



ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS



OCTOBER 2017

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

MR. LICHTY—HS/MS

MRS. HAMMER-ELEMENTARY

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

The start of the school year has been very busy, with many activities throughout the district. I hope you have had the opportunity to attend one of the extracurricular events this fall. A reminder that residents of our school district who are at least 65 years old are eligible for a free all-sports pass. This is one of the many ways we thank our senior residents for their support of our school system. If you have not received a pass yet, see Mr. Altimus in the Athletic Director's office. He is usually available from 12:00-2:30 each afternoon. The pass is good for admission to all home junior high and high school athletic events. We will also be thanking our senior residents with a breakfast and entertainment program Thursday, October 26, at 8:15 a.m. in the auditoria. All district residents, age 65 and older are invited to join us for the 90 minute program. In addition to the breakfast, Dr. Miller will have a brief presentation regarding updates to our school facility. The morning program will conclude with a performance by our high school band and Show Choir. Reservations are required and may be made by calling the district office at 419-258-5421, extension 2300 by October 20.

Thank you to the staff and students for making it a great start to the new school year. Time has flown by and we have already reached the first midterm. The first quarter ends on Friday, October 20.

We've had an amazing start to the school year. As I visit classrooms, I see students working hard and excited about learning. The creativity that is fostered in our classrooms creates an excellent learning environment. In addition to learning in the classroom, our students have utilized our prairie garden right outside our school. Several grades have engaged in real-life learning by going on educational field trips. Our first graders visited Kuehnert Dairy and an apple orchard. Our fourth graders have attended a Farm Safety program at the Paulding Fairgrounds, while our fifth graders attended a Soil and Water presentation.

VARSITY FOOTBALL
 Oct 6 7:00 Home w/Edgerton
 Oct 13 7:00 @Hicksville
 Oct 20 7:00 Home w/Tinora
 Oct 27 7:00 @Fairview

A big thank you to parents and students for your cooperation with the change to the pick-up of students around the large circle drive at the end of the school day. The change instituted by principals Mr. Lichty and Mrs. Hammer has led to a much safer and smoother flow of students out of our school facility. Please continue to follow the directions of the staff supervising the circle drive and pull ahead as far as possible prior to picking up your child. Using the entire circle drive will allow us to load children more efficiently. If possible, have your child get in the car on the sidewalk side.

A big thank you and shout out to all students and staff members for helping to make our **Hurricane Harvey Fundraiser** a success. We raised \$1,000 for Goforth Elementary School in League City, Texas. That includes "hat day" money, "phone Friday" money, and additional student council money. Special thanks to Mrs. Reyes and the MS/HS Student Council members for their efforts to make this event a success.

3GRG - We have recently completed our screening of students in K-3 in accordance with the 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee (3GRG). This law requires the school to inform parents in writing if their child is in danger of not being "on track" to be able to read at a third grade level by the end of their third grade year. If this is found to be the case, the "not-on-track" students will receive targeted intervention time to help them reach this goal. For more information about this law, you can go to the Ohio Department of Education website and click on the Third Grade Reading Guarantee link.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
 Oct 2 5:30 Home w/Continental
 Oct 3 5:30 Home w/Hicksville
 Oct 9 6:00 Home w/Van Wert
 Oct 10 5:30 @ Tinora
 Oct 12 5:30 Home w/Fairview

Antwerp Local School and Hicksville Exempted Village School hosted anti-bullying speaker **Jim Bisenious** on September 13. Students from both districts in grades 3 through 12 attended Jim's presentation. Parents from each district attended an evening program to hear Jim's message.

Student Pick-Up - I would like to thank everyone for keeping our pick-up circle moving at the end of the day. Our new number system provides safety for our students and is running smoothly a month into the school year. If you haven't used our pick-up circle for grades PS-5 and still need a tag, please contact the district office.

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY
 Oct 3 4:30 Home w/Hicksville
 Oct 7 8:30 Antwerp Invitational
 Oct 10 4:30 County @ Paulding
 Oct 14 9:30 GMC @ Edgerton
 Oct 21 TBA District @ TBA

Congratulations to senior volleyball player **Rachel Williamson** for recording her 1,000th career kill in a recent match versus Montpelier! Rachel is the daughter of Mark and Christy Williamson.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held October 26 and October 31. We look forward to meeting with parents to strengthen the partnership between home and school. If you have concerns prior to these dates, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Our PTO will be available to answer questions about our Scrip program during this time. Your child can earn money towards his/her school fees by using our Scrip program.

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL
 Oct 2 5:00 @ Holgate
 Oct 9 5:00 Home w/Edgerton
 Oct 16 5:00 @ Hicksville
 Oct 23 5:00 Home w/Tinora

We are very hopeful that several of our building and grounds projects will be finished up by the end of October. Installation of the solar cells is underway along with installation of LED lighting in our building. Our athletic boosters and Board of Education are working together to construct new dugouts/backstops, scoreboards, and fencing for our baseball and softball fields.

This year's **Fall Choral Concert** will take place on Thursday, October 5, at 8:00 p.m. in the auditoria. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PTO Pick-Up is Tuesday, October 24, from 3:00-5:00 in the auditoria. You may enter the school through the Main Athletic Entrance. Please be prompt, or have arrangements made to pick up your sold items. Most items are frozen and need to be put back in a freezer as soon as possible. Payment is due Tuesday, November 7.

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL
 Oct 3 5:00 @ Wayne Trace
 Oct 10 5:00 @ Edgerton
 Oct 12 5:00 7th Home w/Edgerton
 Oct 17 5:00 Home w/Ayersville

The **Academic Boosters** are selling tickets for their annual Port-A-Pit chicken dinner fundraiser. Chicken dinners will be available for pick-up in the school cafeteria on Friday, October 6. Contact the high school office if you wish to purchase dinner tickets.

