



PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools, It's hard to believe that August is here and we are about to begin another school year. The start of each school year is a new beginning with new challenges and opportunities. I hope that you take the time to enjoy what is left of the summer break.

At the beginning of August, offices in all buildings are open. Secretaries will return on August 7. If you need assistance, our staff will be available from 7:30 to 4:00 each day. Most registration information is now online at pauldingschools.org under the Parent Links tab > Final Forms; however, if you have questions or concerns be sure to call or stop in.

It won't be long until the first day of school arrives and we are off and running. To help you prepare for the start, here are a few key dates:

-Monday, August 20th – Open Houses – see related article for the schedule.

-Tuesday, August 21st – First day for students in grades 1-12

-Friday, August 24th—First day for Kindergarten students.

-Monday, August 28th – First day for Preschool students

-Monday, September 3rd – No school for Labor Day

-Tuesday, September 4th – No school for Professional Development

Paulding Exempted Village Schools have much to be proud of and everyone associated with PEVS is committed to continuing the educational excellence that is taking place in every building. With that said, there is always room to grow, and we will set goals that ensure that we are improving each and every day. Rest assured that we will do all in our power to meet your child where he or she is at educationally and help them to grow daily. The Board of Education is likewise committed to providing the necessary resources to make our students competitive and successful in today's 21st century world. By working together, we can provide your child the best educational opportunities possible.

Sincerely,
Ken Amstutz, Superintendent

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary—Greg Puthoff

I hope all of you had a wonderful and relaxing summer. The 2018-2019 school year will be here soon. We are currently ordering supplies, creating new class list, and preparing our building for next year. Our Custodial Staff have been working very hard to clean every part of our school so it will look fantastic at the beginning of the school year. A BIG THANK YOU!!! to our custodians for doing a great job! Paulding Elementary Office will open on Tuesday, August 7th, but will be closed on Thursday, August 9th for training. On Friday, August 10th we will have Pre-School Screening from 8:00 – 3:00. Please report to the Office. Class list will be released to the local paper and placed on the Main Entrance doors on Wednesday, August 15th.

Paulding Elementary Open House is scheduled on Monday, August 20th from 6:00 – 7:30PM. The first day of school for students in grade 1st – 5th is Tuesday, August 21. Our Kindergarten students will start on Friday, August 24th. Our Pre-School students will start on Monday, August 27th.

Please be careful when driving around Paulding Elementary School in the morning and afternoon. Student safety is always the highest priority and I have witnessed cars driving too fast when students are coming to school or going home. Please watch for our young students and drive safely around them.

Oakwood Elementary—Jennifer Manz

Hello from Oakwood Elementary on a beautiful late July day! I hope, as you read this article, you are enjoying these summer days filled with sunshine and special activities! Summer is such a wonderful time of year for kids and adults, alike – reading books, playing summer ball, riding bikes, swimming, catching lightning bugs, running barefoot outside, eating ice cream cones, staying up late, taking family vacations. Our children make so many lasting family memories during the long, hot days of summer!

As you turn the calendar page to August and as the days get a little shorter than the week before, school will be here before you know it. It is certainly getting busier here at Oakwood Elementary! Custodians are putting the finishing touches on the building, and teachers are returning to their classrooms to begin preparing for the upcoming school year. Class lists for 2018-2019 will be posted on our school website and on the main door here at Oakwood Elementary on Friday, August 10, and will appear in the Paulding Progress on August 15. Our school supply lists were sent home in the grade card envelopes in May; but if you need another copy, it is also posted on the school website (or stop in the office and pick up another one).

Please join me in welcoming two new staff members to Oakwood Elementary for the 2018-2019 school year. Mrs. Kyle Limber will be

teaching English/Language Arts in 5th/6th grade; and Mr. Gary Smiddy will our School Resource Officer. We also welcome back Mr. Chuck Schroeder who is returning from PHS to teach Phys. Ed. to our students. We look forward to having Mrs. Limber, Mr. Smiddy, and Mr. Schroeder join the Oakwood Elementary team!

