



"A Tradition of Excellence"

# Upper Sandusky Exempted Village Schools

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## Superintendent's Message . . .

### March and April Are Intervention Months as Students Prepare for State Achievement Tests

Students in grades 3 through 5 in all three elementary schools and students in grades 6-8 at Union Middle School will be provided special intervention-sessions at no charge to students or parents in preparation for state achievement tests.

As superintendent, I certainly encourage every parent to make transportation arrangements so that their son or daughter (grades 3-8) might take full advantage of any and all special sessions offered by the Board.

Special review and/or intervention sessions will be held by the following teachers at the below-listed dates and times:

		<u>East Elementary School</u>		
Grade Level	Teacher	Subject(s)	Dates (Wednesday's)	Times
3	Miss Barnes	reading/math	March 7,14,18 April 11,18,25	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.
4	Mrs. Niederkohr	reading/math	March 7,14,18 April 11,18,25	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.
5	Mrs. Herring	reading/math	March 7,14,18 April 11,18,25	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.
		<u>South Elementary School</u>		
Grade Level	Teacher	Subject(s)	Dates (Wednesday's)	Times
3	Mrs. Constein	reading/math	March 7,14,18 April 11,18,25	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.
4	Mr. Lortz	reading/math	March 7,14,18 April 11,18,25	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.
5	Mrs. Frobose	reading/math	March 7,14,18 April 11,18,25	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.
		<u>Union Elementary School</u>		
Grade Level	Teacher	Subject(s)	Dates (Wednesday's)	Times
3	Mrs. Brodman & Ms. Bluhm	reading/math	March 7,14,18 April 11,18,25	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.
4	Mr. Kinnear	math	March 7,14,18 April 11,18,25	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.
4	Mrs. Aldridge-Ritchey	reading	March 7,14,18 April 11,18,25	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.
5	Mrs. Gelinias	math	March 7,14,18 April 11,18,25	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.
5	Mrs. Roberts & Mrs. Miller	reading	March 7,14,18 April 11,18,25	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.
		<u>Union Middle School</u>		
Grade Level	Teacher	Subject(s)	Dates	Times
6	Mrs. Vaughn	math	Mon. & Wed. April 9,11,16,18,23,25	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.
6	Mrs. Searfoss	reading	Tues. & Thurs. April 10,12,17,19,24,26	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.
7	Mrs. Holly	math	Mon. & Wed. April 9,11,16,18,23,25	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.
7	Mrs. Brocklesby	reading	Tuesday April 10,17,24	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.
7	Mrs. North	writing	Wednesday April 11,18,25	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.
8	Mrs. Calvin	math	Monday April 9,16,23	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.
8	Mr. Zeller & Mrs. Wood	reading	Tuesday April 10,17,24	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.
8	Mr. Niederkohr	science	Wednesday April 11,18,25	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.
8	Mrs. Minehart	social studies	Thursday April 12,19,26	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.

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.

I appreciate all the extra time and dedication that our teachers give in preparing students well for state achievement tests. The elementary teachers have certainly demonstrated their professionalism by their willingness to teach these sessions.

Parents, please write your child's testing schedule on the calendar and know that you will be responsible for picking up your child on these special days. It will also help if you tell your child that you believe in him/her, that you will do everything you can to make transportation arrangements on these special intervention days, and that you are confident he/she will do well on the tests.

On testing days, there are two major recommendations - a good night's sleep the night before and a good breakfast the morning of. Some students experience a great deal of test anxiety, but the best remedy to combat test anxiety is thorough preparation.

Thank you, Board of Education, for supporting these special intervention sessions and for making student achievement our number one priority! Parents, thank you for partnering with us in emphasizing the importance of academics in our students' lives!

Yours for education,  
**Ken Doseck, Superintendent**

## East, South & Union Elementary News

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR UPPER SANDUSKY EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

Kindergarten registration is now open to all residents of Upper Sandusky Schools. Children who will be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2007 are required by law to register and be screened. Parents should call Brenda Haubert at South Elementary 419-294-2304 between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to set up an appointment for the screening.

After requesting an appointment, parents/guardians will receive a letter notifying them of their appointment time. The last day to register is March 23, 2007.

**When you call, please have the following information:**

- Child's Name, Address and Phone Number
- Date of Birth
- Social Security Number

**Bring the following information about your child to the screening:**

- Birth Certificate or other legal proof of age
- Social Security card
- Immunization (shot) records: DPT -5 doses, Polio - 4 doses, MMR- 2 doses given after the age of 1, Hepatitis B - 3 doses, Varicella (chickenpox) - 1 dose after the first birthday
- Custody papers (if applicable)

During the screening your child will have an opportunity to meet the kindergarten teachers as well as participate in a screening for vision, hearing, general readiness levels, and speech and language.

