

Liberty Center Local Schools
The Liberty Link
August 2018-Back to School Edition
The “Link” Between the School and the Community
Dr. Tod A. Hug, Superintendent

FROM THE DESK OF TOD HUG:

I hope this mailing finds you having an enjoyable summer. This publication of *The Liberty Link* will provide you with important information for the upcoming school year. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Staffing Update:

Since publication of the June edition of *The Liberty Link*, we have two additions to our teaching staff:

Mrs. Emily Hill will be teaching grades K-6 Art. Mrs. Jill Evans has accepted the grades 7-12 Art position vacated by Mrs. Danett Setmire who has accepted an art position with the Evergreen Local Schools.

As previously reported, Miss Kathryn Bell has been hired and will be teaching Agricultural Science, sharing the teaching duties with Mr. Readshaw.

Please join me in welcoming these new staff members to our district.

Construction Update:

At the time this publication was being written, the concrete work to complete the curbs and sidewalks on the east side of the campus is coming to an end. Asphalt paving will soon begin and the construction of a new fence along the north side of the football stadium is well under way. The asphalt work is scheduled to begin on August 6.

Renovations are continuing in the 1995-98 building. This portion of the project will house the pre-school classrooms, the athletic office, the central office, and continue to serve as the varsity gymnasium. As of this writing, the construction project is on schedule.

The completion of this school construction project marks a very exciting time for the Liberty Center Local School District and surrounding community. We can look back at all of the challenges that we have overcome in order to have an up-to-date school and surrounding campus that will serve the students, staff, and community for many years to come.

AM Drop-off and PM Pick-up Procedures:

Please have patience as we all become familiar with the new drop-off and pick-up procedures. Safety is of the utmost importance! Having been through numerous changes the past few years, it will be a great relief once we have become use to this new process. Due to the number of parents who choose to drop-off and pick-up children, I believe there will be some difficulties in the traffic flow. To help alleviate such traffic issues I recommend the following:

- If you find the drop-off, pick-up loop is full in either the AM or PM, do NOT sit on St. Rt. 109. Law enforcement will not allow cars to disrupt traffic flow on St. Rt. 109. For middle school through high school aged children, if coming from the south, you could proceed to Young Street and drop them off along Young street to walk the rest of the way, or if you are coming from the north, you could continue south entering the gravel parking lot on the south side of the football stadium and drop your child at the football stadium entrance, where they can then walk the rest of the way to the school.
- Dropping-off your child early, between 7:30 and 7:45am allows your child to get breakfast. Our cafeteria staff has a variety of breakfast foods available, daily. If you are struggling to give your child a good breakfast, bring them a few minutes earlier and they can get breakfast here. Also, remember if your family is on free or reduced lunch, this also qualifies your children for free or reduced breakfasts.

- After school, historically, the pick-up loop is cleared by 3:05-3:10. Waiting to pick-up your child until 3:05 alleviates any waiting in the line. Your child can wait for you in the main entrance for just five more minutes to save you from waiting in line.

The drop off/pick-up loop begins at the main entrance to the campus from St. Rt. 109. Exit from the loop is also at that same entrance. Children may be dropped and picked up along the entire length of the north side of the driveway. Do not wait to drop your child off at the building. They are perfectly safe walking along the sidewalk to the building. This will allow continuous and efficient movement of cars along the drop-off area. Once the child has been dropped-off the car can then turn into the left lane of the drop-off loop and exit the drop-off area. Drop-off only from the sidewalk or right lane. The left lane is for cars that have dropped off their child and are progressing to the exit. ***DO NOT drop students off from the left lane of the loop.***

In the afternoon, students whose ride is parked along the drop-off/pick-up area will be released first. Those picking up children from the visitor's parking lot #6 will have to wait until the car lanes are clear as we do not want children crossing traffic to get to the visitor's parking area.

Parking lot #1 on the north side of the new building is for the bus loop only. No parents or students are to enter parking lot #1 from 7:30AM to 3:15 PM. (See map)

Student parking is located off of Young St. in Lot #3. Unless otherwise directed by the high school principal, all students are to park in their designated parking lot ONLY.

Staff parking is located in Lot #2 between the new building and the Early Learning Center (A.K.A. 1995/98 building.) and parking lot #5 directly east of the K-12 building.

Be aware that Young St. between Parrish St. and St. Rt. 109 will now be a two-way street.

Bus Drop-Off Policy Reminders:

Students must be waiting in the Designated Place of Safety, at his/her stop at least ***5 minutes prior to the designated bus arrival time***, regardless of weather conditions.

