



# Marion Local Schools

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**AUGUST 2023**

## Superintendent's Message...

**Michael L. Pohlman**

I hope everyone has had a restful and relaxing summer. We are looking forward to seeing student and staff back in the building for our first day of school which is scheduled on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are a handful of staffing changes I would like to mention. The Board of Education hired Kelli Thobe as Elementary Principal, Macey Griesdorn as a fourth grade Language Arts teacher, Kalie Lenhart as a second grade teacher, Stephanie Wattercutter as an Intervention Specialist teacher, Tyler Prenger as an Elementary Physical Education teacher, Monica Homan, Deanna Springer, and Amy Bruns as Instructional Aides, Sheryl Lange as a Custodian, Renee Hartings added Asst. Technology coordinator to her job, Greg Bruns transferred from his Physical Education position to Agricultural Education and Danielle Hartke transitioned from Intervention Specialist to second grade. I would like to welcome all of our new employees to the district and invite the community to **Open House** on **August 21<sup>st</sup>** from **6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.** to meet them.

Over the summer, a portion of the high school roof was replaced, outdoor lighting was improved, and the high school gym floor was refinished. We will soon be upgrading some security systems and replacing many doors with grant money we obtained.

I am looking forward to the start of the 2023-2024 school year and our goal is to build on the successes from this past year. This year the following goals will be in place.

- Increase student Achievement.
- Be fiscally responsible to our tax payers.
- Continue to build trust in the community.
- Evolve in our understanding and use of Artificial Intelligence. Determine how it can be appropriately and responsibly used in education, while fitting the values of our community.
- Ensure that our community receives accurate communication for the tax levy in November.
- Place more emphasis on sharing the academic and extra-curricular happenings in the district.
- High School: Evaluate the upper level courses in regards to CC+ versus A.P. and look to increase our CC+ offerings.
- Elementary: Continue to study and implement the dyslexia mandates.
- Financial: Continue capital improvement fund transfers to ensure we are prepared and able to support the maintenance of our buildings and grounds.
- Technology: Increase the problem solving capacity of staff and students.
- Special Education: Maintain and increase graduation rates for all students including those with disabilities.

I am excited to see what this year brings and want to express my appreciation to the community for your support and the work you do with your children.

Go Flyers!

**OPEN HOUSE – HIGH SCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY**  
**Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> – 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

## Parent /Staff Alert System Information

**Our One Call Now System will alert you of delays, cancellations, messages or reminders by phone. If you need to make changes to your phone number(s), please contact Lynn Will in the Central Office (419-925-4294) or willl@marionlocal.org.**

### Elementary Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I hope you found time to relax and enjoy the extra time with family and friends during the summer months. The summer break is always appreciated, however, it is nice to return to a routine and a new beginning. As we begin this new school year, Marion Local Elementary School will welcome many new faces. 88 Kindergarten students, some attending preschool at Marion Local Elementary, will walk into the building for the first time together as the class of 2036!

As I begin my new position as Elementary Principal, I am excited to work alongside many great staff members and give back to the community that I live in! I am coming to Marion Local Elementary from Fort Recovery Elementary, where I served as their Elementary Principal. I reside in Chickasaw with my husband, Dustin, and 3 children.

In addition to welcoming the class of 2036, I want to also welcome new staff: Mrs. Stephanie Watercutter as Kindergarten - 2nd Grade special education, Ms. Kalie Lenhart as a 2nd Grade teacher, Ms. Macey Griesdorn as a 4th Grade teacher, Mr. Tyler Prenger as Kindergarten - 8th Grade Physical Education teacher, and Mrs. Monica Homan, Mrs. Amy Bruns, and Deanna Springer as a teacher's aides. A few staff changes have also occurred over the summer; Mrs. Danielle Hartke will be a 2nd Grade teacher and Mr. Greg Bruns has shifted to High School Ag and 8th Grade STEM, and Mrs. Gail Mueller to 8th Grade Computers. We are fortunate to bring in new staff that bring great ideas, a strong work ethic, and passion to Marion Local Elementary School!

To welcome the students back, the annual Back to School Night Open House will be held on Monday, August 21 from 6:30 - 8:30pm. Students and families are encouraged to visit their classroom(s) and meet their teacher(s) for the 23-24 school year. Students can bring in their school supplies. If you opted to purchase supplies through the School Supply Kits, the kits will be in your child's homeroom class. Book bills will also be in your child's homeroom class and can be paid in the Elementary

Office that evening. This is also a good time to check your child's lunch account, if they are a returning student.

