



March 13th, 2020

Parents,

All district buildings will be closed during the mandated shut-down period. All voicemails will be returned the week of April 6, 2020 after the shut-down as our staff and secretaries will not be in the buildings to receive your calls. If you have a need to contact the school prior to the April 6, 2020 please email Mr. Conners at conners_b@ohlsd.org.

During the extended break, we will communicate essential information through our automated messaging system. We will also provide detailed information prior to the return to school on April 6 and are working on an FAQ.

It has recently been brought to our attention that some parents have not been receiving the emails sent from our automated messaging system, One Call Now. If you have not received the emails, please see the instructions in this [letter](#) to add your email address to One Call Now through this website www.mycallnow.com.

1. The PTA would like to thank you for your support of our candy sale fundraiser. We've almost surpassed the number of boxes sold last year. Notices were sent home for students still missing candy or money. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns - Sarah Geil Coharrisonpta.2vp@gmail.com , 513-706-7616
2. The C.O. Harrison PTA would like to thank everyone who contributed to the first annual CO Harrison **HOOPS FOR HUNGER** (our version of March Madness). Thanks to all teachers and staff for promoting the Hoops for Hunger food drive! We were able to help 17 families receive food, cleaning and paper products. A special Thank You to the organizing team of Penny Ferguson, Caitlyn Smyth and Jessica Erskine who lifted, sorted and counted. So proud to be a Colonel.
3. **Barn Hill Preserve Educational Animal Program** has been CANCELLED for the morning of Thursday, March 26th, 2020. **Optional** Merchandise payments made out to OHLSD or cash will be returned to students in an envelope marked with your student's name, teacher's name and homeroom number as soon as we return back to regular school hours.
4. One Hope One Heart is scheduled at OHHS on Friday, April 3rd. Due to the mandatory school closure this event will need to be rescheduled. Stay tuned for a new date when return to regular school hours. The COH Volleyball Team will once again be led by Coach Gutz! Please come to cheer for our amazing team - **Volleyball Team 2020** - Laura Gutzwiller, Vanessa Salgado, Chanel Stevens, Sarah Kamp, Holly Asman, Angela Falhaber, Emily Amlin, Candace Poole, Penny Ferguson & Brian Weldele
5. [Click here for a link to an important message from our District Nurse regarding the Coronavirus.](#)
6. PTA Cookies and Canvas with Mom! This event will be rescheduled when we return back to regular school hours.



Questions? Reach out to Sara Carpenter at COHpta.vp1@gmail.com

7. [Click here for a link to the OH Little Highlanders Cheer Flyer](#)
8. [Click here for a link to the 2020 OHYA 5k Informational Flyer](#)
9. [Click here for a link to the OH Youth and Youth Prep Dance Team Tryout Informational Flyer](#)
10. [Click here for a link to a flyer for Trinity Hill Daycare Enrollment Options](#)
11. [Click here for Information about OHHS Robotics Monthly Workshops for Students](#)

12. 2020 "Me & My Favorite Fella Dance" ~ Sat, April 18 @ OHHS, 7-9 pm. Back by popular demand for a 4th year, this special event is open to ALL families in the Oak Hills School District and family & friends. And NEW this year (we heard you), the dance is open to girls 3 & older!! You do not have to be a scout to attend. Girls, grab your Favorite Fella...Dad, Bonus Dad, Grandpa, Uncle or other father figure in your life, and get ready to share an unforgettably magic night together! See the attached flyer for more details. Buy your tickets @ <https://2019-my-favorite-fella-dance.ticketbud.com/2020-me---my-favorite-fella-dance>. Questions: gsw043805@gmail.com or (513) 313.3060.

13. **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.

SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

TRACK

- Grades K – 4th
- Registration Fee: \$35
- Registration **closes** April 1

Follow the link for more information and to register for Track! <https://oakhillsathletics.sportngin.com/register/form/165803806>

OHYA Competitive Swim Team – Summer long course

- Sign-up - evaluations on March 7th
- Ages 6 – 18
- Contact ohyaswimming@gmail.com with any questions.

Follow the link for more information and to register for evaluations! <https://oakhillsathletics.sportngin.com/register/form/483576642>

14. 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 4th and 5th for incoming 6-8 graders. Come to our parent and participant tryout information meeting March 25th at 7 PM in the Bridgetown Middle School multipurpose room to learn more! This meeting may need to be rescheduled due to the school closure. Check out the website listed below for any new updates regarding tryouts!

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 2nd. Please visit our website at oakhillscheer.wix.com/ohms for more information.

Email Kristina Dearwester (dearwester_k@ohlsd.org) or Melissa Claus (claus_m@ohlsd.org) with any questions.

15. 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.

16. Is your son or daughter grieving the death of a loved one? Parents and guardians: has your son or daughter experienced the death of a loved one recently? Are they struggling with feelings of grief? If so, please contact Amy McNabb, C.O Harrison School Psychologist, at 557-4314 or mcnabb_a@ohlsd.org if you are interested in learning more.

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IMPORTANT DATES

No School for Students - Friday, March 13th, 2020 - In-Service Day (Staff Only)

Spring Break - School will be closed Monday March 16th, 2020-Friday, March 20th, 2020 for Spring Break

Mandatory School Closure March 16th - April 3rd, 2020 per Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine due to the Coronavirus.

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 March School Lunch Menu](#)

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Parents or Guardians need to contact the **Attendance Secretary** to give the reason why a student is absent from school. If a child is going to be on vacation or 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 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 via email **does not** excuse an absence-it needs to be communicated with the attendance office so that the attendance record can be updated. Doctor Notes are also required for any absences (including doctor or dentist appointments during the day) after 10 absent days. Please remember that when your child is home sick you must call the absence line 513-922-1485 - press 1 for the absence line (Not the Nurse) to report the reason for the absence for **EACH** day a child is absent unless the doctor gives you the range of dates that your child will need to be out and you list those dates in the message. **If the nurse sends your child home sick, a parent must still call the absence line the next day to report WHY the child is absent.** You can also email the attendance secretary Mrs. Debby Blome @ blome_d@ohlsd.org to give the reason for a child's absence. After 10 absences it is **REQUIRED** to send in a Doctor's note for illness and appointments- **NOT** a Parent Note. After 10 days all absences will be **UNEXCUSED** without a doctor's note. If a parent calls the absence line and does not give the reason for an absence it will be **UNEXCUSED**.

If you have any questions regarding a student's attendance record, please contact Mrs. Blome in the office.

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!
