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## Superintendent's Message . . .

By the time this Newsletter reaches your home, I hope that all of you have had an enjoyable and memorable Thanksgiving with your families. All of us have much to be thankful for as the Christmas holiday season will soon be upon us.

This past month has been a month where the Board Policy Development Committee, administrators, other staff members, and I have worked on changing and/or revising 35 Board policies.

The staff will be happy to know that what used to be pages of paperwork to take a field trip, will, for at least 90% of the time, be reduced to the filling out of a couple forms along with the assurance that Emergency Medical Forms must accompany coaches, teachers, and advisors on all field trips. Only out-of-state and overnight trips will require completion of more extensive paperwork.

Another policy revised, which this one should be of interest to the community, is our District Use of Facilities policy. This policy has also been simplified and condensed to still protect us legally while at the same time outlining a fee structure which does not deter the use of our facilities. There will be a \$75 deposit required, and the fee structure will be a simple \$50 per hour when the facilities are to be used. If school personnel are necessary to be present, actual costs will be billed to the user. All the fees for chair and table set up have been eliminated. Residents will be expected to let us know when we are to open, when we are to lock up, they must fill out an application form, sign a liability statement, and if the building is returned to us in the shape in which it was rented without any other incurred costs, the \$75 deposit will be returned.

The Board is also contemplating opening up our open enrollment policy statewide because of the advantages it could offer us and because of what it means to students who may have attended Upper Sandusky EV Schools for 9 to 10 years and then suddenly find themselves moved to a non-adjacent district such as Bettsville, or Tiffin or Vanue, for example. Our current open enrollment policy does not allow such students to legally attend school at Upper Sandusky, whereas opening up our policy would allow such students to attend here if they or their parents are willing to transport OE students to our schools. Unlike a typical resident Upper Sandusky student (where the state funding is considerably less \$2,190 per student) the state funds open enrollment students at the full \$5,403 per student X our cost of doing business factor = \$5,434 per student. Although the financial advantage for changing our policy is obvious, the Board is also thinking about the freshman, sophomore, or junior who has spent most of his/her educational career at Upper Sandusky unable to finish out here because our existing policy prohibits him/her from attending here legally.

A final highlighted policy under consideration by the Board is our Athletic Pledge and Athletic Code of Conduct. The Board is looking to reducing the 40% non-participation/suspension from contest penalty from 40% to 20% for those willing to submit to counseling for pledge violations with the full 80% non-participation penalty remaining in effect for those unwilling to seek counseling. The thought here is that it should be the primary goal of the school and of the coach to get the student "back on track" as quickly as possible after a pledge violation and not to make the penalty so severe for a first offense that a student quits a team or gives up when student athletes are already held to higher conduct standards than non-athletes are. Another proposed change to this policy would have parents and students sign the pledge only once in grades 7-12, and once signed, the pledge would be in effect for the remainder of a student's career at Upper Sandusky Schools. The statement signed would obviously indicate this very fact.

Treasurer Nate Lynch and I have had the Ohio Department of Education's Area Coordinator in to examine our 5-year forecast for the school district, and it is their opinion that our forecast is accurate and based on assumptions which can reasonably be made at this time. (School funding is far too volatile to ever predict with precise accuracy for any lengthy period of time, so a word of caution is merited here.)

The Board, staff, and I are considering holding a Board Retreat in future months to do some long-range planning for the school district.

We have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the State's Regional School Improvement Team to secure cost-effective professional development training in reading (SIRI) for many of our teachers with the thought of improving test scores, especially with our targeted special education students.

I apologize for not being as visible as I ordinarily am at public meetings and events, but I'm in my fourth of six to seven weeks of chemotherapy/radiation treatments for my cancer. I want to survive this difficult time in my life so that I can emerge the person I need to be for this school district. My thanks to so many of you, especially this Thanksgiving, for your cards, acts of kindness, and prayers for my recovery. You have been most kind to me, and for that I am grateful.

Joy and peace to all of you as the Holiday Season enters!

Yours for education,

Ken Doseck, Upper Sandusky Superintendent

**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.

# East, South & Union Elementary News

## EAST ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN IS THANKFUL

Kindergarten students at East Elementary have learned “a feast of facts” about Thanksgiving and being thankful for friends and family...

