



# PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

## SEPTEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER



### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

We have had a great start to the school year and appreciate the community support. Thank you for taking the time to visit the buildings and meet the teachers during Open House. The District Report Card was released from the Ohio Department of Education. We are pleased that the Paulding Exempted Village Schools District is rated Effective, but will continue to work hard to reach the Excellent level. Both Paulding Elementary and Paulding Middle School were also rated Effective. Oakwood Elementary and Paulding High School earned the rating of Excellent. Our success is a partnership between the school, families and the communities and we will continue working hard to improve the education that each child receives.

A new law in Ohio waives instructional fees for students who are eligible for free school meals. Students who are eligible will receive a consent form to allow the school district to use the income information the family provided on the *Free and Reduced Meal Application Form*. This consent form must be returned to the school before fees may be waived. Call your building principal if you have any questions about the fee waiver program. Families who qualify are still responsible for paying fees from previous years, and each office can assist in setting up a payment plan if needed.

The fall sports programs are in full swing. Take time to attend an activity and support the students in their extracurricular activities. Senior citizen passes are available in the administration building for district residents who are ages 65 and over. These passes grant free admission to all home athletic events.

I am looking forward to another great school year. If you have comments or concerns about the school district, please feel free to contact me at any time. My email address is [p\\_ross@pauldingschools.org](mailto:p_ross@pauldingschools.org) and the phone number is 419-399-4656.

Yours in Education,  
Pat Ross

### NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

#### Paulding Elementary-Wendy Nash

The first week of school was tremendous! The positive attitudes of the students and staff came through strongly on school work and interactions. Many volunteers have been coordinated by the PTO to assist throughout the school. We are very grateful for their assistance. If you are interested in being a volunteer please send a note to your child's teacher with your name and availability. We will pass this on to the PTO to make sure they have this information for future needs.

I am very happy to see the traffic flowing more fluidly in the morning through the horseshoe parking lot. Thank you for listening to and following directions from adults supervising in the morning. Directions to assist with a continued flow of traffic are:

- Use the horseshoe only to drop off students who do not need walked to the door. Please park in a parking spot if you are walking your child to the door.
- Pull around the horseshoe as far as you can go before stopping for a drop off of your child. This assists with allowing more cars to pull up behind you to drop off students.
- Use the outer edge sidewalks closest to the buildings when walking from the parking area. This is safer than crossing through the traffic flow near the entrance.
- No parking (leaving your car unattended) around the horseshoe during pick up and drop off times. This will prevent back-ups in traffic flow.

The PAWS program is going strong and students are showing wonderful positive character traits. If you have any suggestions for supporting the weekly character trait word please let the principal know. We would love to carry these over to home and community as we all grow together.

REMINDER: Please make sure you stop in the office to sign in before going anywhere in the building. You will be redirected back to the office if you have not signed in. Your cooperation with this will assist with consistency.

As we all look at the year ahead there are some things that you can do as parents to support your child's success in school. A few suggestions include:

- Set a before and after school routine at home
  - ◊ Have a consistent wake up time and bed time.

- ◊ Try to have dinner at the same time each night.
- ◊ Set a time for homework.
- ◊ Set a time for relaxation and enjoyment. (family time)
- Find a space where students can do homework that has little distractions.
- Limit the amount of time with TV, computer and video games.

Thank you for a great start to a new year. The children have been very respectful of one another and adults throughout the building. Keep up the great work at home!

#### Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Hello from Oakwood Elementary! I am going to try to get my portion of the PEVS District Newsletter finished before heading to the Oakwood Park for a Back-To-School Bash, sponsored by our very own PTO. I hope to see lots of families gathering for free food, raffles and an evening of fun celebrating the beginning of a new school year! Oakwood Elementary has a great PTO, and this is just one of the many really neat things they have in store for us this school year.

As I write this article, we are nearing the end of our first week of school – a full week! Today our kindergarteners joined us, and now we have everyone on board. I am very proud of the students and staff of Oakwood Elementary for the GREAT start we have made this year. The classrooms, building, and grounds look wonderful; our materials and supplies are all here; the students have arrived each day with positive attitudes; and we were able to hit the ground running! A special thank you to parents, teachers and the community for your roles in making this school year the best educational opportunity possible for our children.

I am proud to announce that Oakwood Elementary has earned the rating of an "Excellent School" by the State of Ohio for the second year in a row-Congratulations, staff and students! This rating is determined by many factors, including Ohio Achievement Test scores. I can assure you we will continue to make adjustments and improvements to our lessons to meet the needs of all of our students, always working to maintain this rating.

We will be participating in Safe Schools Week September 14-18. Teachers will review the emergency drill procedures and evacuation routes, and we will practice all drills at some point during the week. We take this practice very seriously; at the same time, we hope there is never a need to actually implement them. This may be a good time to review or create these same safety procedures with your family at home.