- The law does not require parents to see the bus stop from their home. Students in Ohio may be assigned to a bus stop up to ½ mile from their home and we encourage parents to accompany their child to the bus stop whenever possible. Bus stop locations are determined by each district's board of education.
- **Students in grades K-3, without older siblings riding the bus, must have a parent/guardian present in order for the child to be dropped off.** If a parent/guardian does not indicate their presence to the bus driver during the drop-off of a child in grades K-3, the child will be returned to school. Contact with the parent/guardian will be attempted prior to moving on from the drop off, but please be aware that the bus schedule must maintain consistency and the bus cannot wait for a parent/guardian in the event no such person is at the drop off.
- We encourage parents to discuss their expectation of being home alone for students in grades 4, 5, and 6, who are mature enough to be dropped off after school. They should have their own door keys or information on accessing the home should no one else be at home when they are dropped off after school.

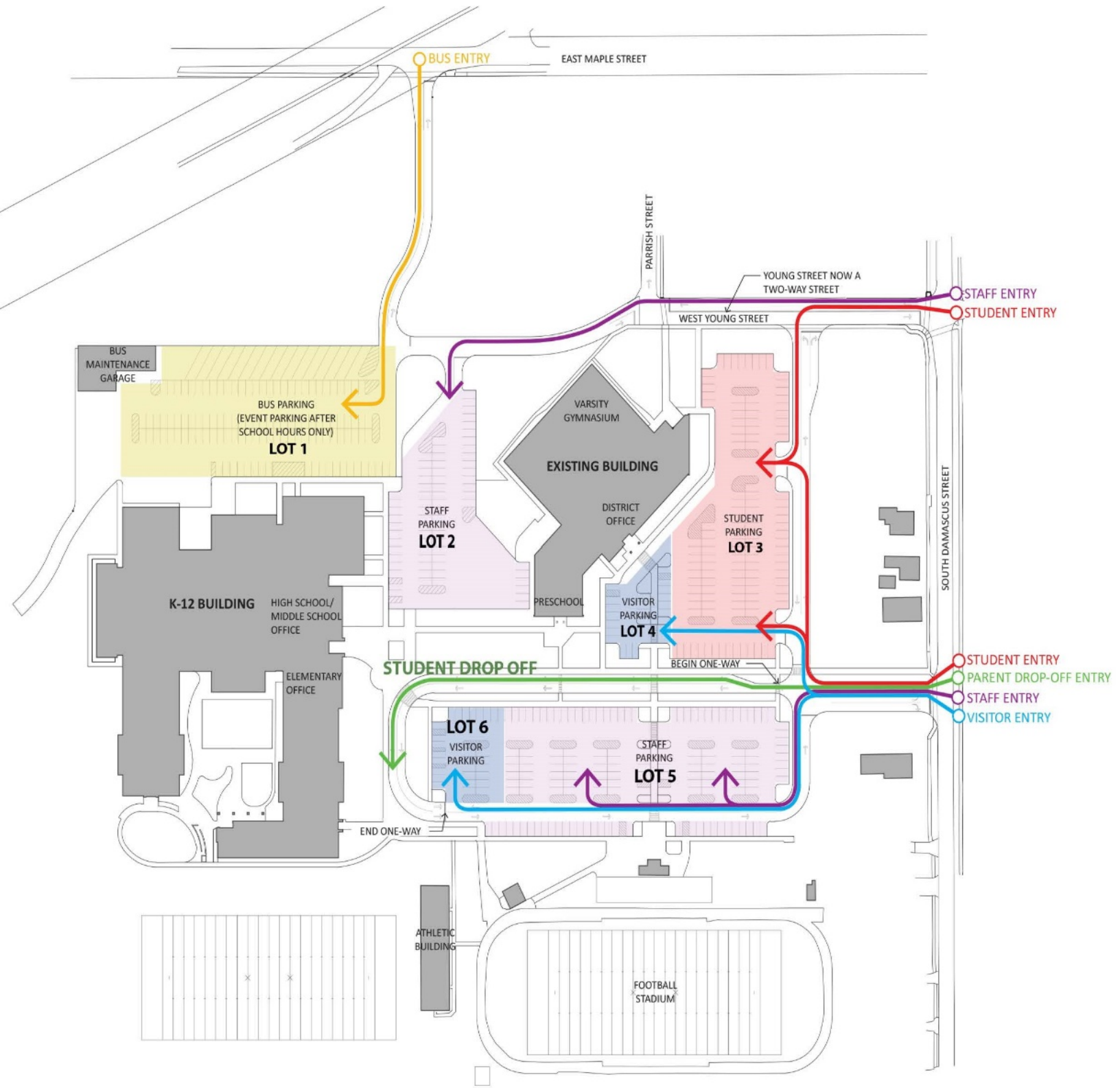
School Dedication is Slated for Sunday, August 26th at 2:00PM:

The public is invited to attend the official dedication ceremony for the completion of the K-12 construction project on Sunday, August 26th at 2:00PM in the new school's Auditoria. Following the ceremony the buildings will be open for viewing.

