

South Central Local
School District

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Dear South Central Schools Community:

Our community, state, nation and world continues to endure a pandemic that most of us have never realized before. Throughout these challenging times, leaders continue to make difficult decisions, sometimes with limited or ever-changing information. I want to thank our South Central community for continuing to trust in my leadership decisions during this COVID-19 viral outbreak; my intent has always been to protect our South Central "family," ranging from adhering to the mask order and social distancing to a regimented sanitization process to attempting to keep our community informed of COVID-19 positive cases. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

As the district migrated to a 5-day student week in mid-January, I want to applaud everyone for your courageous stamina and support in doing the right thing for our children...having them on our campus, in front of teachers, each day for lesson instruction. I know some of us are cautious about the safety measures and COVID-19 virus, but I simply have to reiterate that the measures we've put in place, and the individual measures some staff and parents have incorporated, are among the reasons I could safely transition us to a 5-day student week. We remain among the minority of schools in Huron County that have NOT had a COVID outbreak because of being in school. It is tough and challenging to "think of everything" and "do everything" to attempt to stop the spread of this virus; there are only so many hours in each day. However, I am so appreciative of our bus drivers for daily sanitizing their buses (and doing a thorough cleaning at the end of each week), for our custodians for daily cleaning/wiping/sanitizing classrooms (and doing a thorough cleaning at the end of each week), for our cafe ladies for serving safe and nutritious meals (either on campus or remotely), for our administrative assistants and administrative team for the additional paperwork of contact tracing and parent calls, for our teachers and aides for constantly sanitizing classroom furniture between class changes, and for our students/parents for conducting daily symptoms checks. This is definitely becoming a "new norm," and I applaud each of you for accepting the challenging new norm work environment, but I also know that each of you, including me, is committed to doing what is right for each of our children.

Moving into springtime, the administration is committed to providing spring extra-curricular activities (assuming there is not a state-wide shutdown) and gearing up for Preschool Graduation, 8th grade Farewell, Jr/Sr. Prom, Awards Nights, and Senior Graduation. Working within state and county limitations, we will do our best to provide a memorable experience for these particular groups of students.

I continue to be thankful for the great community support of our South Central community as I lead the district to educate and prepare our students for their future! If you have questions or comments, you can always reach me at 419-752-3815 or via email at bchaffee@south-central.org. Go Trojans!!

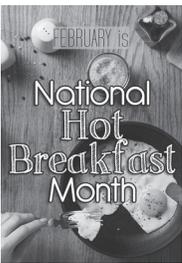
Together we can,
Ben Chaffee, Jr.
Superintendent



General Information



February is National Hot Breakfast Month



What better way to start a chilly February day than with a hot breakfast? February is National Hot Breakfast Month! We know it can be tough to serve up a healthy meal during the morning rush. That's why we offer so many tasty breakfast options at school! School meals are currently **FREE** to **ALL** school age children for the remainder of the

2020-2021 school year as per the USDA. Starting the day with a hot breakfast isn't just delicious and satisfying—it also comes with many other benefits! Try making it a goal! Have your child mark the calendar with a sticker every morning they have a hot breakfast.

March is National Nutrition Month



National Nutrition Month focuses on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits. Healthy eating is important no matter what your age, race,

gender, or religion. Dark green leafy vegetable offer necessary nutrients like vitamin A, vitamin C, antioxidants, fiber, folate, vitamin K, magnesium, calcium, iron, and potassium. Greens also promote good vision, support immune function, and may help prevent certain cancers. Dark leafy greens aid in regulating blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol. Talk about a super food!

National Fun Days

- February 2—National Tater Tot Day
- February 5—Bubble Gum Day
- February 17—National Random Acts of Kindness Day
- February 28—Tartar Sauce Day
- March 2—National Banana Cream Pie Day
- March 7—National Flapjack Day
- March 19—National Let's Laugh Day
- March 30—Take a Walk in the Park Day



In cold temperatures, your body begins to lose heat faster than it can be produced, which can lead to serious health problems.

***** AVOID *****

When the weather is extremely cold, try to stay indoors. If you must go outside, **dress properly** and know who is at **high risk** for **hypothermia** or **frostbite**.

When going outside be sure to wear:

When going outside in winter make sure body parts most often affected by frostbite are covered in warm, dry clothing.

