



"A Tradition of Excellence"

# Upper Sandusky Exempted Village Schools

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## Superintendent's Message . . .

I was going to share with you how proud I am of the custodial-maintenance personnel at all of our buildings for the hard work they have done this summer, but my summer maintenance projects list will have to take a back seat to more pressing news that I really cannot wait to share until next month.

Our preliminary test results are in, and it appears that WE ARE AN EFFECTIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT AGAIN! For the first time in the last five years, we appear this year to have met Annual Yearly Progress (AYP), the only stipulation which kept us from being an effectively rated school district last year. Since there are some fairly serious repercussions for failing to meet AYP for a fifth straight year, we are happy to report that our test scores are up for students of all abilities and categories in which the state and federal government requires us to report.

Preliminary indications are that we will meet 25 of the 30 state indicators possible, meeting AYP in all categories. We are less than 1% away from meeting 2 more of the five state indicators missed.

We are very happy to meet AYP with every category of student, regardless of their race, limited English-speaking ability, socio-economic status, handicap, or academic ability. We are large enough of a school district to have enough students that we are required to report in a large number of categories that not all districts have been required to report. Open enrollment applications have to be at an all-time high . . . and with good reason – WE SERVE A DIVERSE STUDENT POPULATION WITH EXCELLENCE!

Thank you, students, special ed. and regular ed. teachers, administrators, Board members, parents, and community members for working together to help us become the best we can be! We are far from perfect, but academic excellence is our number one goal!

As my father always told me as I was growing up, "Nothing will pay the freight for the rest of your life like a quality academic education." In my first year here, I feel blessed to work as superintendent in a community that values and supports education in as many ways as the people of Upper Sandusky do!

Thank you for your support as we embark upon a new year! By working together in 2006-2007, we have quickly met our number one goal! And I have all of YOU to thank for that!

Yours for education,

Ken Doseck, Superintendent

### CORRECTION: OOPS! MY MISTAKE! I NEED TO CLARIFY SOMETHING!

In my June Newsletter article, I should have stated that Upper Sandusky Schools does not have a permanent improvement levy fund. The truth is, however, that several years ago, the district, unknown to me in June, did establish a permanent improvement fund.

As I was informed by the Board after the June Newsletter article appeared, our school system does have a permanent improvement fund because the Upper Sandusky Board chose to establish this fund when the ½% income tax was first passed many years ago. Even though all levies at Upper Sandusky have been passed as operating levies, the Board earmarked a certain portion of operating funds many years ago to be spent for permanent improvement purposes.

I take great care in trying to be **100% accurate** with **EVERYTHING** I share financially with the community, but this time, quite unintentionally, this fact escaped me in my conversations with the Board and others about this topic. I hope this explanation makes sense, but most importantly, I am sorry for any confusion I may have caused.

Most sincerely,  
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 News

## SCHOOL FEES

Kindergarten . . . . .	\$15.00
First Grade . . . . .	\$20.00
Second Grade . . . . .	\$14.00
Third Grade . . . . .	\$20.00
Fourth Grade . . . . .	\$16.00
Fifth Grade . . . . .	\$10.00
Sixth Grade . . . . .	\$30.00
Seventh Grade . . . . .	\$30.25
Eighth Grade . . . . .	\$30.25
plus + \$11.00 if taking Work & Family Life	

## 2007 - 2008 SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES

	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>
Elementary K-5	\$1.50	\$1.75
Middle School 6-8	\$1.60	\$1.85
High School 9-12	\$1.70	\$2.00
Adult (without milk)	\$2.40	\$2.75
Adult (with milk)	\$2.70	\$3.00
Milk	\$ .40	\$ .40
Reduced Breakfast	\$ .30	\$ .30
Reduced Lunch	\$ .40	\$ .40

# Middle School Happenings

## GOALS FOR USMS

Each year when our middle school students come in, we spend one Home Base discussing goal setting and how we should set our academic goals high! I feel, as the leader of this building, that I must also set high goals so that so we can reach the excellence that we so diligently strive for.

For 2007/2008 one of my goals is to ensure our building reaches EXCELLENT status in the state. I am no longer satisfied with CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT or EFFECTIVE. Our students, teachers, administrators and counselors work way too hard to be placed in any category other than the highest. It is my duty to assist teachers in finding new ways to reach students to get to that level. So next August, my goal is to write an article telling you that we have reached EXCELLENT status as per state standards.

