



PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

AUGUST 2009 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

Thanks to the generosity of our local newspaper, we will be publishing our school newsletter in the *Weekly Reminder* and *Paulding Progress* this year. They have agreed to provide this service to the school district free of charge. We appreciate the support in these tough economic times and the savings to our taxpayers.

The 2009-2010 school year is just around the corner with opening day for students on August 24. The custodians have been busy preparing the buildings for the upcoming school year and their hard work is appreciated. Open house for all buildings will be on August 20. We invite everyone to stop in, tour the buildings, meet new staff members, as well as visit with returning staff. Community support is a vital part of any successful school district, and I look forward to working with our communities this year to continue strengthening the education we provide at Paulding Exempted Village Schools.

Yours in Education,
Pat Ross

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary-Wendy Nash

Everyone is eagerly getting ready for the new school year. The first day of school is August 24 for grades 1-5. The first day of school is August 26 for preschoolers and August 27 for kindergartners. Kindergarten orientation will be August 24, 25 and 26. You should receive a letter in the mail to give you details. If you have not registered your child/children you can do so starting August 11 at the Paulding Elementary office. Hours are 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Open house will be August 20 from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. We look forward to a very productive and positive school year!

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Hello from Oakwood Elementary!
As you read this, I hope you are enjoying a safe summer! It is hard to believe it is already August. I am fairly certain no matter what the calendar says, July only had about ten days in it; and it seems as though August's days only have about five hours in each of them! Time is flying by as we are preparing for the new school year.

Class lists for 2009-2010 will be publicized this week. They are posted on our main door here at Oakwood Elementary and will appear in local newspapers. Our school supply lists were sent home in the grade card envelopes in May; but if you need another copy, I have the list here in the office. Feel free to stop in and pick one up.

The results of the Grades 3-8 Ohio Achievement Tests arrived in our district in mid-June. Parent reports were mailed home to Oakwood Elementary families the second week of July. Oakwood Elementary passed 8 of its 12 indicators and was rated an effective school by the State of Ohio. We have room for improvement, as we are always striving for excellence; however, we are thankful for the effort our students put into giving their best on each assignment and learning activity throughout the year. We also appreciate the support we feel from our students' parents, as they encourage their children to make the most of the educational opportunities provided.

A special note to our parents: On the first days of school, several forms will come home with your children that need to be completed and returned to school, as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for promptly seeing to what I refer to as "Annual Parent Homework." Please be assured that each form is important. If you have any questions as you are completing them, please contact the office (419-594-3346); and we will help you.

Again, I hope you are enjoying summertime! I look forward to seeing you at our Open House on Thursday, August 20, from 5:30 to 7:00. Everyone is welcome!

Middle School-David Stallkamp

Greetings from the Middle School:

We are rapidly closing in on the start of another school year. Hopefully your summer went well and you are now ready to get back to the work at hand. The first day of school for students will be Monday, August 24.

Our annual Open House will be held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 20,

2009. Please come out and tour the building, walk through your child's schedule, and get the lockers ready to go for day one. Class schedules, locker information, school supply lists etc. will be mailed out sometime mid-August. This mailing will give each student all the information they will require for the first day of school. If you do NOT receive any information by August 19, please contact Mrs. Retcher or Mrs. Langhals at the school so that they can get you up to date on these needed materials.

One of the topics I will be discussing at the grade level meetings with the students will be **Getting Involved**. I am a firm believer that students do better in school when they become a true part of the school. We offer many extracurricular activities to keep them involved. If your student is interested in any sport, please contact Mr. Chris Etzler at ext. 1245 for details regarding activities.

Our annual Fund Raiser will be kicking off in early September. Please keep this in mind and on your list of things to support. We only hold one of these a year and all this money goes to items for the students. Our sale will run from September 1-14. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

We welcome two new staff members to Paulding Middle School for 2009-10. Miss Karen Schlatter will be moving to the 6th grade math position. Miss Jena Horstman will be teaching 8th grade math. We welcome both to our staff and hope they have a great year.