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School bus safety tips

Wait with the little ones at the bus stop. Make sure you and your child are visible.

Teach your kids to stand — at a minimum — three giant steps from the curb and board one at a time using the handrail when getting on and off the bus.

Teach your kids to wait until the school bus completely stops before getting off, and always walk in front of the bus, not behind.

If your child needs to cross the street after exiting the bus, teach them to take these three actions: make sure the bus driver sees them, take five giant steps in front of the bus, and then cross, only when the driver gives them the go-ahead that it's safe. And of course, teach them to look both ways before crossing the street. Teach your child the importance of behaving on the bus — any disruption can cause the bus driver to become distracted and could result in a crash.

South Central Athletics

Darren Hunt, HS Athletic Director

Tyler Lauber, JH Athletic Director



Jr. High Athletics

Our winter sport teams have been extremely busy and successful. Even with all the new protocols and COVID restrictions, our junior high student athletes have shown perseverance, great pride, and excellent sportsmanship. Our student athletes have competed at the highest levels and we have seen great success. We soon will be wrapping up the winter sports season with our yearly Firelands Conference Tournaments.



High School Athletics

Remaining High School Winter Sports Schedules

Tuesday Feb. 2 JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home with Western Reserve 6:00pm

Tuesday Feb. 2 Freshman Boys Basketball at St. Paul 5:30pm

Friday Feb. 5 JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home with Western Reserve 5:30pm

Saturday Feb. 6 Varsity Wrestling at Firelands Conference Tournament at New London 10:00am

Saturday Feb. 6 Freshman Boys Basketball at Firelands Conference Tournament at Mapleton TBD

Saturday Feb. 6 JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home with St. Paul (JV plays 2 quarters only) 1:00pm

Saturday Feb. 6 JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home with Edison 5:30pm

Tuesday Feb. 9 Varsity Wrestling at Lexington 6:00pm

Wednesday Feb. 10 JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Columbia Station 5:30pm

Thursday Feb. 11 JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at St. Paul 6:00pm

Friday Feb. 12 JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Monroeville 6:00pm

Saturday Feb. 13 JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Bellevue 6:00pm

TBD Varsity Girls Basketball Sectional Tournament

Tuesday Feb. 16 JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Norwalk 6:00pm

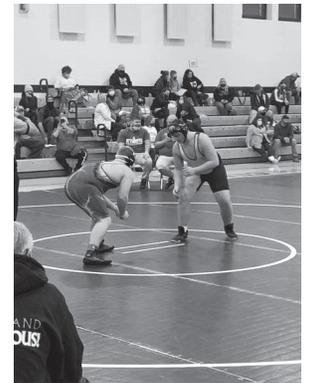
Friday Feb. 19 JV/Varsity Boys Basketball home with Monroeville 5:30pm

TBD Sectional Wrestling at Plymouth

TBD Varsity Boys Basketball Sectional Tournament

Spring Sports practices for Baseball, Softball, and Track begin on Monday, February 22. Please see each

sport's head coach for a practice schedule. All athletes are reminded to have paperwork completed in Final Forms and a valid physical turned in to the Athletic Office before practice starts.



Start of Spring Sports Seasons

Saturday March 27 JV Baseball at home with Hillsdale 10:00am

Saturday March 27 Varsity Baseball at home with Hillsdale 12:00pm

Saturday March 27 Varsity Track at Seneca East Invite 10:00am

Tuesday March 30 Varsity Softball at Mansfield Christian 5:00pm

Winter Sports Ticket Policy—IMPORTANT NEWS

Girls Basketball: Players are permitted to purchase **4 PRE-SALE tickets (wristbands)** for each **HOME** game. Players will be given 2 ticket vouchers for each **AWAY** game to pay and enter at the host school. Pre-sale tickets are on sale in the high school office during school hours.

Boys Basketball and Cheerleading: We will be running a split session for **HOME** JV and Varsity Boys Basketball games. The JV game will start at 5:30pm; the gym will be cleared and the Varsity game will start at 7:30pm. We ask that fans for the JV game park in the lot at the back of the high school and enter thru the board office doors. Fans for the Varsity game can park in the front and enter the front doors. Players/cheerleaders are permitted **4 PRE-SALE tickets (wristbands)** for each **HOME** game. Players/cheerleaders will be given 2 ticket vouchers for each **AWAY** game to pay and enter at the host school. Pre-sale tickets are on sale in the high school office during school hours.

