



"A Tradition of Excellence"

Upper Sandusky Exempted Village Schools

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Superintendent's Message . . .

September 2007

The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time. For weeks the band has been practicing, students of all ages have attended camps to improve themselves, teachers prepare diligently for those important first days, custodians rush to put the finishing touches on a variety of projects, and school boards contemplate goals they might set for the new school year. Overall, there seems to be a sense of urgency.

Before I start down the urgency path myself, I wish to take the time to personally say how grateful I am to the Upper Sandusky staff and all the people of Upper Sandusky who have been so kind to me as I fought the battle against cancer this past school year. You may know that about a year ago, I had initially been told to go home to die and that my chances of survival were slim. One small miracle led to another small miracle, and the kindness and support I have received from the school staff, this community, and significant others has been -- I am convinced -- the reason I am alive and doing well today. I'm ashamed to admit that I never grasped the full meaning of gratitude until I stared death in the eye and overcame it because of the love, prayers, and support of others. To all of you who have been kind to me, I send a bigger-than-life "THANK YOU!" As I continue to regain my stamina and full strength (almost there), I look forward to this school year, giving back to a community which has been so kind to me and to my family.

This message now being shared, I wish to inform you of the goals the Board has set for the district for the 2007-2008 school year:

1. To examine all areas of test scores, to meet Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) in all areas, to achieve 100% proficiency on all Ohio Graduation Test benchmarks, and to improve at least 1 indicator more than the 26 indicators of the 30 total this year
2. To do a better job reaching out to the community, advertising and promoting school events; to add a more personalized touch to inviting parents/ community members to school events
3. To determine what is being done to involve the elderly in our schools and to work with the administrative staff in the offering of programs and activities which will make them feel more actively a part of our schools
4. To plan with the Board and other members of the administrative and Association teams on how we might meet upcoming financial challenges, especially the loss of the tangible personal property tax state subsidy after 2010
5. To enhance communication between the Upper Sandusky administration / Board and the athletic booster / community groups, collaborating with them in the forming of goals and/or projects for the future, soliciting mutual support for one another's goals and plans
6. To continue to implement short- and long-term upgrades and maintenance to buildings, sites, and facilities
7. To involve both Associations in the study of health care options so that we can prepare with eyes wide open what we might have to face in the future if health care costs nationally continue to rise 10 to 15% per year

The start of a school year is an appropriate time to thank all our Booster groups, parent-teacher organizations, volunteers, donors, and volunteer coaches. Whatever you give or whatever time you spend to benefit our students, please know that YOU ARE MOST APPRECIATED! We don't tell you enough how important you are to the success of our school system, but we certainly should. **YOU ARE INVALUABLE TO US!**

Here's looking forward to another great school year! Let's work together to make this school year the best ever!

Yours for education,
Ken Doseck, Supt.

Mission Statement: The mission of the Upper Sandusky Schools is to provide a safe, child-centered and developmentally appropriate environment where learning is a positive, exciting, and dynamic lifelong process.

DISTRICT SUMMER MAINTENANCE: Items Completed This Summer / Summer Maintenance List

High School

- * Northern Parking Lot
- * \$30,000 of this year's summer maintenance budget has been set aside for next year's or the year-after's bleacher project
- * Repair of ceiling and leak in copy room
- * Repair of leak in Room 120
- * Remodeling of the tech. ed. classroom; converted into a computer room / industrial drawing classroom
- * Renovate the cafeteria, including new shades for the windows
- * Refinish the gym floor
- * Mulch
- * Paint flag pole
- * Shampoo all carpeted areas
- * Special emphasis on hallway and classroom floors being stripped and a rotation plan for floor stripping being discussed

Items still not done:

- * Replacement of classroom windows in Room 326 and Room 328; will be done during after-school hours as soon as the custom-made windows are made for the openings
- * Tuckpointing of the East side of the HS; will be done within the next few weeks
- * Repair leaks around / under doors leading to both courtyards
- * Repair of outside entrance to the band room

South Elementary

- * Carpet replaced in 1/2 of kindergarten classroom
- * Carpet replaced in second grade classroom
- * Add electrical outlets in both kindergarten classrooms
- * Replace shingles on storage shed
- * Remove landscape timbers and rebar from playground
- * Shampoo all carpeted areas except new areas
- * Mulch
- * Pea gravel for playground
- * Special emphasis on hallway and classroom floors being stripped and a rotation plan for floor stripping being discussed
- * All summer maintenance items completed

Union Elementary

- * Install new carpet in Room 310
- * Repair sidewalk in 3 areas / correct tripping hazards
- * Shampoo all carpeted areas
- * Repair/ overhaul of showerheads, toilets, urinals
- * Replace all damaged lightshades
- * Paint flag pole
- * Mulch
- * Install gate to east side of gym
- * Screen and finish gym floor
- * Repair playground equipment
- * Reshape basement floor to direct water to sump pump
- * Install bookshelves in Room 315
- * Special emphasis on hallway and classroom floors being stripped and a rotation plan for floor stripping being discussed