Marion Local Elementary will be on Twitter, @MarionLocalK8. Be sure to follow us to allow you to stay up to date and get a glimpse of what is happening at Marion Local!

For families who plan to drop off/pick up their child(ren) for arrival and/or dismissal, please follow the designated drop off/pick up route. Students in grades 4-8 should be dropped off at the main Elementary entrance and students in grades Kindergarten - 3 should be dropped off at the preschool doors. Students exiting the vehicle need to exit on the passenger side to eliminate the chance of a child walking near a moving vehicle. Similar to dismissal, students will be dismissed to the drive on the east side of the building (main elementary doors and preschool) and need to enter vehicles on the passenger side. We strongly encourage that you do not drop off your child(ren) prior to 8:10am. Students are dismissed at 3:15pm. Arrival and dismissal require patience - we will do our best to keep the traffic flow moving in a safe and efficient manner!

As a community, we have so much to be thankful and proud of! The work we do within the school is not done in isolation. The expectations, work ethic, and values are community driven. Education is a team effort and requires communication between home and school. As educators, we will do our best to communicate events, updates, and specific needs regarding your child. At any time, if you have any questions or concerns you are welcome to reach out to myself and/or your child's teacher.

Go Flyers!  
Kelli Thobe

### Student Attendance at Football Games

The attendance of the entire student body of Marion Local Schools is encouraged for all sporting events. It is important that we all work to ensure a safe environment for not only football games, but all sporting events held in our school and when visiting other schools. We ask parents to please review these simple guidelines with your children.

1. Respect for our country should be shown during the playing and singing of the National Anthem. Students are asked to remove all hats and stand respectfully facing the flag.
2. Good sportsmanship should be displayed at all times. Students are also to remember that all school rules apply (including disciplinary consequences) at all after school events.

**All staff contact information is on the website under the heading of Schools.**

### Elementary Student Fees

Kindergarten	\$20.25	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$67.72
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	\$20.25	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$60.49
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	\$25.34	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$60.49
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	\$23.19	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$61.69
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$23.19		

There will be a notice with detailed information in regards to each set fee at the student's desk at the Open House. Student fees should be paid by the middle of September. Thank you.

**Please check the homepage of the school website for each grade levels supply list.**

### High School Principal's Report

Welcome back to another school year at Marion Local! I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer.

Looking back to last year, we had an exceptional year in terms of achievement on the state tests. These outstanding scores were the result of a lot of hard work by students and staff coupled with support from home. We can celebrate last year and also use it as inspiration for the 2023-24 school year.

I am also excited to welcome Greg Bruns to the high school as our new agriculture education teacher. Greg will work with Matt Elsass and will teach several shop courses and other agriculture courses. Greg brings a host of skills and experiences and is also a veteran teacher. Welcome Greg!

As the new year starts, I would encourage parents to actively engage in their child's education by attending school events, parent-teacher conferences, and staying connected with our faculty and staff. Your support and involvement is very important in the education of your child.

I am looking forward to the return of the staff and students and hope you enjoy the rest of your summer.

Go Flyers!  
Tim Goodwin

## HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE NEWS

*Mrs. Dippold*

### COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS STUDENTS

Students planning to take CCP classes away from Marion Local this school year (at the campus or on-line), please get me a copy of your college schedule as soon as possible. You can drop it off in my mailbox or email me a copy. Students staying at ML for CCP classes, make sure you have followed the admission guidelines for admission to the appropriate college. All of these things must be in place by the first day of school, Aug. 23.

**\*\*NEW THIS YEAR\*\*** Mrs. Howell is going to be available during 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> periods for CCP advising. Students should direct any CCP related questions to her during these designated times.

### Class Schedule Pick-up

Class schedules will be available August 16. Schedules will be in students' lockers. (Locker assignments will be posted on the bulletin board near my office.) If you need to see me about a schedule change & I am not at school, please send me an email ([dippoldj@marionlocal.org](mailto:dippoldj@marionlocal.org)) or leave a note in my mailbox. You have until the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of school, August 25, to make schedule changes.