"thanks" to student teacher Miss Samantha Derr. Miss Sammi, a student from The University of Findlay, developed an interesting unit including literature, history, crafts, and writing. Our class listened to books such as The First Thanksgiving Day, Let's Celebrate Thanksgiving, and Thanksgiving is for Giving Thanks. We sang songs and learned poems. We made tabletop turkeys, Indian headbands, Indian vests, and turkey snacks. We also all received a “Thankful Book” filled with comments from our classmates telling us why they are thankful to be our friends. These books are very special. We all will enjoy looking back at them in 10 years. We have so much to be thankful for here at East Elementary!



## EAST CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Students at East Elementary are busy preparing for their Christmas music program on Monday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. The kindergarten and first grade students are singing traditional Christmas songs such as “Up on the Housetop” and “Santa Claus is Coming to Town” and jingling bells to “Jingle Bells”.

It's off to the North Pole for the second and third grade students. They are rehearsing the musical, “A Penguin Christmas.” There are penguins, penguins everywhere as they sing about “A Positively Pesky Population of Penguins” and “Penguins on Parade”. The penguins are trying to take over for the elves and reindeer and discover “It's a Tough Job Bein' Me.”

And finally, the fourth and fifth graders are on a humorous hunt for the perfect holiday song in “Holiday Song Search.” The “famous” song writing team of Nicholas Red and Noelle Green are trying to write the perfect song. They have already written such classic hits as “Only in December Can I Remember Your Name” and “Tiptoe Under the Mistletoe”. See if they can create another hit or if they receive help from an unlikely source.

To accommodate the many friends and relatives planning to watch the program, guests are invited to attend morning dress rehearsals on Friday, December 8 and Monday, December 11 at 9:00 a.m. This gives everyone an opportunity to watch these wonderful young people as they perform. - Robin Spoor

## A NEW PLAYGROUND IS COMING!

Union K-5 parents and students worked hard and had a GREAT fall fundraiser. They sold over 2700 pies and made a profit of over \$11,000. WOW! As a result of their hard work over the past few years, enough money has been saved to install a new playground system. Mr. Walton and the Getz brothers have been a tremendous help in moving old equipment to get the area ready for the new equipment. Over the Thanksgiving break, Snyder & Co. will be busy installing all the parts and pieces. If all goes well, when the students return to school there will be new equipment for them to play on. - Laurie Vent

## RIGHT TO READ WEEK AT SOUTH

Do you know how many children were aboard the Mayflower, or how many journeys Columbus made to the new world? Students learned answers to these questions, and other facts about the Pilgrims and famous explorers during “Right to Read Week” at South School, November 13 - 15.

“Sail into Reading and Discover a New World,” had K-5 students answering trivia questions, making projects, reading with partners from other classes, switching classrooms, and reading on their own as they worked to achieve their reading goals.

On Friday, students watched with suspense as it was determined that each class had met its reading goal. Being just short of the final extra goal, students were relieved to learn that Mrs. Brown, school custodian; Mrs. Leslie, school cook; and Mrs. Haubert, school secretary, had also been reading all week. So Principal Laurie Vent took a pie in the face along with dying her hair multi-colors and performing the “Chicken Dance” in a turkey costume as rewards for meeting the goals. Students agreed that the sacrifices made by Mrs. Vent were well worth the time they spent reading! - Mrs. Kitzler and Mrs. Sauer



## DUKES OF UNION

Dedicated Union Kids Exceeding Standards is a program designed to reward 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 and perfect to cheer on our Rams.

### **D.U.K.E.S. for October include:**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Bailey Spittler  
Kent Swavel  
Hannah Funkhouser

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Beth Ogden  
Shelby Flowers  
Jaime Brown

### **D.U.K.E.S. for November include:**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Cody McClain  
Linsey Elkins  
Lyndale Sloan

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Taylor Paras  
Gannon Ritter  
Jamie Brown

## FIRST GRADE LIBRARY TRIPS

Each month, the first graders at Union Elementary take a walking field trip to the public library. While there, the students learn library skills, have a book read to them, discuss books and check out a book of their choice. Ms. Jill ends every visit with some type of interesting science experiment. The students enjoy these visits greatly and learn many skills that meet state indicators! The teachers enjoy finding out about new books and often check out books to support upcoming units they are teaching. The first grades of South Elementary and St. Peters also participate in monthly library visits. We want to thank Ms. Jill and the Upper Sandusky Public Library for implementing this program for our first grade students. - Laurie Vent

# Middle School Happenings

## GOOD THINGS HAPPENING . . .

Over the course of the past nine years, faculty and administration has worked very hard to improve the way we serve our students. While we know we still have improvements to make, allow me as principal to brag about our staff a little. This is a little like me sharing pictures of my kids in their first baseball uniforms, so be patient with me.