My second goal is to further USMS status in the community. We want to work with as many community organizations as possible to be an active part of this community. To that end I want to see 75% of our kids reach their service hours this year. In the past two years we have been in the mid-high 60% range, but we can do better.

And finally, my third goal is to ensure that the students and teachers of USMS are getting their due across the region and the state of Ohio. Last year, our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers were honored by the OMSA as the Middle School Team of the Year. Two years ago, USMS was rewarded with two component awards - one for Service Learning and one for Student Incentives. We also had a team of students compete at the State Level on Ohio History Day this spring.

I want the state to know the good people we have here. I want our teachers and students to travel far and wide to preach not only the USMS news, but to also trumpet the middle school concept across the state. We've had success here and I want people to know their schools can have the same type of success.

- Jim Wheeler, Principal

## SUPPLY LISTS

Union's 4th and 5th grade supply list is posted elsewhere in this newsletter. We would also like to give parents of 6-8 grade students an idea of what to purchase as they enter school. Please keep in mind, however, that there may be a few things parents will need to buy as the year goes along.

### 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE SUPPLY LIST

Trapper or binder with subject folders  
 Lined paper (college or wide ruled)  
 Pencils (regular or mechanical)  
 Pens (blue, black and red)  
 2 Two Pocket folders for Language Arts  
 1 Two Pocket folder for Reading  
 Highlighter  
 Colored pencils  
 A dictionary for home use  
 A large box of tissues to be given to their HB teacher  
 1 package of 100 3x5 notebook cards

### 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE SUPPLY LIST

#### Mrs. North (Language Arts)

Pencils with erasers Blue or black pens  
 Wide ruled notebook paper  
 Wide ruled spiral notebook. Not perforated edges. These are for journal use.

#### Mrs. Brocklesby (Reading)

Pencils Blue or black pens  
 Notebook paper  
 Folder with pockets to keep reading papers, quizzes, tests, etc.

#### Mrs. Conrad (Science)

One folder with two pockets  
 Colored pencils  
 A pack of 3x5 cards

#### Mr. Hall (Social Studies)

One durable folder with two pockets  
 Black, blue and red ink pens (one of each color)  
 Notebook paper  
 Pencils

#### Mrs. Richards (Math)

Notebook (for keeping math problems)  
 3 Ring Binder

#### Mrs. Murphy

Paper Pencils with erasers

### 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE SUPPLY LIST

**1 ½ to 2 inch binder for Health Class.** Binder does not need to be new, but functional.  
 All other classes, bring the typical supplies with you on your first day!

#### USMS BAND

1- 3 Ring Binder Pencils  
 Essential Elements Band Book

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## GETTYSBURG

As many of you know, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class took a field trip. This was not just any trip, but a three day journey to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and Antietam, Maryland from May 30 until June 1.

The trip was an absolute success. Our students were respectful at all stops and were very inquisitive about what they were seeing. Their knowledge of these sacred battlegrounds was astounding. Of the many impressive things was sitting in a Civil War Wax Museum and listening to the Gettysburg Address - not just from Abe Lincoln, but from every kid in the room. Mrs. Minehart had asked them to memorize it earlier in the year. I was so impressed to watch each child in the room repeating this inspiring speech.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, led by Carol Minehart, did a fantastic job in preparing them for this trip. They set expectations and guidelines, and the kids followed them very well. I could not be more proud of a group of teachers and kids.

Upon arriving home that Friday night, the teachers were presented with a letter from one of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Chelsea Frey. Using Lincoln's speech as a guide, Chelsea wrote a wonderful tribute to the teachers on the bus coming home. I now provide you with a copy:

*Two days and a couple hours ago, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class brought forth on Gettysburg new tourists, conceived in organized chaos and dedicated to the proposition that all chaperones and teachers are out of control.*

*Now we have proven whether our teachers or any teachers so dedicated can long endure without going insane.*