***This is the only screening that will be held. You must register for this screening if you want your child to attend kindergarten.***

**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 throughout the year.



### HALFWAY DAY

Second Graders at East School celebrated Halfway Day on January 18th. We are halfway through the school year. Students dressed half and half. They worked papers about measuring in

half inches, drew lines of symmetry, and told time to the half hour. Playing "Simon Says Do Half" and "Fraction Bingo" were both fun activities. Of course, winners got half a treat. Each student was given a photo of half their face; then they had to finish drawing the other half. They really liked only doing half their math page and getting half a sticker for good work. Everyone enjoyed a snack of half a cup of juice and pizza (half pepperoni and half cheese). The above was only HALF of what we did for Halfway Day.  
 - Penny Case

### EAST HAS EXTRA HANDS TO HELP!

During the months of November and December the fourth grade class at East Elementary was fortunate to have an extra set of hands to help guide us.

Miss Shelby Walton, a senior at USHS, is interested in pursuing a career in education. Currently, she is a student in the Careers in Education Program at the Sentinel Career Center. She attends class at both USHS and Sentinel.

While in our classroom, Shelby has had many responsibilities. She has helped with taking lunch count and attendance, she has also created a festive holiday bulletin board, as well as helping to monitor students as they work on daily studies. Shelby, working under the guidance of the classroom teacher, has been able to create and present language arts and math lessons. She has enthusiastically accepted any task that has been directed to her, from making word cards and organizing files to presenting lessons.

We want to encourage Shelby as she continues on in her educational career.  
 - Patty Niederkoeh

### GOOD CHARACTER COUNTS AT SOUTH & UNION!



The students and staff of both South and Union Elementary Schools were treated to a wonderful program about character on Feb. 8. Mike Hemmelgarn is a comedy juggler and ventriloquist from Dayton, OH. He had everyone

laughing until their sides hurt with Rosie, an eccentric grandmother puppet, who helped to highlight good character traits such as respect, caring and responsibility. Mike even made two students from the audience into puppets, giving the girl a boy's voice and the boy a girl's voice!! Magic and a giant balloon hat reinforced the character traits and the message to always make good choices. Mike ended his act by juggling a bowling ball (how did he get it out of that skinny briefcase?), an apple, and a toilet plunger - while eating the apple! Everyone had a fantastic time and enjoyed the positive messages he provided.  
 - Laurie Vent





### EAST MAZZA ANNIVERSARY

On February 22, East School celebrated its 12th year as a Mazza Extension School. Over the years students have studied ten authors/illustrators of children's books. We have had seven artists visit the school, including Michael

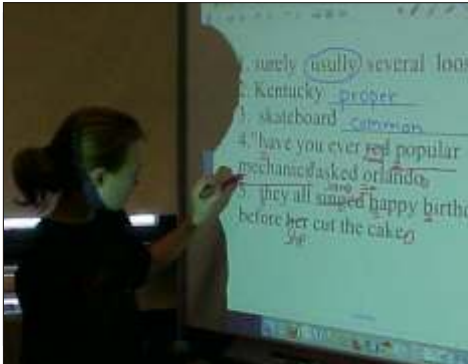
J. Rosen, Wendy Watson, Christopher Canyon, Michael Dooling, Jack Prelustsky, Sandra Philipson and Jenny Campbell. We were happy to help the Upper Sandusky Community Library bring their first author visit in 2003. Poet Laureate Jack Prelustsky came to the school in the afternoon and gave a second presentation in the evening at the library.

This year to celebrate, second graders took the virtual tour of the Mazza Museum at [www.mazzamuseum.org](http://www.mazzamuseum.org). Then we studied the original art that hangs in our classroom (our own mini mazza gallery) and read the books with those illustrations. Students learned more about our Mazza history from our school web page [www.uppersandusky.k12.oh.us](http://www.uppersandusky.k12.oh.us), then East, Past, Artist Visits, and a PowerPoint presentation. Those with past Mazza t-shirts wore them and were creative in icing and decorating their own cupcake.

We are fortunate to have a world famous, one-of-a-kind museum so close to our community. We hope others visit The University of Findlay's Mazza Museum. - Penny Case

### DRIVEN TO LEARN USING TECHNOLOGY

The fifth graders at East School are driven to learn using technology. In the fall we completed a unit learning typing skills using portable units called Writers. In January we received a Smartboard to use in our



classroom. It is an interactive whiteboard that is connected to a computer and a projector. Once the computer image is projected on the board, the Smartboard can be used as a computer. What an exciting and motivating way to learn! We are using it in every subject area. Mrs. Herring has written several grants to get some handheld computers for our classroom. Some of the ways we are using these are to keep track of our class schedule, assignments, and grades. We can read ebooks, practice handwriting, and make webs for writing. We can even use them as a tutorial to help us study for tests. Mrs. Eyestone is having our class use computers to research and track stocks to complete a stock market game. Our teacher attended the State Technology Conference and came back with even more ideas on how to integrate technology into the curriculum. East is staying on track using technology!

