



C.O. HARRISON

COLONEL'S CORNER

October 18th, 2019

Welcome to Second Quarter!

Parent/Teacher Conferences- November 6th and November 19th-see sign up links below

1. Student Fee Invoices were sent home with students this week. Please check your child's folder and/or backpack for your student's fee invoice. If you feel that you are receiving an invoice in error, please contact Mrs. Blome in the office -513-922-1485 ext. 5511. Please note that invoices include past year's unpaid fees as well as the current year's fee. You can also view your child's school fees via Progress Book. Click [here](#) for a link to OHLSD Parent Portal to view Progress Book. You can also view first quarter report cards in Progress Book starting on Wednesday, October 23rd.
2. PTA Trunk or Treat is coming up on Thursday, October 24th, 6pm-8pm - Please send in Trunk or Treat Forms so that we know how many students and /or trunks to expect. Please feel free to send in donated candy at any time to Mr. Mr. Conners at the front desk or teachers can put donations in the Trunk Or Treat Box in the Records Room. Thanks and we hope to see you all on October 24th!
3. PTA Reflections- Calling all students to explore the arts! Check out this super opportunity to showcase your talents and creativity in the National PTA Reflections Contest. The theme this year is "Look Within" and can be tied so many ways to our PTA theme of "This is Me!" When creativity flows, our true colors and talents show!! Check it out! Click [here](#) for an Informational Flyer about this year's contest theme. Deadline for entries is Friday, November 15th, 2019.
4. Click [here](#) for a link to a flyer for a Coat Give-Away on October 19th, 2019 at Pilgrim United Church of Christ
5. [Click here for an important message from our District Nurse about the Flu Vaccine](#)
6. Teal Pumpkin Project-Click [here](#) for an informational flyer.
7. Lunchroom News-Tuesday, October 22nd – The Lunchroom will have Marco's Pizza for lunch on Tuesday.
8. From the Nurse: Hamilton County as well as OHLSD is starting to see Pertussis cases this season. This is a month earlier than last year. Please be informed.
Pertussis the P in DTAP & T-DAP immunizations.
<https://www.ohlsd.us/departments/health-room-10/pertussis-42/>
9. The online Emergency Medical Authorization (EMA) form is available to access and update for the 2019-2020 school year. Click [here](#) to access the EMA system on the OHLSD parent portal. Please complete ASAP! Students may not attend field trips without a completed EMA form.
10. Every volunteer (for classroom parties, library or lunchroom helpers, etc.) must complete a Background Verification Form **EVERY** year to have on file in the office. You can access the form [here](#)
11. Is your child experiencing grief due to the loss of a significant person in their life? If so, please contact Amy McNabb at 557-4314 or mcnabb_a@ohlsd.org to refer them for a grief group held during school hours. The group is led by Fernside Center for Grieving. You can find more information online at fernside.org.
12. **SHILOH UPWARD PROGRAM:** Shiloh United Methodist Church is registering boys and girls for its winter 2020 Upward sports season for co-ed cheerleading and basketball for Kindergarten through 5th grade children. Upward Sports is an international organization with the following mission statement: *"Using the 'universal language' of sports, Upward Sports connects with kids at a critical time in their lives to teach skills for the sports arena and values for life."* Registration fees: \$56.00 which includes a uniform, pompoms (cheerleading) and ending celebration with special awards. Please call Shiloh

(451-3600), stop by and pick up registration forms or register online (shilohumc.com). Registration has already begun and sometimes we do fill up for different age groups. Deadline is Tuesday, December 3 for early registration. After this date, fees will be increased.