*But now we are going home. I have come to dedicate this letter as a thank you for the teachers who gave their hard work that our class might have fun. It is all together fitting and proper that we should thank them. But in a larger sense, we cannot thank them enough. The brave teachers, exhausted and tired, who organized this trip, have made it more fun than our poor power ever could have, to add or detract.*

*Gettysburg will little note nor long remember what we did there, but we will never forget the memories made there. It was for us, the students, rather, to enjoy the class trip, which the teachers have thus far nobly prepared. That from this experience we take increased appreciation to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of dedication. That we highly resolve that this trip shall not have been completed in vain. And that this trip, under the supervision of chaperones, of 198 people, by the 198 people and for the 198 people shall not perish from anybody on the trips' memory.*

*In other words...*

*Thank you so much for this experience! I will never forget all the interesting information I learned about Gettysburg and all the wonderful memories that we made. Also, thank you for the whole school year. This year was by far the most fun school year I ever had, because of great teachers that make learning FUN. Thanks again, and I hope future 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes get to go to Gettysburg!*

*Your student,  
Chelsea Frey*

### ***Two things, Chelsea . . .***

#1 – I couldn't have said it better myself.

#2 – Allow me to speak for the teachers when I say letters like this are why they get into education. It appears that your 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers have made a truly positive difference in your life! -Jim Wheeler, Principal

## NEW TEACHER

There has been a little bit of shuffling at USMS, as some teachers move to new positions and we gain a new face.

This year Kelly Gelinis moves from 5<sup>th</sup> grade to 4<sup>th</sup> grade replacing the retired Nancy Rose. Former 7<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher Sandy Holly moves to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, replacing Gelinis.

Our new face takes Sandy Holly's place as our 7<sup>th</sup> grade math instructor.

Sarah Richards comes on board after a one year stint at Bucyrus Middle School, where she taught science. Sarah is 4-9 certified in math and science and has a very strong math background. She comes to us meeting HQT status in math.

Sarah probably isn't a new face to some of you. She is a USHS alumni and also coached our 7<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Ram basketball team last year.

## YOUTHACT ROSTER 2006

Eli Aubihl	Doug McKee
Katlyn Beekman	Mackenzie McClain
Melissa Benjamin	Tori Mundy
Macy Britton	Steve Nye
Ty Calvin	Aden Ohl
Jordan Coakley	Sydney Piecha
Ryan Courtright	Cale Sandridge
Kelsie Elkins	Elyse Scheck
Chelsea Frey	Kelsey Swavel
Olivia Frey	Kassi Tracy
Blake Harris	Hannah Troxel
Heath Hawkins	Dylan Waggy
Lindsey Kessler	Amanda Watkins
Sarah Lewis	Jordan Witten

The above list was not submitted in its entirety for the last newsletter.

## East, South & Union Elementary News

### PLEASE REMEMBER!!

At South School we collect Boxtops for Education and Campbell Soup labels all year long. Please continue to save these and send them in when school starts!

### SOUTH SCHOOL

#### Upper Sandusky, OH

#### School Supplies for 2007-08

Parents please note: Label all your child's supplies and outer clothing. Do not bring book bags with wheels as they do not fit in the lockers. No trappers or 3 ring binder and no mechanical pencils.

#### GRADE 3 -

- 10- #2 pencils with erasers
- 2 Red pens AND 2 blue pens
- 1 Box of crayons (24) no more than 48
- 1 Eraser
- 1 Pair of pointed scissors
- Gym shoes (Need not be new, but clean)
- 1 Set of colored markers
- 1 Box of colored pencils
- Book bag
- 8 oz. Bottle Elmer's glue & 1 glue stick
- 1 Plastic school supply box - small 5"x8" only
- 1 Roll of paper towels
- 1 box of ZIPLOCK quart size bags
- 1 pocket folders
- 1 pkg. Notebook hole reinforcements

#### GRADE 4 -

- 10- #2 pencils with eraser
- 1 Pack of loose leaf paper (wide rule)
- one red pen
- Crayons (24 count)
- Supply box (standard size 8"x5")
- pointed scissors (Fiskars at the best)
- Colored pencils
- Ruler (with centimeters and inches)
- 1 Large box of tissues
- 100 Lined 3"x5" index cards
- 1 Book bag
- Gym shoes (need not be new, but clean)
- 4 Pocket folders (red, green, yellow, blue)
- 100 Lined 3"x5" index cards
- 1 Paint shirt
- No stretchy book covers