Wrestling: All tickets will be sold at the door for home matches. Ticket sales may vary for away matches.

* Ticket sales may vary for specific away contests and will be communicated to each team as the situation arises.

South Central High School

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Junior Class State ACT

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On February 23, the Junior Class will be taking the state-wide ACT. EHOVE Juniors will join with the rest of their class at South Central High School and spend the morning taking the ACT, which consists of 4 sections: Math, English, Reading, and Science. In addition to preparations made by teachers in their classes, there are a few other preparations that could be

beneficial on testing day. First, Juniors should be sure to go to bed early and get adequate rest the couple nights before the test. On the morning of the test students should eat breakfast, and dress in layers that will keep you comfortable while testing. Smart/apple watches are not allowed in the testing room, however, non-"smart" watches are fine. Any student wanting to bring water will have to keep the bottle under their seat and sealed shut. Students need to bring their own personal graphing calculator or make arrangements to borrow a calculator from a teacher ahead of time. Additionally, students will need number 2 pencils and a snack to eat during the testing break.

This is the one free ACT test that the school provides to students and families. Students are always welcome to register to take the ACT at any point through the official website, www.act.org

The following is a link that has ACT practice tests. It lets you know how many questions the actual test has, and how many minutes you have to complete it. This is a timed test, so practice timing yourself as you work through the questions.

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act.html>

Please see Miss McKee, high school counselor, with any ACT related questions.

Student Accomplishments



Responding to Emergencies: A total of seven students completed the requirements to not only become CPR certified but also obtain an industry credential. This credential can help toward graduation should the students need an alternate method. The students who successfully achieved this were: Sam Bolen, Trey Beverly, Callie Seaman, Hannah Safer, Lindsey Tackett, Ethan White, and Tyler White. Congratulation to these students and Miss Ziccardi for their hard work.

Microsoft Office: This is also a new class in which students work toward mastering the components and skills of Microsoft Office. One of the programs of focus is Microsoft PowerPoint. A total of seven students received a passing score on the Microsoft Certification Exam test and obtained an industry credential as a Microsoft Office Specialist in PowerPoint 2016. This credential can help toward graduation should the students need an alternate method. The students who successfully achieved this were: Hagen Adams, Isaac Blair, Parker Gray, Kayden Hauler, David Lamoreaux, Tyler Sage, and Jayden Strickland. Congratulations to these students and Mr. Fickiesen for their hard work.



FFA

Students applying to get their State FFA Degree are : Sam Bolen, Madison Gahring, Gavin Sexton, Lorin Walcher. Ally Burton is applying to get her American FFA Degree.

Sam Bolen, Mason Kiesel and Madison Gahring are submitting their record books to the state level for judging. Proficiency award applications are: Mason Kiesel in Ag Mechanics and Repair, Isaac Brown in Diversified Grain Crops, Ben Chaffee in Poultry and Diversified Agriculture, Hunter Cooper in Poultry Production, and Wesley Madison in Ag Mechanics and Repair.



Learning Model Phase A - Monday-Friday- 5 Days a Week (Thank You Community)

Thank you to our families for all their hard work, patience, and flexibility during the first half of the year. We are excited to be back face-to-face, five days a week. Although, the majority of our instruction is occurring in-person please know that students who are absent, but able to work, or quarantined should be staying connected through remote learning. The work during these days will count toward grades and attendance. Please see the "Remote Learning Teacher Expectation Document" in the document section of the South Central High School's Webpage for more information.

South Central Middle School

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Scripps National Spelling Bee

Our school hosted the Spelling Bee for grades 4 and 5 on December 17 and for grades 6-8 on January 7. Pictured are our top 3 spellers from each Bee. Both Viola and Corbin have the opportunity to compete at the regional Bee held at Ohio University.



First Place: Viola Culler
Second Place: Ethan James
Third Place: Izaak Ross



First Place: Corbin Barber
Second Place: Macy Risner
Third Place: Gabe Furr

JH Track & Field

JH Track and Field will begin practice on Feb. 24. Students who have not played a sport this year need to get a physical before that date and have the completed physical form turned in to Mr. Lauber. All paperwork is available through Final Forms. Track is not just for runners. There are many ways to get involved: throwing, jumping, hurdling, and relays.