The 2018-19 school year will be a terrific year as we enjoy the benefits of the new state-of-the-art building and the completed campus.

Please be sure to review the information in this Liberty Link as there are many events in the fall that are important for you, the students and for the community!

Go Tigers!!



School Starts on Tuesday,
September 4th at 8:00 a.m.

Bus Routes

Mrs. Stacey, Transportation Supervisor, reports there have not been any big changes to the bus routes from last year and pick-up/drop-off times should remain about the same. Mrs. Stacey will be in her office from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. beginning on Tuesday, August 14th. The Transportation Office is located inside the Bus Garage and the phone number is 419-533-5031. Mrs. Stacey will also be in her office during Open House from 4:30-6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 29th to answer any questions.



Visit the Bus

A school bus will be in the parking lot during Open House from 4:30-6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 29th, to give students who haven't ever ridden the bus a chance to check it out.



Cafeteria Prices

Lunch (Grades K-8) \$2.90
Lunch (Grades 9-12) \$3.00
Lunch (all grades) reduced price .40¢
Milk (all grades) .50¢
Breakfast-(all grades) \$1.25
Breakfast (all grades) reduced price .25¢

Open House

Open House will be held Wednesday, Aug. 29th 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.

New Student Registration

Children who are new to the Liberty Center School District need to get registered for the 2018-19 school year. Please call Mrs. Ruth Niese at 419-533-5011 (Ext. 5111) to set up an appointment. Office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Starts on Friday, Sept. 7th

Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for Sept. 4-6. 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.

Schedule and Chromebook Pickup

Students in grades 5-12 may pick up their schedules, information packets, and Chromebooks in the Auditoria on:
Tues., August 28th from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Wed., August 29th from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 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.

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.

Immunizations Needed

All incoming 7th grade students are required to have Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (Tdap) and Meningococcal (MCV4) vaccines prior to entry into school.

Get your Athletic Pass!

Athletic Passes and Senior Citizen Passes will go on sale in the Middle/High School Office beginning on Wednesday, August 22 through Friday, August 24 from 8:00 a.m.- Noon and again from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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 Open on Monday, August 13

Office Phone Numbers

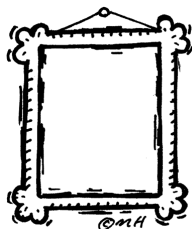
Elementary- 419-533-2604

Middle School- 419-533-0020

High School- 419-533-6641

Athletic Office- 419-533-6404

District Office- 419-533-5011



School Pictures

School pictures will be taken on Monday, September 24th.

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 23rd

The Football Mom's Club will be hosting a community Hog Roast on Thursday, Aug. 23rd from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the school Auditoria. The cost is a free will donation. Carryout is also available.

2018 Football Shirt Logo



The Football Mom's Club will be selling T-Shirts, long-sleeve shirts, and hoodies. New this year is a soft style short sleeve t-shirt. Shirts will be on sale Aug. 23 at the Hog Roast, Aug. 24 during pregame of the Tinora game, during Open House on Aug. 29, and Aug. 31 during pregame of the Napoleon game. Prices are \$13.00/ T-shirt, \$15.00/ long sleeve shirt and \$25.00/ hoodie. There is an extra charge for 2X, 3X and 4X. If your size is not available, orders can be placed during those events.



Finance Office News

By: Jenell Buenger, Treasurer

We're Moving!

The District office, which includes the Finance office and the Superintendent's office, will be moving back to the 1995/98 building at the end of August. Since January, we have been housed on the second floor of the new K-12 building with all six employees working in one classroom. Our new office suite will be located where the former middle school office and the adjoining high school science classrooms were. Another exciting area of the new office space is the creation of a large conference room. This is where board meetings will be held, as well as other large meetings.

The Preschool classrooms, Athletic office, and the Athletic Director's office will also be located in the 1995/98 building. The Preschool will have a separate entrance located on the west side titled, "Early Learning Center". However, during the day all parents and visitors will have to access the building by the District office's secure entrance. Anyone wishing to enter the building will have to ring the buzzer and be let in the office by the Superintendent's secretary.

The Athletic office has undergone some renovations, but will remain where it was with close proximity to the Varsity Gym. Another change will be that the Athletic Director's office will be located near the Athletic Office, but not in it. This will provide Mr. Johnson space to hold meetings with coaches and officials.

The district office phone number will remain the same at 419-533-5011. Stop in and say "Hello"!

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