



C.O. HARRISON

COLONEL'S CORNER

January 15th, 2021

Monday, January 18th, 2021-School Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

1. 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 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.

2. 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 or call 513-574-1131.

3. 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](#)

4. 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.

5. **Attendance reminder!** 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 student 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 to report the reason for your child's absence each day. If you receive a message from OneCallNow that a child of yours has been reported absent with no call to the school (or email) then your child will be unexcused. **You must contact the attendance secretary to report the reason WHY your child is not in school or else those absences are considered UNEXCUSED ABSENCES.** All out of town absences (vacations, etc.) are unexcused absences per District Policy.
6. 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.](#)
7. 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. Teachers do not have change.
8. Although as of now we are not permitted to use the building to host events, we still need your help. 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

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 and choosing the sport.

SPORT REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

BASEBALL

- Grades Pre K - 8th
- Registration Fee: \$75 to \$160
- Registration **closes** January 21st

Follow the link for more information and to register for

Baseball! <https://oakhillsathletics.sportngin.com/register/form/272838129>

SOFTBALL

- Grades Pre K - 8th
- Registration Fee: \$65 to \$140
- Registration **closes** January 21st

Follow the link for more information and to register for

Softball! <https://oakhillsathletics.sportngin.com/register/form/380746860>

VOLLEYBALL - Spring

- Boys - Grades 3-8
- Girls - Grades 3-8
- Registration Fee: \$80
- Registration **closes** February 1st

Follow the link for more information and to register

for GIRLS Volleyball! <https://oakhillsathletics.sportngin.com/register/form/842813099>

Follow the link for more information and to register

for BOYS Volleyball! <https://oakhillsathletics.sportngin.com/register/form/791395652>

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, January 18th, 2021-School Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Monday, January 25th, 2021-No school for STUDENTS -Staff Report for In-Service Day

Links:

The 2020-2021 OHLSD School Calendar is available at 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 January Lunch Menu](#)

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