Within the past twelve months USMS and the teachers within have been showered with the following honors:

- In April the Ohio Middle School Association awarded us with component awards for excellence in service learning and student recognition.
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies teacher Russell Hall was selected to be involved in the state's *History in the Heartland* program. Carol Minehart, a USMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies teacher was selected for this a few years ago.
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Brad Kinnear and Work and Family Life teacher Connie Davis have been selected as Jennings Scholars for the 2006/07 school year.

## CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Each year, USMS Youthact sponsors a canned food drive to benefit the local food pantry. The drive is held during OSU/Michigan week and students place the food in the box of their choice. Typically, OSU prevails in this contest (and lets be honest . . . it's turned out that way on the football field lately too! GO BUCKS!)

Anyway, to sweeten the pot a little this year, we asked students to sign their names to the goods before they dropped them in the boxes and daily prizes were rewarded to those drawn at random. At the end of the week, one lucky winner won a grand prize of East of Chicago pizza and a \$20 gift certificate to Steve and Barry's.

We hope the winner enjoyed their pizza and most of all, we hope they didn't waste their money at Steve and Barry's on some maize and blue stuff. Yuk.

## USMS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Since 1999 USMS teachers have voted on students of the month in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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. This gives those students a chance to utilize their skills as role models in public.

We congratulate the following students chosen in October:

<u>Grade 6</u>	<u>Grade 7</u>	<u>Grade 8</u>
Stuart Young	Sydney Courtad	Veronica Diebert
Alejandra Belteton-Soto	Joe Massey	Cale Sandridge

## GETTYSBURG

Excitement is building among the students and in the community about the 8th grade trip to Gettysburg and Antietam Battlefields on May 30, 31, and June 1, 2007! This will be the first

time Upper Sandusky 8th graders, their teachers and parent chaperones have taken an extended class trip, as many schools do already. We have contracted with Lakefront Lines, Inc. for our charter bus tour company. The trip will include the bus fee, 2 nights lodging at Gettysburg Comfort Inn, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners at General Pickett's Buffet Restaurant, a Battlefield Tour with licensed guide, ghost walking tour, admission to the Diorama, Jennie Wade House, National Civil War Wax Museum, the Schriver House, and the services of Laura M. King, Lakefront Lines Tour Director. There will also be time to visit the Cemetery and Visitor's Center in Gettysburg, shopping time, swimming and recreation, a tour of the Antietam Battlefield in Sharpsburg, MD. The cost for students is \$198 and for chaperones is \$205. All applicable taxes are included. Spending money will also be needed for some meals and souvenirs if desired. Several fund raisers have been implemented with and for our students. First payments, permission forms, and disciplinary agreements are all due December 1st.

The Civil War and Reconstruction are the last subjects studied in 8th grade social studies and this will be an excellent field trip to reinforce the students' learning. To be able to see and be in the spot where Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address, or to see the actual place of the single day's deadliest battle at Antietam, for example, will add so much meaning to classroom lessons. Science and language arts classes will also be learning about various aspects of Gettysburg. Hopefully, this will be an experience the students will always remember.

If any community members have questions about the trip, would like a speaker to come to your group, or would like to make a donation for the trip, please call the Upper Sandusky Middle School at 419-294-4780, or email Mrs. Carol Minehart at minehart\_c@treca.org.

## USMS TAKING CARE OF THE COMMUNITY

People scoff when you tell them every little bit they can give helps. The students at USMS have proven that each little bit helps.

During the week preceding the OSU/UM game, Youthact hosted a food drive. Each donor was asked to sign his/her name to the canned good they donated and drop it in their favorite team's box, either an OSU box or a UM box. Prizes were awarded daily and a grand prize of an East of Chicago and a Steve and Barry's gift certificate was awarded at the end of the week. We were able to donate 388 cans to a local food pantry.