Items still not done:

- * Showerheads/ plumbing will be replaced/ repaired on an as-needed basis
- * Tuckpointing on the south side of the building is currently being finished

East Elementary

- * Paint playground fence
- * Carpet the front office

- * Shampoo all carpeted areas
- * Mulch
- * Paint restrooms
- * Paint walls in art room
- * Install new cubbies in 2 classrooms
- * Replace 1 classroom of carpet
- * Refinish gym floor
- * Paint flag pole
- * Special emphasis on hallway and classroom floors being stripped and a rotation plan for floor stripping being discussed

Items Which Still Need to be Done (East Elementary)

- * Stencil "no parking" on southwest steps
- * Repair wooden playground climber

Bus Garage

- * Install electrical timers on all bus plug-ins
- * Paint walls and ceiling and floor in restroom
- * Paint floor in driver's lounge
- * Repair parking lot on the north end
- * All items completed with Tier One BUSTR investigation of underground storage tanks; more work, however, may be required of us

PARENT EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

*Sponsored by the Seneca-Wyandot Parent Mentor Program of
The North Central Ohio Educational Service Center and The
Seneca Co. Help Me Grow Family Support Specialist*

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

"Enriching the Learning Environment"

Explore the importance of play by creating a stimulating environment at home, multi-sensory teaching, the 8 intelligences, and how children learn.

By: Sandy Brickner, OCECD Parent Advocate Trainer

This parent meeting will be held at The Family Learning Center at Sentinel, 797 East Township Road 201, Tiffin 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