### Important Dates:

*Sept 1:* required SENIOR MEETING during flex (cap/gown info, graduation, etc)

*Sept 25:* COLLEGE APP NIGHT (optional for seniors)

*Nov 6 at 7:00pm:* FINANCIAL AID MEETING (optional for seniors & parents)

### Student Chromebooks Grades 5 thru 12

All students in grades 5 thru 12 will have a Chromebook assigned to them for the 2023-2024 school year. Chromebooks will be carried to and from classes and home for students to complete schoolwork. Students will receive their Chromebook on the first day of school. Students are responsible for the care and handling of their Chromebook. Damages such as a broken screen, missing keys, missing power cords, ect will result in extra charges to the student. Students are responsible for bringing Chromebooks to class every day and making sure they are charged and ready for class. Students should report any problems they are having with their Chromebook to the technology office. Here is a link with more details about the Chromebook one to one policy at Marion Local.



<https://www.marionlocal.org/Downloads/LaptopAUP.pdf>

All computers used by students at school including Chromebooks are subject to an internet filter. Marion Local has to follow the guidelines set forth in the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). CIPA sets regulations blocking inappropriate material on the internet for all students. All student Chromebooks will have the school internet filter installed on them. Anywhere the student uses the Chromebook with an internet connection such as home or school the internet will be filtered. Any problems or concerns please notify the school technology office or email [mescherm@marionlocal.org](mailto:mescherm@marionlocal.org).

Michelle Mescher  
Technology Coordinator

### Parent ProgressBook – Grades and Report Cards Online

ProgressBook is the system Marion Local Schools uses to provide parents and students with 24/7 access to see grades and report cards online for all grade levels. All parents and students have access to ProgressBook once an online account is setup. Parent account information will be sent home with all kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students at the beginning of the year. To access the ProgressBook website go to [www.marionlocal.org](http://www.marionlocal.org) and under Parents & Students click on ProgressBook. If you have an account set up but forgot your password you can click on Forgot Your Password on the ProgressBook webpage. If you do not have, an account set up and would like one, or have any questions, please call the school office or email Michelle Mescher at [mescherm@marionlocal.org](mailto:mescherm@marionlocal.org).



### Parent ProgressBook Mobile App

ProgressBook came out with a mobile app for Parents/Students to check grades. See the instructions below for the mobile app. If at any time, you need help with your Parent Progressbook login email [help@marionlocal.org](mailto:help@marionlocal.org).



### Download the Mobile App

Go to the Apple App Store or Android Apps on Google Play and search for "ProgressBook Parent/Student" to find the Frontline ProgressBook Parent/Student mobile app and download the app.

1. Whether you are a parent/guardian or student, you can use your current ProgressBook username and password to sign in to the Frontline ProgressBook Parent/Student mobile app.
2. Open the mobile app.

3. Tap Sign in.
4. When redirected to the website, begin typing Marion Local.
5. In the results list that displays, select Marion Local.
6. Tap Go.
7. Enter your Username and Password.
8. Tap Sign In.

**2022-2023 HS Class Schedule Pick-up**  
**Class schedules will be available on August 16.**  
**Schedules will be in students' lockers. (Locker assignments are posted on the bulletin board outside the office.)**

### Cafeteria News

Each day, students will be able to purchase a reimbursable meal in the form of a salad or lunch. Each of these meals (salad or lunch) must have a minimum of 3 of the 5 components (meat/meat alternative, grain, fruit, vegetable, and milk) and one of those must be ½ cup fruit or vegetable.

The salad bar will again be offered to students in grades 3-12 daily. Breakfast items will be offered at the high school daily from 8:00-8:30 am (for grades 8-12).

Healthy, balanced meals are an important component in learning. Kids who eat healthy meals and move more, learn better in school. Ensuring your kids eat a healthy breakfast at home will allow them to concentrate more in the classroom and function better until lunch.

We are always looking for extra help in our cafeterias in the form of volunteers and subs. We also currently have a 2 hour paid position open at the elementary. Contact Renee Hartings ([hartingsr@marionlocal.org](mailto:hartingsr@marionlocal.org)) for more information.

A volunteer will come to the elementary to assist the K-2 students with their lunches (lasts about an hour). Parents, grandparents, community members – **All are welcome!!** Please call the elementary school at (419) 925-4294, or email [hartingsr@marionlocal.org](mailto:hartingsr@marionlocal.org), to be a volunteer.