Honor Roll Announced

The following students made Merit Roll for the second nine weeks: A. Barth, M. Berendt, R. Carsey, D. Clinton, E. Hall, Q. Hicks, B. Howell, L. Hoyt, E. James, T. McQuillen, B. Mills, A. Resor, I. Ross, F. Roswell, N. Shabazz, B. Shepherd, A. Barajas-Larios, S. Honeycutt, C. Howell, R. Lydy, W. Martin, M. Minniear, E. Phillips, L. Smith, C. Wilson, D. Wilson, M. Deppen, S. Didion, H. Dobias, E. Furr, H. Hess, T. Hudson, L. Ingram W, June, J. Riddle, F. Schumacher, J. Shepherd, L. Vanderpool, C. Case, H. Dean, D. Farnsworth, L. Gamble, T. Hale, M. Inmon, K. Slater, R. Wilson

The following made Distinction Roll: L. Albright, E. Amstutz, C. Beverly, R. Branham, K. Coffman, L. Coy, V. Culler, J. Fey, E. Lacey, M. McKee, S. Middaugh, M. Oney, R. Ramirez-Barnett, K. Rocca, J. Rothhaar, K. Smith, A. Stevens, J. Strickland, S. Viock, L. Webb, A. Zaiss, T. Back, C. Beverly, K. Gray, A. Hicks, N. Kale, C. Lyons, L. Martin, M. McMillin, N. Mullins, Z. Myers, M. Risner, B. Viock, G. Wallace, K. Blair, B. Chaffee, J. Coy, K. Ingram, I. Kimberlin, E. Lamoreaux, I. Lucha, A. Smith, T. Smith, A. Walcher, X. Walters, L. Wilson, D. Allen, A. Hauler, L. Johnson, S. Morrison, J. Pittenger, G. Rhode, J. Tolliver

Spirit Days for Giving

The Middle School Student Council typically sponsors a Christmas Food Drive every year, but due to COVID-19, they had to come up with a different plan. The Middle School Student Council joined with the High School Teen Leadership Corps to sponsor Spirit Days for Giving to collect donations for the local food pantries. Money was raised the two weeks before winter break by having spirit days and asking students and staff to donate \$1 to participate. All donations were collected each morning by the Middle School Student Council and TLC members. Donations were then divided between the North Fairfield Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Pantry, the Shiloh Food Pantry, the Greenwich Food Pantry, and the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. All of these organizations help serve families in the South Central area. Thanks to the great participation from our students and staff, South Central was able to donate over \$2200 to these organizations during the holiday season. Thank you, South Central community, for your generosity.



South Central Elementary School

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Preschool Registration

Preschool registration will begin very soon! Due to COVID, there will not be an information night about our preschool program. An informational video will be created to provide each prospective family important information about our preschool. On March 1st, the registration packet will be released to the public., You will be able to pick up the preschool registration packet at the elementary office or download it from the school website. It is vitally important when completing the registration packet that you fill out all the information and provide all the required documents like birth certificate, proof of income, and medical/dental information. Any missing documents or information could put your application on hold and prevent your child from getting into preschool.

If you have any questions about preschool please visit our preschool website or you can contact, Tyler Lauber, Director of Student Services at tlauber@south-central.org or 419-752-5021 ext. 22249.



Kindergarten Registration

If your child will be 5 years old before August 1, 2021, and you would like to send him/her to kindergarten next year, we will be registering children for next year's class any school day from 8 am –12 pm in the elementary office from now until March 19, 2021.

Please bring the following items:

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Immunization Record
- Proof of Residency
- Custody Papers (if applicable)

You do not need to bring your child with you for registration. At the time of registration an appointment will be made for your child's screening. Screening dates are March 29, 30, & 31, 2021. If you have any questions please call the elementary office at 419-752-5021. Register now as spots fill up quickly!

Important Dates:

March 1, 2021—Preschool Registration Packets Released
 March 29—31, 2021—PreK & Kindergarten Screening Days
 May 28, 2021—Preschool Acceptance letters mailed out

Second Grade

Second Graders in Miss Hohler's class have been learning about penguins and how to use Google Slides. Each student created their own slide with a fact they learned about penguins. Students also learned the process of how to create a Google slide (font, color, size) as well as how to share it with their teacher. The students enjoyed learning about penguins while using technology!