13. **EZ Pay Convenience Fee** - Effective for the 2019-2020 school year, parents will be assessed a 3.99% convenience fee when loading funds on their student's account using EZ Pay (the online system for fee payments). A convenience fee will be assessed for items such as loading lunch balances to a student's account, student instructional fees, participation fees, and all other fees on EZ Pay. The convenience fee is assessed by many other districts in Southwest Ohio and our District will no longer absorb this fee due to budget constraints. EZ Pay can be accessed on our parent portal at www.ohlsd.org
14. [Click here for a flyer about the Mobile Mammography Van Schedule](#)
15. This weekly newsletter will be sent out via the OneCall Now system soon. Your student's homeroom teacher is collecting email addresses from parents so that weekly communications can be sent, including this Colonel's Corner Newsletter. Please let your teacher know ASAP which emails you would like us to use for this weekly communication. If you change your email during the course of the school year, please give the updated email information to your child's teacher so we can update our database. Also, check your spam folder if you do not receive an email each week. Sometimes your email server will reject the incoming email so please check it if you are not receiving the email weekly.
16. Just a reminder: In order for ANY medication to be given at school a medication form must be brought in every year. This includes any prescription medications, EpiPens, inhalers, seizure medications, and as needed medications. Downloadable medication forms can be found at www.ohlsd.us under the Health Room department.
17. [Click here for a link to Springmyer Playground Fundraiser Flyer](#)
18. [Click here for Information about OHHS Robotics Monthly Workshops for Students](#)
19. **Oak Hills Youth Athletics (OHYA) Sports Registrations**
 - BASKETBALL**
 - Registration for 2019-20 season opens **for Grades 3rd - 12th** and **opens December 1 for Little Dribblers (grades 1st and 2nd)**.
 - Basketball is available for 1st - 12th grade boys and 1st - 8th girls (girls in 9 - 12 grades who want to play should contact the coordinator)
 - Registration Fee: Varies - See website
 - If your child would like to try out for a 3rd - 6th grade Select team, choose the Select option and pay \$75 at registration. See website for more information.
 - 2nd Graders may try out for 3rd grade select.
 - 1st & 2nd may play in 3rd grade Recreational league.
 - 1st graders must be evaluated before registering for 3rd grade REC. Please email bthomas@ohyouthathletics.org for details.
 - Follow the link for more information and to register for Basketball! <https://oakhillsathletics.sportngin.com/register/form/823834303>
 - WRESTLING**
 - Grades K-6
 - Registration Fee: \$120.00
 - Practices Start end of October
 - Follow the link for more information and to register for Wrestling! <https://oakhillsathletics.sportngin.com/register/form/240345030>

Information on ALL sports, registration fees and registration links can be found by going to www.ohyouthathletics.org and choosing the sport.

Important Dates:

Thursday, October 24th, PTA Trunk or Treat-6:00pm-8:00pm

Wednesday, November 6th and Tuesday, November 19-Conference Days

Dear Colonel Families,

We are again using Sign-up Genius to schedule this year's conferences. Please click the link below to schedule a conference for each of your children that attend C.O. Harrison with their homeroom teacher.

The dates available for conferences are:

- **Wednesday, November 6 from 4:00-7:30 pm**
- **Tuesday, November 19 from 4:00-7:30 pm**
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Kindergarten: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49a5ad28a7fb6-kindergarten2>

First Grade: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49A5AD28A7FB6-1stgrade2>

Second Grade: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49A5AD28A7FB6-2ndgrade2>

Third Grade: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49A5AD28A7FB6-3rdgrade2>

Fourth Grade: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49A5AD28A7FB6-4thgrade2>

Fifth Grade: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49A5AD28A7FB6-5thgrade2>

Art-Gym-Music Specials: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49A5AD28A7FB6-art2>

Specialized Services (Harvey, Herrmann, Ostendorf,

Ramsdell): <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49A5AD28A7FB6-special2>

When you sign up, **you do not need to create an account.** If you already have one, login. If you do not have an account, fill in your name, your email, and your child's name (but you do not need to register with Signup Genius unless you want to). Your email will be sent a reminder 5 days before the conference.

Thank you for your help!

Reminder: A student may only be released during the school day to someone listed as Legal Guardian or an Emergency Contact on his/her online EMA. A photo ID is required to pick up a student and also to enter the school building for volunteering, meetings, using the restroom, etc.

Links:

The 2019-2020 OHLSD School Calendar is available at www.ohlsd.org.

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

[Click Here for Volunteer Packet with Background Verification Form](#)

[Click Here for the October School Lunch Menu](#)

IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE MESSAGE

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!
