

## MAY, 2009

### FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

May is finally here and it is a busy time for the students and staff members at school. The conclusion of another school year is rapidly approaching and graduation for the Class of 2009 will be held in the high school gym beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 24, 2009. I join in with the Antwerp Staff, administration and board of education congratulating our seniors and wishing them well as they begin life after high school.

At this point, unless we miss another day of school, the final day for students is May 20, 2009. If we do miss another day, it will be added on at the end of the year and make the final day May 21, 2009.

Antwerp School has been involved with the Antwerp Village, ODOT and DGL engineers out of Toledo in the "Safe Routes to School" program, which is a federally funded program that we are hoping will provide the community with new sidewalks for students to use as they travel to and from school. After much discussion the opinion of the majority of the members involved with the project is that Harrmann Road and Canal Road represent the two priorities where the sidewalks are needed the most. The engineers see things differently and therefore we are now experiencing a delay in the project because it was necessary to resubmit the plan. Once the review is completed it will need approval in November. Hopefully it will be approved and we can move on getting these sidewalks in place.

We sincerely hope this has been a great year for all of our students. Our community is blessed with parents who care about the education of their children and a teaching staff committed to providing those students with the best education possible.

### JR./SR. HIGH INFORMATION

Another school year is quickly coming to an end. It seems like just yesterday that we were starting what has turned out to be another great year at Antwerp Jr./Sr. High School. Pending no further cancellations of school, the final school day for students in grades 7-11 will be May 20. The seniors' final day is still pending.

Parents: Remember that if you have an internet connection, you can access your children's progress at any time. Go to the school website (<http://www.aw.noacsc.org/>) and click on the large ProgressBook link found in the bottom left-hand corner of the homepage. ProgressBook gives you the ability to be "in the know" at all times concerning your children's current academic status. If you have misplaced either your user name or password, contact Mrs. Mills in the high school office for help.

On a similar note, school officials would like to thank everyone for helping us conserve paper, as well as time, by eliminating the mass-mailing of mid-term reports. Keep in mind, however, that we will continue to produce and mail mid-terms to any parent who requests one. Again, contact Mrs. Mills if you would like this service.

Turning to testing, this year's sophomores took the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) for the first time in mid-March. We anxiously await these results, which should return to our district by mid-May. All sophomore parents, as well as parents of juniors and seniors whose child took any part of the OGT in March, will receive results in the mail from the school. If you have any questions concerning these results, contact Mr. Arnold at the school. Keep in mind that students have multiple opportunities to pass each section of the OGT. However, having your children pass the test the first time will surely be a sense of relief for everyone involved.

Students in grades 7-8 (as well as some elementary grades) began taking the Ohio Achievement Tests the week of April 20. Results for these tests will arrive back in our district sometime this summer. Parents will receive information in the mail from the school concerning their children's results on the OAT's.

Upcoming events include the Jr./Sr. Prom on May 2; the spring H.S. choir concert on May 4 at 7:30; the 7-8 grade choir concert on May 5 at 7:30; the Academic Boosters Pride Card trip on May 6; the M.S.

band trip to Kings Island on May 9; the Vantage awards program on May 12; the spring athletic awards program on May 13 at 7:00; the Academic Boosters awards program on May 14 at 7:30; an Art club show on May 16 at noon; underclassmen final exams on May 18-20; and graduation on May 24 at 2:00.

If you have any questions concerning your child(ren) at Antwerp Jr./Sr. High School, contact Mr. Arnold at the school (ext.2101). You may also e-mail any of your children's teachers here at the school. All staff members' e-mail addresses can be found on the school website.

### SPORTS PHYSICAL EXAM DAY

Dr. Gray will be having the Antwerp Sports Physical Exam Day on Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at his office. Girls entering grades 7-12 will be from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Boys entering grades 7-12 will be from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

Sports physical day will be available to **ALL** Antwerp students for \$20.00 for this **ONE DAY ONLY**. Please, no other physical forms will be accepted on this day.

### CAFETERIA LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Please make sure that your son/daughter's lunch account is up to date for the remainder of the school year, making sure that they do not have a negative account balance. **Students may no longer charge after May 1<sup>st</sup>**. All negative accounts must be paid by May 8<sup>th</sup>. If your child is unable to pay for lunch, they will receive a peanut butter sandwich.

### IT'S PROM TIME

Antwerp's Jr./Sr. Prom is Saturday, May 2 from 8-11 PM at Grant's Reception Hall. This year's theme is Black Tie Affair and you can have a chance to see your favorite high school student in all their finery! There will be a black carpet walk-in from 7-8 PM at Grant's, with accompanying harp music by Nancy Morse and announcement of prom attendees by Barry DeLong. This year's seating will be provided by the parents of the junior class in a special spectator section, so no need to bring your lawn chairs!

The junior class prom court is Natalie Cottrell, Christy Goudy, Jake Reinhart, and T.J. Short. The senior attendants are Jamie Fry, Katrina McCague, Victoria Zuber, Michael Girle, Mark Parisot, and Quinn Tempel. The prom princess is Lauren Schuller and the prince is Jacob Eaken.

If you would like to see the hall decorated for prom and the school decorated for after-prom, there will be walk-through from 12-2 PM this Saturday. We have set aside this special time for the community to see all the hard work and effort put in by the students and parents of the junior class. Hope to see you there!

### ANTWERP'S FIRST ART FESTIVAL

On Saturday, May 16, 2009, from 1-4:00 p.m. Antwerp High School will be hosting the first Antwerp Art Department Outdoor Art Festival. Our festival will be held in front of the school to the left of the front doors to the building.

All are welcome to enjoy our awesome art displays, chalk art competition, face painting, balloons and much more.

We hope to see everyone come out for our festival.

The Art Department