A sub is a paid position that will help at the elementary or high school in preparing and serving the meals, as well as clean up. If you are interested in becoming a sub, contact Renee Hartings at [hartingsr@marionlocal.org](mailto:hartingsr@marionlocal.org).

### **Lunch Prices:**

Meal prices are staying the same for this school year. If your family meets the income guidelines for free or reduced meals, it is very important to fill out an application for review.

#### Lunch Prices:

K-8	\$1.75
9-12	\$2.00

We will allow students in grades 3-12 to purchase extra items (extra sandwich/fruit/milk/juice, etc) or ala carte (snacks are offered 1-2 times/week), for an additional cost. Students will only be allowed to purchase these items if they have a positive balance in their account. The cost of an additional entrée will be increased to \$1.10 this year, with all other pricing remaining the same. If you have any questions, please email [hartingsr@marionlocal.org](mailto:hartingsr@marionlocal.org).

USDA is an equal opportunity provider.

**The free and reduced lunch application can be accessed through FinalForms.**

### **Military Student Identifier**

Districts are required to identify students whose parents or legal guardians have been active members of the Armed Forces or National Guard at any time throughout the current school year. Please contact Lynn Will at [will@marionlocal.org](mailto:will@marionlocal.org) or at 419-925-4294 if this applies to your family.

## **Athletics**

### **NFHSnetwork cameras**

Our NFHS cameras will be used again this year. Subscriptions will be the same as last year. A monthly fee will be around \$11.00 with a yearly fee around \$70.00. Marion Local receives a portion from each subscription. We plan to keep these cameras for years to come. Many other area schools are using the same system. These cameras are really nice even if you are planning to come to the games. Often times people have several choices of games on a given night. With a subscription, you can be at one event and have the ability to watch the other event from your phone. We plan to have announcers for the Fall Football Varsity Games.

### **Weekly emails**

The Athletic Department continues to send out weekly emails during the school year with the most up to date schedules. If you are not receiving these, you can sign up from our school website. Simply type in [www.marionlocal.org](http://www.marionlocal.org), click on Athletics in the blue bar. Our Athletic page will appear. Scroll over the word "MORE" and look for the Weekly Email signup in the bottom right hand corner. The instructions are found here.

**All fall athletic sports schedules can be found on the website at [marionlocal.org](http://marionlocal.org) under the heading of Athletics.**



**The school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year is on the website under District.**



## Marion Local School Bus Routes

**Please check the bus routes closely. Several of the Bus #'s have changed.** If you have any questions please contact Lynn Will (419-925-4294) or Ted Heitkamp (419-925-4562).

### **Bus #2 – Jeff Kaup – A.M. Route**

First pickup at 7:10 a.m.: Kremer Rd.-at Ben Huelskamp, Bob Will; St. Johns Rd.-Jim Giere, Tom Moeder; Rutschilling Rd.-Greg Homan; Indian Trail-Craig Everman; St. Johns Rd.-Jesse Alexander, Ed Schemmel,; Indian Trail Rd.-Craig Mescher, Brad Everman; St. Rte. 716-Bill Stachler; Elm St.-Jacob Hoelscher; St. Rte. 705-Andrew Poepelman; Coble Rd.-Eric Frey, Mark Moles, Mike Werling; Reed Rd.-Steve Werling, Shawn Tuente; St. Rte. 716-Jon Demange, Mike Wendel; Huwer Rd.- Dean Moeller, Allen Bergman; Rolfes Rd.-Marc Otte, Chris Schott, Jason Bruns, Kurt Thobe, Darrin Poepelman, Joe Bruns, Gary Knapke, Mark Utrup, Rob Stachler, Ron Brunswick, Jon Sawmiller, Dave Hoelscher, Trent Huelsman, Randy Moeller, Paul Nieberding, Curtis Brookhart; St. Rte. 716-Randy Bruns; Elementary School, High School

