



C.O. HARRISON

## COLONEL'S CORNER

November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

**Thanksgiving Break-No School-Monday, November 25-Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

*HAPPY THANKSGIVING*

1. PTA Walk-a-thon prizes were distributed to homerooms on Tuesday, November 12.  
If your student earned a gift certificate to the book fair (student raised \$150) then we have their names on a list and they will receive their \$10 certificates when it's time for the book fair. Holding on to them until then prevents them being lost ahead of time. If your student earned the special lunch party (student raised \$200) then mark December 10th on the calendar. That will be the day we will have that event. We have a list of names and will be sending more information as we get closer to the date. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding prizes they can email me (Sarah Geil) at [coharrisonpta.2vp@gmail.com](mailto:coharrisonpta.2vp@gmail.com) I will be happy to help straighten it out.
2. **Attendance Reminder-Parents** need to contact the **Attendance Secretary** when a student is absent from school. If a child is going to be on vacation or will be out for a surgery then the parent must email Mrs. Blome [@blome\\_d@ohlsd.org](mailto:blome_d@ohlsd.org) in advance and list the range of dates for the absence along with **the reason** for the absence. Extended absences for surgery will also require a doctor note to be sent in when the student returns to school. A parent can also call the absence line (513) 922-1485 and press 1 to reach the absence line voice mail to leave a message about an upcoming absence for a surgery or vacation with the range of dates as well as **the reason** for the extended absence. Contacting a child's teacher or talking with a teacher at a conference does not excuse an absence-it needs to be communicated with the attendance office so that the attendance record can be updated. If you have any questions regarding a student's attendance record, please contact Mrs. Blome in the office.
3. [Click here for an important message from our District Nurse about the Flu Vaccine](#)
4. CARING AND SHARING - The holidays are upon us! Please join C.O. Harrison PTA in raising funds to help support C.O. Harrison families in need! We will be collecting donations from November 18 until December 15. For a little friendly competition, the class(es) that collect the most donations will have a PIZZA PARTY!!! Send in your loose change, dollars, or even checks! We look forward to helping as many families as we did last year!
5. **The C.O.Harrison PTA Caring and Sharing Program helps struggling families during the Christmas Season.** We provide a few presents for each child and have a coin collection in each classroom to purchase gift certificates. Parents, neighbors and friends may refer a struggling family for this program. Call the School Nurse at 922-1485 and all inquiries are confidential.
6. The annual Spelling Bee is approaching! 4th and 5th grade students can choose to receive words to study for a qualifying written test, which will be held after Thanksgiving break, on Tuesday, Dec. 3. Lists went home this week, so check backpacks.
7. [Click here for a link to the Rapid Run Middle School Rummage Sale Flyer](#)
8. The PTA Holiday Shop is coming Wednesday December 4th and Thursday December 5th during the school day in the Gym. Letters with budget envelopes are coming home today. All proceeds will benefit our caring and sharing program that will help our families in need here at C.O. this holiday season. Questions can be directed to Sarah Geil [coharrisonpta.2vp@gmail.com](mailto:coharrisonpta.2vp@gmail.com)
9. 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/>

10. 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.
11. 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](#)
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](http://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. [Click here for Information about OHHS Robotics Monthly Workshops for Students](#)
14. [Click here for a link to Springmyer Playground Fundraiser Flyer](#)
15. OHYA Swimming - Oak Hills Youth Athletic Swim team is holding a swim academy that will focus on stroke development and other competitive swimming skills. This is ideal for swimmers who want to strengthen their skills without the commitment of a year round swim team. The clinic will be held on Sundays from December to February. To sign up, please visit [OHYouthAthletics.org](http://OHYouthAthletics.org). Please register between Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$115 for one session or \$200 for both sessions. It will be held at the Oak Hills High School pool. [Click here](#) for a link to the flyer. If you have questions, please email [OHYAswimming@gmail.com](mailto:OHYAswimming@gmail.com)
16. Elementary Nights for free entry for K-5th students at OHHS boys' basketball games. ONLY the students will have free entry to the game so other family members will need to pay for entry to the game. Times indicated are start times for Freshman/JV/Varsity.  
 12/10/19 CO Harrison/Delshire Night Boys' Basketball v Colerain 4:30p/5:45p/7:15p  
 12/17/19 Oakdale/JFD/Springmyer Night Boys' Basketball v Western Hills 4:30p/6p/7:30p  
 Tickets are \$7 for Adults and \$5 for students (6th grade - 12th on those nights usually K-12th) which are sold at the door.
17. **Oak Hills Youth Athletics (OHYA) Sports Registrations**
- BASKETBALL**
- Registration remains open **for 7th - 12th** and **opens December 1 for Little Dribblers (grades 1st and 2nd)**.
- Follow the link for more information and to register for Basketball! <https://oakhillsathletics.sportngin.com/register/form/823834303>
- BOWLING**
- Ages - 8 and up
  - Registration Fee: \$80 without ball and \$95 with ball included
  - Registration **closes** Dec. 20
- Follow the link for more information and to register for Bowling! <https://oakhillsathletics.sportngin.com/register/form/160859620>
- LACROSSE**
- Boys – Grades K-8
  - Girls - Grades 3-8 **\*\*NEW OFFERING**
  - Registration **closes** Dec. 20
- Follow the link for more information and to register for Lacrosse! <https://oakhillsathletics.sportngin.com/register/form/067829264>
- 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.**

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.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Thanksgiving Break-No School-Monday, November 25-Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Individual Picture Retake/Make Up Day with Ritchie Photo-Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019-10:30am-1:30pm - Picture Envelopes are available in the office for students doing Make-Up Pictures**

**PTA Holiday Parties -Thursday, December 19, 1:30-2:30pm (AM Kindergarten Parties will be from 10:30-11:30am)**

**Staff In-Service Day-Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>-No school for students**

**Winter Break -Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, January 1st. School Resumes on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

#### **Links:**

The 2019-2020 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 Volunteer Packet with Background Verification Form](#)

[Click Here for the December 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!**

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