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Superintendent's Message...

October 2009

The start of this school year appears to be considerably busier this year with more issues than usual to resolve in getting the year off to a smooth start.

We have a new biennium budget for education which attempts to fund the Governor's New Educational Reform Plan, but as state revenues continue to decline, it is apparent to me that additional cuts in state funding for the support of our schools will be inevitable.

With the new budget bill, school districts are provided in law with a transitional aid guarantee – 99% of the previous year's funding for Fiscal Year 2010 and 98% of 2010 funding in Fiscal Year 2011-- but even though such "guarantees" are provided in law, our district and most other Ohio school districts in the past biennium have experienced additional budget cuts as revenues have declined and the state is required to balance its budget at the end of each fiscal year (July 1– June 30).

Added to the budget uncertainty are the legal challenges to placing video lottery terminals to Ohio's seven horse-racing tracks, and another lawsuit which challenges the Governor's authority to implement the slots via executive order. Add to these issues the Grocers Association challenge to the CAT tax and whether voters will approve in November four casinos to be built in Ohio, and you have some idea of whether Ohio schools, though "guaranteed" a certain amount by the formula, will actually achieve a comfortable degree of revenue certainty.

Of central interest to the educational community is the fact that the Governor's new Evidence Based Model (OEBM) for funding is now enacted into law, even though it appears that next year we will have at least 4 fewer tests on the Ohio School District Report Card as "evidence" of school achievement.

The new bill does, however, help address the long-standing phantom revenue flaw in the funding formula – eventually, in six years, restoring the charge-off to its pre-1995 level – by phasing down the charge-off from 23 back to 20 mills over the next biennia, starting with 22 mills this year and next. (Keep in mind that the charge-off is the amount in mills times our current valuation in Upper Sandusky that gets subtracted from our state aid before it is given to us by the state.)

Amended Substitute HB1, commonly known as the Budget Bill, also mandates lower pupil-teacher ratios for grades K-3 over the next 6 years, even though there seems immediately to be a problem with some of us who have no classroom space available to accommodate such ratios, including those districts with new Ohio School Facilities Commission projects (such projects containing classrooms funded to accommodate 25 students and not one student less). As a type of temporary "fix" to the problem, a provision was passed in the bill to allow the Ohio Dept. of Education to grant a waiver to the school district in FY 2011 due to space considerations or funding issues, but presently, there are no provisions for waivers beyond FY2011.

The bill reduces calamity days from five to three for the 2010-11 school year. (Evidently, when the Governor's initial Reform Plan proposal included a provision to add 20 days to the school year, a few folks thought it might be wise to first make full use of the days available to us that all taxpayers already fund – namely, our five calamity days.)

HB1 also replaces the long-standing Ohio Graduation Test with:

- * a nationally standardized college-prep (ACT-type) assessment for all students, whether they are college-bound or not;
- * a series of end-of-course examinations in science, math, English language arts, and social studies; and
- * a senior project completed individually or by a group of students.

A comprehensive listing of educational provisions in AmSub HB1 is available on the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget Resource Center: <http://links.osba-ohio.org/64661>.

Although board members and I have attempted to seek answers in Columbus as to how the state plans to fund all their newly unfunded mandates -- including a full-student funding (versus the current 1/2-student funding) of all-day, every-day kindergarten students; the additional 20 days of school added to the school year; additional requirements for more school counselors; a school business manager; additional school nurses; school social workers; a family and community liaison coordinator; lead

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.

teachers, a school wellness coordinator; etc. – all of whom we currently do NOT have on staff – well, let's just say we have not received an acceptable answer for who is going to fund all these new mandates.

While I can only guess about most members of the general public, after 30 years of being in administration, I, myself, grow tired of the trickle-down effect of irresponsible spending at levels above me because those above me do not have to run local levy campaigns.

At the risk of sounding arrogant, I have yet to meet a person in Columbus or in Washington who knows better than I what is best for the children who attend Upper Sandusky Schools. And I'm not trying to be haughty, just factual. The worst enemies to our local budgets are our own state and federal governments who take little ownership for responsibly funding what they mandate.