#### GRADE 1 -

- 1 Pair of gym shoes (need not be new, but should be clean)
- 1 Paint shirt
- 1 Book bag
- 2 Boxes Crayola crayons (24)
- 1 Elmer's glue - 8 oz.
- 10- #2 pencils
- 1 Plastic school supply box
- 2 Spiral notebooks
- 2 Pocket folders
- Scissors - pointed ends

#### GRADE TWO

- 1 Box colored pencils
- 1 Pair of Gym shoes (need not be new, but should be clean)
- 1 Box Ziplock sandwich bags - (GIRLS ONLY)
- 1 roll of paper towels- (BOYS ONLY)
- 1 Box Crayola crayons (24)
- 1 Elmer's glue - 8 oz.
- 1 Large glue stick
- 1 Large box of tissues
- 10- #2 pencils
- 1 Plastic school supply box
- 2 spiral notebooks
- 3 Pocket folders 1 red, 1 blue, & 1 yellow, plain, no pictures
- 1 Pair scissors-children's Fiskars
- 1 Eraser
- 1 Book bag
- Paint shirt

#### GRADE 5

- 20- #2 pencils with erasers
- Loose leaf paper
- 6 black or blue pens
- 6 red pens
- 2 boxes Crayons - 24 pack
- 2 bottles Elmer's glue and two glue sticks
- 1 pair Scissors
- Markers (Crayola, not fine line)
- 2 boxes Colored pencils
- Ruler with centimeters/inches:
- Large box of tissues
- 4 Pocket folders (red, green, yellow, blue)
- 1 Supply box (standard size 8"x5")
- Gym shoes (need not be new, but clean)

**EAST ELEMENTARY  
STUDENT SUPPLY LIST**

2007/2008

**Union Elementary School  
SUPPLIES FOR 2007 - 2008 SCHOOL YEAR**

NOTE: Please put student's name on EVERYTHING! NO Trappers or Book Bags with wheels

**KINDERGARTEN, MRS. WASHBURN**

- 13-PACK CRAYOLA CRAYONS
- 2-4 OZ. BOTTLES WHITE SCHOOL GLUE
- SCISSORS (LIKE FISHERS) ROUNDED
- 10 PENCILS
- SCHOOL BOX
- PAINT SHIRT
- BEACH TOWEL (For Rest Time)
- 1 PKG. MARKERS
- GYM SHOES- FOR INSIDE ONLY
- BOYS- 1 BOX LG GALLON SIZE ZIPLOC BAGS
- GIRLS- 1 BOX SANDWICH SIZE ZIPLOC BAGS
- 1 SET WATERCOLOR PAINTS
- 1 9OX WASHABLE MARKERS
- 1 LARGE BOX TISSUES

**THIRD GRADE- MISS BARNES**

- #2 PENCILS WITH ERASERS
- CRAYONS
- 2 WIRELESS NOTEBOOKS
- SCISSORS
- WASHABLE WHITE GLUE
- BOOK BAG
- COLORED PENCILS
- GYM SHOES FOR INSIDE ONLY
- SCHOOL PENCIL BOX-SMALL
- PAINT SHIRT (WASHABLE)
- THIN LINE MARKERS
- 1 LG. BOX TISSUES TO SHARE
- 5 POCKET FOLDERS (1-green, 1-blue, 1-red, 1-purple and 1-yellow)

**FIRST GRADE- MRS. GRIMES**

- 10 #2 PENCILS (NO FOIL COVERED)
- 1 BOX CRAYONS (16 COUNT)
- ERASER
- 1 SMALL PEANUT BUTTER JAR W/ LID
- 2-8 OZ. \*ELMERS GLUE
- \*Cans or other brands are difficult to open;
- SCISSORS-CHILD SIZE
- SMALL PENCIL BOX
- 12 PK. WASHABLE MARKERS
- 1 SET OF 8 WATERCOLOR PAINTS
- 2 LARGE BOXES OF TISSUES
- GYM SHOES
- PAINT SHIRT
- BOOK BAG (No wheels-worth it, at locker)