- Paula Frey, Parent Mentor

Free And Reduced Rate Lunch Applications Are Available At East Elementary School.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE		FREE					REDUCED				
		Year	Month	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Year	Month	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	13,273	1,107	554	511	256	16,899	1,525	768	727	364	
2	17,797	1,454	742	682	341	22,327	2,111	1,056	975	488	
3	22,121	1,861	951	859	430	31,705	2,648	1,322	1,222	611	
4	26,545	2,338	1,119	1,023	517	38,293	3,444	1,722	1,620	735	
5	31,269	2,855	1,508	1,397	694	44,671	3,729	1,851	1,715	859	
6	35,893	3,392	1,896	1,761	891	51,079	4,257	2,126	1,965	983	
7	40,417	3,969	2,085	1,932	978	57,517	4,794	2,395	2,213	1,107	
8	44,941	4,546	2,275	2,120	1,065	63,975	5,330	2,662	2,460	1,231	
9	49,465	5,123	2,464	2,295	1,152	70,413	5,867	2,929	2,718	1,355	
10	53,989	5,700	2,653	2,474	1,239	76,851	6,404	3,196	2,967	1,479	
11	58,513	6,277	2,842	2,653	1,326	83,289	6,941	3,463	3,216	1,603	
12	63,037	6,854	3,031	2,832	1,413	89,727	7,478	3,730	3,465	1,727	
13	67,561	7,431	3,220	3,013	1,500	96,165	8,015	3,993	3,714	1,851	
14	72,085	8,008	3,409	3,194	1,587	102,603	8,552	4,256	3,963	1,975	
15	76,609	8,585	3,598	3,375	1,674	109,041	9,089	4,519	4,212	2,100	
16	81,133	9,162	3,787	3,556	1,761	115,479	9,626	4,782	4,461	2,224	
17	85,657	9,739	3,976	3,737	1,848	121,917	10,163	5,045	4,710	2,348	
18	90,181	10,316	4,165	3,918	1,935	128,355	10,700	5,308	4,959	2,472	
19	94,705	10,893	4,354	4,099	2,022	134,793	11,237	5,571	5,208	2,596	
20	99,229	11,470	4,543	4,280	2,109	141,231	11,774	5,834	5,457	2,720	
21	103,753	12,047	4,732	4,461	2,196	147,669	12,311	6,097	5,706	2,844	
22	108,277	12,624	4,921	4,642	2,283	154,107	12,848	6,360	5,955	2,968	
23	112,801	13,201	5,110	4,823	2,370	160,545	13,385	6,623	6,204	3,092	
24	117,325	13,778	5,299	5,004	2,457	166,983	13,922	6,886	6,453	3,216	
25	121,849	14,355	5,488	5,185	2,544	173,421	14,459	7,149	6,702	3,340	
26	126,373	14,932	5,677	5,366	2,631	179,859	15,000	7,412	6,951	3,464	
27	130,897	15,509	5,866	5,547	2,718	186,297	15,541	7,675	7,200	3,588	
28	135,421	16,086	6,055	5,728	2,805	192,735	16,082	7,938	7,449	3,712	
29	139,945	16,663	6,244	5,909	2,892	199,173	16,623	8,201	7,700	3,836	
30	144,469	17,240	6,433	6,090	2,979	205,611	17,164	8,464	7,951	3,960	
31	148,993	17,817	6,622	6,271	3,066	212,049	17,705	8,727	8,202	4,084	
32	153,517	18,394	6,811	6,452	3,153	218,487	18,246	8,990	8,453	4,208	
33	158,041	18,971	7,000	6,633	3,240	224,925	18,787	9,253	8,704	4,332	
34	162,565	19,548	7,189	6,814	3,327	231,363	19,328	9,516	8,955	4,456	
35	167,089	20,125	7,378	6,995	3,414	237,801	19,869	9,779	9,206	4,580	
36	171,613	20,702	7,567	7,176	3,501	244,239	20,410	10,042	9,457	4,704	
37	176,137	21,279	7,756	7,357	3,588	250,677	20,951	10,305	9,708	4,828	
38	180,661	21,856	7,945	7,538	3,675	257,115	21,492	10,568	9,959	4,952	
39	185,185	22,433	8,134	7,719	3,762	263,553	22,033	10,831	10,210	5,076	
40	189,709	23,010	8,323	7,900	3,849	270,000	22,574	11,094	10,461	5,200	
41	194,233	23,587	8,512	8,081	3,936	276,438	23,115	11,357	10,712	5,324	
42	198,757	24,164	8,701	8,262	4,023	282,876	23,656	11,620	10,963	5,448	
43	203,281	24,741	8,890	8,443	4,110	289,314	24,197	11,883	11,214	5,572	
44	207,805	25,318	9,079	8,624	4,197	295,752	24,738	12,146	11,465	5,696	
45	212,329	25,895	9,268	8,805	4,284	302,190	25,279	12,409	11,716	5,820	
46	216,853	26,472	9,457	8,986	4,371	308,628	25,820	12,672	11,967	5,944	
47	221,377	27,049	9,646	9,167	4,458	315,066	26,361	12,935	12,218	6,068	
48	225,901	27,626	9,835	9,348	4,545	321,504	26,902	13,198	12,469	6,192	
49	230,425	28,203	10,024	9,529	4,632	327,942	27,443	13,461	12,720	6,316	
50	234,949	28,780	10,213	9,710	4,719	334,380	27,984	13,724	12,971	6,440	
51	239,473	29,357	10,402	9,891	4,806	340,818	28,525	13,987	13,222	6,564	
52	243,997	29,934	10,591	10,072	4,893	347,256	29,066	14,250	13,473	6,688	
53	248,521	30,511	10,780	10,253	4,980	353,694	29,607	14,513	13,724	6,812	
54	253,045	31,088	10,969	10,434	5,067	360,132	30,148	14,776	13,975	6,936	
55	257,569	31,665	11,158	10,615	5,154	366,570	30,689	15,039	14,226	7,060	
56	262,093	32,242	11,347	10,796	5,241	373,008	31,230	15,302	14,477	7,184	
57	266,617	32,819	11,536	10,977	5,328	379,446	31,771	15,565	14,728	7,308	
58	271,141	33,396	11,725	11,158	5,415	385,884	32,312	15,828	14,979	7,432	
59	275,665	33,973	11,914	11,339	5,502	392,322	32,853	16,091	15,230	7,556	
60	280,189	34,550	12,103	11,520	5,589	398,760	33,394	16,354	15,481	7,680	
61	284,713	35,127	12,292	11,701	5,676	405,198	33,935	16,617	15,732	7,804	
62	289,237	35,704	12,481	11,882	5,763	411,636	34,476	16,880	15,983	7,928	
63	293,761	36,281	12,670	12,063	5,850	418,074	35,017	17,143	16,234	8,052	
64	298,285	36,858	12,859	12,244	5,937	424,512	35,558	17,406	16,485	8,176	
65	302,809	37,435	13,048	12,425	6,024	430,950	36,099	17,669	16,736	8,300	
66	307,333	38,012	13,237	12,606	6,111	437,388	36,640	17,932	16,987	8,424	
67	311,857	38,589	13,426	12,787	6,198	443,826	37,181	18,195	17,238	8,548	
68	316,381	39,166	13,615	12,968	6,285	450,264	37,722	18,458	17,489	8,672	
69	320,905	39,743	13,804	13,149	6,372	456,702	38,263	18,721	17,740	8,796	
70	325,429	40,320	13,993	13,330	6,459	463,140	38,804	18,984	17,991	8,920	
71	329,953	40,897	14,182	13,511	6,546	469,578	39,345	19,247	18,242	9,044	
72	334,477	41,474	14,371	13,692	6,633	476,016	39,886	19,510	18,493	9,168	
73	338,999	42,051	14,560	13,873	6,720	482,454	40,427	19,773	18,744	9,292	
74	343,523	42,628	14,749	14,054	6,807	488,892	40,968	20,036	19,000	9,416	
75	348,047	43,205	14,938	14,235	6,894	495,330	41,509	20,299	19,251	9,540	
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South, Union & East Elementary News

SOUTH AND UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS are EXCELLENT Schools!

The Ohio Achievement Tests are annual assessments that measure how well students have learned academic concepts taught in grades 3 - 8. The achievement tests are designed specifically for Ohio students and are based on Ohio's academic content standards. They do not test a child's intelligence or aptitude and are not meant to compare children's abilities.

The federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001(NCLB) requires all states to establish academic standards that tell what students should know and be able to do at the end of each grade and to test all students in grades 3 through 8 annually.

The results of the tests are used to grade districts and schools to determine who needs more help in achieving the academic standards. Ohio has 5 "grades" or ratings for districts and schools. From highest to lowest they are: Excellent, Effective, Continuous Improvement, Academic Watch, and Academic Emergency.

For the first time, South and Union Elementary Schools achieved the highest rating of **Excellent!** This means that almost ALL of our students are passing the state tests, and that they are doing so at a higher level. South's 3rd grade achieved 100% passage in both reading and math. Union's 3rd grade achieved 87% passage in reading and 95% passage in math. South's 4th grade achieved passage rates of 95% in reading and 100% in both math and writing. South's 5th grade achieved 95% passage in reading, 91% passage in math, 78% passage in Social Studies, and 69% passage in Science.

I am so proud of all the students, parents and staff of both schools. The staff did an excellent job of preparing the students. The students worked hard, took the test seriously, and did their best. Parents, your support and encouragement were the final ingredients that helped each child achieve success!

Our goal at both buildings is to maintain our **Excellent** status and to either maintain or obtain a 90% passage rate or better in all subject areas. We have wonderful teachers who are dedicated to helping each child reach their full potential and do a fabulous job. But we need your continued support! You can help your child succeed by talking with them each day about school to show them that their education is important to you. Also, check their homework and read with your child. Finally, make sure they attend school every day. South and Union Elementary Schools prove that when parents and schools work together, students achieve at the highest level.

Congratulations to the students, staff, and parents of South and Union Elementary Schools for their **Excellent** rating!

- Laurie Vent, Elementary Principal
South and Union Elementary Schools

EAST SCHOOL is an EXCELLENT School!

East Elementary is proud of its students, parents, and staff for earning the highest rating given by the state – excellent – and achieving 9 out of 10 indicators on the Local School District Report Card.

Scores at East were as follows: 3rd grade reading - 88.5%; 3rd grade mathematics - 96.2%. For 4th grade, the scores were: reading - 90.5%; mathematics - 100%; writing - 90.5%. For 5th grade, the scores were: reading - 77.8%; mathematics - 83.3%; science - 88.9%; social studies - 72.2%.

A benchmark score of at least 75% passage is needed to pass or meet the state indicator.

Congratulations, staff, parents, and students at East Elementary School!

- Mike Courtad, Principal
East elementary School

Middle School Happenings

FANTASY FOOTBALL

I like fall. I like the changing of the leaves. The crispness that comes in a fall evening. The look on kids' faces as they enter to embark upon another year.

And oh yeah, FANTASY FOOTBALL.

Now you may ask or wonder aloud why in the world or how in the world fantasy football can ever fit in the halls of academia. I have an answer.

It may not strike a lot of you to know that I watch a lot of ESPN. In fact, in one recent conversation I had to ask who Shia LeBeauf was. My wife, who has grown accustomed to my fascination with all things sports (accustomed...but not happy with) responded with, "If you watched something other than ESPN, football or the Indians, you'd know who some of these people were."

While she makes a good point, I'm still happy watching things from life's toy department. Last year, ESPN ran an interesting story about how fantasy football can be used as an excellent learning tool for math students. I did a little bit of research (hey, it's a tough job but somebody has to do it) about how I would try to include fantasy football in our school system.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with fantasy football, you are the owner of a team. At a common draft everyone in your league drafts players. Players are assessed values, and teams are given a \$40 million salary cap.

Each weekend, your team plays another team and you keep track of several statistics like yards gained, TD's scored, etc. After 14 weeks, the league goes into a playoff format for the last two weeks, and a champion is crowned.

I found a program and made some slight modifications for it to be useful for middle school students as we continue to find every way possible to advance their skills, especially in math. The program utilizes basic algebra skills. Students must follow their teams, keep score over the weekend and on Tuesdays, all league members will meet in Home Base to check all box scores from around the NFL and figure out who won their game that week. For example, I would keep track of how my quarterback, running backs, wide receivers and kicker did, how many points they scored, yards passed for, etc. and compare it to whoever I played that week. League members will be asked to keep track of standings and make various charts and graphs showing a variety of statistics.

I also invited a few business and community members to be involved in this pilot program. Scott Washburn, Jim Deer,

Nate Lynch, Dan Patchett, and Bill Aubry all agreed to participate with the students. All of these business people use math on a daily basis in their professions, and I would like our kids to be exposed to them. They get to see people who use math daily and see people having a good time, talking football and using math.

This should be a great program for our kids. I'm not beneath trying anything that will help our kids get better academically. Our 6th grade math teacher, Becky Vaughn, gave the program a glowing recommendation. She tells me it would help not only with math skills but responsibility and organization.

Anyway, keep your eyes open because in January we will be announcing the first ever winner of the USMS Fantasy Football League Title!