- Julie Herring

### MARTHA HOLDEN JENNINGS GRANT FOR UNION FIRST GRADE

Angela Zeller has successfully written and been approved for a Martha Holden Jennings Grant for her first grade classroom. She will be purchasing a library of leveled books for her first grade classroom. This enhanced first grade library will be in use starting at the beginning of next school year and will be used daily

throughout the entire year. The books will be organized by level and used during guided reading centers and silent reading time. There are three first grade classes at Union. All three classes will have access to the leveled books. We will also be setting up partner reading once every month among first grade classes.

"I am very excited to use these leveled books in our classroom. As a first grade teacher, I am continuously looking for ways to engage students in reading books. Our students need to improve academically in literacy and reading skills. By providing a wide variety of books at the appropriate level, students will be more engaged in reading when finding books that interest them. This will also increase their motivation to read."

- Laurie Vent, Principal, South & Union

## Middle School Happenings

### CONFERENCES

A reminder to all that as we approach the end of the year, you may wish to schedule a conference with your child's teachers. Our middle school teams meet each day at the same time:

6th Grade	12:49 - 1:29 p.m.
7th Grade	1:33 - 2:13 p.m.
8th Grade	10:07 - 10:47 a.m.
Encore	2:17 - 2:45 p.m.

### MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS TESTING

The weeks of January 29 through February 9 were utilized to find our sixth grade students' academic progress and provide a benchmark for their academic growth the rest of the school year and hopefully into next school year. Our district recently purchased, with the help of the Upper Sandusky Academic Boosters, an assessment program through Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA). We are able to give each student a computerized adaptive test called Measures of Academic Progress, or MAP. When taking a MAP test, the difficulty of each question is based on how well a student answers all the previous questions. As the student answers correctly, questions become more difficult. If the student answers incorrectly, the questions become easier.

NWEA assessments are used to measure a student's progress or growth in school. You may have a chart in your home on which you mark your child's height at certain times, such as on his or her birthday. This is a growth chart. It shows how much he or she has grown from one year to the next. NWEA assessments do the same sort of thing, except they measure your student's growth in mathematics, reading, and language usage skills. The scale used to measure your child's progress is called the RIT scale (Rasch uNIT). The RIT scale is an equal-interval scale much like feet and inches on a yardstick. It is used to chart your student's academic growth from year to year. Parents will receive copies of their child's scores by mail soon after the assessments are completed.

For more information you can go to the NWEA web site at <http://www.nwea.org>. Take the tour available on the home page or do a keyword search for Document Library and open the Parent Toolkit document. - Janine McMillan

### TRAFFIC AND PARKING AT UNION

Once again we would like to ask all of our school community to please abide by all traffic rules and regulations of the building. While we do cordially invite all of you to visit our building often, please keep in mind the safety of the children at all times.

Also, please abide by all handicapped parking notations in the parking lot. During the winter months, as with all year long, we need to ensure those folks with handicapped parking passes get easy access to our building. - Jim Wheeler, Principal

## USMS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Since 1999 USMS teachers have voted on students of the month in 6th-8th Grades. Teachers vote on one boy and one girl at each level. Reasons for selection include:

- Measurable improvement in academics
- Willingness to help other students and teachers
- Showing a genuine concern towards school
- Showing signs of personal improvement
- Involvement in school and community activities

Each May all rewarded students chaperone pre-schoolers from New Discoveries to a Toledo Mud Hens baseball game on May 23. This gives those students a chance to utilize their skills as role models in public.

We congratulate the following students chosen in November:

<u>Grade 6</u>	<u>Grade 7</u>	<u>Grade 8</u>
Ian Baker	Brittany Gottfried	Alan Gullifer
Miranda Lee	Derek Hartschuh	Miranda Lee

Each year, this trip is made possible via the generosity of several local businesses and individuals. Each donation of \$100 gets the business or individual two game tickets and their name on the back of our official Muddy Buddy T-Shirt. To date, the following have made donations to the Muddy Buddy cause:

Kimmel Corporation	Wal-Mart
Judge Kate and Bill Aubry	East of Chicago
Russell Lee	Wilson Tire
First Citizens National Bank	

## STUDENT HANDBOOK

The man who should be America's Poet Laureate, Bruce Springsteen, once sang: *"We learned more from a three-minute record than we ever learned in school."*

While I don't necessarily agree with the sentiment (although I'm a HUGE Springsteen fan) I do understand where it comes from. Many of us had a bit of a rebellious streak in us (ok...me) which had many causes. Teenagers are teenagers, but rebellion can be traced to not being able to be part of the process of deciding what is best for your own future.

