

Liberty Center Local Schools
The Liberty Link
August 2019-Back to School Edition
The “Link” Between the School and the Community
Mr. Richard A. Peters, Superintendent

FROM THE DESK OF RICHIE PETERS:

Welcome to a New School Year!

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! It is time to welcome everyone to a new school year. The maintenance and custodial staff have been working all summer to get the building in good shape. We are anxious to greet the students and begin the journey of facilitating learning. Hopefully your child/children will transition smoothly into the routine of the school year. That can be a difficult time for students adjusting to getting up earlier and doing homework again. It will be great to have the students and staff back in the building again! Let’s make 2019-20 our best year yet!!

Staffing Update:

I believe if you have a great staff, you have a great school district. I am thankful that we have such a talented and dedicated staff returning and welcome the new additions to Liberty Center Schools.

The new LC staff members include:

Jessica Keller - High School English

Michelle Bailey - 4th Grade

Seth Bowser - Elementary Music

Allison Postl - Elementary Principal

Kaleb Pohlman - Athletic Director/Dean of Student Activities

Please join me in welcoming all of these new employees to Liberty Center Local Schools! Being kind, supportive and assisting them as much as possible will help make their first year with us productive, enjoyable and successful.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a few of the happening throughout our district. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Solar Project: Our solar field will be installed and is tentatively scheduled to be completed by the end of December. The solar field will be located on the southwest corner of the school property. It will cover 2 acres of unusable land and will provide approximately 62% of our electricity at a reduced cost. This is at no cost to our General Fund. We’re extremely grateful to Thom Blake and the Entrust Co. for their generous donation of this project to our district. It will no doubt save us a lot of money in energy costs for decades to come. We’re also working with Entrust on upgrading all of our interior lighting to LED in the 1995 gymnasium. We will reap instantaneous savings from that change. Our goal is always to upgrade in ways that are more energy efficient and will cut costs, but also keep our facility functioning at the best level possible. We have such wonderful facilities of which the community is immensely proud, and we want to maintain it appropriately while still being good stewards of taxpayer dollars.

Construction Update: We are in the final stage of the construction process of the new K-12 building. While the building has been occupied for over a year, we are working diligently to address any construction issues prior to closing out the project. If everything goes according to plan, the project will be closed out this fall. It’s a beautiful building and something the Liberty Center Community should be very proud of for many years to come. We anticipate left-over funds from the project. These funds will be used to build a new restroom facility for the varsity football field. More details

about this project will be forthcoming.

Veteran's Memorial Project:

The construction of a new Veteran's Memorial at the corner of Young St. and St. Rt. 109 is nearing completion. The Liberty Center Education Foundation sold over 200 pavers to be installed as part of this project. This will be an attractive cornerstone to the school property and will serve as great tribute to the brave men and women that lost their lives serving our Great Country.

School Starts on Wednesday,
August 21st at 8:00 a.m.

Open House

Open House will be held Monday, August 19th from 4:30-6:00 p.m. for all grades K-12. This is a good opportunity for parents and students to meet the teachers and bring in their supplies.

Bus Routes

Mrs. Stacey, Transportation Supervisor, reports there have been a few changes to the bus routes from last year. Please call Mrs. Stacey to get information on pick-up and drop-off times. Mrs. Stacey will be in her office from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. beginning on August 12th. The Transportation Office is located inside the Bus Garage and the phone number is 419-533-5031. Mrs. Stacey will be available during open house for parents who have questions. The elementary office will also have the pick-up and drop-off times.

If your child will be riding the bus after school and the drop-off location will not be at their residence, a note **must** be given to the office indicating with the information. Even if the information is the same as last year, a new note is needed for the 2019-20 school year.

Visit the Bus

A school bus will be in the parking lot during Open House from 4:30-6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 19th, to give students who haven't ever ridden the bus a chance to check it out.

Cafeteria Prices

Lunch (Grades K-8)	\$3.00
Lunch (Grades 9-12)	\$3.10
Lunch (all grades) reduced price	\$0.40
Milk (all grades)	\$0.50
Breakfast-(all grades)	\$1.25
Breakfast (all grades) reduced price	\$0.25

New Student Registration

All children who are new to the Liberty Center School District will need to register for the 2019-20 school year. Please call Mrs. Ruth Niese at 419-533-5011 (Ext. 6005) to set up an appointment. Her office hours are Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Kindergarten Starts on Monday, August 26th

Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for August 21st-23rd. Parents should have already received a letter with their orientation appointment date and time. If you didn't receive a letter, please call the Elementary office at 419-533-2604 for an appointment. The first day for kindergarten is Monday, August 26th.