I want to say a special thank you to the many individuals, businesses and organizations who donated school supply kits in early August! We are looking forward to a great school year! 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-David Stallkamp

Hello from the Middle School:

First-a big THANK YOU to everyone for the fantastic start to yet another school year. Everything has gone very well and hopefully this will continue throughout the year.

A couple of items need attention. First is the return of all needed forms and important papers, especially the **Emergency Medical Form**. This is the **MOST** important document we have on file in case of an emergency. Please make sure to list as many contacts as possible on this form. Second is your student's agenda. Please make sure your child is filling this out **DAILY** and staying up to date on all assignments and homework. They should be writing down daily assignments and bringing this agenda home everyday for you to review. If they use their agenda wisely, they will not fall behind in their schoolwork.

Our annual **FUND RAISER** kicked off on September 2. This is the only fund raiser we will be doing as a total student population. The school uses this money in a variety of ways, all of which benefit the students. I thank you for your support in this once a year sale. Deadline for orders is September 21.

Our sports teams have gotten off to a good start. (We could use some more players on the 7th and 8th grade football teams. If your child is interested, stop in the office for more information.) Our 8th grade football team opened play August 27. The 7th grade football team starts action September 7. Our volleyball ladies are set and ready. They have played matches already and are looking forward to seeing fans come out and watch them play. Please check the Athletic Calendar at the right of this page for dates and times of all September events. The cheerleaders are also working extremely hard in their routines. Many times we forget just

how hard these cheerleaders work to get ready for their events. I appreciate the efforts of all of our athletes and all who are involved in the extracurriculars at school.

September 14-18 will be our annual **SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK**. Drills will be held to prepare us for any type of emergency. The drills are taken very seriously and we hope we will never have to use any of them.

Our 7th graders will be taking the **Iowa Tests of Basic Skills** the week of September 21-25. You will be getting more information on this as we get closer to those dates.

**Mid term reports** will be coming home on September 29. Please stay on your child to perform well in school. These reports are a great indicator of just how well your child is doing in the classroom.

Have a great September and **thank you** for your continued support of Paulding Middle School.

#### High School-Todd Harmon

It has been a great start to the 2009-10 school year with many students and parents visiting the school and their teachers at our open house. Our first few days have gone relatively smoothly as some students have made schedule changes and everyone is becoming familiar with their schedules.

One of the biggest concerns as the school year progresses is student attendance. Please notify the office by phone if your student is going to be absent **and** send a note when he/she returns to school. We want to continue to improve in this area as attendance is so very important for student learning and staying organized. It is also an indicator that the state measures and reflects on the State Report Card. We must have over 93% to meet the standard. We want our students to reach higher standards and one of the most important ways parents can help is to make sure your child is getting to school. Your help will ensure that the school your child attends will continue to be rated Excellent and be a place we can all be proud of.

Our students have been working hard at practice with many of our extracurricular activities. Please take the time to come out and support your Paulding Panthers as they pursue excellence in their competitions.

Free and reduced lunch forms can be picked up in the high school office. Please be sure to maintain a positive balance in your child's lunch account if he/she does not pack lunch. Both grades and lunch accounts can be checked through the school website and parents are encouraged to utilize these services to make your child's school experience successful and rewarding.

School picture day is coming quickly and is scheduled for September 21. Order forms will be out soon. Jostens will be meeting with the freshmen and senior classes soon to take ring and graduation material orders.

I want to thank the community for its support and encourage you to contact your child's teacher when a question arises. Go Panthers!

#### WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

We welcome the following personnel to the school district: Anna Lamb, O.E. 1/2 time Title I; Anne Myers, P.E. Intervention; Amy Wannemacher, P.E. Title I; Jessica Goyings-P.E. cook/server; Karin Weible-O.E. cook/server; David Smith, bus driver; Kevin Vance, bus driver and O.E. 1/2 time custodian; and Santana Arellano, O.E. library aide.

#### NONDISCRIMINATION/ACCESS TO EQUAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

The Board of Education declares it to be the policy of this District to provide an equal opportunity for all students, regardless of race, color, creed, disability, religion, gender, ancestry, age, national origin, military status, ancestry, place of residence within the boundaries of the District, or social or economic background, to learn through the curriculum offered in this District.

#### POLICY ON DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS

In accordance with Federal Law, the Board of Education prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of drugs by students on school grounds, in school or school-approved vehicles, or at any school-related event. Drugs include any alcoholic beverage, anabolic steroid, dangerous controlled substance as defined by State statute, or substance that could be considered a "look-alike" controlled substance. Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all students. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with due process and as specified in the student handbooks, up to and including expulsion from school. When required by State law, the District will also notify law enforcement officials.