**FOURTH GRADE- MRS. NIEDERKORH**

- 4 NOTEBOOKS (NOT SPIRAL)
- CRAYONS
- 4-#2 PENCILS (NOT MECHANICAL)
- MARKERS
- SCISSORS
- GLUE-ELMERS
- 1 BOX TISSUES TO SHARE
- TENNIS SHOES-GYM ONLY
- COLORED PENCILS
- 5 POCKET FOLDERS (For Class)
- (1 yellow, 1-green, 1-red, 1-blue, 1-purple)
- 2 POCKET FOLDERS (For Music and Enrichment)
- ERASER
- PAINT SHIRT
- RED PEN

**SECOND GRADE- MISS CASE**

- TOTE BAG OR BOOK BAG
- SCHOOL BOX
- #2 PENCILS WITH ERASERS
- CRAYONS
- SCISSORS
- WASHABLE WHITE GLUE
- TISSUES FOR DESKS
- GYM SHOES FOR INSIDE ONLY
- PENCIL SHARPENER
- PAINT SHIRT

**FIFTH GRADE- MRS. HERRING**

- #2 PENCILS WITH ERASERS (No Mechanical)
- NOTEBOOK PAPER (Not Spiral)
- SCISSORS-POINTED
- COLORED PENCILS
- CRAYONS
- TENNIS SHOES FOR GYM ONLY
- RED PEN
- WASHABLE MARKERS
- PAINT SHIRT
- 5 POCKET FOLDERS: 1-yellow, 1-green, 1-purple, 1-blue, 1-red
- 2 POCKET FOLDERS-Religious Ed, Art/ Music
- BLUE/BLACK FRASEABLE PEN
- WASHABLE THIN LINE MARKERS
- SMALL PENCIL BOX-egg

Please label ALL items with Child's name-including hats, boots, coats, etc.

**KINDERGARTEN**

- Blank bag
- 1 school box
- 6 #2 pencils with erasers
- extra erasers
- 1 pair of scissors (blunt edged)
- 2 boxes of crayola crayons - 24 packs (do NOT get bigger boxes)
- 1 box of crayola washable markers (classic colors)
- 2 bottles of glue
- a pair of gym shoes (can be old but clean)
- 1 plain pocket folders - pockets on bottom
- 1 large box of Kleenex
- 1 spiral notebook
- Boys - 1 box gallon ziplock freezer bags
- Girls - 1 box quart ziplock freezer bags
- A beach towel for new time the first two weeks

**2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE**

- Book bag
- 1 school box
- 6 #2 pencils with erasers (NOT mechanical)
- extra erasers
- 1 pair of scissors
- 2 boxes of crayola crayons - 24 packs (do NOT get bigger boxes)
- 1 box of crayola washable markers (classic colors)
- 1 set of colored pencils - box of 12
- 2 bottles of glue
- a pair of gym shoes (can be old but clean)
- 1 plain shirt
- 1 large box of Kleenex
- 3 plain pocket folders - pockets on bottom
- Boys - 1 box gallon ziplock freezer bags
- Girls - 1 box quart ziplock freezer bags
- 1 highlighter
- 1 spiral notebook

**4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

- Book Bag
- Pencil Erasers
- Crayons 24 pack
- Scissors
- Glue
- Colored Pencils set of 12
- Markers set of 8 colors
- Watercolor Paints 8 color
- Funt Shirt
- 1 Red Pen & 1 Blue Pen
- Knitler (Anchors & centimeters)
- School Box - must fit in desk
- Notebook Paper
- Homework Folder
- 2 Spiral Notebook
- Gym Shoes (can be old but clean)
- 2 Box of Kleenex-large size
- 1 1/2ry Frase Marker
- Girls - Quart Ziploc Bags
- Boys - Roll of Paper towels
- Highlight Markers

**1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE**

- Book bag
- 1 school box
- 6 #2 pencils with erasers
- extra erasers
- 1 pair of scissors
- 2 boxes of crayola crayons - 24 packs (do NOT get bigger boxes)
- 1 box of crayola washable markers (classic colors)
- 2 bottles of glue
- a pair of gym shoes (can be old but clean)
- 1 plain pocket folders - pockets on bottom
- 1 large box of Kleenex
- 1 small recipe box
- 2 plain pocket folders - pockets on bottom
- Boys - 1 box gallon ziplock freezer bags
- Girls - 1 box quart ziplock freezer bags

