



ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS



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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

The second semester of the 2017-2018 school year is in full swing and with many cold and snowy days before us, I would like to remind parents to have students dress warm when waiting for the bus or in preparation for the trip to school. Student drivers should be reminded that road conditions change throughout the day and caution should always be used when driving in the winter. The decision to delay or cancel school is always difficult, but the determining factor will always be the safety of our students. Appreciation goes out to our bus drivers for their difficult job of safely transporting our students to and from school each day. A reminder that delays and closings are sent out by Instant Alert and also on various television and radio stations.

A great way to beat the winter blahs is to attend a school event. There are still multiple athletic events during the latter part of January and throughout the month of February. Looking ahead, mark your calendars for March 9-11 for the high school musical program. I invite you to attend and enjoy the musical talents of our students.

The annual organizational meeting for the Antwerp Local school board of education was held Tuesday, January 9. Sara Schuette was elected President with Jayme Landers elected as Vice President. Returning for service on the board this year are Anita Bok, Robert Herber, and Dennis Recker. Monthly meetings in 2018 will take place the third Thursday of each month. The next regular meeting is Thursday, February 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room.

If you have children in our district, please plan to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences during the evening of February 22 or February 27. Communication between home and school is an important factor toward assuring success for all students and enhancing the academic excellence of the Antwerp Local Schools district.

As soon as our outdoor weather conditions improve, work will continue on the baseball and softball field dugouts and backstop walls. In addition, fencing and backstop netting will be erected in time for the start of our spring baseball and softball seasons. A big thanks to our athletic boosters for their ongoing support of this project. Plans have also been finalized to replace the eastside bleachers at the football/track complex. Completion of this project is scheduled for mid-June.

Go Archers,
Dr. Martin A. Miller

HERE'S THE SCOOP!

- Thur., Feb. 1** Chicken Nuggets, Baked Fries, Peaches, Milk
- Fri., Feb. 2** Cheese Pizza, Celery w/Dip, Applesauce, Milk
- Mon., Feb. 5** Sloppy Joe on Bun, Baked Beans, Pineapple, Milk
- Tues., Feb. 6** Walking Taco, Baked Fries, Apple, Milk
- Wed., Feb. 7** Grilled Chicken on Bun, Carrots, Pears, Milk (Potato Bar)

The complete menu is available on our website or pick up a copy in our offices.

MRS. HAMMER - ELEMENTARY

As we roll into February we are getting back into the groove and working hard in our classrooms. Our character trait for January was "Determination." Students showed determination throughout January in many different ways in and out of the classroom.

Parent-Teacher Conferences - We will be holding Parent-Teacher Conferences on February 22 and 27 from 4:00-7:30 p.m. Teachers will request conferences with parents as needed, but feel free to set up a conference with your child's teacher if you wish.

Kindergarten Registration - Antwerp Elementary is now scheduling appointments for the 2018-2019 kindergarten screening and registration which will be held Thursday, March 22 and Friday, March 23, here at the school. If your child will be five years old before August 1, 2018, please call the elementary office at 419-258-5421, ext. 2200 to schedule your appointment.

Preschool - Any student that is interested in attending preschool for the first time **must attend** a child screening. The screening for Antwerp students is April 4, from 3:30-7:00 p.m. here at the school. Please call 419-258-5421, ext. 2205 to schedule your appointment.

INNOVATION CENTER

Activities in the Innovation Center continue to move forward as more stations are being added, and more students are becoming involved. Kindergarten and first grade students are now utilizing some of the more age appropriate stations such as LEGOs, art/origami, toy magnetic building kits, and a space building set (think space-themed Tinker Toys). In addition middle school students that have classes in the media center were recently given the opportunity to participate in all of the stations that grades 2-5 have been using all year. A new station available to all age groups are augmented reality books. These are books that use iPads and apps to make books come to life. Students can scan codes in different books and see things such as dinosaurs and other predators walk across the room, see planets rotating in their orbits, watch a tornado hover over their desk, and many other exciting things related to the books. The students have been extremely engaged in these books, as well as the other stations, and cannot wait to return to the Innovation Center to become engaged in a different station.



MR. LICHTY — HS/MS

Vantage Career Center will host an **Open House** for all students and their parents on February 26, 2018. Tours of the new facility will be available as will instructors in each of the career/technical programs. Visit www.vantagecareercenter.com for more information.