Schedule and Packet Pickup

Students in grades 5-12 may pick up their schedules and information packets in the Auditoria on:
Thursday, August 15th from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Friday, August 16th from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Chromebooks for Grades 6-12

Students must have a signed (by parent) Chromebook Agreement, \$20.00 deposit, and be present to get their Chromebook. If a student does not want to take his/her Chromebook home during the school year, no insurance deposit is needed. Chromebooks can be picked up during schedule and packet pickup times.

School Fees

School fees for Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 are \$50.00 per student. Grade 4 student fees are \$55.00 per student, which will allow the fourth graders to keep their recorders from music class. Middle School and High School fees will be mailed home with first quarter grade cards.

Get your Athletic Pass!

Athletic Passes and Senior Citizen Passes will be on sale at Open House on August 19th from 4:30-6:00 in the Auditoria. They will also be sold on Monday and Tuesday, August 19th- 20th from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 in the Athletic Office (located in the Administrative Building).

Prices are unchanged from last year:

Family Pass \$200.00

Includes two adults and two children.

(Each additional child is \$ 25.00)

Adult Pass \$ 75.00

Student Pass \$ 35.00

Senior Citizen Pass \$ 25.00

Passes are to all home sporting events, excluding spring events. If you have questions, call the athletic office at 419-533-6404.

School Offices Phone Numbers

Office Phone Numbers

Elementary- 419-533-2604

Middle School- 419-533-0020

High School- 419-533-6641

Athletic Office- 419-533-6404

District Office- 419-533-5011

School Pictures

School pictures for Middle School and High School will be on September 20th.

The Elementary pictures are scheduled for

October 1st.

Parking Passes

Parking passes will be required to park on campus lots. To obtain a parking pass students must fill out an application and submit proof of car insurance. Application forms will be available in the High School office on schedule pickup days. Passes will be issued based on a student's need to drive and availability of space to park.

Hog Roast August 22nd

The Football Mom's Club will be hosting a community Hog Roast on Thursday, August 22nd from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Varsity Gym Lobby. The cost is a free will donation.

Carryout is available. Orders for the 2019 football shirts will be taken at the Hog Roast. Meet the Team Night will follow at 7:00 pm.

2019 Football Shirt

The Football Mom's Club will be selling T-Shirts, crew neck sweatshirts, and hoodies. There will be a limited amount for sale at Open House on Monday, August 19th. Orders will also be taken at the Hog Roast on Thursday, August 22nd. Prices for T-shirts range from \$15-18, crew neck sweatshirts from \$20-\$23 and hoodies from \$25-\$28.

Finance Office News

By: Jenell Buenger, Treasurer

It's hard to believe summer is over and the 2019-20 school year is ready to begin. The custodial staff has been hard at work, which is evident when you look at the school – please thank them! There is a lot of time devoted to the District over the summer months, which many people do not realize. Over the summer, the custodial staff, technology department and district staff are here preparing for the new school year. Throughout the month of August, we have seen the Administrators, secretaries, cafeteria staff, transportation staff, and many teachers preparing their buildings, departments, and classrooms. Please thank all of them for their efforts – each and every one of them is important in the success of Liberty Center Schools.

Free and Reduced Meal Applications and information are available on the website and in the offices. These forms are required for any student to receive either free or reduced price meals. This form is also used in determining eligibility for fee waivers. According to Board Policy, students who qualify for free lunches, can also have their fees waived. It is important that you read through the application and complete it accordingly if you feel your child(ren) qualify.

Senior Citizen Breakfast

The Senior Citizen Breakfast schedule for the remainder of calendar year 2019 is as follows:

September 26th

October 31st

December 19th

The breakfasts will be held in the Auditoria at ~~8:00~~ 8:30 a.m. (**Correction**). We look forward to seeing you then!

Friends of the Liberty Center Library

Upcoming Events

8/20/19 at 6:30 p.m. Adult Coloring Night
9/3/19 at 7:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting
9/21/19 9:00-3:00 Annual Books Sale
10/1/19 at 7:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting
11/5/19 at 7:00 p.m. Monthly Meeting
12/3/19 at 7:00 p.m. Annual Meeting/Election

They encourage everyone to become a member and attend the meetings. Membership for 2020 can be renewed at any time.

Please visit the Liberty Center Library website, www.libertycenterlibrary.org, to keep informed of current activities for children, teens and adults. There is also a Facebook account that is updated with current activities. Monthly information is placed in the Liberty Press as a Calendar of Library Activities. Please stop into the library and say hello.