Also, the Friday before the big game we invited students to wear hats to root for their favorite team. Each person was fined \$1. We raised \$138 on Hat Day which USMS Youthact will use to buy a gift from Upper Sandusky's Angel Tree project.

All of us, adults included, need to be aware that any small thing we do has a big impact as the kids at USMS found last month.

## VETERANS' DAY

Each year, USMS invites veterans from across Wyandot County for lunch and to speak to our students. This year, Mr. Doseck also had the pleasure of sharing in our day and he thought it would be a good idea to share my thanks and admiration to both the veterans who attended our engagement and to all who read this article. What follows is the message I gave to veterans who attended our program:

"Growing up as a child of the 1980's, I never had to worry about being drafted, leaving my home or facing the terrors of war. Maybe my generation was spoiled a little. We got to leave for college or work immediately after high school without that ugly specter hanging over us. We began our pursuit of the American dream as some of them were already serving. But we all began our pursuit because they served.

The current state of affairs makes me even more appreciative of your efforts. We hadn't had troops in Iraq for long before I got an email that one of my former students from Danville, Ohio was

killed in an attack. In September of the same year, I got another email from Monroeville telling me that a young man who was a senior when I was principal there was killed. I'm a father of three now and greater than the pain I felt for them, I felt even deeper pain for the mothers and fathers who buried their sons.

I hope I never know that pain. I hope I never have to hear my sons tell me stories of fear and pain. I tell them every time I get a chance how special the military is and what they sacrifice for us. For everyone. For people they never met."

All veterans have stories that my kids loved to hear on that day. I hope they sunk in. Maybe they won't remember much yet. But some day down the road, when they realize exactly how free they are, they'll think back to November 10. Maybe when they stand up for the National Anthem and look at the flag they'll remember the day some Veterans came in. But make no mistake, they will someday understand how truly blessed they are because of what you gave for them.

***USMS thanks the following Veterans  
who shared November 10 with us:***

Mike Hare	Terry McClain
Rose Hawkins	Kenny Estep
Jim Young	Fred Crabtree
Michael Everhart	EJ Taylor
Jimmie Richman	Claude Ward
Tara Harrison	Fran Zimmerman
Steve Hill	Tom Snow
Jud Culver	Chad Lucas
PK Courtad	Tom Hill
Bob Hill	George Kreachbaum
Ruth Reier	Dan Patchett
Darlene Perricone	Wood - Larry Culver
George Eyestone	Clyde Shaull
Colin Binkley	Roger Brodman

## High School Events

### HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The holiday season is an exciting time of the year. On behalf of everyone at USHS, I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This is our third newsletter this year and 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: Mrs. Linda Barth, Mrs. Jamie Duress, Ms. Erin Hurley, Mr. Tim Pohlman, and Mr. Graham Treadway. Mrs. Linda Barth is a guidance secretary in her eighth year at USHS. She is responsible for entering student schedules, grades, and transcript information. She also assists with the organization and administration of student records, educational testing, honors program, and graduation. Mrs. Barth also directs the high school Flag Line and Majorette teams.

Mrs. Jamie Duress is in her second year as a Braillist at USHS. She is responsible for preparing educational materials for a blind student. She coordinates with teachers to convert classroom assignments into an accessible format; this may be hard copy Braille, raised graphics, or material saved to a computer disk. She locates supplemental materials for teachers and works with the student on assignments.

Ms. Erin Hurley has been teaching Language Arts at USHS for six years. She teaches American Literature, English 9, and Advanced English 10. She is a dynamic teacher and has a gift of bringing out the best in her students. Ms. Hurley is also the Varsity Girl's Soccer Coach and started the soccer program here at USHS

in her first year of teaching.

Mr. Tim Pohlman is a science teacher in his eleventh year at USHS. He teaches General Science and Introduction to Chemistry/Physics. Mr. Pohlman is the Head Girl's Track coach after taking over the program in 2001. He is the second coach in school history to win a state championship when his track team won the state in Div. II in his first year. Mr. Pohlman has coached Boy's Soccer and he also serves the district as a Web Tech in charge of the school districts web page. He was a volunteer Cross Country coach this fall under Coach Fahle.