My theory is that if some of our legislators had to run as many levy campaigns as I have had to run during my career that we would quickly learn to live within our means or put a stop to unfunded mandates which are ridiculously unaffordable, especially with today's economy. It's just gravely disappointing when our own state and federal governments are the biggest factors running counter to achieving a locally balanced budget.

Yours for education,

Ken Doseck, Superintendent

DISTRICT NEWS

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- * The following 4 schools for again earning (with 2008-2009 test scores) a 2009 "Excellent" rating on the Local School District Report Card – South Elementary School, East Elementary School, Union Elementary School, and Upper Sandusky High School; special congratulations to Upper Sandusky High School which, for its sixth consecutive year, earned a perfect score on all state indicators!
- * Upper Sandusky High School, which, for its fifth consecutive year, earned the Ohio Academy of Science's Governor's Award for Excellence in Youth Science Opportunities; Upper Sandusky High School was one of only 90 of Ohio's 1,723 high schools, middle schools, and junior high schools to achieve this award, putting them in the top 5.2% of Ohio schools eligible to receive this award; special thanks to Mrs. Teresa Harris for submitting the paperwork and setting up the activities to enable our students to earn this award!

DISTRICT WEB SITE ADDITIONS - IMPROVEMENTS:

New to our district web site is the Upper Sandusky Athletic Hall of Fame (USAHF), which honors those individuals who command respect and admiration for both themselves and the Upper Sandusky School system, through their athletic endeavors, exploits, and achievements; and to express appreciation for the high degree of skill displayed by those individuals. The site, headed up by Tim Pohlman, has been established to recognize those individuals and to give remembrance of the Hall of Fame inductees' contributions. Through the many years the inductees' list of accomplishments

have not been on display, and we look to change that with your help. Your assistance in the area of the inductee's contributions/accomplishments can be updated by using the "Accomplishments" form located on the USAHF web site. A bulleted list of each inductee's annual contributions would serve best – i.e. freshman year lettered in football, basketball and track & field with league honors in the shot put, etc.

In addition to the USAHF, we have also incorporated a more direct access to the Performing Arts web sites here in Upper Sandusky.

Access to the sites are located under the "Activities-Athletics" link on the district web site or directly USAHF using the following web address: www.upsandusky.k12.oh.us/Hall_of_Fame/

We hope you enjoy the site, Your feedback is both appreciated and necessary to keep the district site a dynamic source of community information. Your comments and suggestions are all taken seriously with updates to the site often made within 24 hours of approval. Feel free to direct all suggestions to me, district web coordinator, Tim Pohlman (pohlman@usevs.org). - Tim Pohlman, Web Coordinator

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, October 20, 2009

"Living and Understanding Autism"

This is a mother's presentation on the diagnosis, daily living, and managing of a child with Autism. This mother has written a book on the this subject.

By Sandy Hallett, B.A.

This parent meeting will be held at
The Family Learning Center at Sentinel
797 E. Twp. Rd. 201, Tiffin, Ohio from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Questions, call Paula Frey, Parent Mentor, (419) 294-3445.

UPPER SANDUSKY COMMUNITY LIBRARY ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER

The Board of Trustees of the Upper Sandusky Community Library has put a tax levy on the November 3rd ballot to raise money for the operating expenses of the library. The levy is a 1.4 mill property tax levy designed to generate \$300,000 per year for 5 years and would apply to everyone in the Upper Sandusky Exempted Village School District. If voters approve, the levy would be collectable beginning in 2010.

Although state funding to Ohio libraries has been decreasing since 2001, the decreases were gradual. The latest reduction, however, passed in mid-July by the legislature, represents a 21.45% decrease from the original 2009 certification and a decrease of 33% from the 2000 allocation (the highest amount ever received from the state). This reduction comes at a time when there is little reason to believe that the state economy, and therefore, state funding, shall soon recover. Moreover, the certification for 2010 represents a further reduction to \$237,481, a decrease of 39.1% from the year 2000. With the present economy, it would be no surprise if this amount is further reduced.

To enable the community to maintain library services, the Library Board of Trustees believes it has little choice but to request public support for the continuation of its services. For more information about the library, its financial situation, services provided, a history of state funding for libraries in Ohio, and much more, go to the following web site: SOULPAC.com.