The results of the Grades 3-8 Ohio's State Tests arrived in our district in early June. I am really excited to share that Oakwood Elementary scored over 80% on seven of the nine tests taken. We well exceeded State averages on all nine tests. I am thankful for the effort our staff and students put into giving their best on each lesson, assignment, and learning activity throughout the year. I also appreciate the support we feel from our students' parents and community members, as you expect your children to receive a high quality education and encourage them to make the most of the educational opportunities provided. If you see an Oakwood Elementary student or staff member, please congratulate them on a job well done!

A special note to our parents: You will be receiving information about Final Forms in the near future. We have finally moved into the 21st Century with our "Annual Parent Homework," and you will be completing the beginning-of-year forms on-line. While it may take a little bit of time to complete the forms the first time, it will make future updating of information very easy for you and for us. Please watch for more details. We invite all of you to visit Oakwood Elementary on Monday, August 20th, from 5:30-7:00, during our annual Open House. Everyone is welcome!

Middle School—Matt Carr

Hello from Paulding Middle School! I am excited and thrilled to be starting the school year as the new principal at Paulding Middle School. I am looking forward to a very good year! I would like to welcome the students and staff back for the 2018-2019 school year and I would like to publicly thank our custodial staff, Scott Strable and Tim Baker, for their hard work and efforts over the summer to make our building look brand new. Their hard work does not go unnoticed.

I would like to welcome two new staff members to Paulding Middle School. Mrs. Emily Taylor - Intervention Specialist, and Mr. Andrew Thiel - English and Language Arts Teacher. We look forward to having them here.

Schedules will be sent out to students a week or so before the start of school. The first day of school will be Tuesday, August 21 with Open House for Paulding Middle School on Monday, August 20 from 6:30-8:00 PM. This is an excellent time for students and families to get acquainted with teachers for the upcoming school year, as well as having the opportunity to see where lockers are and practice locker combinations. We look forward to seeing everyone on Open House Night. Please stop in the office as well to say hello. Our annual Middle School fundraiser will run at the beginning of school again this year. Information will be shared with students the first few days of school. We ask you to please support this fundraiser as it allows us to have incentive programs as well as assemblies and other activities for our students.

Fall school pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 13 this year. Order forms will be handed out to students in advance, and online ordering is also available.

Please make sure to keep a positive balance on your student's lunch account. Also, please make sure school fees are paid. Fees may be paid in the office.

Our athletic teams have started practice for the fall sports season. Athletic schedules can be picked up from the office. Please come out and support our teams this fall season.

Thank you for your continued support of Paulding Middle School! I am looking forward to a great 2018-2019 school year! If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to email me or call my office. Let's make the start of the school year a fantastic one and set the tone for a great year!

High School—Chris Etzler

On behalf of the staff at Paulding High School, we would like to welcome everyone back for the 2018-19 school year. We hope everyone had a nice, relaxing summer and that you are looking forward to a great school year. I am excited to be the new PHS Principal this year and I would like to welcome Jennifer Dietz, Intervention Specialist, to our staff.

Just a reminder that our first day of school for this year is Tuesday, August 21. We will once again operate on a two-hour delay for sophomores, juniors and seniors in order for us to do our freshmen orientation. All freshmen should report to school by 8:00 am on August 21 to participate in the orientation, while the upperclassmen should report to school by 10:00 am. This year's Open House will be on Monday, August 20 from 6:30-8:00 pm. During this time student fees as well as laptop insurance can be paid. The laptop insurance allows students to take their laptop computer home throughout the school year. Students will not be able to take a computer home without paying this insurance. Student class fees must be paid or on a payment plan for students to par-

ticipate in extra-curricular activities and the deadline for these to be paid for fall sports is Thursday, September 13 at 3:00 pm. Students must maintain a positive lunch balance in order to be able to eat a school lunch. Money can be put on lunch accounts during Open House as well.

Starting this school year, our school forms will not be handed out to students the first day of school. Instead, our school will be using "Final Forms", which allows parents/guardians to fill out the necessary school forms online. More information will be sent out in regards to Final Forms.

Our fall athletic teams, cheerleaders and marching band are all currently working hard in preparation for the fall sports season. Please pick up a schedule or look on our website to see when you can come out and support these student athletes.