The District is concerned about any student who is a victim of alcohol or drug abuse and

will facilitate the process by which s/he receives help through programs and services available in the community. Students and their parents should contact the school principal or counseling office whenever such help is needed.

#### 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 s/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.

#### ATHLETIC CALENDAR

7th Grade Football		
Sept. 8	Wayne Trace-H	4:30
Sept. 15	Crestview-H	5:00
Sept. 24	Fairview-T	4:30
Sept. 29	Bluffton-T	5:00

8th Grade Football		
Sept. 3	Allen East-T	5:00
Sept. 10	Columbus Grove-H	5:00
Sept. 17	LCC-T	5:00
Sept. 24	Spencerville-H	5:00

Freshman Football		
Sept. 14	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:00
Sept. 22	Columbus Grove-T	5:00
Sept. 28	Delta-T	4:30

JV Football		
Sept. 5	Delphos Jefferson-T	10:00a
Sept. 12	LCC-H	10:00a
Sept. 19	Spencerville-H	10:00a
Sept. 26	Delta-T	11:00a

Varsity Football		
Sept. 4	Delphos Jefferson-H	7:30
Sept. 11	Lima Central Catholic-T	7:30
Sept. 18	Spencerville-T	7:30
Sept. 25	Delta-H HOMECOMING GAME	7:30

Cross Country		
Sept. 5	Grove Inv.-T	9:00a
Sept. 12	Spencerville Inv.-T	9:00a
Sept. 15	Antwerp Quad-T	4:30
Sept. 26	VW County Hospital Inv.-T	9:00a
Sept. 29	OttGland/VanWert@Defiance	5:00

Golf		
Sept. 2	Jefferson@Allen East	4:00
Sept. 3	Fairview/Hicksville-H	4:00
Sept. 8	Ada/Crestview-H	4:00
Sept. 10	Crestview@Grove	4:00
Sept. 12	Antwerp Inv-T	8:30a
Sept. 14	Lincoln/Spencerv@Crestview	4:00
Sept. 15	Fort Jennings/Ottoville-H	4:00
Sept. 17	Crestv/LCC@Spencerville	4:00
Sept. 21	Allen East/Spencerville-H	4:00
Sept. 22	Bluffton@Delphos Jefferson	4:00
Sept. 24	Jefferson/Lincolnview-H	4:00
Sept. 25	NWC Inv.@Hawthorne Hills	TBA

JH Volleyball		
Sept. 8	Bryan-T	4:30
Sept. 10	Antwerp-T	4:30
Sept. 14	Crestview-T	5:00
Sept. 15	Wayne Trace-H	4:30
Sept. 17	Spencerville-H	5:00
Sept. 24	Delphos Jefferson-H	5:00
Sept. 28	Lincolnview-T	5:00

Freshman Volleyball		
Sept. 3	Parkway-H	4:30
Sept. 10	Bryan-H	4:30
Sept. 19	Van Wert-T	12:00
Sept. 24	Edgerton-H	4:30
Sept. 28	Bryan-T	4:30

JV/Varsity Volleyball		
Sept. 3	Fairview-H	6:00
Sept. 10	Bryan-H	6:00
Sept. 12	Antwerp@Wayne Trace	10:00a
Sept. 15	Bluffton-T	6:00
Sept. 17	Columbus Grove-H	6:00
Sept. 19	Van Wert-T	10:00a
Sept. 22	Crestview-T	6:00
Sept. 24	Delphos Jefferson-H	6:00
Sept. 29	Lima Central Catholic-T	6:00

#### DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Sept. 2-21	MS Fund Raiser Begins	
Sept. 2	Jostens Mtg. w/Freshman	12:30-1:00
Sept. 2	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00
Sept. 6	Oak Alumni Banquet-Oak Café/Gym	
Sept. 7	NO SCHOOL-LABOR DAY	
Sept. 7	Oakwood Homecoming Parade	
Sept. 9	Jostens Orders Due	
Sept. 11	OakEI Free/Reduced Lunch Forms Due	
Sept. 14-18	SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK	
Sept. 14	OakEI Kdr Grandparents Day	9-10:00a
Sept. 21	7th Gr IOWA Tests Begin	
Sept. 21	H.S. Lifetouch Picture Day	
Sept. 22	OakEI Begin. Band Parent Night	7:00
Sept. 22	Board Mtg-Admin. Bd. Room	7:00
Sept. 26	H.S. Homecoming Dance	8:00-11:00
Sept. 28	OakEI Fall Picture Day	
Sept. 28	Band Booster Mtg-Band Room	7:00
Sept. 29	Mid-terms Sent Home	