This year I formed student teams from each grade level to discuss our 2007-08 student handbook. One student from each Home Base was chosen, and we simply talked about school rules. We talked about what they thought was fair, what they thought wasn't fair, and other things. I'm happy that once again our kids didn't disappoint. They acted in a mature manner and asked some pretty insightful questions. Later on, I will ask each of these students to help me develop an anti-bullying code for our students at USMS.

Now, we're always going to have some type of dress code (sorry, no hats at USMS), but at least we let them in on the process this year. At least we let them ask questions, and we gave them answers. I do believe that some good things came out of the discussions, and at the very least, we are going to adjust the physical attributes of our handbook.

I would like to personally thank the members of the Student Handbook Team:

### 6th Grade

Amber McGlaughlin	Paige Perry	Sierra Miller
Courtney Bricely	Brad Sammet	Scott Warfel

### 7th Grade

Layne Binkley	Kelsey Collins	Lauren Browne
Samantha Snyder	Dustin Blue	

### 8th Grade

Matt Bassler	James Massara	Mitch Seigler
Alan Gullifer	Steve Nye	Elyse Scheck
Sarah Lewis	Chelsea Frey	

- Jim Wheeler, Principal

## USMS 6TH GRADE MUSICAL

Under the direction of Robin Spoons and Denise Stull, the 6th Grade musical has reached almost legendary status. This year's production is *"The Music Man"* and will be held in the USMS Auditorium on Tuesday, May 8. The following have been chosen as the cast:

Charlie Cowell- Kolby Holloway  
Conductor- Josh Mundy  
Harold Hill- Jacob Courtright  
Mayor Shinn- Tyler Toland  
Ewart Dunlop- Scott Warfel  
Jacey Squires- CJ Smith  
Mrs. Squires- Megan Vanderpool  
Olin Britt- Christopher Swartz  
Marcellus Washburn- Nick Koehler  
Constable Locke- Josh Mundy  
Tommy Djiilas- Ian Baker  
Marian Paroo- Jayma Voorheis  
Mrs.Paroo- Michaela Wolfe  
Amaryllis- Jenna Brocklsey  
Winthrop Paroo- Jesse Shane  
Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn- Courtney Bricely  
Zanetta Shinn- Taylor Martin  
Gracie Shinn- Miranda Lee  
Ethel Toffelmier- Krista Caudill  
Alma Hix- Michaela Barth  
Maude Dunlop- Hannah Cole  
Pick-A-Little Ladies- Logan Pierson, Hannah Cole,  
Taylor Clark  
Farmer- Kolby Holloway  
Farmer's Wife- Lexa Cheney  
River City Townspeople and Kids- Candice Dickerson,  
Darrion Pina, Megan Pasco, Jackie Stone, Tiffany  
Mckee, Lexa Cheney  
Wa Tan Ye Girls- Ellie Greulich, Paige Perry, Rowan  
Ritchey, Shelby Alspach

## SPELLING BEE AT USMS

On Thursday, February USMS hosted the annual Upper Sandusky Spelling Bee and crowned St. Peter's 6th Grade student Laura Renteria as champion. USMS 8th Grade student Sarah Beamer was the runner up.

Participants and alternates included:

<b>5th Grade</b>	East	Morgan Baker	Sam Plott (A)
	St. Peter's	Kelsi Knapp	Zach Marshall
	South	Hannah Adkins	Christina Lane
	Union	Keiran Robertson	Keirsten McGlaughlin
		Tylor Pritchard	Abby Kline
		Shelby Flowers	Ivy Shumaker
<b>6th Grade</b>	St. Peter's	Laura Roberts	Alexis Cameron
	USMS	Hannah Cole	Sierra Miller
		Anthony Fields	
		Jacob Klavinger	
		Caleb Nickleson	
<b>7th Grade</b>	USMS	Trevor Barth	Jagar King
		Adam Duress	Samantha Snyder
		Jusitn Miller	Tiffany Towns
		Caitlin Sprang	
<b>8th Grade</b>	USMS	Sarah Beamer	Kelsey Swavel
		Chelsea Frey	
		Tori Mundy	
		Kevin Sutter	

## MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

We aim to please at USMS and will deliver emergency messages to students if parents call. However, if you must have a message delivered to your child about alternate plans for transportation home, please try to make that phone call before 1:30 p.m.

## DUKES OF UNION

Dedicated **Union Kids Exceeding Standards** is a program designed to reward 4th and 5th Grade students at Union. Students are rewarded not only for good grades, but also exemplary behavior and service to the classroom or community.

One student is chosen from each class each month and is treated to an all-you-can-eat pizza buffet at East of Chicago on the last Friday of each month with the principal and a teacher. They are also rewarded with a **DUKE'S CHAMPIONSHIP MONTH T-shirt!** The shirt is orange and black -- perfect to cheer on our Rams.

