



# PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

## DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, the voters of Paulding Exempted Village School District "approved" the renewal of the Emergency Tax Levy that has provided revenue for Paulding Exempted Village Schools since 1981. On behalf of the Board of Education, administration and staff of PEVS, we are extremely thankful for your continued support of our school district.

We are very appreciative of the financial resources you provide us to support our top priority – the students. All of us at PEVS understand that our children are our future and we strive every day to keep them as our top priority. The excellent things happening in our schools would not be possible without you – the "taxpayers".

We will remain vigilant in keeping expenses in line with revenues while offering high quality educational opportunities for our students. As always is the case, wise use of taxpayers' dollars is of utmost concern. We strive every day to spend only what is needed and save where we can to ensure we are being fiscally responsible. Be sure to let us know how we are doing and what we can do to improve.

Just a reminder... As winter approaches and the weather changes, be extra careful as you travel to and from school and extra-curricular events. Be cautious around the buses and give them plenty of room to maneuver. The most important goal of our transportation department is to get all children to school and back home each day safely. With that said, bus routes may take extra time on inclement days and therefore, may not be timely at all of the bus stops.

Likewise, be especially mindful of our new student drivers who have never driven in inclement weather. If you are the parent of one these drivers, please remind them that being a little late, yet safe, is the most important thing.

All closings and delays are sent out through our Honeywell Instant Alert. Please see the related article in this newsletter for more information.

I want to wish all of you the best during this holiday season!

Ken Amstutz, Superintendent

### NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

#### Paulding Elementary– Greg Puthoff

Paulding Elementary continues to work on helping others. Our Students and Staff just completed a fundraiser for the Seventh Grade Operation Gratitude project to benefit our Soldiers who are stationed overseas. We are also collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald's House throughout the year.

The Spunkmeyer Fundraiser Project for Paulding Elementary School was very successful. We raised over \$10,000 to benefit the students and staff members. Some of the money will be used for the student field day activities, student monthly awards, and equipment for our playground. A big, THANK YOU!!! to everyone who helped sell or buy an item during the fundraiser.

Our PTO is a very important group that helps support the needs and wishes of our students and staff members. The next PTO activity this year is the Book Fair scheduled December 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> in our Library. Please help support the PTO Book Fair by volunteering to work or purchasing books for our students. The next PTO Meeting is scheduled on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:30, in the Paulding Elementary Library. All parents are welcomed to attend the meeting.

Parent/Teacher conferences were held on November 15<sup>th</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup>. It was well-attended and a great opportunity for our teachers to discuss information with our parents. It was also an opportunity for me to meet more parents. Thanks for attending the conferences.

As the Paulding Elementary Principal, I continue to be impressed with our students and staff at Paulding Elementary. Each day, staff members do their best to educate our students. Parental support is vital to have a highly effective school, where students can do their best. Please encourage your child (ren) to work hard on their academics and schedule a daily time to work on homework or read a story.

Our Fourth Grade Christmas Concert is scheduled on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in the Auditoria. We have an Early Dismissal on Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup>. We will dismiss at 1:30. Our Christmas Break will begin on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> and last until

Wednesday, January 2. Classes will resume on Thursday, January 3, 2019. Happy Holidays!!!

#### Oakwood Elementary–Jennifer Manz

A snowy hello from Oakwood Elementary!! I want to start my article by thanking all who attended our Veteran's Day program on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. It was wonderful to see the number of Veterans, their family members, and our students' family members who joined us for our program! We appreciate our Veteran's years of service and sacrifice. We want you to know we are learning about citizenship, and we do not take lightly the freedoms you have helped secure and protect for us.

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders at Oakwood Elementary went to the polls in mid-October to elect this year's Student Council Members. Our Student Council is made up of five sixth graders; but since the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade do so many things together, both grade levels were involved in electing the Student Council. Sixteen sixth graders campaigned for the positions by creating convincing posters and giving speeches. After the polls closed and the votes were tallied, the Sixth Grade Student Council Members are: Abigail Bail, Matthew Bail, Allison Carnahan, Emma Elkins, and Max Stork. They have begun meeting with their advisor, Ms. Brimmer, to put their ideas and plans for leading their classmates and promoting a positive, caring atmosphere into place.

The fourteen days of December are very busy at Oakwood Elementary! Our bands and choir are practicing and will be performing at different times throughout the month. Kindergartners will be showing off their gingerbread houses. Our second quarter will be coming to an end. And, the list goes on!! Amidst all of the special events, teachers are working hard to help our students make positive academic gains! (Please check out the Oakwood Elementary webpage to find out when our events are taking place and to see pictures of our kids in action!)

Oakwood Elementary Staff and Students wish you and your loved ones a Safe and Happy Christmas Season!

#### Middle School–Matt Carr

Hello from Paulding Middle School! Where has the time gone? I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Thanksgiving. We are already in December and the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and first semester is coming to an end. We are continuing to see great things happen at Paulding Middle School.

