



Attention Parents of Sixth Grade Students:

The Ohio Department of Health has just released the new immunization requirements for the 2016-2017 school year. These changes will affect your students as they enter seventh grade next fall. The ODH is now requiring that all students entering seventh grade will need to have a diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (**Tdap**) booster and the **Meningococcal vaccine**. These immunizations can be obtained from the Allen County Health Department or from your family physician. The Allen County Health Department now requires that an appointment be scheduled in order to obtain immunizations there. You can contact the Health Department at 419-228-4457.

Your child will need to receive these immunizations before the start of school next fall. A reminder will go out in the spring and again in the summer reminding you that your student will need **both of these immunizations prior to starting 7th grade**. The school will require proof of these immunizations or your child could be excluded from attending school until the immunization requirement is met. You can fax your proof of immunization to me at 419-222-6572 or drop off proof of immunization in the Middle School office. If you have questions you can contact me at 419-998-8065.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Andrea Vogelgesang RN, School Nurse



Hoops For Hearts

This year, the 5th grade students will be collecting money for the Hoops for Heart program. This is similar to Jump Rope for Heart that they participated in at Maplewood. The students have already received their collection envelopes. All monies are due to their home room teacher by Friday, February 5th. The money collected will go to the American Heart Association. On Friday, February 12th, any student who has collected \$10.00 or more will be eligible to participate in the Knock -Out Competition.



Dates to Remember:

Mon., February 15th – NO SCHOOL –
President's Day

Wed., February 10th – Optimist Speech Contest
High School Auditorium
5:00 pm

Wed., March 2nd – 2-Hour Delay Schedule
Teacher In-Service

Fri., March 18th – End of 3rd Nine Weeks

Mon., March 21st through Fri., March 25th -

NO SCHOOL – Spring Recess



News from the Guidance Office

By Mrs. Schmiedebusch

7th & 8th Grade Guidance Counselor

It is hard to believe that we are already in third quarter! If your student is struggling academically, it is important to work on improving homework and study habits and be in touch with teachers so that he/she can be successful this second half of the school year. Please contact Mr. Christoff (5th/6th) or Mrs. Schmiedebusch (7th/8th) to discuss your student's progress if needed. We are here to help!

High School Scheduling Update

As noted in the January newsletter, I have started to work with the eighth grade students on the high school scheduling process. All eighth graders have created four year plans and received course recommendations in their Social Studies classes to share with their parents. Please remember that the **8th Grade Parent Scheduling Meeting** will be held for high school bound eighth graders and their parents on **Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** in Hugh Downs Auditorium at Shawnee High School. Guidance counselors will discuss what is necessary for success in high school and beyond, as well as address graduation requirements. **Please bring your student's four year plan, recommendations page, and (red) Course of Studies booklet!** All students will go to the computer lab the week of February 8th to input 9th grade course requests.

Interested in Apollo Career Center?

Greg Zumberger, counselor at Apollo Career Center, will be here to meet with the 8th graders on March 8th and 9th to discuss the programs available, requirements, and career options and pathways.

Be a Summer Volunteer at St. Rita's Medical Center

Applications for the Volunteer Program at St. Rita's Medical Center are available in the literature tray in the guidance office. To be eligible, you must be 14 years old by the end of the school year, have completed the eighth grade, and a 3.0 GPA is highly recommended. Completed applications must be turned in by 4PM on March 11th to the St. Rita's Volunteer office. The interview sessions will be March 14th & 17th, 3:00-6:30PM. The "Confidential School Recommendation" page must be signed by a parent and turned in to Mrs. Schmiedebusch as soon as possible! All other important information is included in the application packet.

NUMATS – 7th & 8th Grade Students

We are asking that any 7/8th grade student taking the ACT through the NUMATS program, mark on the registration to report the scores to the school. We understand that it may be too late to do this if you've already registered. Please provide a copy of the individual score report to the guidance office to place in the student file at your convenience.

What do I need to take with me for the ACT/SAT through NUMATS?

If you are taking the ACT or SAT through NUMATS, please remember to bring the following to your testing location:

- Admission ticket (or testing agency registration number for ACT or SAT)
- Completed ACT student ID form or SAT student ID form
- Two sharpened pencils with good erasers
- An approved calculator

***** Forms and more detailed instructions are available in the online MyCTD Toolbox. Click on the NUMATS Info tab and scroll down to Section 3—Day of the Test.*****

Calendar of Events

Monday, February 1, 2016

5th & 6th Gr. Quiz Bowl – 4:30 PM

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

SPRING PICTURE DAY

7th & 8th Gr. Boys Basketball at Ottawa Elem. – 5:00 PM
7th & 8th Gr. Girls Basketball vs. Ottawa Elem. – 5:00 PM
M.S. Wrestling at Kenton – 5:00 PM

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

8th Grade Parent Scheduling Meeting – High School
Auditorium 7:00 PM

Thursday, February 4, 2016

7th & 8th Gr. Boys Basketball vs. Celina – 5:00 PM
7th & 8th Gr. Girls Basketball at Celina – 5:00 PM

Friday, February 5, 2016

Saturday, February 6, 2016

7th & 8th Gr. Boys Basketball at Bath Tournament-10:00 AM
7th & 8th Gr. Girls Basketball at Elida Tournament TBA
M.S. Wrestling Invitational at Elida - 10:00 AM

Monday, February 8, 2016

5th & 6th Gr. Quiz Bowl – 4:30 PM

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

PTC Meeting at 9:00 AM

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Optimist Speech Contest – High School Auditorium
5:00 PM

Thursday, February 11, 2016

Friday, February 12, 2016

Saturday, February 13, 2016

M. S. Wrestling – Midwest WR Championships – 10:00 AM
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Monday, February 15, 2016

NO SCHOOL – President's Day

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Thursday, February 18, 2016

Friday, February 19, 2016

Saturday, February 20, 2016

Monday, February 22, 2016

5th & 6th Gr. Quiz Bowl – 4:30 PM

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Thursday, February 25, 2016

Friday, February 26, 2016

Saturday, February 27, 2016

Allen County Spelling Bee – OSU Lima – 10:00 AM

Monday, February 29, 2016

