, Mrs. Lichty introduced herself to the students and they learned about what she does in the school. Mrs. Lichty focused on kindness and friendship this month in classroom guidance in grades first through fifth. First graders made friendship soup, second graders learned that kindness has a "ripple effect," and third graders and fourth graders talked about how kindness has a chain reaction. Fifth grade's lesson was focused on kindness with the students focusing on how they want to be remembered when they leave the elementary school. As always, Mrs. Lichty is also available to meet with students to discuss their individual needs. Parents can contact Mrs. Lichty at 419-258-5421 or lichty_e@antwerpschools.org.

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

Oct 7 4:30 @ Van Wert
Oct 8 4:30 vs. Ayersville
Oct 10 4:30 @ Paulding

Martin A. Miller, Superintendent

~ Ms. Jessie Arnold, MS/HS Principal

~ Mr. Doug Billman, Elementary Principal

HS/MS GUIDANCE NEWS

Junior parents wishing to opt their student out of taking the ACT in the Spring of 2025 need to fill out the ACT - Opt Out form by October 1st. Forms can be found in Mrs. Hammer's Google Classroom.

Jostens will be here on October 9th to talk to Freshmen and Seniors about ordering class rings, caps and gowns, and other items. Vantage Seniors, the bus will be held that morning so all can attend.

ACT Retakes will be on Tuesday, October 15. Seniors retaking the ACT will need to bring \$50.50 on or before test day. Checks can be made payable to Antwerp Local Schools.

HEARING/VISION SCREENINGS

Our school nurse, Mrs. Cline, will be conducting hearing and vision screenings throughout the school year for our students in grades Preschool, Kindergarten, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11.

CAFETERIA MENU

Tues, Oct 1 BBQ pork on bun, baked beans, blueberries, & milk
Wed, Oct 2 Pizzaburger on bun, green beans, pineapple, & milk
Thu, Oct 3 Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, orange smiles, & milk
Fri, Oct 4 Pizza, coleslaw, applesauce, & milk
Mon, Oct 7 Corn dog, sweet potato fries, pears, & milk
Tues, Oct 8 Boneless wings, tater tots, strawberry cup, & milk
Wed, Oct 9 Sloppy joe on bun, broccoli, pineapple, & milk
Thu, Oct 10 Chili mac w/ roll, carrots, mixed fruit, & milk
Fri, Oct 11 Pizza, salad, fruit cup, & milk

Our menus are subject to change without notice.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 30-Oct 4 Spirit Week
Oct 2 Prairie Garden Day
Oct 13 NHS/NJHS Induction Ceremony
Oct 16 Picture Retakes
Oct 17 End of 1st Quarter
Oct 18 Fall Break - **NO SCHOOL**
Oct 21-25 School Bus Safety Week
Oct 24 Board of Education Meeting
Nov 4 & 7 Parent-Teacher Conferences
Nov 4-8 Fall Book Fair
Nov 27-29 Thanksgiving Break

RENEWAL INCOME TAX LEVY

On November 5, 2024, Antwerp Local School District will ask the Antwerp community to vote on a Renewal Income Tax Levy. The .75% income tax levy generates approximately \$580,000 per year, which equates to nearly 10 percent of the district's budget. This five-year levy was first approved in 2005. The funds from the levy are used to pay the day-to-day operating expenses of the school. Passage of the Renewal Income Tax Levy **will not** increase taxes. Passage of the levy is necessary in order to maintain the district's current services and programs for our students. During the past few school years, funds from the levy have been utilized for a variety of needs including the offering of full day every day Kindergarten, the purchase of exterior and interior security cameras, providing for a full-time on-site School Resource Officer, & providing professional development opportunities for our staff.