**3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE**

- Book bag
- 1 school box
- 6 #2 pencils with erasers (NOT mechanical)
- extra erasers
- 1 pair of scissors
- 2 boxes of crayola crayons - 24 packs (do NOT get bigger boxes)
- 1 box of crayola washable markers (classic colors)
- 1 bottle of glue and 1 glue stick
- a pair of gym shoes (can be old but clean)
- 1 plain shirt
- 1 large box of Kleenex
- 5 plain pocket folders - pockets on bottom
- 1 spiral notebook
- 1 pack of lined-leaf paper
- a 1/2" three-ring binder
- 1 set of colored pencils - box of 12
- Boys - 1 box gallon ziplock freezer bags
- Girls - 1 box quart ziplock freezer bags

**5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

- Book Bag
- Pencil Erasers
- Pens- NO GEL PENS
- Scissors
- Glue
- Knitler (Anchors & centimeters)
- Crayons 24 pack
- Notebook Paper Spiral or 1,0000 School Box
- 5 Pocket Folders
- Gym Shoes (can be old but clean)
- 1 Large box of Kleenex
- Watercolors, Paints, & color
- Paint Shirt
- 1 large Kit for Art
- Colored Pencils set of 12
- Protractor
- 1 Roll of Paper Towel
- Index Cards
- Highlighters
- Mrs. Cookley's Hand Students**
- 3 King Binder
- Pencils

# High School Events

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back for school year 2007-2008. Schedules may be picked up in the USHS office. New student/9<sup>th</sup> grade orientation will be in the USHS gym. All 9<sup>th</sup> grade students may pick up their schedules during orientation. New students who have been enrolled and met with a counselor may also pick up schedules at this time. Here are important dates as we begin the new school year:

August 15	Senior schedule pick-up	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	New student/9 <sup>th</sup> grade orientation	7:00 p.m.
August 16	10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> grade schedule pick-up	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
August 22	1 <sup>st</sup> Day for Students	7:40 a.m.

Students need to bring a \$10 fee deposit and a completed emergency medical form included in an early August mailing. If you do not receive a packet by Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, please see us in the USHS office or call us at 419-294-2308.

- Jim Clifford, Principal

## HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL

As we begin a new school year, it is important for both parents and the school to develop a positive partnership. School personnel will do all we can to help our students succeed. Parents and students need to communicate with each other and the school to help our students be successful.

Here are 10 simple steps to get the most out of high school.

1. **Understand Your Academic Record** – Know academic information such as credits for graduation, GPA, class rank, attendance, and transcripts.
2. **Know Your School** – Know your school calendar, attendance/tardy procedures, school rules, athletic eligibility.
3. **Be in School Every Day** – The importance of regular attendance cannot be overemphasized.
4. **Know How to Get Good Grades** – Be organized, manage your time well, be successful in the classroom, take good notes, know how to read a book, study smart, and use test-taking strategies.
5. **Set Goals** – Setting goals is important. Get into the habit of setting both short-term and long-term goals.
6. **Get Involved** – High school is like anything else - the more you put into it, the more you get out of it.
7. **Make Good Choices and Decisions** – When you make good choices and decisions, you reap the rewards. When you make poor choices and decisions, you suffer the consequences.
8. **Know How to Handle Stress** – A little stress helps us stay alert and focused. Too much stress can keep us from doing and feeling our best.
9. **Use Available Services** – Work together with the school. Teachers, counselors, administrators, secretaries, and other staff are there to help you have the best high school experience possible.
10. **Plan and Prepare for Your Future** – Choose your high school courses carefully and begin to prepare for your future. Learn what courses you need to take in each of your 4-years of high school.

High school students are old enough to make many of their own decisions; however, they still need their parents to provide guidelines and to set limits. All high school students, of course,

need their parent's support, guidance, and encouragement throughout their high school years. Make school a top priority. Nothing is more important to your child's future than education.

