



# ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS



## APRIL 2018

### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

### MRS. HAMMER - ELEMENTARY

### MR. LICHTY — HS/MS

### ATHLETIC CALENDAR

I hope you were able to attend the music department's production of "Grease" during the second weekend in March. The dedication and hard work of the sixty-four member cast was evident and the production was outstanding! A big thanks to our community for your attendance and support of our musical. Approximately, 1,316 individuals attended the three day event.

Finally, warmer weather has returned and allowed our students to get outside and enjoy the fresh air. As a reminder, the elementary dress code only permits students to wear shorts during April and May. Also, flip-flops, sandals, and other open-toed shoes are not to be worn in the elementary to help prevent injury during recess. The weather can change drastically throughout the day, so please plan clothing choices accordingly.

We have just completed a successful Winter season and would like to recognize numerous team, club, and individual accomplishments.

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL		
Apr 2	5:00	Home w/Wayne Trace
Apr 5	5:00	Home w/Hicksville @ Ottoville
Apr 6	5:00	@ Liberty Center
Apr 7	11:00	@ Parkway
Apr 9	5:00	Home w/Ayersville @ Holgate
Apr 10	5:00	Home w/Continental @ Fort Jennings
Apr 12	5:00	Home w/Tinora @ Wayne Trace
Apr 14	11:00	@ Hilltop
Apr 16	5:00	@ Stryker
Apr 17	5:00	@ Fairview
Apr 19	5:00	@ Parkview Field/Edgtn
Apr 20	5:00	Home w/Fayette @ North Central
Apr 23	5:00	
Apr 24	5:00	
Apr 26	7:00	
Apr 27	5:00	
Apr 30	5:00	

The annual Hoops for Heart day was held March 21. Our students took advantage of this opportunity to participate in friendly competition for a good cause and raised funds (\$5,106.00) for the American Heart Association. This amount was the highest in the twelve years of the event. Thanks to all who participated and helped with the event.

**Reading Reward Program** - Students in K-2 have been working hard to earn reading rewards to attend a Tin Caps baseball game. Any student that met the reading goal set in their grade level will get the opportunity to watch a game on April 18.

- Junior, Aidan McAlexander finished 3rd in the State Wrestling Tournament.
- Senior, Rachel Williamson eclipsed the 1,000 point mark in Girls Basketball.
- Coach Scott McMichael garnered his 200th career coaching victory.
- Our 8th grade boys basketball team finished a perfect season by winning the GMC tournament.
- The Quiz Bowl team also won their GMC tournament.
- The cast and crew of *Grease* recently put on a very entertaining show. The 3-day total attendance topped 1,300.
- The Archer student body combined to raise over \$5,100 for the American Heart Association by participating in a very successful Hoops for Heart day. Special thanks to the Hammond family for their continued efforts.

JV BASEBALL		
Apr 3	5:00	Home w/Paulding
Apr 11	4:00	Home w/Wayne Trace
Apr 13	5:00	Home w/Edgerton

We are in the fourth grading period with many activities on the horizon. Academic state assessments will take place throughout the month of April and into early May. Our spring sports athletes are in full swing with practices and the beginning of their competitive seasons. The Arts will be showcased on April 21 with the annual Spring ARTS Festival. Prom preparations are ongoing for the April 28 event at Grant's Reception Hall, which begins with public viewing of the decorated hall at 5:30, then walk-ins at approximately 6:30 p.m. Graduation will take place May 20. Mark your calendars for these important dates.

**Character Tree** - Our character tree is filling up as we roll into April. Last month we worked on being "persistent." Our students came up with situations and times that persistence pays off. This month we are working on "teamwork." Many of our activities in the elementary require teamwork, and it's neat to see our students collaborate and work together.

Spring State Assessments are just around the corner. Middle school students will all take tests in English Language Arts and Math. Eighth graders will also take a test in Science. High school students will take End-of-Course exams in a variety of areas to earn graduation points. Students take assessments based on their enrollment in certain content areas. Our testing schedule begins on April 10. We hope to have all tests and make-ups finished by May 4.

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL		
Apr 2	5:00	Home w/Parkway
Apr 3	5:00	Home w/Delphos Jeff.
Apr 5	5:00	Home w/Hicksville
Apr 6	5:00	Home w/Delta @ Paulding
Apr 7	11:00	@ Kalida
Apr 9	5:00	Home w/Ayersville @ Holgate
Apr 10	5:00	w/Van Wert
Apr 12	5:00	Home w/Tinora @ Wayne Trace
Apr 16	5:00	Home w/Fayette
Apr 17	5:00	Home w/Montpelier @ Fairview
Apr 19	5:00	@ Edgerton

Construction of dugouts, a backstop, and fencing for our softball field is finalized and ready for the start of the 2018 softball season. Similar work with our new baseball field is in full swing with hopes of completion in mid-April. Improvements to our Track & Field Complex will get underway this spring with installation of a new discus area at the northwest corner of the track. In addition, the old bleachers on the east side of the track will be demolished in late May and a new bleacher system installed in mid-June.

**Testing** - We plan to begin Ohio's State Testing April 17 and 19 for English Language Arts in grades 3-5. We will test in Math for grades 3-5 on April 25 and 26. We will conclude our state testing with Science in the 5th grade on May 1 and 3. Please make every effort to have your students here during this timeframe, so they can test during the normal schedule and procedure. You can help your students prepare for these tests at home by accessing practice tests from the Ohio Department of Education website.