BOOK FAIR - The book fair will run from October 26-31. Students will be able to preview the books during their encore times and create wish lists that parents and grandparents can use to purchase desired books. The book fair will also be open during parent-teacher conference nights.

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL
 Oct 9 4:30 Home w/Van Wert
 Oct 10 4:30 @ Tinora
 Oct 12 4:30 Home w/Fairview

Our **National Honor Society** and **National Junior Honor Society** inductions will be held in the auditoria on Sunday, October 15, at 2:00 p.m. The community is invited to attend.

THANK YOU ROTARIANS for donating your time and talent to come into our elementary classrooms to read to our students.

JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL
 Oct 2 5:00 @ Woodlan
 Oct 3 4:30 Home w/Ayersville
 Oct 5 5:00 @ Hicksville
 Oct 9 5:00 @ Montpelier
 Oct 12 4:30 Home w/Liberty Center
 Oct 14 TBA GMC—Home

Significant dates/events during the next month include our High School Band performance at Archbold High School on October 14. Our National Junior High and High School Honor Society Induction Ceremony will take place Sunday, October 15. The first nine week grading period will end Friday, October 20. A 2-hour delay Inservice is scheduled for Friday, October 27. The Inservice time will be dedicated toward school safety awareness. Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for October 26 and October 31, from 4:00-7:30. We will also have conferences in the spring. We encourage all parents and guardians to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences as they serve an important part in the communication between school and home which is vital for the success of our students.

GUIDANCE NEWS
 An informational meeting about College Credit Plus opportunities will be held on Thursday, October 26 during Parent-Teacher Conferences. The meeting will begin at 6:00 in the auditoria. Any families with students in grades 6-11 are encouraged to attend.

YEARBOOKS
 The yearbook staff is currently taking orders for the 2017-2018 yearbook. Yearbooks that are ordered by November 1 will be \$35 for a middle/high school yearbook, and \$10 for an elementary yearbook. The price will go up after November 1. Order forms are available on the school website. Very few extra yearbooks are ordered, so pre-ordering is the only way to make sure you receive a yearbook.

MENU
 Mon., Oct. 2 Hamburger on Bun, Green Beans, Warm Applesauce, Milk
 Tues., Oct. 3 Chicken Fajitas, Corn, Mixed Fruit, Milk
 Wed., Oct. 4 Corndog, Bean Salad, Apple, Milk
 Thurs., Oct. 5 Chicken Nuggets, Baked Fries, Pears, Milk
 Fri., Oct. 6 Pizza Rippers, Cole Slaw, Applesauce, Milk

Parents of seniors are invited to a Financial Aid presentation on Tuesday, October 31, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the auditoria. Learn more about the requirements of the FAFSA and scholarships. Look for more information in the mail in October.

8th GRADE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC
 The 8th grade Washington, DC trip final meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 2, in the auditoria. There will be a chaperone only meeting at 6:30 p.m., and Student/Parent will begin shortly after. The trip to Washington is October 30-November 4 this year.

The complete menu is available on our website (www.antwerpschools.com), or you may pick up a copy in our office.

If you would like to receive this newsletter and the school lunch menu by email, you may sign up electronically by sending an email to newsletter-subscribe@antwerpschools.org. Your email should be blank; no message is necessary. You will get a reply with simple instructions to complete your registration.

Scholarships can be found on the school website under MS/HS-Guidance-Scholarships. These are updated periodically so check the website frequently. Students will also be given a list of scholarships each month in their English class. Visit <http://www.antwerplclschs.beta.schools.bz/1/Content/guidance-scholarship> for a current scholarship list.

ALADDIN JR.
 Tickets for Aladdin Jr. go on sale November 1. The show will be presented Nov. 17, 18 and 19.

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 5 Fall Choral Concert—8:00
 Oct 6 Academic Booster Chicken Dinner
 Oct 10 PTO Meeting—7:00
 Oct 11 PSAT
 Oct 14 Archbold Band Competition
 Oct 15 NHS Induction Ceremony 2:00
 Oct 20 End of First Quarter
 Oct 24 Mobile Dentist
 Oct 24 PTO Delivery 3:00-5:00
 Oct 26 Senior Citizen Breakfast—8:15
 Oct 26 Parent-Teacher Conf. 4:00-7:30
 Oct 26 College Credit Plus Meeting
 Oct 26-31 Book Fair
 Oct 27 2-Hr Delay - Inservice
 Oct 27 Character Day
 Oct 30 Band at Callithumpian Parade
 Oct 31 Parent-Teacher Conf. 4:00-7:30
 Oct 31 Senior Parent Financial Aid Night
 Nov 5 Time Change
 Nov 8 NHS/Red Cross Blood Drive

Dr. Martin A. Miller, Superintendent

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Our fall Choral Concert will be held on October 5, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. in the auditoria. Our Junior High band students will be performing with the High School band at the home football game on Friday, October 6. The High School band will compete at the Archbold Band Show at 7:00 p.m. on October 14, and at the Callithumpian Parade on Monday, October 30, at 7:00 p.m. in Decatur, Indiana.

College representatives visiting AHS along with College Open House dates can be found on the website under "Guidance." Check our website from time to time as these are updated as they are scheduled.

SR. CITIZEN BREAKFAST

Antwerp Local Schools will host a breakfast for our Senior Citizens (age 65 and older) on Thursday, October 26, at 8:15. Our Sr. Citizens will also enjoy entertainment by our high school band and Show Choir. The breakfast is free and reservations are required. Please call the district office today at 419-258-5421, ext. 2300 and mark your calendar for a morning of good food & fun.