



C.O. HARRISON

## COLONEL'S CORNER

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

1. Thank you for participating in this year's Online Book Fair. As soon as the books arrive, Mrs. Brockhoff will distribute them to the students in their homerooms.
2. C.O. Harrison Cub Scout Pack 300 is going to be collecting your used shoes for their annual Soles 4 Souls Shoe drive. Collection boxes will be placed near where students enter the building each morning. If you're Spring Cleaning now's the time to donate! You can bring your shoes starting Monday March 22nd until Friday March 26th. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Geil 513-706-7616 or [sarahgeil83@gmail.com](mailto:sarahgeil83@gmail.com)
3. Oak Hills Little Highlanders Youth Cheerleading  
Registration for the 2021 cheer season will be open from March 1<sup>st</sup>-April 30<sup>th</sup> for cheerleaders entering Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information and to register and pay online please visit <http://ohlhcheer.com>. If you have any questions you can email us at [ohlhcheer@gmail.com](mailto:ohlhcheer@gmail.com)  
[Click here for a link to the Cheer Flyer](#)
4. **Oak Hills Youth Athletics (OHYA) Sports Registrations**  
Information on ALL sports, registration fees and registration links can be found by going to [www.ohyouthathletics.org](http://www.ohyouthathletics.org) and choosing the sport.

### SPORT REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

#### TRACK

Grades K - 4

Registration Fee: \$45

Registration **closes** March 31<sup>st</sup> (Grades K - 4)

5. **Did you know current 5th graders can try out for the Oak Hills Middle School Competition Cheerleading team?** Participants must be planning to also cheer and compete with the Little Highlanders cheer team. Tryouts will be held this year on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> for incoming 6-8 graders. Come to our parent and participant tryout information meeting March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM to learn more! (Link for this virtual meeting will be sent out after signing up online to tryout)  
The OHMS cheerleading program focuses on building school spirit, leadership, confidence, and team building. Our competitive and game-day programs are some of the best in the Cincinnati area! Come check us out! Tryout packets will be available in the main office of your school beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please visit our website at [oakhillscheer.wix.com/ohms](http://oakhillscheer.wix.com/ohms) for more information.  
Email Kristina Dearwester ([dearwester\\_k@ohlsd.org](mailto:dearwester_k@ohlsd.org)) or Melissa Claus ([claus\\_m@ohlsd.org](mailto:claus_m@ohlsd.org)) with any questions.

6. Oak Hills High School will host a community Blood Drive on Monday, March 29, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Hoxworth Donor Bus will be parked in front of the OHHS Commons.  
This blood drive is open to everyone in the Oak Hills community, and every donor will receive a free bluetooth speaker. Donors can sign up here: [https://donateblood.uc.edu/.../drive\\_schedule/38762and](https://donateblood.uc.edu/.../drive_schedule/38762and) more information can be found here: <https://drive.google.com/.../1b9XSAdsOuKiJtaykn8XfVh.../view>

7. Highlanders! Are you looking for summer activities for your kids that are fun, keep them active, and teach them sport skills? Look no further than our Highlander Summer Sports Camps!

Highlander Camps offer unique opportunities for participants to receive coaching and instruction from Oak Hills coaches and players. Campers will play games, run drills, compete and have fun. Instruction will focus on fundamental development and sportsmanship and campers will learn drills they can use at home.

You can find out more information and register online at [highlanderssportsamps.com](http://highlanderssportsamps.com)!

8. **OHHS PTA Ladies Night Out Fashion Show Fundraiser**-Saturday, April 10th 6pm-11pm at Oak Hills High School. Tickets are \$50.00 and this event is open to the community. For more details or to purchase a ticket, please click [here](#). New this year! Purchase a chance to win a Louis Vuitton bag! Click [here](#) to purchase a raffle ticket for \$20 each. (Winner does not need to be present at the event to win the raffle). [Click here to see attached flyer for the OHHS PTA Ladies Night Out Fashion Show Fundraiser](#)

9. For the last two years, the non-profit organization, Kids & Community Food Collaborative, has provided weekend 'Power Packs' to nearly 60 Oak Hills students who otherwise would likely have gone hungry. The Power Packs contain healthy foods like fruit and vegetable juices, whole-grain cereals, sunflower seeds and pasta meals. Now funding for that project is about to run out just as the need has grown significantly because of the pandemic. So KidsCFC is raising funds to expand its program to feed more than 400 students in need across the Oak Hills district, for the next three years. This is crucial help for Oak Hills families! We hope you will consider contributing to this project, which will make such a difference in the lives of Oak Hills children. Contribute through PayPal at <https://PayPal.me/KCFC>, or send contributions to P.O. Box 389175, Cincinnati, 45238. For more information, visit @KidsCFC. Thank you!