**GUIDANCE NEWS**  
The AP Exam Schedule for 2018 is available at: <http://www.antwerpplclschs.beta.schools.bz/1/Content/guidance-advplacement>. AP exam fee balances are due to Mrs. Diana Hammer by April 6.

JV SOFTBALL		
Apr 13	5:00	Home w/Edgerton
Apr 14	11:00	Home w/Ayersville
Apr 14	1:00	Home w/Fairview
Apr 21	5:00	Home w/Paulding
Apr 27	5:00	Home w/Holgate
Apr 30	5:00	Home w/Woodlan

With school safety on the minds of everyone, school administration and area law enforcement have met recently to discuss and review current safety procedures and consider ways we can improve our safety plan for students and staff. As a result of our discussions, area law enforcement will increase their presence and visibility during drop-off and pick-up times as well as increased presence during the school day interacting with students in our hallways and lunchroom. Area law enforcement have also conducted a training exercise at our school as a means of familiarizing themselves with our school building and grounds. Discussions are ongoing with law enforcement and the Board of Education regarding the possibility of a School Resource Officer in our building on a daily basis.

**Kindergarten Registration** - It is not too late to register your child for Kindergarten at Antwerp Elementary. If your child will be 5 years old before August 1, 2018, please call the elementary office at 419-258-5421, ext. 2200 for details.

The following local scholarships are due in April: Roger Brown Memorial; Jean Detmon Memorial; OSU Alumni; Jacob Trust; Antwerp Education Association; JP Crain; Paulding Area Foundation; and Paulding County Retired Teachers Association. More information can be found at: <http://www.antwerpplclschs.beta.schools.bz/1/Content/guidance-scholarships>.

VARSITY TRACK & FIELD		
Apr 3	4:30	@ Fairview/Holgate
Apr 10	4:30	@ Ayrsvl/Otto/Stryker
Apr 13	4:30	@ Wayne Trace Inv.
Apr 16	4:30	@ Crstvw/Cntl/Hix
Apr 21	9:00	@Hicksville Inv.
Apr 30	4:30	w/Edgtn/Cntl/Ft.Jen

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK & FIELD		
Apr 2	4:30	Home w/Tinora/Hlgt
Apr 5	4:30	@Hilltop/Fayette/Edon
Apr 9	5:00	w/Woodlan/Heritage
Apr 12	5:00	@ Edon/NCntl/Hix
Apr 16	4:30	@ Edgtn/Paulding
Apr 19	4:30	w/Ayersville/Stryker
Apr 23	5:00	@ Hix/Edgtn/WT
Apr 27	4:30	Antwerp Invitational
Apr 30	4:30	@ Ayrsvl/Frvw/St.Paul

**Preschool** - There will be an Early Childhood Screening for Antwerp students on April 4 at the school from 3:30-7:00 p.m. Please call 419-258-5421, ext. 2205 to register. If you plan to send your child to our preschool next year, your child must go through the screening.

Intent to participate in College Credit Plus courses for 2018-2019 are due at the guidance office by 3:00 p.m. on April 1. Northwest State's College Credit Plus applications are due by April 15.

### DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL

The Spring ARTS Festival is back again this year and will be held on Saturday, April 21 from 4:00-9:00 p.m. Bands and choirs will perform onstage in the auditoria, as well as kindergarten and first grade students. There will be artwork displayed in the auxiliary gym, and a concession stand sponsored by the Music Boosters. The public is invited and to attend this great event.

#### ARCHER VARSITY BASEBALL TO PLAY AT PARKVIEW FIELD

The Antwerp Archers baseball team will take on the Edgerton Bulldogs Thursday, April 26, at Parkview Field in downtown Fort Wayne, Indiana. Game time is 7:00 p.m. and tickets are only \$5.00 each. Tickets are available for purchase from varsity baseball team members as well as Mr. Altimus at the school. The team will receive \$4.00 for every ticket sold in Antwerp.

Apr 1	Easter
Apr 2	NO SCHOOL-Vacation
Apr 4	Early Child. Screening 3:30-7:00
Apr 6	AHS Staff vs PC Tigers 1:30
Apr 14	Middle School Dance 6:00-8:00
Apr 21	Spring ARTS Festival 4:00-9:00
Apr 26	Board of Education Meeting 6:00
Apr 26	VBB @ Parkview Field 7:00
Apr 28	Jr/Sr Prom - Public Viewing 5:30
Apr 28	Jr/Sr Prom -Walk In 6:30
May 2	HS Academic Awards 6:30

#### HERE'S THE SCOOP!

- Tues., Apr. 3** Burrito w/Salsa, Tater Tots, Pineapple, Milk
  - Wed., Apr. 4** Hotdog on Bun, Green Beans, Pears, Milk
  - Thurs., Apr. 5** BBQ Pork on Bun, Sweet Potato Fries, Mixed Fruit, Milk
  - Fri., Apr. 6** Hodge Podge Pizza, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Milk
- The complete menu is available on our website or pick up a copy in our offices.

#### YEARBOOK ORDERS

Yearbook orders will be accepted until May 1 for HS/MS (\$40) and Elementary (\$12). Late orders will be accepted until May 18, however, after May 1 prices go up to \$45 for HS/MS and \$15 for Elementary.

Innovation Center and Greenhouse in the "porch area" outside of the main hallway. More information about the plan will be shared in upcoming monthly newsletters.

As always, thanks for your support of our school district.

Martin A. Miller  
Antwerp Local Schools Superintendent