Also, anyone wishing to help support the levy campaign please contact Ken MacDonald at 419-294-5241 or e-mail: kwmacdonald@sbcglobal.net.

(Printed at the request of the SAVE OUR UPPER LIBRARY PAC)

South, Union & East Elementary News



UNION ELEMENTARY HOSTS OPEN HOUSE

The school year got off to a fantastic start with a well attended open house at Union Elementary on Tuesday, August 18. Students

were able to bring all their supplies to their classroom so they didn't have to carry them in on the first day of school. The parents of kindergartners were invited to come at 6:00 p.m. for orientation led by their child's teacher, and parents of other grades were invited to attend sessions which began at 7:00 p.m.

Each session of visitors met in the gymnasium where an informational slide show was being projected onto a screen. The principal, Mrs. Vent, spoke to the parents, welcoming them and reviewing the rules for student transportation.

The Ram Athletic Boosters, the Union School Boosters, and the Upper Sandusky Education Association also had tables set up in the gym for parents to learn more about these organizations and to make desired purchases. The Union secretaries were also there to collect any forms that parents had completed.

Despite the high temperatures of the day, many families were able to attend this open house, locate their children's classrooms, and meet with the teachers. - Nancy Sauer

TITLE I AT UNION ELEMENTARY

Title I is a federally funded program with the goal of helping students to become better readers. Students in grades K-3 meet daily for 30 minutes with the Title I teacher, who supports the reading instruction provided by the classroom teacher. Group size is limited to 6 so that students will receive more attention.

In the fall and again in the spring, each student's reading skills are evaluated with the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA2). Through that assessment and a teacher recommendation, the child is included in the Title I program. Currently at Union Elementary there are 61 students who receive additional assistance every day.

Although we recognize that families lead very busy lives, we ask parents to spend at least 15 minutes each night reading together with their child/children. Doing so can greatly enhance comprehension skills.

The Ohio Parent Information and Resource Center (PIRC) is your one-stop resource center to equip families with the right skills to support your child's learning. Go to: www.ohiopirc.org
- Pam Haff

SOUTH SCHOOL SHELTER

The South School Parent Team put up a shelter on the South School playground in June. A big thank you goes out to Scott Ogg, who donated his time and equipment to make this project possible. We would also like to thank Carter Lumber-Green Camp, Kirby Sand & Gravel, Charlie McCarthy, Joe Sheaffer, Roger Peterson, Buckeye Ready Mix, Engineered Wire Products, South School Parent Team, and the parent and staff volunteers. This is a great addition to our playground and for the neighborhood.
- Laurie Vent, Principal



FUN WITH APPLES

Throughout September the kindergarten students at South Elementary enjoyed lots of apple activities. Our class learned how apple trees change each season as they grow apples for harvesting in the fall. We discovered many uses for apples and talked about some of our favorite apple recipes. An apple taste test allowed students to try red, yellow, and green apples and then choose their favorite. We completed a graph of the results to find that the class favorite was actually green.

The kindergartners also learned the story of Johnny Appleseed. They were excited to hear that Johnny traveled the country planting apple seeds, including here in Ohio. In honor of Appleseed's birthday on September 26th, the class made applesauce. Yum!
- Heather Lawrence, Kindergarten Teacher





FULL HOUSE

On behalf of the staff of East School, we would like to “thank” all who attended our Open House. As always, we had a great turnout of our parents, grandparents, and other extended family members.

However, this year was very special because we had so many East alumni and

interested community members visit their “old school” (1909-2009).

We appreciate your interest and kind comments about East School, and we promise to take good care of “her” in the future.

If anyone still is wanting to purchase an East School Cats Meow replica, please contact the school office at 419-294-2396. The replica will be from the old front Bigelow street entrance as depicted in the picture!

Thanks again!

- Michael Courtad, Principal

YOU ARE INVITED!!

All K-5 students and their families are invited to join in a celebration of reading called “Read Like a Rock Star!” Thaddeus Rex tours the country performing acoustic rock concerts and sharing a contagious enthusiasm for books. Combining the energy of rock and the sensibility of folk with a healthy dose of comedy, Thaddeus Rex has been described as “part Monty Python, part Dr. Seuss” (Washington Post). Audience interaction is always emphasized, and volunteers often come on-stage to become part of the show. He will be performing at the Union Auditorium on Tuesday, Oct. 27 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Any child who attends will get to choose a free book at the end of the concert.

