



ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS



MARCH 2018

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE MRS. HAMMER - ELEMENTARY MR. LICHTY — HS/MS ATHLETIC CALENDAR

The month of March is a very busy time period for our students and staff. Winter sports are winding down and students participating in spring sports are gearing up for a new season. A sizeable number of our students have also been busy in preparation for the HS/MS musical entitled "Grease." Performances will take place March 9 and 10 at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, March 11 at 2:00 p.m. The performances will take place in our Auditoria. From an academic standpoint, the third nine-week grading period ends Friday, March 9. Likewise, our seniors are busy planning for their future by finalizing plans for college, work, or the military as they begin the last quarter of their high school career. During the last quarter of the school year, students in grades 3-11 will also engage in state assessments. Additional information regarding the state assessments is available on the Ohio Department of Education website: <http://education.ohio.gov/>.

Curriculum initiatives involving our "Innovation Center" concept are visible every day throughout the building. Staff are working with our students to create and implement an innovator's mindset geared towards advancing our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) initiatives. Our goal is to help students acquire the skill set that will eventually prepare them for the workplace, technical school, or college and eventual success in an ever-changing global marketplace. Likewise, we continue to advance efforts toward providing professional development opportunities for our staff that target ways to integrate STEAM into their daily lessons.

Congratulations to our very own Linda Mabis (Gr. 4 & 5 Science Teacher) with her receiving the Conservation Educator of the Year Award from the League of Ohio Sportsmen. Linda received the award this past month for her work toward the establishment of the Native Prairie Plant area on the northeast corner of the school property. Upcoming additions to the area include the placement of benches, lighting for the pavilion and walkways, and the addition of a small water garden feature. The funding of the additions are possible through a \$5000 grant from the Ohio EPA.

Two other staff members recently received grants/donations to further their work with our student body. Media Specialist Kayla Bagley received a \$1750 grant from the Paulding Putnam Operation Round-Up program to purchase equipment for our broadcasting program. Physical Education/Intervention Specialist Josh Hoepfner received a \$1000 donation of disc golf merchandise from the Fort Wayne Disc Golf Club. The merchandise will be utilized in our physical education courses.

With the break in the winter weather, our softball and baseball complex improvement project is underway with the construction of dugouts and backstop. The installation of fencing for the softball and new baseball field are underway as well. We are hopeful the project will be completed in time for our first home games. Once again, we would like to thank our Athletic Booster Organization for their financial support of the project.

~ Dr. Martin A. Miller

As we begin the month of March, we look forward to warmer weather and continuing to work hard in the classroom. We encourage you to check the weather and dress your children accordingly. As long as it is not raining outside, the playground is not icy or flooded, and the wind chill is above 15 degrees, our students will be going outside for recess.

Testing - We have been working hard to prepare our students for the upcoming Ohio State Tests (OST). Students in grades 3-5 will take the online English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics tests. Fifth graders will take an additional online Science test. Each test consists of two sessions. The online testing window runs from March 26-May 11. Please make every effort to ensure that your child gets a good night of sleep and a healthy breakfast during these testing times. Students can take practice tests and find additional testing tips and resources at <http://oh.portal.airast.org/ocba/students-and-families/>.

Battle of the Books - I would like to thank Mrs. Bagley for once again coordinating and leading the Battle of the Books competition. The students that are participating in this event have been working extremely hard to ensure that they are prepared for the contest. We will hold a school competition here during the month of March, and the county Battle of the Books will take place on March 28.

Kindergarten Registration - We continue to take appointments for our upcoming Kindergarten Registration and Screening on Thursday, March 22 and Friday, March 23. Any child that will be 5 years old before August 1, 2018, and is planning to attend Kindergarten next year, must go through this registration and screening. Please call the elementary office at 419-258-5421, ext. 2200 to schedule your appointment.

Preschool - There is 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.

SOLAR UPDATE
Despite the cold temperatures during the months of December and January, the winter sunshine was bright enough to allow our Solar Array to provide electricity for the operation of our building and actually over produce electricity at the rate of 21,000 KWH during the month of December and 41,000 KWH for the month of January. The excess electricity production is returned to the grid and results in our school receiving Net Metering Credits from our public utility provider. The Net Metering Credits are utilized during days when the solar array cannot meet the electricity needs of our building. The conversion of all lights in the building to LED and upgrades to our HVAC system has also played an integral part in lowering our demand for electricity. The next major phase of our solar array initiative will focus on providing solar energy curriculum for our staff and students to explore along with opportunities for the monitoring and dissemination of data from the solar array.