All sophomores will take the **ASVAB** test on February 21, 2018. Information for you and your student about the ASVAB test will be given to all sophomores in their English class. The ASVAB results will be used to help students with their career exploration projects.

Scheduling for the 2018-2019 school year will begin in February. Please talk with your student about making the best course choices. Counselor Hammer will be available during Parent-Teacher Conferences on February 22 and 27 to answer scheduling questions.

The **ACT** will be given to all juniors on March 6-8. More detailed information will be given to juniors in early February. Students are encouraged to to <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html> for test preparation.

Seniors: There are many **local scholarships** available second semester. Visit <http://www.antwerplclschs.beta.schools.bz/Content/guidance-scholarship> to view the requirements and due dates for each scholarship.

MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following students for an outstanding job at the recent solo and ensemble contest at St. Mary's high school. **Excellent** ratings: Iris Sorrell-vocal solo class C; Mallory Ehrhart-vocal solo class B; Antwerp Ladies Ensemble class C; Antwerp Mixed Ensemble class C. **Superior** ratings: Amelia Miller-vocal solo class B; Aaron Hawley-vocal solo class B; Alex Hindenlang-vocal solo class A. Congratulations to Alex Hindenlang and Aaron Hawley for an incredible performance with the District 3 Honor Choir on January 14. Each of these students worked hard and represented our school with excellence and integrity.

The kindergarteners below are reading a new book about dinosaurs and have built one out of LEGOs.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL		
Feb 2	6:00	@ Holgate
Feb 3	6:00	Home w/Montpelier
Feb 5	6:00	Home w/Woodlan
Feb 9	6:00	@ Edgerton
Feb 10	6:00	@ Edon
Feb 16	6:00	Home w/Fairview
Feb 17	6:00	Home w/Hilltop
Feb 22	6:00	@ Delta

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL		
Feb 1	6:00	Home w/Holgate
Feb 6	6:00	@ Stryker
Feb 8	6:00	Home w/Edgerton
Feb 13	6:00	@ Hilltop
Feb 15	6:00	@ Fairview

BOYS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL		
Feb 1	5:00	@ Holgate
Feb 3	4:30	Home w/Montpelier
Feb 5	4:30	Home w/Woodlan
Feb 8	5:00	@ Edgerton
Feb 12	5:00	@ Bryan
Feb 17	TBA	GMC @ Tinora
Feb 19	TBA	GMC @ Tinora
Feb 24	TBA	GMC @ Tinora

BOYS JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL		
Feb 1	5:00	Home w/Ayersville
Feb 6	5:00	Home w/Continental
Feb 8	5:00	Home w/Hicksville
Feb 10	TBA	GMC @ Holgate
Feb 12	TBA	GMC @ Holgate
Feb 13	TBA	7th Tourn. @ Hicksville
Feb 15	TBA	7th Tourn. @ Hicksville
Feb 17	TBA	GMC @ Holgate

VARSITY WRESTLING		
Feb 3	9:30	GMC @Fairview
Feb 10	9:00	@ Margaretta

JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING		
Feb 3	9:30	GMC @Fairview

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 2	Sophomores Visit Vantage	
Feb 6	County Spelling Bee	7:00
Feb 9	Midterm for 3rd Quarter	
Feb 13	PTO Bingo	
Feb 14	Valentine's Day	
Feb 14	Spring Pictures	
Feb 19	NO SCHOOL-Presidents' Day	
Feb 21	Sophomore ASVAB Testing	
Feb 22	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7:30	
Feb 26	Vantage Open House	
Feb 27	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7:30	
Mar 9	End of 3rd Quarter	

BAND FUNDRAISER
Mrs. Newell is now accepting donations for the Chinese Auction that will be held during the ARTS Festival on Saturday, April 21. Donation items will be raffled off in order to raise money for new marching band uniforms. Donations can include gift cards, themed baskets, electronics, or any other items that can be donated from a store, or handmade items. Monetary donations are also being accepted for the new uniform donation drive. Please see Mrs. Newell with any questions or donations. Thank you for your support!

MUSICAL COMING!
The musical, *Grease*, will be presented in the Antwerp auditoria on March 9, 10, and 11. Tickets will go on sale February 15 in the high school office. The cast consists of 63 very talented and hard-working students in grades 6-12. You won't want to miss this outstanding performance!