



# ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS



## MARCH 2017

### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

### PRINCIPAL MANZ-ELEMENTARY

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### 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 MS/HS musical entitled "Shrek, the Musical." Performances will take place March 10 and 11 at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, March 12 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 10. 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/>.

The Antwerp athletic department is in the beginning phase of embarking on a new initiative to play a part in the transformation of the current "win-at-all-cost" sports culture, where the value is too often defined by the scoreboard, to a culture that defines and promotes sports as a human growth experience that focuses on the intentional development of the educational, social, and emotional well-being of each student-athlete. Throughout the upcoming athletic seasons, our coaches will have the opportunity to receive professional development toward this worthwhile endeavor.

Several outdoor improvement projects will get underway during the next few months. Drawings are being completed and quotes will be requested for the construction of a new Press Box with the west side bleachers. The Press Box will be ready for use in early August. Plans are also underway for the construction of new dugouts and backstop for our new baseball and softball field. Our Athletic Boosters are leading this effort. Additionally, a few features will be added to the Native Prairie Plant area located on the northeast corner of the school property and plans are still in the works to construct a solar array field on the southeast corner of the property.

Go Archers,  
Dr. Martin A. Miller

#### RED FLAGS PROGRAM

Mrs. Cline and Mrs. Rogge will be presenting the Red Flags Program to 7th graders during the month of March. This program explains mental illness. Your seventh grader will bring home more information in the coming weeks, or visit [www.RedFlags.org](http://www.RedFlags.org) for more information.

As we begin the month of March, we look forward to hopefully warmer weather and less interruptions to our students' learning opportunities. 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 10 degrees, our students will be going outside for recess.

**Testing** - We have been working hard to prepare our students for the upcoming Ohio's State Tests (OST). Students in third through fifth grades will take the online English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics test. Students in fourth grade will also take an online Social Studies test, while fifth graders will take an additional online Science test. Each test consists of two sessions. The online ELA test will be given during the weeks of April 3-12. Fourth graders will take the online Mathematics and Social Studies tests, and fifth graders will take the Science test, all during the weeks of April 24-May 5. Please make every effort to ensure that your child gets a good night of sleep and a healthy breakfast during these testing times, and are at school on time. 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. The school competition will take place at 1:00 p.m. on March 22 in the school media center. The county **Battle of the Books** will take place at 1:00 p.m. on March 29 at the Youth Leadership Building at the county fairgrounds.

**Kindergarten Registration/Screening** We continue to take appointments for our upcoming Kindergarten Registration and Screening on March 29 and 31. Any child that will be 5 years old by August 1, 2017, 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.

There is an early childhood screening on March 17 from 9:00-2:00 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Paulding, and on April 5 from 3:30-5:30 here at Antwerp Schools. If you plan to send your child to preschool next year, your child must go through this screening. Please call 877-473-8166 to schedule your appointment. You may also just walk in, but appointments are preferred.

Students in the graduating class of 2017 will remain under the current Ohio graduation requirements which involve both course work and testing requirements. Students must earn at least 21 credits in particular courses and pass all five content sections of the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) to be eligible to earn a high school diploma.

A reminder for the graduating classes of 2018 and beyond, Antwerp requires each student to earn a minimum of 21 credits in specific subjects. Along with the academic credits, a student must also demonstrate college and career readiness in one of three options. The first option is to earn at least 18 points on seven end-of-course tests. The second option is the industry credential and workforce readiness, which a student must earn a minimum of 12 points on a State Board approved credentialing test or earn a 13 on the WorkKeys readiness test. The third option is to earn a remediation-free score on either the ACT or SAT test. More information can be found on the Ohio Dept. of Education website.

In the 2015-2016 school year, the Ohio Dept. of Education developed new tests in mathematics and English language arts with the assistance of Ohio educators. To build these new tests, the department used its existing contract with the American Institutes for Research (AIR), a well-known test vendor. AIR will provide Ohio's English, math, science, and social studies tests. The following indicates what grades and courses will be assessed: Grades 6-8 - English Language Arts and Mathematics, Grade 6 - Social Studies, Grade 8 - Science; High School - Classes of 2018 and beyond: English Language Arts I & II, Algebra I and Geometry, Biology, American History, and American Government.

The Ohio Dept. of Education has developed three sessions for school districts to administer their Spring 2017 tests. The first testing window will be for administering the ELA (English Language Arts) tests, which is March 13-April 14, 2017. The second testing window will be for administering the ACT to all juniors, which is March 21-April 4, 2017. The third window is for administering the Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies tests, which is April 3-May 12, 2017. It is vital that students are in attendance for their tests. The Ohio Dept. of Education will use the assessment results to determine if the school is providing a high-quality education for all students.

#### TICKETS

Tickets go on sale March 1 in the HS office for **Shrek, the Musical** to be presented March 10, 11, and 12.

**VARSITY BASEBALL**  
Mar 27 5:00 @Edon  
Mar 30 5:00 @Paulding  
Apr 1 11:00 Home w/Lincolnview  
Apr 3 5:00 @Wayne Trace  
Apr 6 5:00 @Hicksville

**VARSITY SOFTBALL**  
Mar 25 11:00 Home w/Edon  
Mar 27 5:00 @Continental  
Mar 28 5:00 Home w/Hicksville  
Mar 31 5:00 Home w/Paulding  
Apr 3 5:00 @Parkway  
Apr 4 5:00 @Delphos Jefferson  
Apr 6 5:00 @Hicksville  
Apr 7 5:00 @Delta

**VARSITY TRACK & FIELD**  
Mar 28 4:30 @Edgerton/Hilltop  
Mar 30 4:30 @Wayne Trace/Tinora  
Apr 4 4:30 @Holgate/Fairview

**JV BASEBALL**  
Apr 6 5:00 Home w/Hicksville  
Apr 7 5:00 Home w/Paulding

**JV SOFTBALL**  
Mar 28 5:00 @Paulding  
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### DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar 10 End of 3rd Quarter
- Mar 10-12 AHS Musical - *Shrek, the Musical*
- Mar 12 Time Change
- Mar 15 Spring Sports Pictures
- Mar 22 Hoops for Heart
- Mar 22 School Battle of the Books - 1:00
- Mar 23 Winter Athletic Awards - 7:00 PM
- Mar 29 County Battle of the Books - 1:00
- Mar 29 & 31 Kindergarten Registration & Screening - Call for Appt.
- Apr 3-12 Elementary ELA Testing

#### WHAT'S COOKING?

- Wed., Mar. 1** Hotdog on Bun, Green Beans, Pineapple, Milk
  - Thur., Mar. 2** Vegetable Soup, Bread w/ Butter, Cheese Stick, Peaches, Milk
  - Fri., Mar. 3** Cheese Pizza, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Milk
  - Mon., Mar. 6** Ham & Cheese on Bun, Baked Beans, Mixed Fruit, Milk
  - Tues., Mar. 7** Meatball Sub, Carrots & Celery w/Dip, Pears, Milk
- The complete menu is available on our website or pick up a copy in our offices.

#### GUIDANCE

Any sophomore or junior interested in attending Vantage Career Center for the 2017-2018 school year should submit their application by Tuesday, March 7. Go to [www.vantagecareercenter.com](http://www.vantagecareercenter.com) to submit an online application.

Students taking the AP Exams can submit final payment of \$78 per exam to Mrs. Rogge anytime during the months of March and April. Visit the guidance website for the AP exam administration schedule.