



**SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

The 2018-2019 school year is off to a great start thanks to the efforts of everyone associated with Paulding Exempted Village Schools. The summer proves to be an excellent time for teaching and non-teaching staff to prepare for the new school year. Our staff worked very hard preparing the buildings, busses, and working on new academic initiatives. If you get an opportunity, be sure to thank our hard working and dedicated staff. We similarly have a number of staff members that are new to the district who are excited to be part of the Panther family. Please make them feel welcome. I hope you take time to visit our buildings and see for yourself the great things happening here at PEVS. I want to thank the parents of our school district for being so understanding and cooperative while dropping kids off and picking them up from our buildings. Please continue to watch the flow of traffic and keep moving so that others can also drop off or pick up their kids as well. We are working with local law enforcement officials at the Paulding site to be sure we are not blocking village streets. Again thanks for your cooperation. Likewise, we would like to thank you for working with us on the change to *Final Forms*. We recognize that in many cases this has been a challenge; however, in the end it will be more efficient for everyone.

With the beginning of the school year, many adjustments will be made to our bus routes as students move and new students come into the district. Please bear with us as this process may take a little time; however, rest assured we will work it out with the safety of all students being the top priority. We would like to remind families that students are only allowed one pick up and one drop off stop, **although we do allow students to get off the bus at a different stop if the following conditions are met:** 1-The student is still riding his/her regular bus; 2-The stop is on the regular route; 3-There is a signed note from the parent requesting the change for that day. The note must be presented to the office in advance and signed by the principal or secretary. Keep in mind any changes in bus transportation may require a minimum of two days to process. **Please be patient and contact the Superintendent's office if you have questions.**

**At the regular August Board of Education meeting, the Board voted to place the renewal of the 5-year Emergency Levy on the November 2018 General Election Ballot. This levy generates \$418,250 annually for operating expenses and has provided financial support to the district since 1981. No new taxes!!** 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. We are very appreciative of the financial resources you provide us to support our students and programs. The excellent things happening in our schools would not be possible without your continued support.

The district is expecting to receive their annual report card in the near future. Testing windows have been established through the Ohio Department of Education for annual assessments. Third grade students will be taking the Third Grade ELA test in late-October. High school students will be completing make-up end of course exams which take place December 3 – January 11. Exact test dates will be determined at a later date.

I am looking forward to a great school year, which will bring new opportunities and challenges. If you have comments or concerns about the school district, please feel free to contact me at any time. My email address is [k\\_amstutz@pauldingschools.org](mailto:k_amstutz@pauldingschools.org) - phone number 419-399-4656 x 1510.

**Go Panthers!!**  
 Ken Amstutz, Superintendent

**NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS**

**Paulding Elementary-Greg Puthoff**

The 2018-2019 school year has started very well. I met with all the students and discussed the rules, procedures and expectations we will use this year at Paulding Elementary School. The Paulding Elementary Handbook is on our webpage, under the Parent Links. Please review the handbook with your children. Use the handbook as a reference throughout the school year. The handbook has our District Calendar showing when school is in session and days off. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns. My door is always open to students, staff and parents. I encourage parents to monitor grades through Progress-Book and stay in contact with teachers as we move through

the school year. Our students will do better if we all work together.

Also on our website under the Parent Links is Final Forms. If you have not filled these forms out for your students and need help, please call the office at 419-399-4656, ext. 1312. Someone will be glad to help you. Attendance of our students has been excellent so far. Our students don't learn as well if they miss school too often. If your child(ren) are sick or have an appointment, I understand they will miss school. Please try to schedule any appointment after school if possible. We are planning many student activities to expand the learning process outside the classroom. Students learn in many different ways and we are trying to promote the different learning styles. You can help by reading books and writing letters to grandparents or friends at home. Take your children to museums, libraries, musical and sporting events that occur throughout the school year.

We will not have school on Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> (Labor Day) or Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, (Teacher Professional Development Day). Midterms will be sent home on Tuesday, September 18th. Paulding Elementary did not receive the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant this year, so there is no afterschool program this year. The Paulding County Carnegie Library is offering an afterschool program from 3:00 – 4:00 starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. You must be 10 years old. Please contact the library to sign up. **Picture Day at Paulding Elementary is scheduled on Monday, October 1st.**

Please be careful when driving around Paulding Schools 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 where fantastic things are happening!!

I am so proud of the staff and students here at Oakwood Elementary! We have gotten off to a great start. The building looks beautiful, rooms are brightly decorated and arranged so optimal learning can take place, and students have been coming in each morning with positive attitudes and a genuine excitement for learning. I want to give a special thanks to the parents of our students for the encouragement and support you give your children to make this the best educational opportunity possible. When we all have high expectations and work together to promote education, our children will be successful!

