



ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS



APRIL 2017

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you were able to attend the music department's production of "Shrek The Musical" during the second weekend in March. The dedication and hard work of the seventy member cast was evident and the production was outstanding! A big thanks to our community for your attendance and support of our musical. Approximately 1200 individuals attended the three day event.

The annual Hoops for Heart day was held March 22. Our students took advantage of this opportunity to participate in friendly competition for a good cause and raised funds (\$4,484) for the American Heart Association. This amount was the second largest in the eleven years of the event. Thanks to all who participated and helped with the event.

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 sport athletes are in full swing with practices and the beginning of their competitive seasons. The Arts will be showcased on April 22 with the annual Spring Arts Festival. Prom preparations are ongoing for the April 29 event at Grant's Reception Hall, which begins with walk-ins at approximately 6:30 p.m. Graduation will take place May 21. Mark your calendars with these important dates.

New professional development initiatives and opportunities are in the works for our teaching staff. A majority of the initiatives will focus on the utilization of technology to strengthen our academic instruction. Our 1st grade and Title I teachers are currently studying and planning for the integration of a summer e-book reading program for their students. In early May, several of our middle school teachers will attend a Google conference and gather information that will lead to a strengthening of communication with students and parents with regards to assignments and educational resource availability.

After months of discussion and preparation, construction will begin this summer on a new press box to be connected to the new bleacher system on the west side of the Football/Track complex. Additionally, our Board of Education has approved a proposal from enTrust, Ltd. to develop a Solar Utility Power Purchase Agreement toward the construction of a Solar Array Field on the southeast corner of the school property. More details about this exciting and cost savings project will be shared in the May newsletter. Our athletic booster organization has also been in construction discussions and preparation to build new dugouts and backstops this summer for our new baseball field and current softball field.

As always, thanks for your support of our school district.
Dr. Martin A. Miller, Superintendent

BROADCAST UPDATE
Significant upgrades to our Announcement Broadcast are in the works. In the coming days we will move from standard definition video quality to high definition and we will begin live streaming to YouTube. Our Engineering students are designing a new studio.

PRINCIPAL BUTE - HS/MS

As April begins, our students have entered the fourth grading period of the 2016-2017 school year. I want to emphasize the importance of our students remaining focused on their academic performance to finish the year strong. As the weather improves, our students can be distracted from completing their assignments so we must work collaboratively to keep them focused.

I continue to encourage parents to monitor their child's grades on Progressbook. It will provide you with the opportunity to access your child's grades and monitor his/her progress. If you have any questions about your child's grades, your first step is to contact the teacher. You can contact the teacher by email or phone, but it is important that you contact them with your questions. An effective line of communication between the home and school will help to strengthen your child's educational experience.

TESTING - Just a reminder that Ohio's state standardized tests, the Middle & High School assessments, will be administered to students in grades 6-8, 10 and 11. We will be administering assessments through April 28, so it is vital that your child(ren) be present during the testing dates. This will be a very stressful time for the students, so please make sure they are getting plenty of rest and eating well-balanced meals.

SENIORS - As we enter the final grading period, I encourage you to continue accessing the scholarship section on the school website by clicking on the "Schools" tab, and then clicking on Middle and High School. Once on the Middle/High School site, under "Quick Links" (left side of page) click on "Guidance." Under "Additional Links," there is a variety of information for students and parents. Diana Rogge updates the scholarships as they are presented to the district, so you need to frequently check for new scholarships being posted. Also, seniors need to make sure ALL fees, fines, and academic obligations are taken care of before you will be permitted to participate in graduation rehearsal.

PROM - Any junior or senior attending the prom must complete a permission form. This form can be picked up from Mrs. Coleman in the high school office. The permission form must be completed before you can purchase a prom ticket. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Coleman.

CHINESE AUCTION
The high school band will hold a Chinese auction during the Spring Arts Festival to raise money for new band uniforms. Donations for the auction are being accepted now through April 21. Drop them off in the band room or at the office. See Mrs. Newell if you have any questions.

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr 4-May 2 State Assessment Testing
- Apr 4 Jr/Sr @Paulding Co. Econ.Dev.
- Apr 5 Preschool Screening 3:30-7:00
- Apr 13-17 Spring Break
- Apr 22 Spring Arts Festival 4:00-9:00
- Apr 23 All-Star Basketball Games 3:00
- Apr 29 Jr/Sr Prom - Walk Ins Begin @6:30

PRINCIPAL MANZ-ELEMENTARY

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 the students to wear shorts during the months of April and May in the spring, at the parents' discretion. Also, flip-flops, sandals, and other open-toed shoes are not to be worn in the elementary. These types of footwear can cause injury to the students while playing outside at recess. The weather can change drastically throughout the day, so please plan clothing choices accordingly.

TESTING - We plan to begin Ohio's State Testing April 4 and 5 for English Language Arts in grades 3-5. We then will test in Math for grades 3-5 on April 25 and 27. We will conclude our state testing with Social Studies in the 4th grade and Science in the 5th grade on April 26 and May 2. 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.