The end of the second nine weeks will be completed on December 20 and report cards will be mailed out in January. Remember you may always check grades online throughout the year as well. If you do not have access to your child's grades, please contact the office. You may also contact your child's teachers if you have any concerns with grades.

Thank you to all the parents that attended Parent-Teacher Conferences. It is important to have communication between the teachers and the parents so we can help ensure that each student is achieving to their fullest potential.

Our basketball teams and wrestling teams have been practicing for about a month now with games and matches starting in late November and early December. Good luck to all of our student-athletes this winter. It would be great if you could find time and come out and support our student-athletes who are working extremely hard.

Congratulations to the following students who earned October Student of the Month awards: Peyton Manz, Claire Miller, Tyler Schlatter, Charity Switzer, Cyrah Bradford, Braden Martinez, Larkin Yates, Haley Manz, Haden Dunakin, and Carmen Reno! Great job and keep up the hard work!

School will not be in session from Friday, December 21 through Wednesday, January 2 for Christmas break. Thursday, December 20 is an early dismissal for all students. School will be dismissed at 1:30 on that day. Please make sure to keep a positive balance on your student's lunch account, and also make sure school fees are paid. These can be paid in full or a payment plan can be set up with Mrs. Retcher in the office.

Thank you for your continued support of Paulding Middle School! Remember at Paulding Middle School we want our students to be the CHANGE that they want to see. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the office. In closing, I hope you and your family have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

#### High School–Chris Etzler

My hope is that everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday break. This week starts a very special time of year where we are able to spend time with those we cherish and love. I am looking forward to doing that with my own family. On behalf of Paulding High School, we wish you a very blessed Christmas season.

Thank you to all of the parents/family members who attended Parent-Teacher conferences in November. If you were unable to attend these dates, you can still contact your student's teachers by email, phone, or in person to discuss their progress. Do not hesitate to do this if you have questions.

I would like to congratulate Mrs. Dobbelaere, Mrs. Kelly and our students who put on great performances of "You Can't Take It With You". There was a tremendous amount of time and effort put in by many people to do this, and I say 'Thank you' for your efforts!

Our annual Senior Citizen's Breakfast will be held on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. You can reserve your spot for this special occasion by calling Cindy Kauser at 419-399-4656 ext. 1512. This is another great opportunity for our students to show off their special talents and abilities to the public.

The Band and Choir will hold their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 PM in the high school gym. Come and enjoy a fun afternoon of wonderful Christmas music to get your heart into the Season. Our students do an amazing job of performing during this concert.

By the time you read this, our girls and boys basketball teams will have started their seasons and our wrestlers will be starting theirs shortly after. Check out our school website or stop by and grab a schedule in our office. Good luck to our basketball players, cheerleaders and wrestlers this upcoming season.

Our exam schedule for the end of the first semester will be as follows: December 18-Periods 1, 5 and 7; December 19- Periods 2, 4 and 6; and December 20- Periods 7 and 8.

The second nine weeks grading period will end before Christmas this year on December 20. Please take the opportunity to check your student's grades by getting in Progress-Book to ensure they are doing what is necessary to have successful quarter. Grade cards will go out on January 8. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact your student's teachers or the office.

Congratulations to House Stupendum as they were the winning House for the first quarter of the school year. Also, thank you to the following House Sponsors for their support throughout the year: Baughman Tile, H.E. Orr Company, VFW Post 587, Fellowship of Eagles, Marco's Pizza, The State Bank & Trust, Insource Technologies, Inc., Morning Star Convenience Store, Michael M. Mott, DDS, LaFarge, Paulding Kiwanis, Paulding Putnam Coop and Integrity Ford.

Please make sure to keep a positive balance on your student's lunch account. Also, please make sure your school fees are paid as well. These can be paid in full or set up on a payment plan by calling Mrs. Mansfield in the office.

Thank you for your continued support of Paulding High School, and on behalf of my great staff and I, we wish you a very Merry Christmas!

#### SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST

The annual Senior Citizen Christmas Breakfast will be on Monday, December 10. All district residents 60 years and older are invited to join us at 8:30 a.m. (doors open at 8:15 a.m.) in the auditoria for breakfast, fellowship and entertainment. We will be showcasing the talents of our students in each building. Please call the school at 419-399-4656, ext 1512 or 419-594-3309 by December 5, to reserve a seat. Parking will be available in the lot on the corner of Emerald Road and Caroline Street.

#### CLOSINGS & DELAY INFORMATION

All closings and delay announcements are sent out through the Honeywell Instant Alert System. You can access your account to make updates by clicking on the Parent Links tab on our website. If you need assistance, please call your child's building secretary. The announcements are also posted on our website and broadcasted by the following radio and TV stations: FM 98.1, FM 99.7, TV Channels 15, 21, 33 and 24.

#### AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

American Education Week was Nov 12-16/ Paulding Exempted Village Schools would like to thank our school community for its support. The partnership of students, par-

ents, teachers, staff and community helps PEVS reach its goal of providing students with a quality education so they can grow, prosper and achieve in the 21st Century. Thank you for all you do to make our school a great place for students to learn.

#### WINTER SPORTS

Good luck to our athletes and coaches as their seasons begin. The scheduled activities will provide an opportunity for students to participate and for fans to enjoy the events. The National Federation of State High School Athletic Association advises the following for parents and other fans:

- Realize that a ticket is a privilege to observe a contest and support school activities, not a license to verbally assault others or be generally obnoxious.
- Respect decisions of contest officials.
- Be an exemplary role model by positively supporting teams in every manner possible, including content of cheers and signs.
- Respect fans, coaches and participants.

#### BE A FAN...NOT A FANATIC

All students are to remain seated once the game starts until half time. Once the second half starts, students are to remain seated until the end of the game, even if they are seated with parents.

#### ACADEMIC HALL OF FAME

Nominations are being accepted for the 2019 Academic Hall of Fame. The application and requirements are on the school website under the 'Academics' tab. The deadline in February 1, 2019.

#### FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

Schools must notify parents and eligible students annually of their rights under FERPA. Please go to the school's webpage at www.pauldingschools.org. On the Parents drop down list, click District Policies, (Policy 8330 and Form 8330 F9) Annual Notice to Parents Regarding Students Records and Specific Events/Activities.

#### ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Boys JV/Varsity Basketball		
Dec. 1	Antwerp-A	4:30p
Dec. 7	Defiance-H	4:30p
Dec. 8	Wayne Trace-A	4:30p
Dec. 14	Columbus Grove-A	6:00p
Dec. 17	Miller City-H	6:00p
Dec. 21	Bluffton-H	5:00p
Dec. 27	Bryan-@Defiance College	6:00p
Dec. 28	@Defiance College	TBA
Freshman Basketball		
Dec. 1	Antwerp-A	4:30p
Dec. 7	Defiance-H	4:30p
Dec. 8	Wayne Trace-A	4:30p
Dec. 13	Columbus Grove-A	5:00p
Dec. 21	Bluffton-H	5:00p
Girls JV/Varsity Basketball		
Dec. 4	Hicksville-A	6:00p
Dec. 6	Spencerville-A	6:00p
Dec. 11	Wayne Trace-A	6:00p
Dec. 13	Columbus Grove-H	6:00p
Dec. 17	Montpelier-A	6:00p
Dec. 18	Holgate-A	6:00p
Dec. 20	Bluffton-A	6:30p
Dec. 28	Bryan Holiday Classic-A	7:30p
Dec. 29	Bryan Holiday Classic-A	TBA
Varsity Wrestling		
Dec. 1	Gibsonburg/Golden Bear Invite-A	9:30a
Dec. 8	Tinora Duals-A	9:00a
Dec. 11	Ayersville/Col Grove-H	5:00p
Dec. 16	Edgerton Invitational-A	9:00a
JH Boys Basketball		
Dec. 4	Crestview-A	5:00p
Dec. 6	Van Wert-H	5:00p
Dec. 10	Bryan-A	5:00p
Dec. 11	Spencerville-H	5:00p
Dec. 13	Tinora-A	5:00p
JH Girls Basketball		
Dec. 3	Antwerp-A	5:00p
Dec. 4	Crestview-H	5:00p
Dec. 5	Van Wert-A	5:00p
Dec. 10	Bryan-H	5:00p
Dec. 11	Spencerville-A	5:00p
Dec. 17	Edgerton-H	5:00p
JH Wrestling		
Dec. 1	Wayne Trace Invite-A	9:00a
Dec. 8	Bryan Invitational-A	9:00a
Dec. 10	Ayersville/Col Grove-H	5:00p

#### DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Dec. 3	Band Booster Meeting	7:00p
Dec. 3	Week of FFA Fruit Delivery	
Dec. 6	PE 4th gr Christmas Prog., Aud.	7:30p
Dec. 8	ACT Test	7:30a-1:00p
Dec. 10	Senior Citizens' Christmas Bkfst	8:30a
Dec. 12	Athletic Booster Meeting	5:30p
Dec. 14	OE 5th gr Band prog –Oakwood	7:00p
Dec. 16	Band & Choir Concert, HS Gym	3:00p
Dec. 18	Oakwood Christmas Program	7:00p
Dec. 18	Board Meeting, Adm. Bldg.	7:00p
Dec. 18-20	High School Exams	
Dec. 19	OE Kdg Gingerbread House Display	
Dec. 20	End of the 2nd Quarter	
Dec. 20	1:30 Early Dismissal	
Dec. 21-Jan 2	CHRISTMAS BREAK	
Jan. 3	Classes Resume	

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