- Jim Clifford, USHS Principal

## ELECTRONIC DEVICES/CELL PHONE POLICY CHANGE FOR 2007-2008

Students in our society today have a new body part. The cell phone seems to be the new thing that schools must deal with when it comes to student discipline. Students are asked not to bring a cell phone to school; however, if a student decides to bring a cell phone to school for before - or after-school use, the cell phone must be turned off and left in a locker during the school day. Students are not permitted to carry cell phones or other electronic devices with them during the school day.

The new policy for cell phones in school will be as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Offense** - Item confiscated, logged in the office, returned to parent only.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Offense** - Item confiscated, logged in the office, returned to parent after 30 days.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Offense** - Item confiscated, logged in the office, returned to parent at the end of year.

## FALL SPORTS SEASON HAS ARRIVED!

As a new school year approaches, fall sports season is already on the minds of USHS athletes and coaches. When the first day of school begins on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, practices, scrimmages and even some games will have already taken place. Fall is a busy time of the year for students at USHS with close to 1/3 of our student body participating in a sport. Over 200 students will be competing in either football, cross country, cheerleading, golf, girls tennis, boys soccer, girls soccer or volleyball. We appreciate all the hard work that our student-athletes and their coaches continue to put forth as they represent our school in the NOL and across the state. Please come out and support all our teams this fall. Our students and coaches appreciate the outstanding support they continue to receive from our community. Upper Sandusky fans continue to be the best in the NOL!

- Brad Ehrman, Athletic Director

## USHS FOOTBALL RESERVED SEATS

USHS Football Reserved Seats are now on sale for the 2007 home varsity football season. There are good seats still available. Order forms are available in the USHS office. If you have any questions, contact Brad Ehrman at 419-294-2308.

## MOTORCYCLE TRAINING COURSES AT USHS

Upper Sandusky High School will be the sight of Riders Edge, a motorcycle training course. The North parking lot has been blacktopped and painted for these training classes. Please note that the parking area will be closed during the following weekends:

### Riders Edge Classes

	<u>Saturday</u> <u>8:00am - 5:00pm</u>	<u>Sunday</u> <u>8:00am - 3:00pm</u>
August	11 25	12 26
September	1 8 22 29	2 9 23 30
October	13 27	14 28
November	3 10	4 11

# AUGUST 2007

## District Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The first Academic Booster meeting for 2007-08 is September 24th at 6:30 in the high school library.			1		2	
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USHS Boys V Football Milan Edison - A - 10 am  Boys JV Football Milan Edison - A - 10 am  Boys Fr Football Milan Edison - A - 10 am						
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## The Tailgate Kickoff Changed To The RAM RUMBLE!

The Ram Athletic Boosters would like to invite everyone to this year's all new **Ram Rumble!**

The boosters are proud to present special guests **OSU Drum Major, Stewart Kitchen** and other OSU personalities that will perform at our event. The **USHS Ram Band** and the **USHS JV and Varsity Cheerleaders** will also be featured to entertain and excite the crowd.

New this year: The **Lift-Off Challenge**, the football team's fundraising event to purchase new weight equipment for all of our athletic teams to use and **The Orange Crush**, a competitive event for all the fall student athletes. Student teams will compete in numerous fun events to win the "bragging rights" to the all new **Spirit Stick**, to be unveiled at the **Ram Rumble**.

Traditional tailgate activities will still be available at this year's Rumble. Meet the coaches, or purchase season passes, all sports passes, and tickets for the **Upper Sandusky vs. Carey** game. Check out and purchase the

all new **Ram Gear** for the 2007 season. The traditional \$3.00 tailgate meal will be served, and prizes will be awarded throughout the event. Numerous USHS clubs and organizations will be present to inform students about their activities and to encourage students to make the most of their high school years. Each club has been encouraged to provide something to add to our **party atmosphere** -- helium balloons, face painting, food, snacks, and more!

Thanks to our major sponsors for supporting our Ram Rumble event: Reid Insurance Agency/Grange Insurance and Sunnyside Meats.

**Help Kickoff the 2007 Fall Sports Season  
and JOIN IN the Fun, Food and Friendship  
at the USHS Football Complex on  
August 16th at 6:00 p.m.**

**We hope to see YOU at the RAM RUMBLE!**



For more information about school events and  
activities, please watch WRAM TV 22  
or visit our web site at [www.upper sandusky.k12.oh.us](http://www.upper sandusky.k12.oh.us)



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