- Laurie Vent, Principal

THE HISTORY OF EAST SCHOOL

The fourth and fifth graders at East School are writing a book in honor of the 100th birthday celebration of our school. Our book is a collection of oral histories and pictures that tell the story of how education in our community has evolved over the past century. The students interviewed East School alumni from many different generations, and they shared with us their school memories. It is our hope that this book will preserve the memories from those who came before us and keep this history alive for those in the future. Thanks to all the East School alumni who contributed stories and memories for our book. Later this year a copy of the book will be available at East School’s library and the Upper Sandusky Public Library. We hope you will enjoy it, and that it will bring back some of your own memories of East School.

- Julie Herring

Middle School Happenings

THE HOMEWORK HOTLINE AVAILABLE ON-LINE THROUGH THE SCHOOL’S WEB SITE

It is easy to access by following these steps:

1. Log on to the Upper Sandusky Schools website at www.upper sandusky.k12.oh.us/
2. Click on the Parent Resources tab and scroll to the Parent Access button
3. Click on the Forms tab at the top right
4. Find the item Middle School Homework Hotline and click on it
5. Find the grade level you are looking for and get your information! **OR**

THE HOMEWORK HOTLINE IS NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE THROUGH PROGRESS BOOK!

It is easy to access by following these steps:

1. Using your parent (or student) access account, log in to Progress Book
2. Click on the School tab
3. Click on the Forms tab
4. Find the item Middle School Homework Hotline and click on it
5. Find the grade level you are looking for, and get your information

The phone version of Homework Hotline will still be available also.

VETERAN'S DAY

On Friday, November 13, USMS will celebrate Veteran's Day again with local veterans. Each year we work with the local Veteran's Administration and gather those across the community who have served in our Armed Forces. We celebrate with a lunch at noon and then we ask the veterans to speak with groups of students in the building. It's a day when our children get to interact with real heroes – heroes who have given freely of themselves so that we may live in the greatest country in the world.

If you are a veteran or know of any veterans who would be willing to attend our event, please contact the office at (419) 294-5721.

- Jim Wheeler, Principal

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The faculty and administration at USMS is very proud of the work put in by many USMS students over the course of the summer. Numerous students could be seen actively participating in various service activities.

If your child completed volunteer hours this summer, please make sure he/she turns in the proper paperwork to his/her homeroom teacher as soon as possible. Students have until approximately May 1 to complete the hours.

- Jim Wheeler, Principal

NEW IEP DATES

IEP's (or Individualized Educational Plans) are designed to assist students with reaching their academic potential. IEP's are developed with the parents, which gives parents an opportunity to participate more fully in their child's education.

IEP's are a vital part of the educational process. One of my professors at the University of Findlay used to tell our class that true education will arrive when every student has his or her own IEP. After 22 years in the profession, I truly understand what he meant by that. IEP's are an excellent way to help students reach their potential.

Usually such forms are completed in the spring. This year, USMS has made the move to fall dates for IEP's. We believe we can better account for a student's growth over the summer and better serve our students with these dates.

If your child is on an IEP, you will be receiving notification soon in regards to the annual conference with your child's teachers. We look forward to seeing you at this important event.
- Jim Wheeler, Principal

PARKING/TRAFFIC AT UNION SCHOOL

As many of you know, traffic can be pretty messy around the Union building.

For safety purposes, we must ask the following of drivers as they are picking up and dropping off their children:

- The big parking lot at the corner of Finley and Hazel is for bus parking only. No drop off and/or pick up is permitted in that area.
- Please remember that Walker Street is only one lane. Sometimes it becomes a two and three-lane street. For the safety of the children, we ask that it remain a one lane street only.
- Please obey all traffic and parking signs. There are "No Parking" signs on both sides of Hazel Street. Please obey the signs.
- Hazel Street is not to be used as a "drop off zone." All drop offs and pick ups must be on Walker Street.

We ask that you please work with us in our resolve to ensure safe entrance and exit for the students of Union Elementary/USMS. Police will be on patrol around the building to intervene with those not following safety procedures.