### **Bus #3 – Dan Koenig – A.M. Route**

First pickup at 7:22 a.m.: Chickasaw Rd.-Travis Homan, Cory Moeller, Mark Bills, Joshua Unrast; Brockman Rd.- Mitch Schmackers, Mike Clune; Harrison Rd.-Randy Stucke, Henry Kunkler, Brad Klosterman; Sebastian Rd.- John Griesdorn, Jason Knouff, Matt Muhlenkamp; Harrison Rd.-Trent Fledderjohann, Justin Fleck, Chris Niekamp, Chad Brunswick; Clover Four Rd.-Andy Klosterman; Co. Rd. 716A-Kendra Rose, Dale Schwieterman; Clover Four Rd.-Ron Schwieterman; 716A & Clover Four-Charlie Schwieterman; Clover Four Rd.-Randy Kuess, Brent Kremer; Cassella-Montezuma Rd.-Dan Moeller, Doug Heitkamp; Depweg Rd.-Matt Wermert, Jamie Moeller; Sebastian Rd.-Jesse Rose, Kyle Schwieterman, Todd Fleck, Kyle Koesters, Lester Fleck, Kevin Fleck; Co. Rd. 716A-Tom, Wilker, Ken Wilker, Matt Bruns, Dan Jacoby, Nick McClurg, Tyler Schmidt, Jeff Homan; St. Rte-274-Steve Homan; S. Center St.-Ken Schlarman's stop; Mill St. Stop; St. Rte. 716-Craig Knapke; Droesch Rd-Brian Kremer, Mike Osterholt, Tom Osterholt; Elementary School, High School

### **Bus #4 – Lisa Seitz – A.M. Route**

First pickup at 7:20 a.m.: St. Rte. 119-Tony Homan; Minster-Ft. Rec. Rd.-Ben Schaefer, Mike Zizelman; Goettemoeller Rd.-Elia Molina, Cole Dahlinghaus; Cassella-Montezuma Rd.-Theresa Dirksen, Greg Albers, Ted Dirksen; Dirksen Rd.-Gabe Dirksen, Ken Otte; Cassella-Montezuma Rd.-Chuck Wendel, Kristina Price; Mercer-Darke Cty. Line-Steve Otte; Goettemoeller Rd.-Frank Winner; Indian Trail Rd.-Ben Kuether, Doug Grieshop, Kevin Otte; Clune-Stucke Rd.-Roger Broering; Voskuhl Rd.-Kasey Schwieterman; Huwer Rd.-Ron Arling; Voskuhl Rd.-Chris Clune, Jason Schwieterman, Kathy Voskuhl, Josh Cline, Mike Rethman, Joe Rethman; Minster-Ft. Recover Rd.-Jon Wilkins, Dale Albers, Eric Eyink, Brian Mescher, Bart Griesdorn; St. Rte. 716-Mark Speelman, Bryan Winner, Marcus Moeller, Ted Jones; Access Dr.-Brian Livingston, Ted Mescher, Rick Bergman, Ben Moeller, Brian Wolters, Kyle Seitz, Doug Bender, Frank Moller; Woodview Dr.-Tony Arling, Jeff Otte; St. Rte. 716-Rick Moeller, Paul Nietfeld, Adam Smith; Lincoln Ave.-Chad Otte; Washington Ave.-Brian Colopy, Chris Stucke, Mitch Thobe; Lincoln Ave.-Trent Fischer; St. Rte. 716-Matt Simcoe; St. Rte. 119-Cory Albers, Nick Pavelka; Elementary School, High School

### **Bus #6 – Jerry Everman – A.M. Route**

First pickup at 7:28 a.m.: St. Rte. 119-Andrew Swain, Tom Greenwood, Paul Anthony, Sam Hoying, James Ungruhn; Goettemoeller Rd.-Jim Wuebker, Cory Ahrens, Bruce Goettemoeller; Reicher Rd.-Ian Wells; Cassella-Montezuma Rd.- Jim Schlater, Melissa Hilgford, Brian Bohman, Mitchel Spieth, Terry Mescher, Brad Wolters; Clune-Stucke Rd.-Matt Bomholt, Kyle Moeller; St. Rte. 274-Bart Homan; Wayne St.-Cole VanGundy, Nick Prenger; N. Roosevelt-Keith Kremer: Virginia St.-Brian Evers, Joe Schmackers; John Arling stop; Liberty St.-Brad Knapke; Wayne St.-Travis Gerlach; Library Stop; Exchange St.-Nathan Liette; Mulberry St.-Dustin Thobe; St. Rte. 716-Todd Bruns; St. Francis Way Stop; Dead End Rd.-Nate Kirwen, Jack Hartings; Elementary School, High School