10. **Please make sure to report the reason for your child's absence each day they are absent**-this includes remote learning days as well as students sick in Virtual Academy. Parents must contact the school @922-1485, press "1" to leave a message on the absence line. Messages must include the **reason** for the absence along with your student's name, your name, teacher's name and grade level. You may also email the attendance secretary @ [blome\\_d@ohlsd.org](mailto:blome_d@ohlsd.org) to report the reason for your child's absence each day. Parent with students in QUARANTINE need to contact the HOMEROOM teacher to get access to the work needed to be completed during remote learning while at home in quarantine. If you receive a message from OneCallNow that a child of yours has been reported absent with no call to the school office (or email) then your child will be unexcused All out of town absences (vacations, etc.) are unexcused absences per District Policy. Remote Learning Days count for attendance as well! **Tardies, without exception, shall be unexcused and will be included in the tally for attendance hours.**

11. Primary contacts (Residential Parent/ Legal Guardian) can add up to 5 additional emails or phone numbers to the OneCall Now system by creating an account with mycallnow. Here are the instructions:

**Add Additional Numbers** - The student's primary contact can create a *My Call Now* account to add an addition 5 email addresses or cell phone numbers to also receive *One Call Now* alerts and messages. You may do this by going to <https://www.mycallnow.com> and creating an account using the Primary contact's email address and your student's ID number.

\* Please note - school district personnel are not able to access phone numbers or email addresses entered on this site, only the Primary Contact can make changes to the *mycallnow* system.

12. 20-21 Instructional Fees are \$85 and can be paid online using EZ Pay on the Parent Portal @ ohlsd.org or mailing a check or money order to the school at 585 Neeb Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45233. If you mail in or send in a payment with your student, please download a copy of the Instructional Fee paperwork to fill out and include with your payment. [Click here for a link to the Instructional Fee Paperwork.](#)

13. Any cash payments sent in with students for Instructional Fees must include the paperwork, be in an envelope with the student name and it must be for the **EXACT** amount. We cannot make change.

14. REMINDER about the Flu Season:

Flu viruses are most common during the fall and winter seasons. Flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and sometimes the lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness. The best way to prevent flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year. The Center for Disease Control recommends that everyone 6 months and older receive a yearly flu vaccine. It is especially important to get a flu vaccine if you have a chronic health disease, over 65 years of age, pregnant or have a weakened immune system due to disease or medication.

Flu vaccines are available at commercial pharmacies (Walgreens, CVS), health provider offices and at clinics.

The Hamilton County Health Department has a flu clinic available for children who are uninsured, under insured, or are receiving or eligible for Medicaid. [Click here for information about scheduling an appointment at Hamilton County Health Department](#)

15. Dear Highlander Families,

We have exciting news to share with our families. As a result of extended federal legislation, all students in all Oak Hills elementary schools and in Delhi Middle School are now eligible to receive **free meals at school every day through May 28, 2021**. There are no family financial requirements for receiving the meals.

At Delhi Middle School, Delshire Elementary, J.F. Dulles Elementary, **C.O. Harrison Elementary** and Oakdale Elementary, students will receive free breakfasts and free lunches. Springmyer Elementary students will receive free lunches since the school does not serve breakfast.

**Students at all schools can continue to purchase a la carte items in addition to their free meal.** Students are welcome to take their breakfast to their classroom so we encourage them to stop by their cafeteria each morning.

**While all students are automatically eligible for the free meals, we encourage families with financial need to still complete the free and reduced lunch application. This is critical as it determines if families qualify for a waiver of instructional fees. The application is available at [www.lunchapplication.com](http://www.lunchapplication.com) and paper applications are available in each school office.**

The new federal program is intended to support families as the nation recovers from the pandemic, and also to provide financial support for school food-service programs that lost revenue during school closures and

hybrid model learning days. We are excited to see so many families benefiting from this legislation and hope to continue to see our families through the end of this school year.

Please contact Supervisor of Food Service Kelly Weldele at 598-2958 with questions.

16. Community Resource: Oak Hills United Methodist Church Food Pantry is available to everyone who is struggling with providing food for their family. The food pantry is open every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Walk ins allowed. For more information go to [oakhillsumc.fuse.net](http://oakhillsumc.fuse.net) or call 513-574-1131.
17. Please consider joining the PTA. Membership is \$6 per person. Until safety guidelines permit us to host events, we will continue to assist our teachers/staff, and students. Your membership will help us to support them throughout the year. And to our virtual academy families, we would love for you to join as well!  
#weareateam

We've added a new option this year to submit your membership. If you wish to use our easy, online option for a no contact form of payment, please use the MemberHub link below. A small processing fee applies. The receipt that is emailed to you will have a digital copy of your PTA membership card.

<https://cohcolonels.new.memberhub.store/store>

For anyone who would still wish to send in cash or a check, please fill out the google form below and send your payment in to school. The envelope must be clearly marked and have your name and the students name on it or in it. There will be no physical membership cards this year. Once we receive your payment, a digital card will be emailed to you. <https://forms.gle/QGDQejzBPnPt3AZv6>

If you have any questions, please reach out to Susan Williams at [smkloepfer@gmail.com](mailto:smkloepfer@gmail.com)

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021-3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends

Monday March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021- Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 - Spring Break-**School Closed**

Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021-In Service Day-**No School for Students**-Staff Reports to school

#### **Links:**

The 2020-2021 OHLSD School Calendar is available at [www.ohlsd.org](http://www.ohlsd.org).

[Click here for a link to the OHLSD Parent Portal](#)

[Click here for a link to the Updated School Supply List](#)

[Click here for link to the March Lunch Menu](#)

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