High School Events

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The 2009-2010 school year is off to a great start! It is important that students stay focused on being in school and earning good grades. Interim Reports for the first grading period will be sent home during the first week of October. Please contact the high school office for grades on your student if you do not receive a report. The end of the first grading period will be October 23rd.

The fall administration of the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) will be October 26-30. This administration will be for those students in grades 11 and 12 who scored below proficient on previous tests.

Study Island is again up and running at USHS. Study Island is an online product designed to help your child master the standards of the Ohio Graduation Test. Study Island's focus is to improve student performance in all skill areas tested on the OGT – a pathway which leads to improved test scores. We encourage parents to partner with their child and the school to better prepare our students for the OGT. To access Study Island, go to WWW.STUDYISLAND.COM; use your login name and password. Study Island can be accessed from any computer with an Internet connection.
- Jim Clifford, Principal

LEADERSHIP WYANDOT COUNTY

Ten USHS sophomores will be participating in the Leadership Wyandot County Youth Program led by Mr. Chris

Bruynis. Students from USHS, Mohawk, and Carey meet to build their leadership skills by collaborating on many leadership topics. The students selected by the staff at Upper Sandusky High School this year are: Brice Arnold, Trevor Barth, Tayler Daughenbaugh, Adam Duress, Alyssa Funkhouser, Haley Miller, Caitlin Sprang, and Mark Walton. Alternates will be Jay Clinger and Brittany Fletcher.

- Jim Clifford, Principal

UPPER SANDUSKY HIGH SCHOOL

Designation: EXCELLENT

The Ohio Department of Education has designated Upper Sandusky High School an **EXCELLENT** Building for six straight years after meeting all 12 state indicators. The building designations are: Excellent, Effective, Continuous Improvement, Academic Watch, and Academic Emergency. USHS earned the highest rating. Congratulations to staff, parents, and students on their accomplishment!

- Jim Clifford, Principal

THE OHIO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

The Ohio Academy of Science recently selected 90 schools and 300 teachers to receive Governor's Awards for Excellence in Youth Science Opportunities for their accomplishments during the 2008-2009 school year.

Congratulations to **Upper Sandusky High School** for being one of the just 90 schools in the state to be selected for this award! In addition, one science teacher at Upper Sandusky High School was selected for this award: **Mrs. Teresa Harris** received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Youth Science Opportunities.

"These schools are engaged in project-based curricula, the central element of any STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education program," said Lynn Elfner, the Academy's CEO. "Receiving a Governor's Award for Excellence sends a clear signal that these schools and teachers value student-originated, inquiry-based science education as outlined in the Ohio Science Education Standards and in the National Science Education Standards," Elfner continued.

To qualify for the Governor's Award, each school conducted a local science fair with 20 or more students, sent one or more of these students to one of the Academy's 16 district science days, and involved students in one or more youth science opportunities beyond the classroom (such as State Science Day, visits to museums, mentorship programs and extended field trips). Congratulations again to USHS students, and thank you, Mrs. Harris.
- Jim Clifford, Principal

FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES CAREER SPOT

According to USA Today, many individuals who have been laid-off due to economic reasons have retrained for totally new occupations. We are also being told by the media that individuals in the labor pool can look forward to several employers and occupations throughout their careers. The ability to study and to use the correct studying skills has become more necessary as individuals must become increasingly competent and competitive. This means today's students must learn study skills or face the prospect of being left behind in the job market.

The Mangrum-Strichart Learning Resources, (<http://www.how-to-study.com>) offers many articles on

studying. The articles found on the website include:

- * College
 - * Language Arts
 - * Math
 - * Note-taking
 - * Remembering
 - * Studying
 - * Taking Tests and
 - * Other Helpful Articles
- Barb Norman, 9th & 10th Grade Guidance

JUNIOR AND SENIOR NEWS

The school year got off to a very busy start, and with all the schedule changes made and new students enrolled, it is now time to focus on what lies ahead. There are many things that juniors and seniors need to be thinking about and planning for right now. Juniors will have the opportunity to take the PSAT on October 14th. The cost is \$13.00, and students must sign up in the guidance office. Space is limited, so please sign up soon! By taking the PSAT, students are beginning the college-planning process, preparing for the SAT, and possibly becoming eligible for a National Merit Scholarship. The PSAT process will also give students access to a great online college and career planning resource called MyRoad. Visit www.collegeboard.com for more information on the PSAT.