Mr. Graham Treadway is in his second year as a social studies teacher at USHS. He teaches World History, Psychology, Sociology, Law, and College American History. Last year he served the students as an Intramural Director and volunteer Golf Coach. This year he is the Head Golf Coach, Assistant Varsity Girl's Basketball Coach, and will be in his second year as the Head Boy's Track Coach.

We appreciate everything these people do for the youth of our community. Being an educator is often a thankless job. Please say "thank you" to anyone you know who works for our schools. They do a great service for kids.  
- Jim Clifford, Principal

### FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORES

USHS Sophomores received information on the Sentinel Vocational School during a presentation at the high school on November 29. On Friday, January 19, 2007 there will be a Sentinel Career Center visit. Sophomores will travel to Sentinel to observe the available vocational programs.

Beginning in December we will have student appreciation day during lunch in the cafeteria. On the first Friday of the month there will be a drawing to select a table of students to receive their choice of a cookie coupon or candy from a candy bag.

### JUNIOR AND SENIOR NEWS

It is hard to believe that the first grading period is already over and we are looking towards Christmas break! Although I have sent out many college applications already, I know that there are still MANY students out there that plan to attend college that have not applied anywhere yet. Please encourage your students to get their applications in before Christmas break. Many colleges have scholarship deadlines in December and we don't want our students missing out on any available money!! And speaking of money, we have been getting new scholarships in regularly so students should be checking the guidance office on a weekly basis to see what has come in. Our book of local scholarships should be available by the beginning of December. Students often have a better chance than they think at getting scholarship money. Some scholarships only get a couple applicants and they rarely require that much extra time to apply for. I think anyone would agree that \$250, \$500, or even \$1,000 would be well worth an hour or two spent on an application! In addition to scholarships, state and federal aid is available to many families as well. The amount that each family may qualify for is determined by the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This is often a scary and confusing form for many families, especially if it is the first time filing.

To assist with the many questions and concerns that many of you probably have, we will be holding a Financial Aid Night in the high school cafeteria on Monday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Juli Weininger, Director of Financial Aid at Heidelberg College, will be the presenter. She is a very knowledgeable source so please bring your questions! This presentation will be most beneficial for seniors and families, however, families and students of all grades are more than welcome to attend...it is never too early to prepare for this!

As always, please continue to check Channel 22 for new information and feel free to call or email me with any questions or concerns at 419-294-2308 or [cara\\_s@treca.org](mailto:cara_s@treca.org).

- Cara Stevens, Guidance

## USHS STUDENTS-OF-THE-MONTH

Congratulations to the following students-of-the-month selected for October:

Freshman: Kim Den Ouden  
Sophomore: Seth Tschanen  
Junior: Lauren Bruynis  
Senior: Holly Taylor

## TEACHER OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to Miss Patty Niederkohr for being selected Teacher of the Quarter for the first nine weeks at Upper Sandusky High School. Miss Niederkohr teaches in our math department. The selection process is student driven and representatives from student council make the decision on the teacher they would like to recognize for their hard work and dedication. Here is what Miss Niederkohr's students say about her as a classroom teacher:

"Miss Niederkohr is a teacher for all the right reasons. She is always willing to help a student in need and is very approachable. Miss Niederkohr cares about her students, and truly wants them all to succeed. She is fair and will not make any of her students feel less than any others. We strongly believe Miss Niederkohr is an excellent teacher!"

Miss Niederkohr was presented a Certificate recognizing her as Teacher of the Quarter and was presented a \$20 gift certificate from the Pour House restaurant. Special thanks to Craig and Camille Swartz for sponsoring this quarter and donating the gift certificate in support of our teachers.

## HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED

In high school, students need to have good time-management skills, good study habits, and they need to be organized. How can you help your child develop these skills? Stay involved! Don't assume that once students get to high school that they don't need your involvement. They do! Here are 15 simple tips to help your child succeed:

- Provide a good place to study
  - Help your child set goals
  - Use rewards and consequences to encourage change
  - Attend parent/teacher conferences
  - Insist on daily attendance at school
  - See all midterm reports and report cards
  - Help with time management
  - Deal effectively with homework
  - Listen
  - Encourage independent problem solving
  - Monitor activities and jobs
  - Encourage positive activities
  - Be aware and be informed
  - Set limits and boundaries
  - Be a good role model
- Jim Clifford, Principal

## DECA FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Congratulations to Upper Sandusky High School senior Cassie Cusick, who was a top-ten finalist for Ohio DECA female public relations officer at the recent DECA Fall Leadership Conference in Columbus. DECA members from across Ohio attended the conference, including 25 Upper Sandusky junior and senior marketing students.

- Wayne Thomas

## QUIZ BOWL CONTINUES TO ROLL

Upper Sandusky High School's quiz bowl team continued their excellent season this month with 4 victories. A trip to Fostoria netted the team a 155-135 win over Bettsville, a 155-80 win over Fostoria, a 155-50 win over Old Fort and a 150-145 win over Fostoria St. Wendelin. The team's record is now 6-1 and they trail only Tiffin Columbian (6-0) in the league standings. The Rams will face the Tornadoes for the league championship on January 25th at Tiffin Calvert High School.

- Steve Sturgeon

## 2006 USHS FALL SPORT ALL-LEAGUE FIRST TEAM ATHLETES

The USHS Athletic Department would like to congratulate all of our Fall Sport All-League First Team Athletes!

Cross Country- **Kelsey Stief** (League Champion)  
Tennis - **Candace Pahl** (1<sup>st</sup> Singles Champion),  
Tennis - **Caroline Orians** (3<sup>rd</sup> Singles Champion)  
Boys Soccer - **Clinton Kuenzli** (Goalkeeper)

Thank you for all your hard work and representing our school with "class" during the fall sport season!  
- Brad Ehrman

## USHS TENNIS DOUBLES TEAM ADVANCES TO STATE TOURNAMENT

The Upper Sandusky High School tennis doubles team of Candace Pahl and Adrienne Johnson became only the third USHS doubles team in school history to reach the OHSAA Division II state tournament. The tennis pair won the sectional tournament and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the district before advancing to the state tournament at Ohio State University's Stickney Tennis Center. At the state tennis tournament, Candace and Adrienne lost a hard-fought 6-7 (2-7), 6-3, 6-3 match to the doubles team of Pri Mitra and Jackie Gentner of Cincinnati Indian Hill. Congratulations to both Candace and Adrienne on an outstanding season!  
- Brad Ehrman

## KELSEY STIEF QUALIFIES FOR STATE CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Upper Sandusky High School standout cross country runner, Kelsey Stief, ran in the OHSAA Division II State Girls Cross Country Meet for the second straight year. Competing in this year's state meet at Scioto Downs in Columbus, Kelsey finished 17<sup>th</sup> in a field of 144 runners and ran a personal best time of 19:22. During her senior season, Kelsey won the NOL cross country meet for the second straight year; finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the district meet and 9<sup>th</sup> in the regional meet. Congratulations to Kelsey for an outstanding cross country career at Upper Sandusky High School. We are proud of you!

## JON DIEBLER SIGNS AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

On Wednesday, November 8, 2006, Jon Diebler signed a National Letter of Intent to attend Ohio State University on a full-ride basketball scholarship. Jon joins Coach Thad Matta's highly regarded recruiting class of 2007 that is ranked in the top 10 in the nation. Congratulations to Jon on this outstanding accomplishment. We look forward to watching Jon play basketball one more year as a Ram before he becomes a Buckeye next year!

## USHS BOYS BASKETBALL TICKET SALES INFORMATION

Tickets will be available for a majority of the Upper Sandusky High School boys basketball games this year. NOL rules state that USHS must provide 400 tickets for our opponent to sell for each of our home games. All tickets that our opponent does not sell will go on sale at 5 p.m. the night of each home game at the east ticket booth to our gym. The Willard game will be "sold out" since they will sell all 400 of their tickets. All USHS and USMS students may purchase one student presale ticket for each home game. These tickets will go on sale during the week prior to each home game.

