



C.O. HARRISON

## COLONEL'S CORNER

September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Parent/Teacher Conferences-October 17<sup>th</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup>-see sign up links below**

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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:coharrisonpta.2vp@gmail.com)
3. 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!
4. CMAC and C.O. Harrison PTA are offering martial arts classes after school starting Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:cohmartialarts@gmail.com) with questions.**
5. 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](#)
6. [Click here for an important message from our District Nurse about the Flu Vaccine](#)
7. 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](mailto: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](http://fernside.org).
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](http://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](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.

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.ohlsd.org](http://www.ohlsd.org)
11. This weekly newsletter will be sent out via the OneCall Now system starting in October. 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 [pthomas@ohyouthathletics.org](mailto:pthomas@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](http://www.ohyouthathletics.org) and choosing the sport.**

**Important Dates: Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – PTA Walkathon**

**Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – No School for Students - Staff In-Service Day**

**Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> - Fall Picture Day for KDG, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades & Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> – Fall Picture Day for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades.**

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:

- **Thursday, October 17** from 4:00-7:30 pm
- **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](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 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!**

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