At this time, seniors should be thinking about their post-graduation plans. There are numerous resources available to students who need help with these decisions! Since college planning is a huge part of the senior year, I will continue to present to seniors the things that they should be working on if they plan to attend college. Right now, their priorities should be: making sure they have taken the ACT or SAT, getting applications from the colleges they are interested in and submitting them this fall, visiting with college representatives both here at USHS and at college fairs in the area, and making visits to college campuses. Please let me know if your family needs any help with this!

I know that these last years of high school can be very overwhelming, but that is why we are here! The guidance office has a tremendous amount of resources, including college planning calendars for every grade level. I will be posting information on Channel 3 and handing out information to students as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have at any time!

- Cara Stevens, 11th & 12th Grade Guidance

Upcoming College Fairs:

College Fair for Students with Disabilities @ Gahanna
Lincoln HS – October 6, 2009, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Marion Area College Night @ OSUM
October 12, 2009, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Contact USHS Guidance Office for more details
about these college fairs!

Helpful Web Sites:

www.actstudent.org
www.collegeboard.com
www.fastweb.com
www.scholarships.com
www.knowhow2go.org

REPORT FROM THE CHORAL DEPARTMENT

The Upper Sandusky High School Choral Department has gotten off to a great start this year. There are three choirs at the high school this year: Chamber Choir, Women's Chorus, and for the first time in many years, Men's Chorus. All three ensembles have been rehearsing in preparation for their first performances. The Chamber Choir will present their annual sacred concert at Transfiguration of the Lord Church on Sunday, November 1, 2009, at 7 p.m. This concert is free and open to the public. Men's and Women's chorus will first perform with the Chamber Choir and Symphonic Band, at the Christmas concert on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. This concert is also free and open to the public.

The USHS vocal jazz ensemble, Upper Class, will be performing at Kenton High School's "Harvest Music Festival" on Sunday, November 8, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. This invitational festival for jazz and show choirs is presented annually at the Kenton Middle School Auditorium and will mark the fourth appearance by the Upper Class. There is a general admission charge for that performance. Upper Class will also present its annual Jazz in the Fall performance on Friday evening, November 20, 2009 at 7 p.m. Special guests will be announced at a later date. The cost for this concert is \$5 at the door.

- David Headings, Director of Choral Activities

2009 USHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NIGHT

Keith Best and Willy Vent will be inducted into the Upper Sandusky High School Athletic Hall of Fame prior to the Bellevue-Upper Sandusky varsity football game on Friday, October 16th. There will be a reception from 6:15-7:00 p.m. in the USHS athletic complex weight room for fans attending the game to congratulate both inductees. The induction ceremony will begin at 7:10 p.m. on the stadium field. Congratulations to Keith and Willy on being selected to the USHS Athletic Hall of Fame!

2009-10 USHS BOYS BASKETBALL RESERVED SEATS

All 2008-09 USHS boys basketball reserved seat ticket holders should have received a letter the week of September 21-26, giving them the opportunity to purchase tickets again this year. Reserved seat holders will be able to purchase the same number of tickets that were purchased last year. Please complete the order form, attach a check, and send this information to the USHS office by Wednesday, October 21st. Tickets will be mailed to you in November.

Applications are now being accepted for new reserved seat ticket orders. Order forms are available in the information rack outside the USHS office.

- Brad Ehrman, Athletic Director

2009-10 USHS SPORTS SCHEDULES

All 2009-10 Upper Sandusky High School sports schedules can be obtained online by going to www.highschoolsports.net or www.upper sandusky.k12.oh.us. Any game changes or cancellations will be immediately available on both of these sites.