Tickets for most of our away boys basketball games can still be purchased at the door of our opponent's gym the night of each game. We will presale tickets for our boys basketball games at Wynford, Shelby, Greenfield McClain (at OSU), Willard and Tiffin Columbian. The ticket sales schedule is listed below:

**USHS BOYS BASKETBALL . . . TICKET SALES SCHEDULE - AWAY GAMES**

**District Highlights**

**Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, at Wynford:**

Varsity and JV Players/Cheerleaders/Managers Parents - Mon., Nov. 27, 6-7pm (USHS Office) **Varsity - 6 ticket limit, all others - 4 ticket limit**

USHS Students-Wed., Nov. 29, During A, B, C Lunch (Cafeteria) Wed., Nov. 29, 2:40-3:00pm (Auditorium) - **1 ticket limit**

Faculty/Staff/Reserved Seat Holder - Wed., Nov. 29, 3-4:30pm (Auditorium) - **4 ticket limit**

General Public-Wednesday, Nov. 29, 4:30-5:30pm (Auditorium) - **4 ticket limit**

**Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Shelby:**

Varsity and JV Players/Cheerleaders/Managers Parents - Mon., Dec. 18, 6-7pm (USHS Office) **Varsity - 6 ticket limit, all others - 4 ticket limit**

USHS Students-Wed., Dec. 20, During A, B, C Lunch (Cafeteria) Wed., Dec. 20, 2:40-3:00pm (Auditorium) - **1 ticket limit**

Faculty/Staff/Reserved Seat Holder-Wed., Dec. 20, 3-4:30pm (Auditorium) - **4 ticket limit**

General Public - Wed., Dec. 20, 4:30-5:30pm (Auditorium) - **4 ticket limit**

**Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, vs. Greenfield McClain at Ohio State University - Ticket Sales Information to be Announced**

**Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, at Willard:**

Varsity and JV Players/Cheerleaders/Managers Parents - Mon., Jan. 22, 6-7pm (USHS Office) **Varsity - 6 ticket limit, all others - 4 ticket limit**

USHS Students-Wed., Jan. 24, During A, B, C Lunch (Cafeteria) Wed., Jan. 24, 2:40-3:00pm (Auditorium) - **1 ticket limit**

Faculty/Staff/Reserved Seat Holder - Wed., Jan. 24, 3-4:30pm (Auditorium) - **4 ticket limit**

General Public - Wed., Jan. 24, 4:30-5:30pm (Auditorium) - **4 ticket limit**

**Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, at Tiffin Columbian:**

Varsity and JV Players/Cheerleaders/Managers Parents - Mon., Feb. 12, 6-7pm (USHS Office) **Varsity-6 ticket limit, all others - 4 ticket limit**

USHS Students - Wed., Feb. 14, During A, B, C Lunch (Cafeteria) Wed., Feb. 14, 2:40-3:00pm (Auditorium) - **1 ticket limit**

Faculty/Staff/Reserved Seat Holder-Wed., Feb. 14, 3-4:30pm (Auditorium) - **4 ticket limit**

General Public - Wed., Feb. 14, 4:30-5:30pm (Auditorium) - **4 ticket limit**

*\*All tickets for the remaining away games will go on sale at the door of each opponent's gym the night of the game.*

**PARENTS: WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

In order to have up-to-date information on file for your children, we need you to keep us informed of any of the following situations as soon as they occur:

- \* Change of address/phone number - Please call you child's school office and request a change of address form and a new Emergency Medical form for you to complete. (We can't keep the communication lines open if we don't have your current information.)
- \* Moving out of the district - Please fill out an open enrollment application form if you wish for your child to continue to attend Upper Sandusky Schools.
- \* Custody Situations - Please provide the school at all times of the most recent court document on file for your child. If you have questions about what the school needs, please contact us. In cases of shared parenting agreements, court documents are still required stating who the residential parent is for educating purposes.
- \* If you qualify for free or reduced lunches, please do not hesitate to apply. Doing so can actually help the school district receive state and federal funding in several different areas if percentage quotas are met.

Your assistance in these matters is not only appreciated; your assistance is necessary if we are to properly clear you for legitimate attendance at Upper Sandusky Schools.