The first few days of school are always filled with so many NEW things - learning new routines, new rules, and new expectations; making new friends; remembering locker and lunch numbers; and putting on new tennis shoes for the first time in three months! This year there was something new for mom and dad, too. Thanks to each of you who have already taken the time to register your child on Final Forms! I know it was time consuming to complete all of the on-line forms this year, but this will save time in the future when you only need to enter information that has changed. It also allows you to be sure the school has the up-to-date information for your child, as you can change phone numbers, addresses, emergency contacts, etc. at any time right from your phone or computer. I can assure you all of the forms are important and aid us in keeping your child safe. If you have not completed Final Forms yet, please make it a priority to do so. If you have questions about anything you are reading and/or filling out, please call us. We will be happy to help you get the forms completed.

A few weeks ago, the Cooper Family Foundation announced the recipients of the 2018 Cooper Education Grants for Oakwood Elementary. Congratulations go to Mrs. Arend, Ms. Austin, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Grimes, Mrs. Hiser, Mrs. Horstman, Mrs. LaBoe, Ms. March, Mrs. K. Miller, Mrs. Norbeck, Mrs. Ripke, Mrs. Schroeder, and Mrs. Wehrkamp for having their grant applications approved! A huge "THANK YOU!" goes to the Cooper Family for offering this competitive grant to the teachers at Oakwood Elementary. We have many, many resources and materials available to use in our lessons that have been purchased through Cooper Grants over the years; and we are very grateful.

We are looking forward to a great school year! We know Oakwood Elementary students are capable of meeting the learning standards set by the State of Ohio; and we are started on our way to success!! As always, we need and appreciate the support of our whole community to make it happen – thank you for being there for us!

**Middle School-Matt Carr**

Hello from Paulding Middle School! We cannot be any happier on how the first few weeks of school have gone. The staff and

students are off to a great start. This year we are asking the students to be the CHANGE that they want to see. We have been focused on having a positive attitude and trying to get the students to expect excellence in everything they do. The students are the ones that are responsible for making the CHANGE that they want to see.

Thank you to those who have filled out their Final Forms already. If you have students in school, these online forms take the place of the first day registration forms that have been sent home in the past. Please contact the office at 419-399-4656, ext. 1212, for directions if you still need to fill these forms out. Our annual Middle School fundraiser will run this year through September 5. This year we are selling a variety of items including trash bags and cookie dough. Also, new this year, our fundraiser will have an online component, where merchandise can be ordered and paid for online and delivered to the purchaser's house. This way orders can be placed with credit or debit card and distance should not prevent a student from asking a relative or friend. Our kickoff was held on August 23, and delivery should be around October 1. Please see a Middle School student and ask them about this fundraiser! The money raised during this fundraiser will help with our TEAM activities.

Fall pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 13.

Please make sure to keep a positive balance on your student's lunch account. Also, please 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.

Our athletic teams have been practicing hard through the month of August to prepare for the fall sports season. Our teams' schedules are on our school website. It would be great to see many supporters at a football game, volleyball game, or cross-country meet. We wish our athletes and coaches good luck this fall!

Our first in-service day for teachers will be held on Tuesday, September 4. Students will not have to report to school on this day. Enjoy the four-day weekend! First nine weeks' interim reports will be sent out on Tuesday, September 18.

Thank you for your continued support of Paulding Middle School. If you ever have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact the Middle School office.

**High School-Chris Etzler**

Hello from Paulding High School! We are completing our first couple of days of school as of this writing. Our staff and students returned to a very clean school, as our custodial staff did a tremendous job over the summer getting the building ready. I want to publicly tell them Thank You! I also want to thank parents and family members for coming to meet teachers and to allow their students to get acclimated to a new building and/or classrooms at our Open House, as well as attending our fall Meet the Teams and Band night. Both events were very well attended again this year.

Thank you for filling out the new online 'beginning of the year' forms in Final Forms. For those of you that still need to do this and need help, please call the office at 419-399-4656 ext. 1112. Someone will be glad to help you.

The first days of school have been busy ones here at PHS. The first day of school had a two hour delay for upperclassmen while we had a Transition/Orientation time with our freshmen. They were able to meet the teaching staff, take a tour of the building, walk their class schedule, and receive important information from the guidance office and the media center. On Day 2, our freshmen and new students were inducted into the House that they will be in during the high school career. We ended our first week of school with a pep session to recognize our fall athletes and band members and to get our football team fired up for our first game of the season. Please come out and support our fall athletes and band members at their events this season. Team schedules are available in our office.

PHS and the Paulding Athletic Department will be holding a Drive 4 UR School Event on Friday, September 7 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM in the Emerald Road parking lot. Please support our students by coming to the school and test driving a 2018 Ford car or truck before going to the first home football game against Antwerp that evening. For more information, please call the office at 419-399-4656 ext. 1110.

Our first in-service day for teachers will be held on Tuesday, September 4. Students will not have to report to school on this day. Enjoy the four day weekend!

The deadline for fees for those students in extra-curricular activities is Thursday, September 13 by 3:00 PM. All fees must be paid or put on a payment plan with first pay-

ment made in order for students to participate. For information regarding a payment plan, please call 419-399-4656 ext. 1112.

First nine weeks' interim reports will be sent out on Tuesday, September 18.

Please make sure to keep a positive balance on your student's lunch account.

Thank you for your continued support of Paulding High School!

**DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

The Board designates as student "directory information": a student's name; address; telephone number; date and place of birth; major field of study; participation in officially-recognized activities and sports; height and weight, if a member of an athletic team; dates of attendance; date of graduation; awards received; honor rolls; or scholarships. The Board will make the above information available upon a legitimate request unless a parent, guardian, or adult student notifies the School in writing within five (5) days from the date of this notification that she/he will not permit distribution of any or all such information. Directory information will not be provided to any organization for any profit-making purpose. See policy 8330 for more information.

**PRESALE FOOTBALL TICKETS**

Tickets for Friday night football games will be on sale every Thursday and Friday from 10:55am-12:05pm in the Auditoria, and also all day Thursday and Friday at Oakwood Elementary. Paulding Elementary may turn money into their teacher and the tickets will be given back to the teacher.

**ATHLETIC CALENDAR**

<b>Varsity Football</b>		
Sept. 7	Antwerp-H	7:00
Sept. 14	Columbus Grove-T	7:00
Sept. 21	Bluffton-H	7:00
Sept. 29	D.Jefferson-T	7:00
<b>JV Football</b>		
Sept. 1	Fairview-H	10:00
Sept. 8	Crestview-T	10:00
Sept. 15	Columbus Grove-H	10:00
Sept. 22	Bluffton-T	11:00
<b>Jr. High Football</b>		
Sept. 4	Wayne Trace (7th gd)-T	5:00
Sept. 6	Columbus Grove-T	5:00
Sept. 11	Crestview (7th gd) - T	5:00
Sept. 13	LCC-H	5:00
Sept. 20	Spencerville-T	5:00
Sept. 27	Crestview-H	5:00
<b>JV/Varsity Volleyball</b>		
Sept. 4	Montpelier-T	5:30
Sept. 6	Ayersville-H	5:30
Sept. 10	Defiance-H (triple)	4:30
Sept. 11	Spencerville-A	5:30
Sept. 13	Columbus Grove-H	5:30
Sept. 18	Bluffton-T	5:30
Sept. 20	Allen East-H	5:30
Sept. 24	Delta-T (triple)	4:45
Sept. 25	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:30
Sept. 27	Ada-H	5:30
Sept. 29	Archbold Spiketacular-T	9:00
<b>Freshman Volleyball</b>		
Sept. 10	Defiance-H	4:30
Sept. 24	Delta-H	4:45
<b>JH Volleyball</b>		
Sept. 4	Bryan-H	5:00
Sept. 6	Antwerp-H	4:30
Sept. 10	Crestview-H	5:00
Sept. 11	Wayne Trace-T	5:00
Sept. 13	Spencerville-T	5:00
Sept. 18	Edgerton-H	5:00
Sept. 20	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:00
Sept. 24	Lincolnview-H	5:00
Sept. 27	Crestview-T	5:00
<b>Boys Golf</b>		
Sept. 4	Bryan-H	4:15
Sept. 8	Antwerp Invite-T	8:30
Sept. 10	Ada/Grove/DJ-H	4:15
Sept. 11	Bluffton/LV@AE-T	4:15
Sept. 18	Ada@Bluffton-T	4:15
Sept. 20	NWC@Jefferson	9:00
Sept. 22	Tinora Invite-T	9:00
Sept. 26	Antwerp/Holgate-H	4:15
<b>Cross Country</b>		
Sept. 1	Grove Invite-T	9:00
Sept. 4	Holgate@Bryan-T	5:00
Sept. 8	Spencerville Inv.-T	9:00
Sept. 11	Woodlan@Antwerp-T	4:30
Sept. 15	OG Blue/Gold Invite-T	9:00
Sept. 22	VanWert Co Hosp Inv-T	9:00
Sept. 29	Kalida Invite	9:00
<b>Varsity Boys Soccer</b>		
Sept. 1	Delta-T	11:00
Sept. 4	Toledo Christian-H	5:00
Sept. 10	Allen East-H	5:00
Sept. 11	Ft. Jennings-H	5:00
Sept. 15	Ottoville-T	11:00
Sept. 18	Evergreen-H	5:00
Sept. 29	Liberty Center-T	11:00
<b>Varsity Girls Soccer</b>		
Sept. 6	Ottoville-H	5:00
Sept. 10	Crestview-T	7:00
Sept. 13	Evergreen-T	7:00
Sept. 17	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:00
Sept. 18	Napoleon-T	7:00
Sept. 20	Bluffton-H	6:00
Sept. 29	Defiance-T	1:00

**DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS**

Sept. 3	NO SCHOOL-LABOR DAY	
Sept. 4	NO SCHOOL-PROF. DEV. DAY	
Sept. 5	MS Fundraiser ends	
Sept. 6	OE Picture day	
Sept. 7	Drive 4 UR School	10:00-5:00
Sept. 8	ACT Test	
Sept. 12	Athletic Booster Meeting	5:30
Sept. 13	MS Picture day	
Sept. 17	Financial Aide night	6:00
Sept. 18	Board Mtg-Admin. Bd. Room	7:00
Sept. 18	Mid-term reports sent home	
Sept. 28	October ACT deadline	