Just a reminder-school starts at 7:40 a.m. The warning bell will ring at 7:35 and at that time all students should be heading towards their FIRST PERIOD CLASS. You will be counted tardy if you arrive to the room after the 7:40 bell. The school doors will open at 7:15 a.m. and all students are asked to report to the auditoria.

Workbook fee reminders will be sent home soon. These fees **MUST** be paid in order for your student to participate in any extracurricular activity, purchase memory books or school pictures or participate in our yearly 8th grade graduation ceremony. Call Mrs. Retcher at ext. 1212 if you are interested in a payment plan for these fees.

Finally, the building is in tremendous shape. It looks beautiful. A big THANK YOU to the summer staff for the fantastic job in getting us ready for another year. Let's work hard to keep it looking this good all year.

I, again, look forward to your return for school year 09-10. I hope that it will be a good one for all of us.

High School-Todd Harmon

Welcome back to school as we look forward to another year of Excellent education. I would like to thank our custodial staff for getting the building into Excellent condition. The high school team is preparing to help all students excel as we celebrate receiving another Excellent rating from the Ohio Department of Education. I want to congratulate the high school staff for achieving this goal. We will be having the "Meet the Teams" night August 17 at 6:30 in the high school gym so please come and support your Paulding Panthers! Our high school office will be open from 8:00-4:00 on August 17 and again on August 18 from 11:00-7:00 p.m. for parents and guardians to make payments on fees, work on schedules or answer any questions you may have as we get started into the 2009-10 school year. Open house is another opportunity where you can meet our friendly, caring and personable staff on August 20 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. We want to better serve you, the community, so please stop in and let us help you and your child have a safe and fun school year as we challenge and prepare them with an Excellent education. Student's first day of school is August 24. Students may start entering the building at 7:15 a.m. with the first class starting at 7:40 a.m. I would strongly encourage students to come early to prevent being late to classes due to locker problems or questions regarding schedules. If questions arise, please let your child know they can ask any of our helpful staff to assist with their needs.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

We welcome the following personnel to the school district:
Nicholas Alvarez, P.E. Preschool; Matthew Carr, P.E. 5th grade and JV girls basketball coach; Casey Homier, P.E. 1st grade; Jena Horstman, M.S. Math and JV volleyball coach; Chelsea Kehnast, H.S. Guidance Counselor; Wendy Nashu, P.E. Principal;

Maria Rellinger, Treasurer; Lyndsi Shinger -P.E. 4th grade and girls head basketball coach; Danette Kochenour-P.E. cafeteria cashier.

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 children to school should drop them off at the horseshoe drive on Water Street. Designated visitor parking is available. Please utilize this to enter the elementary through their entrance and the middle school/high school through the doors under the panther.

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

School is delayed or closed for bad weather because of concern for student safety. The Superintendent and Support Services Supervisor check weather conditions every school morning. If fog (which can develop late), snow or ice makes the bus turnarounds and routes too dangerous, school is delayed or closed.

The Paulding Exempted Village Schools use a two-hour delay and then, if necessary, close. The two-hour delay provides time for the weather conditions to change. 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>. 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, switchboard answering machine and area radio/TV stations. The new website address is: pauldingschools.org

The announcement is normally called into radio/TV stations by 6:00 a.m., though fog can cause a later call.

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.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PRICES

The breakfast and lunch prices at Oakwood Elementary and Paulding Elementary remain the same as last year. Extra milk is \$.35 for all students.

Elementary	MS/HS
Breakfast-\$1.35	Breakfast-\$1.60
Lunch-\$2.20	Lunch-\$2.45
	Salad/Panther Plate-\$2.85

NOTICE FOR ABSENCE

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

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 made be obtained by contacting the principal in your child's building or by accessing the Ohio Department of Education website at <http://webapp2.ode.state.oh.us/core/>. 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>.

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 Maria

Rellinger at 419-399-4656, ext. 1550.

FALL SEASON TICKETS

Fall season tickets will be on sale the following dates and locations:

Aug. 10, 12, 19 & 21	Auditeria	2:00-5:00
Aug. 17	Commons	4:00-7:30
Aug. 20	Auditeria	6:00-8:00
Aug. 27 & 28	Auditeria	10:30-12:00

Season tickets will **NOT** be sold at the gate.

