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# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal's Desk

By Judith A. Gephart

*Shawnee Middle School*

For the 2016-2017 school year, the English Language Arts (ELA), Math, Science, and Social Studies state tests will be given. At the middle school, all tests will be completed online. Tentatively, all testing will take place in the mornings, periods 1-3.

## 2017 Testing Schedule

Monday, March 27, 2017:	ELA (Session 1)- 5th & 6th
Tuesday, March 28, 2017:	ELA (Session 2)- 5th & 6th
Wednesday, March 29, 2017:	ELA (Session 1)- 7th & 8th
Thursday, March 30, 2017:	ELA (Session 2)- 7th & 8th
Tuesday, April 18, 2017:	Math (Session 1)- 5th & 6th
Wednesday, April 19, 2017:	Math (Session 2)- 5th & 6th
Thursday, April 20, 2017:	Math (Session 1)- 7th, 8th, Alg. & Geom.
Friday, April 21, 2017:	Math (Session 2)- 7th, 8th, Alg. & Geom.
Monday, April 24, 2017:	Science (Session 1)- 5th Social Studies (Session 1)- 6th
Tuesday, April 25, 2017:	Science (Session 2)- 5th Social Studies (Session 2)- 6th
Wednesday, April 26, 2017:	Science (Session 1)- 8th
Thursday, April 27, 2017:	Science (Session 2)- 8th

## Top AR Point Earners

*October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 – January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

### Grade 5

Daniel Koh

Olivia C. Miller

Cole Whetstone

*\*Top 5<sup>th</sup> Grader earned 243.7 points*

### Grade 6

Kayla Frost

Keziah Gibson

Chase Morgan

*\*Top 6<sup>th</sup> Grader earned 150.0 points*

### Grade 7

Katherine McMurry

Cruz Hunter

Taylor Stumbaugh

*\*Top 7<sup>th</sup> Grader earned 175.7 points*

### Grade 8

Isabella Morris

Emily Manuel

Grace Metz

*\*Top 8<sup>th</sup> Grader earned 175.1 points*



Please do not send candy, flowers, balloons, vases of flowers, etc. for Valentine's Day to your student. These items are not allowed on the bus at dismissal time and create a problem for the Office and the Transportation Dept.



## Attention Parents of Sixth Grade Students:

The Ohio Department of Health made changes to the immunization requirements starting 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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



## Hoops For Hearts

This year, the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. The money collected will go to the American Heart Association. On Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, any student who has collected \$5.00 or more will be eligible to participate in the Knock -Out Competition. On Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, any student who has collected \$15.00 or more will be eligible to participate in a Three-Point Competition.



### Dates to Remember:

**Mon., February 20<sup>th</sup>** – **NO SCHOOL** –  
*President's Day*

**Tue., February 28<sup>th</sup>** – **Optimist Speech Contest**  
**Middle School Small**  
**Café 6:00PM – 9:00PM**

**Wed., March 1<sup>st</sup>** – **2-Hour Delay Schedule**  
*Teacher In-Service*

**Fri., March 24<sup>th</sup>** – **End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks**

**Mon., April 10<sup>th</sup> through Fri., April 14<sup>th</sup>**-

**NO SCHOOL** – *Spring Recess*



## News from the Guidance Office

By Mrs. Schmiedebusch

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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 (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>) or Mrs. Schmiedebusch (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>) 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 **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Scheduling Meeting** will be held for high school bound eighth graders and their parents on **Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 7:15 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 13<sup>th</sup> to input 9<sup>th</sup> grade course requests.

### Interested in Apollo Career Center?

Greg Zumberger, counselor at Apollo Career Center, will be here to meet with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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 4:00PM on March 10<sup>th</sup> to the St. Rita's Volunteer office. Applications will also be available online at [www.stritas.org](http://www.stritas.org).

### NUMATS – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

We are asking that any 7/8<sup>th</sup> 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

## Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Chess Club -2:45 – 3:30PM  
Free Digits Tutoring – Mr. Favro's Room  
Grades 6 – 8 2:45-3:10 PM

## Thursday, February 2, 2017

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Boys Basketball vs. Spencerville – 5:00PM  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Girls Basketball @ Spencerville – 5:00PM

## Friday, February 3, 2017

Free Digits Tutoring – Mr. Favro's Room  
Grades 6 – 8 2:45-3:10 PM

## Saturday, February 4, 2017

M.S. Wrestling Invitational @ Elida - 10:00AM

## Monday, February 6, 2017

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Quiz Bowl – 4:30PM  
Free Digits Tutoring – Mr. Favro's Room  
Grades 6 – 8 2:45-3:10 PM

## Tuesday, February 7, 2017

**Spring Picture Day**  
MATHCOUNTS – 2:40 -3:30 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Boys Basketball vs. Ottawa Elementary-5:00PM  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Girls Basketball @ Ottawa Elementary-5:00PM

## Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Chess Club -2:45 – 3:30PM  
Free Digits Tutoring – Mr. Favro's Room  
Grades 6 – 8 2:45-3:10 PM  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Scheduling Meeting – 7:15PM in the  
HS Auditorium**

## Thursday, February 9, 2017

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Boys Basketball @ Celina – 5:00PM  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Girls Basketball vs. Celina – 5:00PM

## Friday, February 10, 2017

Free Digits Tutoring – Mr. Favro's Room  
Grades 6 – 8 2:45-3:10 PM

## Saturday, February 11, 2017

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Boys Basketball Tournament @ Bath - TBD  
M. S. Wrestling – Midwest WR Championships – 10:00AM  
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## Monday, February 13, 2017

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Quiz Bowl – 4:30 PM  
Free Digits Tutoring – Mr. Favro's Room  
Grades 6 – 8 2:45-3:10 PM

## Tuesday, February 14, 2017

MATHCOUNTS – 2:40 -3:30 PM

## Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Chess Club -2:45 – 3:30PM  
Free Digits Tutoring – Mr. Favro's Room  
Grades 6 – 8 2:45-3:10 PM

## Thursday, February 16, 2017

## Friday, February 17, 2017

Free Digits Tutoring – Mr. Favro's Room  
Grades 6 – 8 2:45-3:10 PM

## Saturday, February 18, 2017

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

## Monday, February 20, 2017

**NO SCHOOL – President's Day**

## Tuesday, February 21, 2017

MATHCOUNTS – 2:40 -3:30 PM

## Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Chess Club -2:45PM – 3:30PM  
Free Digits Tutoring – Mr. Favro's Room  
Grades 6 – 8 2:45-3:10 PM

## Thursday, February 23, 2017

## Friday, February 24, 2017

Free Digits Tutoring – Mr. Favro's Room  
Grades 6 – 8 2:45-3:10 PM

## Saturday, February 25, 2017

## Monday, February 27, 2017

Free Digits Tutoring – Mr. Favro's Room  
Grades 6 – 8 2:45-3:10 PM

## Tuesday, February 28, 2017

MATHCOUNTS – 2:40 -3:30 PM  
**Optimist Speech Contest – Middle School Small Café  
6:00 – 9:00PM**