We hope to see you at Open House, where you can stop in and meet your student's teachers and guidance counselors, as well as see where their classrooms are located.

Go Panthers!

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PRICES

Elementary	MS/HS
Breakfast-\$1.35	Breakfast-\$1.60
Lunch-\$2.55	Lunch (Paw)-\$2.80
	Panther Plate-\$3.00
	Salad -\$3.25

Extra milk is \$.40 for all students.

SAFETY-ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

As the start of school arrives, it is time to remind everyone about the safety of our students. Please be aware, whether they are walking, in a car, or on a school bus going to or coming from school, we need to watch out for the students. They are often distracted by the excitement of the start of school and do not see us.

At Paulding, buses will bring the students to the bus parking area on Emerald Road. Parents who drive their elementary children to school should drop them off at the horseshoe drive on Water Street. **Please try to avoid blocking the road and intersections in case of an emergency.** Designated visitor parking is available. Please utilize these parking places to enter the elementary through their entrance, and the middle school/high school through the doors under the Panther. Middle and High School drop off will be behind the building on Emerald Road. At Oakwood all buses will bring the students to the bus area off First Street. Parents who drive their children to school should drop them off at the entrance on Third Street.

DELAY & CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please keep your Honeywell Account updated. With the unpredictable weather, delays provide time for the weather conditions to change and make the roads safe for our students and staff. The Honeywell Instant Alert System will be our primary method of communication on school delays and cancellations. The system is ready for you to use at <https://instantalert.honeywell.com> or under the "Parent Links" tab on our website. We encourage all of you to take advantage of this opportunity, as we will be utilizing this system to contact parents and students for most of our school -to-home communication, including notification of emergencies or early dismissals. The announcement is also put on the website and area radio/TV stations. The school website address is: www.pauldingschools.org. The announcement is normally called into radio/TV stations by 6:00 a.m., although fog can cause a later call.

NOTICE FOR ABSENCE

The district's attendance policy asks that a parent telephone the school the morning of the day a student will be absent. Also, a note must accompany a student on the day of his/her return to school, noting the reason for the absence.

NOTICE OF VISION AND HEARING SCREENINGS

The nurse conducts vision and/or hearing screenings for students in grades Pre-school, Kdg, 1,3, 5, 7, 9, and 11. The nurse will also screen per parent or teacher request.

ANNUAL EPA REQUIRED NOTICE

All of the school buildings in the Paulding Exempted Village School District are free of Asbestos Containing Building Materials (ACBM). The only ACBM known to remain in district owned buildings is in the football locker room. This ACBM will continue to be observed and a maintenance program is in place. You may direct any questions concerning ACBM within the school to Kim Jones at 419-399-4656, ext. 1550.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

The "No Child Left Behind Act" encourages parents to be actively involved in the education of your child. All parents have the right to know the teaching qualifications of their child's classroom teacher. Information may be obtained by contacting the principal in your child's building or by accessing the Ohio Department of Education website. The Ohio PIRC (Parent Information and Resource Center) is also a valuable resource with ideas for getting involved in your child's education. The Ohio PIRC may be contacted at 1-866-253-1829, or visit their website at <http://www.ohiopirc.org/index.php>.

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BUSSING INFORMATION

If your bus pick-up/drop-off location has changed from last school year, please call or stop in the appropriate building office as soon as possible to complete a new form.

MEET THE TEAMS NIGHT

The cheerleaders, band, golf team, volleyball team, cross country team, soccer and football teams will be introduced on Friday, August 13 at 6:00 at the football field.

FALL SEASON TICKETS

Fall season tickets will be on sale at Meet the Teams night, Aug 13, the volleyball scrimmages on Aug 14 & 16, and also during lunch time Aug 21-24. Season tickets will **NOT** be sold at the gate.

Season Ticket Prices

	Adult	Student
Football	\$25	\$15
Football w/res. seat	\$35	\$30
Volleyball	\$40	\$25
Soccer	\$40	\$30

Family All-Sport: \$155 (Includes children in grades 1-12)

Family All-Sport w/reserved seat for football: \$155 + \$10/seat

All Sport (Gen. adm. to all HS/JH fall sports) Adult \$60 Student \$35

All Sport w/Res. Seat for football: \$70

All Sport for athletes in fall sport: \$10

BLACK SWAMP BOWL

The 11th annual Black Swamp Bowl will take place at the football game between Paulding and Wayne Trace on August 24 at Wayne Trace, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The rival teams will be playing for the 'Black Swamp Bowl' trophy.