D.U.K.E.S. for February include:

### 4th Grade

Aubrey Ward (Rose)  
Clay Musgrave (Kinneary)  
Drew Barth (Smith)

### 5th Grade

Lauren Shaull (Gelinas)  
Bridget Sopher (Miller)  
Aaron Stansberry (Roberts)

## 7TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

The 7th Grade USMS Girls' Basketball team was very fun but hard this year. The team consisted of Sydney Courtad, Marissa Linhart, Danielle Gatchell, Jennifer Easton, Brittney Fletcher, Kelsy Niederkoher, Alinda Rosvanis, Breanna Vogel, Kristina Thiel, Lauren Vinson, Corrine Shaull, Karly Beach and our manager Keera Saylor.

We were coached by Eric Valasek, and he has taught us many things throughout the season and definitely kept us in shape.

Our record was 4-10, but we played our best, getting bruised legs and arms along with jammed fingers.

Our first win was against Norwalk. We went into overtime and beat them by a few points. Our other wins came against Galion, Fostoria and Willard. By far our toughest opponent was Bellevue. We still played them tough twice, and even though we lost, we knew we tried our hardest.

We were good at getting other teams into foul trouble. We, on the other hand, only got into foul trouble a few times, with only a few girls fouling out. Our biggest trouble this year was putting the ball in the basket, but we practiced hard every day after school.

In our tournament we played Tiffin and lost. That's where our season ended, but I'm sure most of the girls will try out next year. We are going to practice while we are off and beat the teams next year for the 7th grade trophy.  
- Sydney Courtad, student

## High School Events

### HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to the following students at USHS. They are: Jacob Fagan, Chelsea Forman, and Kody Stickel. Each of them are Sentinel Chapter National Technical Honor Society students and will be inducted in a ceremony at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2007 at the Sentinel Career Center in Tiffin. Student success is something we take great pride in at USHS. Did you know that we had 31 students (Principal's List) who had 4.0 GPA's for the second grading period? We also had 110 students (Dean's List) who earned a 3.7 or higher GPA. In addition, 70 % of our students maintain outstanding attendance, missing just three or fewer days of school during the first semester.

As principal, I am very proud of the student's who excel with their academics and commitment to education. Our staff is focused on a quality education for all students. We set high expectations for success. We demand student attendance, discipline, and academic performance. It is important that parents also take an active role in their student's education. The partnership between the student, school, and parent is needed for success. As a staff, we are now scheduling for classes next year and we are preparing for the Ohio Graduation Test to be given March 12-16. Included in this Newsletter is information regarding the OGT.

This is newsletter #6 this year. I would like to introduce five more staff who each contributes to the education of our students. The five staff I would like to recognize in this issue are: Mr. Mark

Albert, Mr. Scott Barnett, Mrs. Rae Kuenzli, Mr. Jeff Pickett, and Ms. Lindsay Sampsel.

Mr. Mark Albert is a Special Education teacher in his 10th year at USHS. He teaches Special Education English courses and Resource where he works with students who are on an IEP (Individual Education Program). He writes IEP plans for as many as 20 different students and attends many meetings with a team of educators who determine the best education for our special needs students.

Mr. Scott Barnett is in his 11th year at USHS. He teaches senior Government and Sociology courses. This semester, Mr. Barnett has a student teacher, Ms. Jackie Kline, from Findlay University. Mr. Barnett has been involved with extracurricular activities at USHS. He was hired here in 1996 as our head boy's basketball coach and coached for three seasons. He has also coached track and advised the Student Council at USHS.

Mrs. Rae Kuenzli started working as an Aid at USHS in 1985. She works in the office and is responsible for keeping daily attendance for our students. She keeps sign-in/sign-out sheets and records attendance information into the computer. She maintains attendance files and emergency medical information for students. Mrs. Kuenzli also assists with the day-to-day operations such as customer service for visitors and phone calls.

Mr. Jeff Pickett is an Industrial Arts teacher at USHS and is in his 10th year. He teaches lab safety, machine safety, operation of tools and machines, woodworking processes, assembly, sanding, staining, and finishing processes. His students do engineered drawings and woodworking projects. Students complete excellent projects under the guidance of Mr. Pickett.

Ms. Lindsay Sampsel is in her 2nd year at USHS. She teaches English 9, Broadcasting, and Language Arts Lab. Her Broadcasting students are very involved with mass communications in the school. Students produce and edit the morning announcements for the high school and broadcast these announcements each day over the local cable station, channel 22. These announcements are on each day at 10:02 a.m. Students also keep the USHS sign up to date. This sign is located in the Southwest corner of the front lawn and is illuminated for night viewing.

We appreciate everything these individuals do for the youth of our community, and we thank each of them this month for the outstanding contributions they make for our students.