### **Bus #7 – Gene Evers – A.M. Route**

First pickup at 7:08 a.m.: St. Rte. 716-Eric Hemmelgarn; Clune-Stucke Rd.-Steve Bohman, DebFrey; Schemmel Rd.-Brian Millis, Nick Schemmel; Mendenhall Rd.-Jeff Tuente; Conover Rd.-Jared Hess; North Star-Ft. Loramie Rd.-Brent Bergman; St. Rte. 705-Dan Otte; Conover Rd.-Dan Albers; Mercer-Darke Rd.-Leo Seger, Kent Topp; Mendenhall Rd.-Larry Heitkamp, Ken Rindler, Jonica Bergman, Scott Grieshop, Nick Beasley; St. Rte. 705-Brad Kremer; Westwood Dr.-Rob Kemper, David Brunswick; Bohman Dr.-Dan Brown; Patterson St.-Janelle Feitshans; North St.-Tony Bergman; The Church; Water St., Church St.; North St.-Tom Thobe; St. Rte. 716-Angie Bohman, Steve Overman, Elementary School, High School

### **Bus #8 – Todd Ashbaugh – A.M. Route**

First pickup at 7:20 a.m.; St. Johns Rd.-Dave Koenig, Lee Heitkamp, Will Winner, Andrew Kremer, Joshua Schmitz, Nick Koesters, Josh Fleck, Amy Jacoby, Mike Moeller, Steve Barlage, Matt Evers; Clover Four Rd.-Kyle Schmitmeyer, Jake Hein; Chickasaw Rd.-Matt Ronnebaum, Bob Wuebker; Brockman Rd.- Mike Kuess, Jason Winner, Jim Moeller; Mercer-Aug. Co.-Charles Homan; St. Rte. 274- Sam Schwieterman; St. Rte. 364-Ed Heitkamp; Superior Dr.-Jon Thobe; Chapel Hill-Jesse Ranly stop, Denise Hietkamp stop, Todd Grieshop stop; William St.-Tyler Speelman; Jefferson St.-Frank Evers, Alan Seitz, Eric Muhlenkamp, Mark Dahlinghaus; St. Johns Rd.-Craig Moeder, Jared Ranly, Brian Seitz, Jason Ranly, Megan Timmerman, Travis Winner; Elementary School, High School

**Bus #10 – Greg Bruns – A.M. Route**

First pickup at 7:25 a.m.; St. Rte. 119-Kyle Unrast, Kyle Mescher, Jared Bruggeman, Keith Pohlmann; St. Johns Rd.-Greg Meier, Brian Gross, Matt Homan; St. Rte. 119-Lindsay Reynolds, Jacob Gehrlach, Brent Fleck; Mercer-Aug. Co.-Todd Francis, Eric Thobe, John Thobe; Minster-Ft. Rec Rd.-Ken Thobe, Adam Kunk; Mercer-Aug. Co.-Mike Pohlman; St. Rte. 119- Dana Steinbrunner, Mark Moeller Brian Dorsten, Paul Knapke, Matt Eifert; Heitkamp Rd.-Dale Knapke, Randy Wolters, Ken Wolters, Doug Partington, Mark Ashman, Mike Budde, Ted Nagel; St. Rte. 364-Brian Frey; St. Rte. 119- Ken Collins, Molly Mikels, Alex Bergman; Jackson St.-Greg Klosterman; Northview Dr.-Mike Bohman; Ste. Rte. 119-Kein Schlater, Ashley Dahlinghaus, John Heinl, Eric Mueller, Kortney Kugel, Dave Pleiman, Chelsea Applegate, Andy Spieth; Washington Ave.-Brad Jutte, Dale Barga, Nick Boeckman, Phil Moeller, Aaron Timmerman, Chad Cramer; Elementary School, High School

