



C. O. HARRISON

## COLONEL'S CORNER

August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Welcome Back Students!!!

1. 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.
2. **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](http://www.ohlsd.org)
3. Chromebook Insurance is available for purchase for \$20 per device until September 13, 2019. Please make sure to send in your payment with the yellow Insurance Plan paperwork or you may pay via EZ Pay and include your payment # and date of payment on the form to send in to the office.
4. The school office hours while school is in session are 7:45 a.m. until 4:15 p.m.
5. This weekly newsletter will be sent out via the OneCall Now system starting in September. Your student's homeroom teacher will be collecting email addresses from parents at the start of school 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.
6. 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](#)
7. C.O. Harrison Cub Scout Pack 300 is hosting a sign up night for new and returning Scouts on 9/5/19 in the COH Gym from 7:00-8:00 pm. Boys from kindergarten- 5th grade are welcome. Any questions please contact [COHPack300@gmail.com](mailto:COHPack300@gmail.com). [Click here for a link to an informational flyer.](#)
8. *Oak Hills is adjusting the model for supporting Destination Imagination for the 2019-20 school year. If you are interested in Destination Imagination, we invite you to join us for an informational meeting on Wednesday, August 28th at 6:30 pm in the Professional Development Center (PDC) at Oak Hills District Office.*
9. 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](http://www.ohlsd.us) under the Health Room department.

**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 etc.**

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 August 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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