Now who says nothing good comes from watching ESPN all the time? Well, maybe not all the time. The Lumberjack contest hasn't brought any big ideas. Unless we can make a Fantasy Lumberjack League. -Jim Wheeler, Principal

TRAFFIC AT UNION

A reminder as we begin the year to PLEASE be careful at Union as you drop off and pick up your children.

On one hand, our location is excellent. I like the neighborhood setting for our school. Plus the location is excellent for walking field trips for our students. And I think it allows a lot of people easy access.

On the other hand, our location also lends itself to a traffic nightmare.

As many of you know, our Walker Street area can be very congested during the school year. We have been fortunate to never have had a problem in regards to student accidents.

To ensure we keep our safety record strong, we ask parents remember the following:

- ONLY non-walkers (those students who typically are eligible to ride the bus) should be dropped off in the large parking lot in the rear of the building. All "town" student walkers who elect to ride with parents should be dropped off on Walker Street.
- Please obey all parking signs in front of the building. We ask that you not arrive too early to pick your children up. Keep in mind that our release time is 2:45 and that you should park there as close to that time as possible.
- If your child is coming to school late from an appointment or illness, please remember that the only unlocked doors are the two doors on Walker Street.
- Teachers and administrators are on duty at all doors both before and after school. If there is a problem, please find one of these people and inform them.

VETERAN'S DAY

As we do each year, USMS will be celebrating Veteran's Day by inviting area service men and women to lunch at USMS. This year's celebration will be on Friday, November 9.

Each year we invite those who have served our country, cater a lunch for them, and ask them to speak to small groups of

students in grades 4-8. Our kids always enjoy this day because they get to see REAL heroes. We adults enjoy it, too, because we gain a better understanding of what these soldiers sacrificed to allow us to live in the greatest country on the earth.

If you are a veteran or know someone who is, please contact us at the school as we would like to invite all veterans to share in our annual Veteran's Day celebration. - Jim Wheeler, Principal

WELCOME USHS ALUMNI

Last year, USMS hosted two classes holding their class reunions. Each time, on Saturday morning, members of the classes came to the building for guided tours. Tours were hosted by USMS students.

We invite all classes who wish to tour the building to please contact the office to establish a time. We are very proud of our students at USMS and try to find ways to allow them to interact with people across the community.

We also feel it is valuable for our children to understand their heritage and what this building has meant to so many who graduated when Union was still the high school. As principal I also chuckle when they tell the kids where their favorite hiding spots were . . . and the hiding spots are now filled with maintenance supplies. - Jim Wheeler, Principal

OAT PROGRAMS

In addition to the many initiatives we are constantly putting into place to increase student achievement, we are excited to implement two new middle school changes to curriculum and instruction this school year.

8th Grade Math

8th grade math teacher, Sharon Calvin, after attending a math presentation by Euclid City Schools, suggested that we modify our curriculum slightly to better prepare students for the 8th grade math Ohio achievement tests (OAT's). Since the math achievement test is geared more toward algebraic concepts rather than general math standards. Mrs. Calvin suggested a pre-algebra textbook to better prepare those students not taking algebra 1 for the 8th grade OAT. This class will still teach the general math skills but will put more of a focus on the algebraic concept. This change will also assist students by making them better prepared for the Ohio Graduation test in math to be taken in 10th grade. Not only will Mrs. Calvin be utilizing new textbooks to better prepare our students, but she will also be using the Texas Instrument's Navigator system. The Navigator system allows the teacher to get instant feedback from every student in the room via hand-held remote answer pads. Students will no longer need to be afraid to answer a question in class because with this system, only the teacher will know whether the student is correct or incorrect. This system, along with an extended period of math instruction during 7th and 8th periods, will allow Mrs. Calvin an extra 30 minutes of instructional time with students whose scores and grades indicate that additional help is needed.

Reading

Students in need of improving their reading and language arts skills will be scheduled into smaller sections where more one-on-one instruction will be provided.

As their building, principal, I am proud of our teachers for always being willing to suggest and implement new ideas which will make their instruction more effective. Teachers spend the summer thinking of new ideas without any prodding from administrators. I'm lucky to work with such true professionals! More importantly, our students are fortunate to work with these people!

October 2	NOL	Shelby	4:30
October 6	Fostoria Invite	A	9:00 A
October 9	Marion Grant	A	4:30
Coach: Jeff Fett			

All parents of USMS athletes are encouraged to attend Ram Booster Meetings held the second Monday of each month in the USHS Library at 7:30 p.m.

USMS ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Academic

Open House

- Most of you are familiar with the USMS Open House we host each September. We try to host these **after the Wyandot County Fair**. Please pay close attention to memos teachers will be sending home in the very near future to advertise the date of your child's Open House.