STEAM - On April 12, we are pleased to welcome the STEAM Museum to our school. This program was funded by the 21st Century After-School Grant. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics. This program allows each grade level to experience several different interactive stations that involve the STEAM concept. We look forward to this exciting event.

SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL
The Spring Arts Festival will be held April 22 from 4:00-9:00 p.m. Bands and choirs will perform as well as kindergarten and first grade. There will be artwork displayed in the auxiliary gym, and a concession stand sponsored by the Music Boosters.

WHAT'S COOKING?
Mon., Apr 3 Cheeseburger on Bun, Baked Beans, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Tues., Apr 4 Vegetable Soup, Bread w/ Butter, Cheese Stick, Pears, Milk
Wed., Apr 5 Grilled Chicken on Bun, Corn, Pineapple, Milk
Thur., Apr 6 Fish Sandwich, Broccoli & Rice w/Cheese, Peaches, Milk
Fri., Apr 7 Cheese Quesadilla, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Milk
Our complete menu is available on our website or any of our offices.

ALL-STAR GAMES
Antwerp High School will host the Parkview Sports Medicine All-Star Classic Basketball Game on April 23. Girls game starts at 3:00 p.m. and boys game will follow at approximately 5:00 p.m. The Ohio roster will be made up of seniors from Antwerp, Paulding, Wayne Trace, Lincolnview, Van Wert, and Crestview. The Indiana roster will include seniors from Adams Central, South Adams, Bellmont, Leo, New Haven, Heritage, and Woodlan. All tickets are sold at the door and are \$5.

ATHLETIC FUNDRAISER
Antwerp football players will be selling laundry detergent April 3-14 as a fundraiser for our football program. If interested, contact any football player in grades 4-11, or Mr. Altimus at 258-5421, ext. 2111 to order.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

VARSITY BASEBALL

Apr 1	11:00	Home w/Lincolnview
Apr 3	5:00	@Wayne Trace
Apr 6	5:00	@Hicksville
Apr 7	5:00	@Eastside
Apr 8	11:00	Home w/Liberty Center
Apr 10	5:00	Home w/Parkway
Apr 11	5:00	@Ayersville
Apr 13	5:00	Home w/Holgate
Apr 17	5:00	Home w/Ft Jennings
Apr 18	5:00	@Tinora
Apr 20	5:00	Home w/Wayne Trace
Apr 21	5:00	Home w/Hilltop
Apr 24	5:00	Home w/Stryker
Apr 25	5:00	Home w/Fairview
Apr 27	5:00	Home w/Edgerton
Apr 28	5:00	@Fayette

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Apr 3	5:00	@Parkway
Apr 4	5:00	@Delphos Jefferson
Apr 6	5:00	@Hicksville
Apr 7	5:00	@Delta
Apr 10	5:00	Home w/Kalida
Apr 11	5:00	@Ayersville
Apr 13	5:00	Home w/Holgate
Apr 17	5:00	@Van Wert
Apr 18	5:00	@Tinora
Apr 20	5:00	Home w/Wayne Trace
Apr 21	5:00	@Fayette
Apr 24	5:00	@Montpelier
Apr 25	5:00	Home w/Fairview
Apr 27	5:00	Home w/Edgerton
Apr 28	5:00	Home w/Miller City

VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

Apr 4	4:30	@Holgate/Fairview
Apr 11	4:30	@Ayersville/Ottoville
Apr 13	4:30	@Wayne Trace Inv.
Apr 17	4:30	Home w/Hix/Crstvw
Apr 22	9:00	@Hicksville Inv.
Apr 25	4:30	@Bryan/Archbold

JV BASEBALL

Apr 6	5:00	Home w/Hicksville
Apr 7	5:00	Home w/Paulding
Apr 8	11:00	@Liberty Center
Apr 10	5:00	@Parkway
Apr 11	5:00	Home w/Ayersville
Apr 18	5:00	Home w/Tinora
Apr 20	5:00	@Wayne Trace
Apr 24	5:00	@Paulding
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Apr 27	5:00	@Edgerton

JH TRACK & FIELD

Apr 4	4:30	@Tinora/Holgate
Apr 6	4:30	@Edon/Hilltop
Apr 10	5:00	Home w/Woodlan
Apr 13	5:00	@Hix/N.Central/Edon
Apr 18	4:30	@Paulding
Apr 20	4:30	@Ayersville/Stryker
Apr 24	5:00	@Hix/Edgerton/WT
Apr 28	4:30	Antwerp Invitational

LAST CALL FOR PRESCHOOL!
There will be a preschool screening for Antwerp and Wayne Trace families/students only on April 5, here at the school from 3:30 -7:00 p.m. This is the *last* screening of the year. If you have a student that you would like to attend preschool next year, they *must* attend a screening.