We thank you in advance for any help you might give us with these matters. - Linda Baker, EMIS Coordinator

**CHECK IT OUT!**

The Parent Mentor Program has a library stocked full of resource books and videos for both parents and professionals! If you wish to have a complete list of what is available, please call Paula Frey, Parent Mentor, at (419) 294-3445, or email at [paul\\_f@treca.org](mailto:paul_f@treca.org)

**Topics include:**

- Attention Deficit Disorder
- Parenting Issues Discipline, Homework
- Autism • Cerebral Palsy • Down Syndrome
- Tourette Syndrome • Learning Disabilities
- Survival Guide for College Students With Disabilities



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*We support many educational activities in all of the Upper Sandusky school buildings.*

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to serve as a committee member.

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# DECEMBER 2006

## District Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>* <u>USMS Basketball Games:</u> all begin at 4:30 pm</p> <p>Admission: Adult \$2 Student/Sr Citizen \$1</p>					<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">South Morning with Santa 9:00-11:00 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">USHS 6 pm B BO BKB @ Wynford</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">USHS 1 pm G BO BKB Fostoria</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Parade - 5:30 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tree Lighting at Courthouse - 6:00 pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">USMS BBB - Norwalk - A GBB - Norwalk - H</p> <p style="text-align: center;">USHS 6 pm B BO WR Riverdale/Buckeye Central</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Union K,1,2,3 Christmas Program - 7:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">USHS 4 pm C V SWM @ Bucyrus</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6 pm G BO BKB Willard 6:15 pm B FR BKB @ Willard</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>6</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Music Parents - 6 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">East Interim Reports</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>7</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">South 3,4,5 Christmas Program - 7:00 pm at H.S. Auditorium</p> <p style="text-align: center;">USMS BBB - Bellevue -A GBB - Bellevue - H</p> <p style="text-align: center;">USHS 5 pm B FR BKB Fostoria</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>8</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">South Picture Retakes - A.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">USHS 6 pm B BO BKB Fostoria</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>9</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">East Recycling 8:30-10:30 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">USMS Wrestling - East of Chicago Tournament - H 10:00 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">USHS 1 pm G BO BKB@ Shelby 6 pm B BO BKB Cin St Xavier</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ACT Test - Cafeteria</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>11</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">East Holiday Program 7:00 pm <i>December 11-15</i> "It's a Dog's World" Collecting food/toys/ blankets for Wyandot Co. Humane Society USMS BBB - Fostoria - H GBB Fostoria - A USHS 5 pm B FR BKB Norwalk Ram Boosters - 7 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>12</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">USMS Christmas Concert 7:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">USHS 6 pm G BO BKB Hopewell Loudon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>13</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>14</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">USMS BBB - Tiffin - H</p> <p style="text-align: center;">USMS GBB - Tiffin - A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">USHS 5 pm B FR BKB @ Shelby 6 pm B BO WR Lima Sr. Bucyrus</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>15</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">USHS 6 pm G BO BKB Bellevue</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>16</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">USMS Wrestling Mohawk Little Warrior Tournament - A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">USHS 10 am B BO WR @ Bucyrus Inv 10 am C V SWM @ Shelby w/Willard 6 pm B BO BKB Willard</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FEA Dance 9:30-11:30 pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>17</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">High School Christmas Concert 2:30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>18</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">USMS BBB - Willard - A GBB - Willard - H</p> <p style="text-align: center;">USHS 6:30 pm B FR BKB @ Tiffin Columbian</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School Board Meeting 6:30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>19</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">USMS Wrestling - Galion - A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">USHS 6 pm G BO BKB @ Galion</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>20</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>21</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">USHS 6 pm G BO BKB Tiffin Columbian</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:15 pm B FR BKB @ Bellevue</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Star Theater Christmas Upper Class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>22</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">No School Winter Break</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Return to classes Wednesday, January 3, 2007</p> <p style="text-align: center;">USHS 5:30 pm B BO WR @ Plymouth w/Carey 6 pm B BO BKB @ Shelby</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>23</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>24</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>25</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">MERRY CHRISTMAS!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>26</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>27</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">USHS 6 pm G BO BKB @ River Valley</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>28</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">USHS 1pm B FR BKB Wynford 12:00 pm B BO WR @ Wendy's Inv.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>29</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">USHS 10 am B BO WR @ Wendy's Inv 6 pm B BO BKB Bellevue</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>30</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">USHS 6 pm B BO BKB @ Whitmer</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>31</b></p>						

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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.

### **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 on Channel 22.

**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 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



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



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