Athletics

8th Grade Football

September 11	Norwalk	H	5:00
September 18	Galion	A	5:00
September 25	Shelby	A	5:00
October 2	Fostoria	H	5:00
October 9	Willard	H	5:00
October 16	Bellevue	A	5:00

Coaches: Todd Fagan, JJ Minehart

7th Grade Football

September 11	Norwalk	A	5:00
September 18	Galion	H	5:00
September 25	Shelby	H	5:00
October 2	Fostoria	A	5:00
October 9	Willard	A	5:00
October 16	Bellevue	H	5:00

Coaches: Brian Thiel, Dwayne Ham

Volleyball

September 13	Galion	H	4:30
September 17	Fostoria	A	4:30
September 18	Wynford	A	4:30
September 20	Tiffin	A	4:30
September 24	Norwalk	A	4:30
September 27	Shelby	H	4:30
October 1	Bellevue	A	4:30
October 4	Willard	H	4:30
October 8	Galion	A	4:30
October 11	Fostoria	H	4:30
October 13	8 th NOL Tourney	GALION	TBA
	7 th NOL Tourney	BELLEVUE	TBA
October 15	Tiffin	A	4:30

Coaches: Sandy Holly, Holly Schoenberger

Cross Country

September 18	Willard/Tiffin	A	TBA
September 22	Van Wert Invite	A	TBA
September 25	Fost/Norwalk	Norwalk	TBA
September 27	USMS Invite	H	5:00
September 29	Bettsville Invite	A	8:30 A

High School Events

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The 2007-2008 school year is under way as we look forward to another school year. We return from summer break with great news as USHS earned excellent status on the state report card. Our goals for this year include: 1. To continue improving upon ways to ensure the success of all students; 2. To plan a Senior Citizens Day to better involve the elderly in our schools; 3. To implement Study Island into our curriculum to assist students with state testing; and 4. To continue plans for facility improvements on the inside and exterior of USHS. September is a busy month as many sports teams are in action. The Wyandot County Fair will be September 11-16; therefore, school will not be in session on September 13 and 14. In each monthly newsletter we will try to keep you informed of significant high school events and activities.

For the 2007-2008 school year, Upper Sandusky High School has the following new teachers: Ms. Michelle Heckathorn, Mrs. Lisa Hoffbauer, and Mrs. Shelly Simon.

Ms. Heckathorn is a graduate of USHS and the University of Findlay in 2002. She has a bachelor's degree as an Intervention Specialist. Ms. Heckathorn has five years of teaching experience including one year at Caledonia Elementary School, two years at Upper Sandusky High School, and two years at North Union Middle School. This year, she is returning to USHS to teach English Applications, World History Applications, Government Applications, and American History Applications.

Mrs. Hoffbauer is a graduate of Tiffin Columbian High School and Bowling Green State University in 2002. She has a bachelor's degree in Integrated Language Arts. Mrs. Hoffbauer has been a substitute teacher for Seneca/Wyandot Schools and the Wood County ESC where she substituted for Bowling Green. Her teaching experience includes three years at Mansfield St. Peter's School. This year, she is teaching Advanced English 9, English 9, and Broadcasting.

Mrs. Simon has a bachelor's degree in Business Education from Bowling Green State University in 1998 and a master's degree from BGSU in classroom technology in 2003. Her teaching experience includes time as a substitute teacher and business instructor for Owens Community College, Elmwood High School, Vanguard Career Center, and North Baltimore High School. She recently worked as a technology assistant for Central Middle School in Findlay. This year, Mrs. Simon will be teaching Computer Applications and Introduction to Business.

- Jim Clifford, Principal

TARGET FUNDRAISING FOR UPPER SANDUSKY HIGH SCHOOL

The Target Take Charge of Education Program is an excellent way for you to help our school earn money. Target will donate to our school up to 1% of purchases made, but you must designate our school as the recipient. We encourage you to get involved in this easy way to support your school. It doesn't cost you, the cardholder, anything to sign up for the program. You can designate your school in one of three ways:

- *Visit Target.com/tcoe
- *Stop by the kiosk in your favorite Target Store
- *Call 1-800-316-6142

Please take a moment to list us as the recipient and help us earn money for the high school. - Jim Clifford, Principal

UPPER SANDUSKY HIGH SCHOOL DESIGNATION: EXCELLENT

The Ohio Department of Education has designated Upper Sandusky High School an EXCELLENT Building for the fourth consecutive year after meeting all 12 state indicators! The state designations are: Excellent, Effective, Continuous Improvement, Academic Watch, and Academic Emergency. USHS earned the highest rating. Congratulations to the staff and students for this accomplishment. - Jim Clifford, Principal

STUDY ISLAND

USHS will be implementing Study Island this school year. Passing the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) is of critical importance to all high school students. Study Island is an internet based tool that has become indispensable in the journey to OGT success in more than a third of Ohio high schools. USHS will be implementing the Study Island Online OGT Preparation Program because it is expertly written to the Ohio Academic Content Standards tested on the OGT. Students primarily work independently through Study Island activities; however, teachers often use the data from the program to guide their intervention strategies. Only internet access is needed, and Study Island can be operated from school, home, or library. Mr. Cliff Davis will be our OGT coordinator this year as we start a new resource lab for student success.