- Brad Ehrman, Athletic Director

OCTOBER 2009

District Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p style="margin: 0;">C - Coed B - Boys G - Girls BO - Both JV & V TEN - Tennis</p> <p style="margin: 0;">XC - Cross Country SOC - Soccer FB - Football GLF - Golf VLB - Volleyball</p>				1 USMS 4:30PM - G VB Galion (H) XC USMS Elks Inv. (H) USHS 10:30AM B BO GLF @ Sectional @Sawmill Creek Golf Club (Huron) 4:15PM G BO TEN Willard 5:00PM B FR FB Colonel Crawford 5:00PM B BO SOC @ Ada H.S. (V,JV) 5:30PM G BO VLB @ Tiffin Columbian	2 USHS 7:30PM B V FB @ Fostoria	3 USMS XC Bettsville Invitational (A) USHS 10:00AM Cancelled B JV FB Fostoria 11:00AM G BO SOC Ada H.S. (V)
				4	5 USMS 4:30PM - G VB Bellevue (A) USHS 4:15PM G BO TEN @ Shelby 5:00PM B BO SOC *Norwalk (JV,V) 5:00 PM G BO SOC @ Cory-Rawson (V)	6 USMS 5PM - 8th Gr B FB Fostoria (H) 5PM 7th Gr B FB Fostoria (A) XC NOL Meet@ Shelby (A) USHS 5:30PM G BO VLB Norwalk
11	12 USMS 4:30PM - G VB Norwalk (H) USHS 5:00PM G BO SOC *Norwalk (V) 7:00PM B BO SOC *Mohawk (V)	13 USMS 5PM - 8th Gr B FB Willard (H) 5PM 7th Gr B FB Willard (A) XC Buckeye Valley Invitational (A) USHS 5:30PM G BO VLB Willard	14	15 USMS 4:30PM - G VB Willard (A) USHS 5:00PM B FR FB @ Bellevue 5:30PM G BO VLB @ Shelby	16 USHS 7:30PM B V FB Bellevue - Hallof Fame	17 USMS 8th Gr G VB Tourn @ Galion, TBA 7th Gr G VB Tourn@ Bellevue, TBA USHS 10AM Cancelled B JV FB @Bellevue 10:30AM C BO XC @ NOL @Galion - Amanns Reservoir 1 PM B BO SOC @ Ontario (JV,V) 1 PM G BO SOC *Ontario (JV,V)
18	19	20 USMS 5PM - 8th Gr B FB Bellevue (A) 5PM - 7th Gr B FB Bellevue (H)	21	22 USHS 5:00PM B FR FB @ Tiffin Columbian	23 End of First 9-Weeks USHS 7:30PM B V FB Tiffin Columbian - Band Night	24 USHS 10:00AM Cancelled B JV FB @Tiffin Columbian 11:30AM C BO XC @ District @ Galion - Amanns Reservoir
25	26 USHS OGT Testing Week	27	28	29	30 USHS 7:30PM B V FB @ Norwalk	31 USHS TBA C BO XC @ Regional @ Tiffin- Hedges-Boyer Park

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PUBLIC RELEASE

Upper Sandusky Exempted Village Schools today announced its 2009-2010 program year policy for Free and Reduced-price meals for students unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast program. Local school officials have adopted the following income eligibility scale for free or reduced-price meals.

**INCOME ELIGIBILITY SCALE FOR FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE BENEFITS
Effective for the 2009-2010 Program Year**

Household Size: Parents, Children and other Household Members	Income Eligibility Scale for Free Meals or Free Milk	Income Eligibility Scale for Reduced-Price Meals
1	\$14,079.00	\$20,036.00
2	18,941.00	26,955.00
3	23,803.00	33,874.00
4	28,665.00	40,793.00
5	33,527.00	47,712.00
6	38,389.00	54,631.00
7	43,251.00	61,550.00
8	48,113.00	68,469.00
For each additional family member, add	+4,862.00	+6,919.00

Children from households with income at or below the levels shown may be eligible for free and reduced-price meals.

Application forms are being distributed to all homes in a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free and reduced-price benefits, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. A complete application is required. Households which currently receive Food Assistance Program Benefits (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps) or Ohio Works First (OWF) funds for a child must provide the child's name, the SNAP or OWF case number and signature of an adult household member on the application. Households which do not receive SNAP or OWF funds must provide the names of all household members, the Social Security Number of the adult signing the application or state "none" if the adult does not have a number, the amount and source of income received by each household member, (state the monthly income) and the signature of an adult household member. If any of this information is missing, the school cannot process the application.



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