Our Music Department has been working hard to prepare for the upcoming **Spring Musical**. The cast of 63 and crew will perform "Grease" on March 9, 10, and 11. Showtime is 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Presale tickets can be purchased in the High School office. Adult tickets are \$10 and students can see the show for \$8. Come out and support our students in "Grease" at AHS!

The Antwerp Archer staff basketball team will renew a heated hardwood rivalry on Friday, March 16, when the **PC Tigers** come to town. The staff will be looking for their first ever victory against the Tigers. Tipoff is at 1:30.

State testing will begin the first week of April and end the first week of May. Grades 6-8 will be testing in the areas of ELA and Math, and 8th graders will also be taking a Science test. High school students will be taking a variety of tests, depending on the classes in which they are currently enrolled.

NEWS FROM VANTAGE

Vantage Career Center will once again be hosting an "Employer/Student Connection" event for employers and students 8th grade through seniors, on Wednesday, March 14, 2018. The purpose of the event is to give students and parents a chance to meet employers in a "career expo" format, giving students/parents perspective of careers that are available to them in their local communities. The Connection Event will be located in the Vantage Commons, tentatively 6:00-8:00 p.m. on March 14, 2018. All 8th-12th grade students are invited to participate in this event to learn more about career opportunities within our local communities.

GUIDANCE NEWS

Any sophomore or junior interested in attending **Vantage Career Center** for the 2018-2019 school year should submit their application by Tuesday, March 6. Go to www.vantagecareercenter.com to submit an online application.

Students taking the **AP Exams** can submit final payment of \$78 per exam to Mrs. Diana Hammer anytime during the months of March and April. Visit **Guidance** on the school website for the 2018 AP exam administration schedule.

The **ACT** will be given to all juniors on March 6-8. All juniors were given the *Taking the ACT Test* booklet in their English class. More information and test preparation for the district administered ACT can be found at <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html>.

Seniors: A detailed **Scholarship List** can be found online at: <http://www.antwerplclschsbeta.schools.bz/Content/guidance-scholarship>. There are numerous local scholarship applications due in the months of March and April.

PLANNING AHEAD ~ 2018-2019

Aug. 22, 2018	First Day of School
Dec. 24-Jan.4	Christmas Break
May 22, 2019	Last Day of School

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

Mar 26	5:00	Home w/Edon
Mar 27	5:00	Home w/Eastside
Mar 29	5:00	Home w/Paulding
Mar 31	11:00	@ Delphos SJ/Lcncnw
Apr 2	5:00	Home w/Wayne Trace
Apr 5	5:00	Home w/Hicksville
Apr 6	5:00	@ Ottoville

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

Mar 24	11:00	@ Edon
Mar 27	5:00	@ Hicksville
Mar 29	5:00	Home w/Continental
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

VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

Mar 27	4:30	Home w/Edgtn/Hilltop
Mar 29	4:30	@ Tinora/WT
Apr 3	4:30	@Fairview/Holgate

JV BOYS BASEBALL

Apr 5	5:00	@ Hicksville
Apr 6	5:00	@ Paulding

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK & FIELD

Apr 2	4:30	Home w/Tinora/Hlgt
Apr 5	4:30	@Hilltop/Fayette/Edon

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 9	End of 3rd Quarter
Mar 9	Grease 7:00
Mar 10	Grease 7:00
Mar 11	Grease 2:00
Mar 11	Time Change
Mar 14	Connection Event @Vantage
Mar 21-23	Book Fair in Library
Mar 20	Winter Sports Awards
Mar 21	Hoops for Heart
Mar 22	Kindergarten Reg. & Screening
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Mar 28	County Battle of the Books
Mar 29	NO SCHOOL-From PT Conf.
Mar 30	NO SCHOOL-Good Friday
Apr 1	Easter
Apr 2	NO SCHOOL-Vacation
Apr 4	Early Child. Screening 3:30-7:00

BAND FUNDRAISER

Mrs. Newell is 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 gift baskets, electronics, or any other items that can be donated from a store, handmade items or baked goods. 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!

HERE'S THE SCOOP!

Thur., Mar. 1 Macaroni & Cheese, Sweet Potato Fries, Dinner Roll, Pineapple Crisp, Milk

Fri., Mar. 2 Hodge Podge Pizza, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Milk

Mon., Mar. 5 Corndog, Peas, Warm Apples, Milk

Tues., Mar. 6 Cheeseburger on Bun w/Dill Pickles, Baked Fries, Banana, Milk

Wed., Mar. 7 Hot Dog on Bun, Green Beans, Pears, Milk

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