USHS FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Upper Sandusky High School has many improvements this year.

1. The North parking lot is newly paved and striped for parking and motorcycle training courses.
2. The cafeteria blinds have been replaced.
3. The cafeteria has been renovated, receiving a new coat of paint.
4. The gym floor has received a fresh coat of sealer.
5. The industrial arts room has two new machines installed, and the rear room has been painted.
6. The band room has new storage cabinets.
7. The front hallway, commons area, and East/West halls have been stripped with several coats of wax applied.
8. New cabinet doors have been installed in two classrooms.

9. The former tech lab has been renovated to meet our ever-changing curricular needs; this room has been renovated to serve the dual purpose of a computer lab and drafting classroom.
10. The football goal posts have been painted and sealed.
11. An underground water system has been installed on the football field.
12. Parking facilities have been expanded at the stadium and soccer fields.

USHS LEO CLUB

The USHS LEO Club, the youth organization of the Lions Club, has been honored by the Ohio Lions as the 2007 LEO Club of the Year! This was accomplished by a group of 11 very motivated students at USHS. The club was involved in community projects and numerous fundraisers. Money raised each year goes toward sponsoring a handicapped youth to attend "Camp Echoing Hills" in southeastern Ohio. This costs \$595.00 per youth/per week. In 2005, the Lions sponsored two students. Any remaining money is used to fund a project for the community or school. Congratulations, LEO Club, for achieving this honor! Keep up the good work.

- Dennis Krock, USHS LEO Club Advisor

USHS VOLLEYBALL SENIOR CITIZEN NIGHT

The Upper Sandusky High School Athletic Department has announced that Thursday, September 27th will be "Senior Citizen Night" as USHS battles Norwalk High School in jv and varsity volleyball. All senior citizens will receive free admission to both matches and a coupon for a free drink and popcorn from the concession stand. The JV match will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the varsity match to follow. The USHS Athletic Department thanks all of our senior citizens for their outstanding support of our athletic teams at Upper Sandusky High School!

- Brad Ehrman, Athletic Director

OSU FOOTBALL HELMET SILENT AUCTION

The Upper Sandusky High School Athletic Department will be having a silent auction for two Ohio State University football helmets. Sealed bids will be accepted at the Upper Sandusky High School Athletic Office until Thursday, October 18th, 4:00 p.m. The two highest bidders will receive the helmets. The winners will be announced at halftime of the Shelby-Upper Sandusky varsity football game on Friday, October 19th.

-Brad Ehrman, Athletic Director

USHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to Meghan Horn and Duane Ham on being selected to the USHS Athletic Hall of Fame class of 2007. They will be recognized in a brief ceremony prior to the Tiffin Columbian-Upper Sandusky home varsity football game on Friday, September 28th. A reception will be held in their honor that same evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the new weight room at the athletic complex.

