



C. O. HARRISON

COLONEL'S CORNER

September 20th, 2019

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. Please complete ASAP! Students may not attend field trips without a completed EMA form.
2. COH PTA NEWS: Walkathon is on Friday, October 11th, 2019.
Walkathon brochures and envelopes were distributed to all homerooms. All money collected goes to PTA. We're accepting checks, cash or credit cards online. Our walk website is: <https://www.uburst.com/cgi-bin/uwalk/accounts/AE9F7D3N5W6H4L3D28/uwalk.pl> Parents can create links to email to family and friends from our site to help with donations. All questions can be directed to Sarah Geil coharrisonpta.2vp@gmail.com
3. Please join us Tuesday, September 24th in the library at 6:30-7:30 pm to learn about joining Destination Imagination (DI). DI provides a variety of STEAM- based educational experiences designed to reach students across the globe. Grade-level teams (1-5) work together to develop a creative solution to a project- based Team Challenge. More information at ohdi.org or contact Megan Meyer at msmeyer625@gmail.com
4. **Ms. Shorten is requesting empty Altoid tins for a special 5th-grade art project. If you have any to donate, please send them to room 6. THANK YOU!**
5. CMAC and C.O. Harrison PTA are offering martial arts classes after school starting Friday, October 4th. Classes are on Fridays from 3:45 - 4:30 in the gym. Cost for the year is \$300. A uniform must be purchased from CMAC for \$35. Please complete the form in the link [click here](#) and return to the office in an envelope clearly marked "Martial Arts" with the first payment. **Contact cohmartialarts@gmail.com with questions.**
6. Parking Lot Reminder! Thanks for your continued patience as we adjust to the updated parking lot procedures for dismissal. The safety of our students is our number one priority. We appreciate that parents are no longer waiting to enter the carpool lot before 3pm and blocking Neeb Road. We also want to remind parents that The Delhi Senior Center is a generous neighbor that allows us to use their lot during our dismissal process so please be respectful and do not park in their designated handicapped parking spots.
7. 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](#)
8. 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.

9. **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.
10. **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.ohisd.org
11. This weekly newsletter will be sent out via the OneCall Now system starting in September. 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 you 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.
12. **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: Friday, October 11th – PTA Walkathon
 Wednesday October 16th - Fall Picture Day for KDG, 1st & 2nd Grades & Thursday, October 17th – Fall Picture Day for 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades.

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 September 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!