Season Ticket Prices	Adult	Student
Football	\$25	\$15
Football w/res. seat	\$30	\$30
Volleyball	\$25	\$20

Family All-Sport: \$100 (Includes children in grades 1-12)

Family All-Sport w/reserved seat for football: \$100 + \$5/person

All Sport (Gen. adm. to all HS/JH fall sports) \$45 \$25

All Sport w/Res. Seat for football: \$50

All Sport for athletes in fall sport: \$10

BLACK SWAMP BOWL

The Black Swamp Bowl will take place at the football game between Paulding and Wayne Trace on August 28. The rival teams will be playing for the Black Swamp Bowl trophy. In order to help the Panthers win this trophy, show school spirit and help our local food bank, t-shirts will be sold with the Black Swamp Bowl logo. The proceeds from the sale of these shirts will be donated to our local food bank. The shirts will cost \$10 and may be purchased at the home scrimmage with Fairview on August 15, Meet the Team night on August 17, the first week of school and the Wayne Trace game on August 28. What a great way to show our school spirit and help a worthwhile organization at the same time!

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

The Paulding High School Athletic Department will induct three new members into its Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, August 28. This induction will take place at Keysor Field at 6:45 p.m. before Paulding's varsity football game vs. Wayne Trace. The new inductees are former teacher, athletic director and head football coach Steve Clark; former athlete Joel Parrett; and former teacher, head football and track coach Leo Stiger.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

8th Grade Football		
Aug. 27	Wayne Trace-T	5:00
JV Football		
Aug. 29	Wayne Trace-T	7:00
Varsity Football		
Aug. 15	Scrimmage-Fairview-H	10:00
Aug. 28	Wayne Trace-H	7:30
Cross Country		
Aug. 29	Defiance Early Bird-T	10:00
Golf		
Aug. 10	Defiance Invitational-T	9:00
Aug. 18	Antwerp/Hicksville/Hilltop-H	4:00
Aug. 27	Bluffton@Ada-T	4:00
Aug. 28	Wayne Trace-H	4:00
Aug. 29	Allen East Inv.-T	8:00
JH Volleyball		
Aug. 31	Lincolnview-H	5:00

AUGUST DISTRICT CALENDAR

Aug. 10-14	3rd Gr. Reading OAT Tutoring-OakEl
Aug. 10	Class lists posted on elementary doors and published in local newspaper
Aug. 17	Meet the Teams/Band Night-H.S. Gym 6:30
Aug. 18	Board Mtg-Admin. Bd. Room 7:00
Aug. 20	Open House-See Schedule Below
Aug. 24	First Day of School for Students
Aug. 24-25	Orientation for Pre-school-Teachers will schedule appointments
Aug. 24-26	Orientation for Kindergarten-Teachers will schedule appointments
Aug. 24	Band Booster Mtg-Band Room 7:00
Aug. 26	First day of school for Pre-school
Aug. 27	First day of school for Kindergarten
Aug. 28	Hall of Fame Induction-Keysor Fld 6:45

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

You may want to clip and keep this calendar as it lists important dates throughout the school year.		
Aug. 20	Open Houses:	
	Oakwood Elem.	5:30-7:00 p.m.
	Paulding Elem.	6:00-7:30 p.m.
	M.S./H.S. School	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Aug. 24	First day of school for Students	
Sept. 7	No School-Labor Day	
Nov. 5 & 10	Parent-Teacher Conf.	4:30-7:30 p.m.
Nov. 25	No School Due to Parent-Teacher Conf.	
Nov. 26-27	No School-Thanksgiving Break	
Dec. 23-Jan. 1	No School-Christmas Break	
Jan. 18	No School-Martin Luther King Day	
Feb. 9 & 11	Parent-Teacher Conf.	4:30-7:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	No School Due to Parent-Teacher Conf.	
Feb. 15	No School-Presidents' Day	
Apr. 2-6	No School-Easter Break	
May 24	Last Day of School for Students	
May 30	Senior Graduation	2:30 p.m.