- Brad Ehrman, Athletic Director

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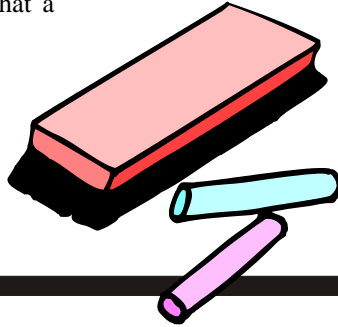
District Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 USHS JV/V Cross Country - Bucyrus Elks Inv. - A 9 am Boys JV FB - Bucyrus H - 10 am G V Soc - Mansfield Christian - H - 11 am
2	3 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	4 EAST Open House 6:30-7:30 PM USHS G JV/V Ten- Shelby - A - 4:15 pm JV/V Cross Country Galion - H - 5 pm G JV/V Vol Norwalk-A 6 pm GVSoc - Riverdale - H 7:30 pm	5 USHS Coed JV/V Golf - Shelby H - 4:15 pm	6 USHS Coed JV/V Golf - Galion A - 4:15 pm G JV/V Ten- Bellevue H - 4:15 pm Fr FB - Riverdale- H-5p B JV/V Soc - Van Buren - H - 5 pm G JV/V Vol Fostoria- A - 6 pm GVSoc - Mans St Peters A - 6:15pm	7 USHS B V FB - Mohawk - A 7:30 pm	8 EAST Recycling 8:30-10:30 am USHS CoedJV/V Cross Country Tiffin Carnival - A 8:30 am Boys JV FB - Fostoria H - 10 am G JV/V Vol - Tri match at Bellefontaine -A-10a BJV/V Soc - Fremont St. Joesph - A - 11 am
9	10 USHS Coed JV/V Golf- Norwalk H - 4:15 pm G JV/V Ten- Galion A - 4:15 pm B JV/V Soc - Seneca East - H - 5 pm	11 USMS 8 FB Norwalk - H - 5pm 7 FB Norwalk - A - 5pm USHS JV/V Cross Country Shelby/Bellevue H - 5pm G JV/V Vol - Willard - A 6 pm GVSoc - Mansfield Madison - H 6 pm	12 EAST Fundraiser Kickoff	13 NO SCHOOL Fair Day Teacher Inservice USMS 7 VB - Galion-H-4:30pm GBB - Bellevue - A USHS Coed JV/V Golf - Norwalk - A - 4:15 pm G JV/V Ten- Tiffin Colum H - 4:15 pm Fr FB - Willard - H - 5p B JV/V Soc - Cory Rawson - H - 5 pm G JV/V Vol - Shelby- H - 6 pm	14 NO SCHOOL Fair Day USHS B V FB - Willard - A 7:30 pm	15 USHS G JV/V Ten-NOL@ Norwalk - A - 9am Boys JV FB - Willard H - 10 am Coed JV/V Golf - Ridgedale Inv - A - 10a B JV/V Soc - Pleasant - H - 1 pm G V Soc - Ben Logan - A - 1 pm
16	17 USMS 6th Grade Open House/ Weiner Roast Harrison Smith Park 5-7 pm G Vol - Fostoria - A - 4:30 pm USHS Coed JV/V Golf- Shelby@Bellevue A - 4:15 pm G V Soc - Miller City H - 5 pm	18 USMS 8 FB - Galion - A - 5pm 7 FB - Galion - H - 5pm G Vol - Wynford-A - 4:30 CC - Willard/Tiffin - A USHS Coed JV/V Golf- Fostoria - H - 4:15 pm G JV/V Ten- Norwalk A - 4:15 pm Coed JV/V Cross Country @ Willard w/Bellevue - A - 6 pm G JV/V Vol - Bellevue A - 6pm	19 USHS Coed JV/V Golf- NOL@Green Hills CC - A - 1 pm	20 USMS G Vol - Tiffin-A - 4:30 pm USHS G JV/V Ten - Fostoria A - 4:15 pm Fr FB - Bellevue - H - 5p B JV/V Soc - Ada- H- 5p G JV/V Vol - Galion - H - 6 pm	21 USHS B V FB - Bellevue - H 7:30 pm Parents Night	22 USMS CC - VanWert - A USHS Coed JV/V Golf - Fostoria Inv - A 8 am G JV/V Ten-NOL Rain Date - A - 9am G JV/V Vol - Elgin Classic - A - 9 am Coed JV/V Cross Co - Van Wert - A - 9:30 am Boys JV FB - Bellevue - A - 10 am G V Soc - Mansfield Sr. - A - 1 pm B JV/V Soc- River Valley H - 5 pm
23	24 Academic Boosters 6:30 pm, HS Library USMS G Vol - Norwalk- A - 4:30 USHS G JV/V Ten - Willard - A - 4:15 pm B JV/V Soc - Tiffin Col. - A - Varsity Only - 5 pm G V Soc - Liberty Benton - H - 5 pm	25 USMS 8 FB - Shelby - A - 5pm 7 FB - Galion - H - 5pm CC - Fost/Norwalk - A USHS Coed JV/V Golf - Willard H - 4:15 pm G JV/V Ten- Galion H - 4:15 pm Coed JV/V Cross Country @ Norwalk w/Fostoria - A - 5 pm G JV/V Vol - Tiffin Col. A - 6pm	26	27 USMS G Vol - Shelby-H - 4:30p CC - USMS Invite-H-5p USHS Coed JV/V Golf - Sectional (Boys) A - TBA G JV/V Ten - Shelby H - 4:15 pm Fr FB - Bellevue - A - 5p B JV/V Soc -Riverdale- A - 5p G JV/V Vol - Norwalk - H - 6 pm	28 SOUTH Big Yummy Food sales begin! USHS B V FB - Tiffin Columbian - H 7:30 pm Hall of Fame Night	29 USMS CC - Bettsville Invite A-8:30 am USHS Boys JV FB - Tiffin Col - A - 9:30 am G V Soc - Ada - H - 11 am
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WEATHER DELAY/CLOSING PROCEDURES

TWO HOUR DELAY means report to bus stop or pick-up point two hours later than usual. High School classes will begin at 9:50 a.m. Middle School and all Elementary Schools start at 9:55 a.m.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL TO CHECK ON SCHOOL DELAYS. Open phone lines are needed to receive input from bus drivers and law enforcement agencies so that a wise and informed decision can be made. When a decision is made to delay or cancel school, the radio and television stations are the first to be notified.



The following stations will make the announcements:

WTOL TV 11
WTVG TV 13
WYNT (Upper Sandusky) 95.9
WDIF-WMRN (Marion) 94.3/107
WFIN-WKXA (Findlay) 1330/100.5
WBVI (Findlay) 96.7
WXML (Upper Sandusky) 90.1
WKTN (Kenton) 95.3

ATHLETIC DELAYS

When school is closed due to weather, evening sports contests are sometimes held if the weather conditions subside during the day. Therefore, decisions about evening events are usually made sometime after 1:00 p.m., and announcements are broadcast over the local television station. (See note below).



For more information about school events and activities, please watch WRAM TV 22 or visit our web site at www.ubersandusky.k12.oh.us



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