- Jim Clifford, Principal

### TESTING WEEK AT USHS - March 12-16

The **OHIO GRADUATION TEST (OGT)** will be administered to all 10th grade students. In addition, we will administer the OGT to those 11th and 12th graders who need to retake the test. Students will be taking five tests: Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Students are encouraged to get a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast before each test. One test will be administered each day (Monday-Friday) from 7:45-10:00 a.m. Students must pass each of the five tests to graduate from high school.

A **PRACTICE OGT** will be administered to all 9th grade students during the same time. This will give our students practice taking the OGT to aid them in learning what to expect for the OGT as a 10th grader. The test will be scored by our teachers to learn weaknesses and intervention strategies.

The High School only will be operating on a two-hour delay schedule so testing can be properly administered to our students. The busses will be running on the regular schedule. Students are expected to report to their testing site by 7:45 a.m. each day. Students who are not testing will be required to be in school at 9:55 a.m.

**PLEASE NOTE: If the district delays or cancels school during a test day, there will be no testing on that day. Make-up dates for testing will be March 19-23, 2007.**

Please help us prepare your son/daughter for testing. Thank you for participating in the education of our students. If you have questions concerning the OGT, please contact our office at 419-294-2308.  
- Jim Clifford, Principal

## USHS OGT SCHEDULE - March 12-16, 2007

### Schedule Each Day

1. Buses will run on the normal schedule
2. Only the high school will run on a two-hour delay schedule each day.
3. Junior Sentinel students are on a 1-hour delay unless taking the exam
4. Students testing need to be in testing room at 7:45 a.m.

7:40 - 7:45	Students and staff go to test site
7:45 - 9:55	Testing (At 9:55 students still testing will be sent to the Library) (Students will have until 10:20 to complete then report to 1st period)
8:50 - 9:20	Period 3 (PM Sentinel Students only)
9:25 - 9:55	Period 4 (PM Sentinel Students only)
9:55-10:00	<b>ALL STUDENTS SHOULD REPORT TO 1ST PERIOD CLASS</b>
10:00 - 10:26	Period 1 (26 Minutes)
10:29 - 10:54	Period 2 (25 Minutes)
10:57 - 11:24	Period 5A (Regular Scheduled Time)
11:27 - 11:54	Period 5B (Regular Scheduled Time)
11:57 - 12:24	Period 5C (Regular Scheduled Time)
12:27 - 12:51	Period 3 (24 Minutes)
12:54 - 1:18	Period 4 (24 Minutes)
1:21 - 1:45	Period 6 (24 Minutes)
1:48 - 2:12	Period 7 (24 Minutes)
2:15 - 2:40	Period 8 (25 Minutes)

### JUNIOR AND SENIOR GUIDANCE NEWS

March is here, and there is much to prepare for here in the high school guidance office. Probably the biggest event this month is the Ohio Graduation Test that will be given to 10th grade students for the first time and to any 11th and 12th graders who have yet to pass any section. The test will be given from March 12-16 with make-ups being the following week. There are many good preparation materials out there, with one of the best being the Ohio Department of Education website. There are practice tests for every subject on this site and students will find it very helpful. The web address is [www.ode.state.oh.us](http://www.ode.state.oh.us). First click on Testing and Assessments and then on Ohio Graduation Test, and this will lead you to all kinds of helpful information on this very important test.

This is also the time of year that college-bound juniors need to be signing up for the ACT and/or SAT. The next test date for the ACT is April 14 with the registration deadline being March 9. Students should be sure to sign up for the writing portion when registering. The next SAT date is May 5 with the registration deadline on March 29. Preparation materials can be found for each of these tests on their websites: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) & [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

Seniors will likely begin to receive financial aid packages from the colleges that they have applied to. Be sure to review these carefully to make sure that you are making a true comparison of costs including, scholarship and grants (free money) and loans (need to be repaid) and that you are paying close attention to the different student loan options and interest rates. You may be surprised at how much the rates vary between federal student loans to private lender student loans so make sure that you are getting the best deal possible! If you still have not filed the FAFSA or have other financial aid questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sophomores who would like to attend Sentinel next year need to have their applications turned in by Friday, March 16. Sentinel programs fill up on a first-come, first-served basis, so please get the applications turned in as soon as possible. Applications can be found in the guidance office.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience at [cara\\_s@treca.org](mailto:cara_s@treca.org) or 419-294-2308. Happy Spring!!  
- Cara Stevens, Counselor

## CLASS REGISTRATION 2007/2008

Students who wish to attend Sentinel Career Center next year as juniors should submit their applications as quickly as possible. The deadline for applications is March 16. Applications will be taken after this time, but students might have to go onto a waiting list. Current freshmen will meet with Mrs. Norman to schedule classes for the 2007-2008 school year. Parents with questions about classes may contact the Guidance Department. The Ohio Graduation Test will be administered March 12-16 with make-up tests March 19-March 23. Seniors who need to pass any section of the OGT to graduate will have their last chance in March. Senior test results will be in May 15, 2007, and Sophomore/Junior results will be in May 29, 2007.  
- Barb Norman, Counselor

### ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY

The Anatomy and Physiology class at USHS is designed for students with a health-related career in their future. However, as Student Clinton Kuenzli reminds us, "although some students may not be entering the medical field, it is important and very interesting to learn about the body and its systems." This year long course looks in depth at eleven major body systems, their anatomy (structure) and physiology (function). Instruction includes the traditional lecture, memorization, labeling diagrams, and tests, but the instructor involves the many healthcare professionals in our community as well. Guest speakers have included a nurse practitioner, an audiologist, a pharmacist, and a physical therapist. Student Trisha Zamora notes that "the different guest speakers give us a good idea of what it's really like to work in the medical field." Valerie Schalk at Wyandot Memorial has been very supportive in scheduling these guests. On occasion the local hospital has opened its doors to us and allowed the class to tour the med lab and the cardiology department. This opportunity is a great example of the schools working with the community for the cooperative education of our youth.

In addition, the A & P students have witnessed both a knee replacement surgery and an autopsy via the internet, a kind of virtual field trip. These are sponsored by COSI who supplies many supplemental materials to accompany the procedures. We thank Mr. Jim Frye for his technical support as well. Our students are able to ask questions of the practitioners as the connections are live. Student Kelsey Stief says, "The knee replacement and autopsy were great! It helped me visualize what we study." A third surgery of the heart is upcoming in March. Student Brittany Calmes comments, "I never expected to view live surgeries, but in doing so, it has widened my view of the medical field and has shown me things I have never seen."

Other student comments include those from Megan Kraus, "Anatomy and physiology has given me many opportunities to further explore the health field. By watching the interactive surgeries and dissecting the cow heart, I am gaining more and more knowledge and am constantly being given answers to my curiosity." Also, Holly Barth who is an MD hopeful, "Anatomy has taken me beyond the classroom and has given me real-life knowledge I know I will use in my education beyond high school." Kirk Miller, who is considering the nursing field, reflects that "this class has inspired me to [pursue a career in] healthcare."

The fifteen students that are currently enrolled in the Anatomy and Physiology class have also led the class in discussions of current concerns, technologies, and research in medicine and health. In researching these current event topics and leading these discussions, students are participating in their own instruction and making connections between the classroom and the real world.

- Teresa Harris, USHS Science

# MARCH 2007

## District Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Early Release Day for Students</u> <b>Wednesday, March 21, 2007</b> <i>for Teacher Training</i>  <b>High School Releases at 1:30 p.m.</b>  <b>Middle School &amp; Elementary Releases at 1:35 p.m.</b>  <b>Be sure to make arrangements for your children.</b> <b>Busses will run on this early schedule - please plan accordingly.</b>				<b>1</b> Kindergarten Registration Feb 1 - Mar 23 Call South School 419-294-2304	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>  USHS Winter Concert 2:30 p.m.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  SOUTH Louie Electric Program 12:30 p.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  EAST Recycling 8:30-10:30 am
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  USHS RAM Booster Mtg - 7:00 p.m.	<b>13</b>  USMS Winter Concert 7:00 p.m.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  End of 3rd Nine Weeks  USHS Musical - 8:00 p.m.	<b>17</b>  USHS Musical - 8:00 p.m.
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <u>Early Release Day for Students</u> (See above note)	<b>22</b>  SOUTH Kiddie Barnyard (1st grade) 8:10 a.m.	<b>23</b>  <u>Kindergarten Registration ENDS</u>  USHS Musical - 8:00 p.m.	<b>24</b>  USHS Musical - 8:00 p.m.
<b>25</b>  USHS Musical - 2:30 p.m.	<b>26</b>  USHS JV/V BT - Kenton - A 4:15 pm V BBB - Kenton - H 4:30 pm JV BBB - Kenton - A 4:30 pm V GSB - Kenton - H 4:30 pm JV GSB - Kenton -- A 4:30 pm	<b>27</b>  USHS V BBB - New Riegel - A 4:30 pm  V GSB - New Riegel - A 4:30 pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  USHS JV/V BT - Bucyrus - A 4:15 pm  Coed V Track - Willard - H - 4:30 p.m.	<b>30</b>  USHS V BBB - Seneca East - H - 4:30 pm JV BBB - Seneca East - A - 4:30 pm V GSB - Seneca East - H - 4:30 pm JV GSB - Seneca East - A - 4:30 pm	<b>31</b>  Coed V Track - Bucyrus Elks Inv - A - 9 am  V BBB - DH-Hopewell Loudon - H - 11 am  V GSB - DH-Hopewell Loudon - H - 11 am

### HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS THROUGH 1ST WEEK OF APRIL

#### Boys Varsity Baseball

4-3-07 Fostoria HS - A - 4:30 pm  
 4-5-07 Willard HS - A - 4:30 pm

#### Girls Varsity Softball

4-3-07 Fostoria HS - A - 4:30 pm  
 4-5-07 Willard HS - A - 4:30 pm

#### Boys JV & V Tennis

4-2-07 River Valley HS - A - 4:15 pm  
 4-3-07 Bucyrus HS - H - 4:15 pm

#### Boys Junior Varsity Baseball

4-3-07 Fostoria HS - H - 4:30 pm  
 4-5-07 Willard HS - H - 4:30 pm

#### Girls Junior Varsity Softball

4-3-07 Fostoria HS - H - 4:30 pm  
 4-5-07 Willard HS - H - 4:30 pm

#### Coed Track

4-3-07 Bellevue HS - A - 4:30 pm  
 4-7-07 Kenton Relays - A - 9:00 am

### USHS QUIZ BOWL-CHAMPS!!!

Upper Sandusky High School's quiz bowl team won the Wyandot/Seneca County Quiz Bowl League for the third straight year. At our most recent competition the Rams defeated Tiffin Columbian 225-175, Seneca East 160-55 and Tiffin Calvert 145-80. The Rams completed the regular season 9-1 and will go into the league tournament in February as the #1 seed.

Participating for the Rams this time were seniors: Clay Richey, Korde Hinkle, Nick Waggy, Eric Perkins, Liz Miller, Mitch Grenwalt, Holly Taylor, Caroline Orians and Pete Droll, Juniors Jared Barth, Cameron Hoerig, Jenny Cheney and Ben Baaske and Sophomore Clint Richey.

Winning the league now qualifies the team to participate in the regional tournament in April. Last year the Rams finished 7th out of 24 teams at the Tipp City regional and will be looking to improve on that finish this year.

The team would like to thank all the teachers in our system for helping us get to where we are today, the Academic Boosters for their support, and to everyone in the community that has helped or supported us in any way.

- Steve Sturgeon, Advisor

### QUIZ BOWL WINS IN MIND GAMES

The Upper Sandusky High School's quiz bowl team ventured outside their typical league setting on January 16th to compete in the OSUM Mind Games competition. The Mind Games is a 16 team Quiz Bowl type tournament made up of schools from Marion, Delaware and Wyandot Counties.

Winning teams from this tournament will receive scholarships from OSUM as well as general scholarships for their schools. In the first round of competition USHS defeated Marion Harding and will return to OSUM on March 11th to take on Delaware Hayes High School in round 2.

Competing for the Rams in the Mind Games are seniors Clint Richey, Liz Miller, Nick Waggy, Eric Perkins and Korde Hinkle. Congratulations on advancing!

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## USHS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Our congratulations go out to the students who have been selected by the high school staff as students of the month. These students are chosen for outstanding qualities, such as positive attitude, improved academics, academic achievement, and community and school involvement, etc. Each student receives a certificate from the Lions Club and coupons from area businesses.

### **November**

Senior - Jon Diebler

Soph. - Mariah Wilson

### **December**

Senior - Kelsey Stief

Soph. - Kayla Pierson

### **January**

Senior - Drew McClellan

Soph. - Katie Wetherell

Junior - Brittani Stutz

Fresh. - Riley McQuown

Junior - Sara Bennett

Fresh. - Nicole Swavel

Junior - Hannah Reid

Fresh. - Hannah Reile

## SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER!

Upper Sandusky High School spring sport practices will begin on Monday, March 5 with the first games beginning the week of March 26. Baseball, softball, boys tennis, boys and girls track will take center stage with all our teams looking forward to successful seasons.

The 2007 "Swankhouse Invitational" highlights the track season with eight teams competing on Saturday, April 21 at the USHS Athletic Complex. This invitational will feature Celina, Maumee, Oak Harbor, River Valley, Kenton, Mohawk, Carey and host, Upper Sandusky High School.

All our coaches and athletes will be working hard to represent USHS on the playing field this spring. Please come out and support all our spring sport teams!

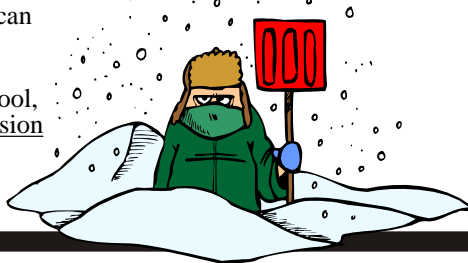
- Brad Ehrman, Athletic Director

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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.upper sandusky.k12.oh.us](http://www.upper sandusky.k12.oh.us)



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