OPEN HOUSE MONDAY, AUGUST 20

Oakwood Elem.	5:30-7:00 pm
Paulding Elem.	6:00-7:30 pm
M.S./H.S. School	6:30-8:00 pm

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Varsity Football

Aug. 10 Scrimmage vs. Parkway-T	7:00
Aug. 17 Scrimmage vs. Bryan-T	7:00
Aug. 24 Wayne Trace-T	7:00

JV Football

Aug. 25 Wayne Trace-H	10:00
Aug. 30 Allen East-H	5:00

Varsity/Jr. High Cross Country

Aug. 25 Defiance Early Bird-T	9:00
Aug. 28 WT Invite	4:30

Boys Golf

Aug. 06 Defiance Invite-T (Eagle Rock)	9:00
Aug. 08 Kalida Invite-T	9:00
Aug. 09 Panther Invite-H	9:00
Aug. 10 Lincolnview/Spencerville-H	4:15
Aug. 15 Spenc/Ada/Lincoln-T (Tamarac)	4:15
Aug. 16 Wayne Trace-T	4:30
Aug. 17 CV/LV/DJ-T (Hickory Sticks)	4:15
Aug. 20 AE/Bluffton/CV-H	4:15
Aug. 23 Wayne Trace Invite-T	4:30
Aug. 27 DJ/Bluffton/Grove-T (Delphos)	4:00
Aug. 28 Grove/Ada-T (Country Acres)	4:00

Varsity/JV Volleyball

Aug. 18 Antwerp-H (w/Freshman)	4:30
Aug. 23 Van Wert-H (w/Freshman)	4:30
Aug. 27 Bryan-T (w/Freshman)	4:30
Aug. 28 Wayne Trace-H (w/Freshman)	4:30
Aug. 30 Fairview-H (w/Freshman)	4:30

Freshman Volleyball

Aug. 18 Antwerp-H	4:30
Aug. 23 Van Wert-H	4:30
Aug. 27 Bryan-T	4:30
Aug. 28 Wayne Trace-H	4:30
Aug. 30 Fairview-H	4:30

Jr. High Volleyball

Aug. 21 Defiance-T	5:00
Aug. 30 Hicksville-H	5:00

Varsity Boys Soccer

Aug. 18 Bryan-H	11:00
Aug. 21 Lima Bath Kickoff-T	TBA
Aug. 23 Lima Bath Kickoff-T	TBA
Aug. 28 Spencerville-T	5:00
Aug. 30 Bluffton-T	7:00

Varsity Girls Soccer

Aug. 18 Miller City-T	11:00
Aug. 20 Celina-H	5:00
Aug. 23 Continental-H	5:00
Aug. 28 Crestview-H	5:00

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Aug. 7 Board Mtg-Admin. Bd. Room	7:00
Aug. 20 Open House-See Schedule above	
Aug. 21 First Day of School for Students	
Aug. 24 First day of school for Kindergarten	
Aug. 27 First day of school for Preschool	

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 3 No School-Labor Day	
Sept. 4 No School-Professional Dev. Day	
Nov. 15 & 19 Parent-Teacher Conf.	
Nov. 21 No School Due to Parent-Teacher Conf.	
Nov. 22-23 No School-Thanksgiving Break	
Nov. 26 No School—Professional Dev. Day	
Dec. 20 Early Dismissal—1:30 p.m.	
Dec. 20-Jan 2 No School-Christmas Break	
Jan. 21 No School-Martin Luther King Day	
Feb. 18 No School-Presidents' Day (or make up)	
Feb. 19 No School-Professional Dev. Day	
Mar. 18 No School-Qtr Break (Make up if need)	
Apr. 19 No School-Good Friday	
Apr. 22 No School-(Make up if needed)	
Apr. 23 No School-Professional Dev. Day	
May 23 Last day for students-Early dismissal 1:30	
May 26 Senior Graduation	2:30