**Bus #11 – Sherry Schoenlein – A.M. Route**

First pickup at 7:20 a.m.: Stelzer Rd.-Randy Schwieterman; St. Rte. 119-Mike Lause, Ryan Thobe, Jake Unrast, Todd Unrast; Olding Rd. Jacob Waterman, Brian Hess, Matt Guggenbiller, Brent Hess, Chad Hess, Brad Tuente, Eric Homan; Homan Rd.-Steve Schmidt, Mark Mescher, Ryan Fleck, Dean Homan; St. Rte. 274-Ryan Schwieterman; Cassella-Montezuma Rd.-Craig Tuente, Kevin Homan, Garrett Waterman, Matt Muhlenkamp; Ashman Rd.-Luke Homan; Cassella-Montezuma Rd.-Eric Prenger, Matt Schoenlein; St. Rte. 119-Derrin Fuson; Minster-Ft. Rec. Rd.-Ed Buschur, Dave Buschur; Homan Rd.-Mark Schmiesing, Brad Meier; Huwer Rd.-Jane Meier-Platfoot; Minster-Ft. Recovery Rd.-Kurt Homan; Clune-Stucke Rd.-Paul Hartings, Steve Hartings, Curtis Moeller, Chad Moeller, Jeff Bruns, Scott Tobe; Hartings Rd.-Doug Holdheide, Ron Hartings; St. Rte. 716-Daycare Discoveries, Dale Everman; Elementary School, High School

**Bus #12 – Ted Heitkamp – To be advised.**

### **Communication with Parents Is Important**

**Working Together for Children**

We know that when the home and school communicate frequently and thoroughly, it's an asset to children. It's a fact that if parents and teachers work together, children perform better in school. Even a child's attitude toward school is affected by parent-teacher communication. And if parents know what their children are doing in school and show their children that they believe that education is important, their children will tend to believe it too. Therefore, communicating with parents is one of our top priorities.

There are several vehicles we can use to communicate with parents. First, at the start of the school year, we hold an open house. This year it is on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 pm and it allows parents to become acquainted with teachers, the curriculum, school policies, and classroom rules and regulations.

Second, we schedule parent-teacher conferences throughout the year. The important thing is that parents know what is happening. With more knowledge about school, you will have more opportunities to talk to your child about his or her work at school-and to influence his or her attitude toward teachers, class work, and school.

In addition, if at any time during the school year you notice a problem with your child or have any questions or concerns about your child's life at school, you have an open invitation to call and arrange a conference. We are available for conferences throughout the school year-not just for regularly scheduled parent teacher conferences.

Third, we periodically send newsletters, notices of achievements, and special announcements home with your child so that you are aware of what's happening at school. If you have any questions about this information, call us for clarification. Also, if parents are living at separate addresses, we'll send a copy of the material to both. Just be sure to notify us of your addresses so that we can keep both of you informed.

Fourth, we send out grade cards and interim reports to notify you of your child's progress in school. There is a definite link between home-school communication and student success. The more informed and involved both parents are in a child's school life, the better the child does. Therefore, it's important for us to communicate with you as often as we can and to seek your involvement in your child's school life. Your child will be the beneficiary, and that's our purpose...to serve you and your child.



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## Important Dates for the 2023-2024 School Year

August 21 - Open House, 6:30 - 8:30  
August 23 - First Day of School  
August 28 - First full day for Kindergarten  
September 20 – Elementary Fall Picture Day  
September 21 – HS Fall picture Day  
October 5 - Grandparent’s Day for K-2, 9:00 - 10:30 (Elem gym)  
October 7 – Homecoming Dance  
October 17 - Band/Choir concert, grades 7-8, 7:00 (Elem gym)  
October 24-27 - 8th Grade Washington DC trip  
October 31 - Parent Teacher conferences, 5:30 - 8:30  
November 1 - Picture Retake Day  
November 2 - Parent Teacher conferences, 3:30 - 6:30  
November 3 - K-6 Parent Teacher conferences, No School for K-6  
November 23-27 - No School, Thanksgiving Break  
December 11 - Grades 3 & 4 Christmas Program, 9:30am & 7:00pm (Elem gym)  
December 19 - Band/Choir concert, grades 5-8, 7:00 (Elem gym)  
December 22 - January 1 - No School, Christmas Break  
March 7 - Band/Choir concert, grades 7-8, 7:00 (Elem gym)  
March 22-24 - 5th & 6th Grade play  
March 28-April 1 - No School, Easter Break  
April 20 - Prom  
April 25-28 - 7-12 Spring Musical  
May 6 - Spring Open House, 6:00 - 8:00  
May 13 - Band/Choir concert, grades 7-8, 7:00 (Elem gym)  
May 19 – Graduation 1:00 p.m.  
May 22 - Last day of school for students