Bravo Badges



It is with great pleasure that I inform you that we have started a Bravo Badge program at South Central Elementary. The program consists of badges the students can earn and collect on a gold band and attach to their book bags. The purpose of the program is to reward students for going above and beyond as well as allow students to show off all of their hard work.

Each deserving student will receive a gold band to attach to their book bag. As students earn badges, they will add them to the band. Students are able to earn multiple badges of the same badge as well. Some of the categories to earn a badge include:

- Kindness
- Bus Rider of the Month
- Student of the Month
- Attendance
- Sight Word Challenge
- Meeting Accelerated Reading Goal



Please continue to encourage your child to be the best student they can be. Keep asking them if they've earned a badge yet. Ask them what badge they really want to earn and what they have to do to earn it. I would love it so much if I had to reorder more badges because so many students were earning them! One of my favorite badges for students to earn is the Kindness badge. The world could always use a little more kindness.





General Information

Junior High Tech - STEM class



7th and 8th graders have a new technology elective available to them this year. Mrs. Oney is teaching her first STEM class to middle school students. STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The STEM class encourages students to develop critical thinking skills and increase their science literacy while working collaboratively in this

hands-on technology class. Students are learning to problem-solve, design web pages, and write code for Tello drones and Cue robots. Debugging HTML has become a part of their daily routine. The tello drones were purchased with grant funds enabling students to code the drones using a program called DroneBlocks. Students write their code in the DroneBlocks simulator, test it, and then fly their drones in the gymnasium with their written code. Grant monies have been used to purchase Cue Robots that students will be programming the second half of the school



year. Mrs. Oney plans to purchase VEX robotic kits with additional grant money to enable students to work collaboratively building the robots. A STEM poster hangs in Mrs. Oney's room with the word FAIL on it: First Attempt In



Learning. STEM allows Mrs. Oney to show her students that failure when writing the code is okay, as long as you learn from the mistake and correct it. Her hope is that STEM helps her students to build resilience as they become the next generation of critical thinkers, problem-solvers, and innovators.



Honoring our school board members

School board members exemplify local citizen control and decision-making in education. They volunteer hundreds of hours and an immeasurable amount of energy to ensure that our schools are providing the best education possible for the children of our community. For all are their dedication, we are taking this opportunity to show them our appreciation during School Board Recognition Month in January. School board members are citizens whose decisions affect our children — what they learn, who will teach them and what kinds of facilities house their classrooms. These are men and women elected to establish the policies that provide the framework for our public schools. They represent you, and they take this responsibility seriously by attending lengthy — sometimes challenging — meetings, conferences and institutes where they broaden their knowledge about education; during numerous conversations about the schools; and sessions before the Ohio General Assembly. Our school board is one of more than 700 such boards across the state. These boards enable us to have local control of public schools, meaning that decisions on school programming are made by local, elected representatives who understand the community's unique problems, values, culture and circumstances. With the advice and counsel of the educational professionals they hire, our school board has an impact on virtually every aspect of our schools. It's a huge responsibility and one that should not be taken lightly. Too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women who represent us. The staff and students of our school district are asking all local citizens to take a moment to tell a school board member "thanks for caring about our children's education." So, thank you to the dedicated men and women who make it possible for local citizens to have a say about education in our communities. We salute the public servants of (school district) whose dedication and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible. We applaud them

for their vision and voice to help shape a better tomorrow.

2021 Board Members

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NO School:

February 12, 2021—Teacher-in-Service
February 15, 2021—President’s Day
April 1-5, 2021-Spring Break

Board of Education Office

Closed February 15, 2021
Closed April 2, 2021

Board of Education Meeting

February 8, 2021
March 15, 2021



Serve as a SUBSTITUTE at South Central Local Schools.

Help shape the future of our students by becoming a substitute teacher, teacher’s aide, custodian, bus driver, or food service worker. Must be able to pass a criminal background check. For more information on applying please contact Aimee Lloyd at 419-752-3815 ext. 11238 or email her at alloyd@south-central.org

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All Positions**

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BETTER
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South Central Board of Education

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 6:00 am—3:30 pm

Board of Education Meetings are held
the Third Monday of each month.

Location: High School Library at
7:00 pm

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