

PETTISVILLE

PETTISVILLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

NEW STAFF FOR 2018-19



Mr. Nathan Kester

Mr. Nathan Kester is our new instrumental music instructor, replacing Mr. Ryan Briley. Mr. Briley had been at Pettisville for 2½ years and has relocated to the east coast.

Mr. Kester, a native of Rochester, New York, is a graduate of Bowling Green State University with a bachelor of music education with an instrumental emphasis.

He completed his student teaching at Anthony Wayne High School. He also serves as the Director of Contemporary Music Activities at the First United Methodist Church in Bowling Green.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Kester to the Pettisville School Family.

**First Day of School:
Thursday, August 16, 2018**

OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS STILL ACCEPTED

Open enrollment applications are still being accepted. Openings exist at most levels.

To inquire, email the principal or submit an open enrollment application found on the website at pettisvilleschools.org

SCHOOL INFORMATION/ RESOURCES

Please click on or go to the following citations for the information noted.

- **Fair Booth.** Work in Music Boosters' Fair Booth.

<http://signup.com/go/TOqxUuP>

- **School Calendar.** Scroll to 2018-19 calendar.

<http://www.pettisvilleschools.org/academic-calendar>

- **Junior High Supply List**

<http://www.pettisvilleschools.org/jh-supply-list>

- **Elementary Supply List**

<http://www.pettisvilleschools.org/supply-list--20>

- **Elementary Class List**

https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/178414/Posted_Roster_18-19.pdf

- **Dynacal. School calendar of events**

<http://www.dynacal.com/default.aspx?BKP=P&OrgId=407&SortBy=Time&ViewType=DCList>

- **Pettisville School Foundation Information**

www.pettisvilleschools.org/psf

SCHOOL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

We are fortunate to have outstanding adult school organizations that exist to support and supplement the efforts of Pettisville Schools. Those organizations include:

- Pettisville Music Boosters
- Pettisville School Foundation
- Pettisville FFA Alumni and Friends
- Pettisville Athletic Boosters

Reports and announcements from some of these organizations are included in this newsletter. We thank you for your support of these organizations.

MUSIC BOOSTERS' FAIR BOOTH

Please consider working a shift at the Pettisville Music Boosters' Fair Booth at the Fulton County Fair. It is a great way to support Pettisville Schools. The funds raised at this booth benefit all Pettisville School students, not just the music students. Some of the organizations that benefit from the booth include after prom, Pettisville Schools' Library, yearbook, FCCLA, PHS Art Department, elementary music, Drama Club, and PHS Student Council just to name a few. Music students receive credit for all workers signed up in their name who are 18 years or older and are not current Pettisville students. You may sign up for half or full shifts (four or seven hours) online at: <http://signup.com/go/TOqxUuP>. You may also sign up by contacting Renee Flory at 419-335-8967 or emailing "rflory227@gmailcom". Do not wait--sign up today!

CONCESSION STAND WORKERS

The Pettisville Athletic Boosters welcome you to the fall sports season! This organization is a voluntary association of individuals organized exclusively for charitable support to promote and encourage the students/athletes and athletic programs of the Pettisville School District.

In order to continue this success in the support of our athletic programs, we need your help in

operating the concession stands. If you can sign up for one or two events, this will help in the success of the Pettisville Athletic Boosters and Pettisville Athletics.

Concessions stands are open for varsity/JV volleyball, JH volleyball, varsity soccer, and JV soccer. Some of the events can be divided into shifts. For example, a varsity parent could work during the JV volleyball match and then a JV parent could work during the varsity volleyball match. More information regarding the on line sign up will be available soon. To sign up please contact Rhonda Waidelich by phone at 419-572-1316.



PUMPKIN FEST OCTOBER 5TH

The Pettisville FFA Alumni and Friends Pumpkin Fest will be held on Friday, October 5th, 2018.

A pancake and sausage supper will be from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Highlights include:

- Soup from the kitchen of Roger Rupp
- Homestead Pumpkin Ice Cream
- Games for young children
- Contests in pumpkin carving and painting, fall display, and pumpkin in the recipe
- Special painted pumpkins from Art students and desserts from FCS students
- Basketball tournament and dodgeball tournament (providing there are enough teams)
- Silent and live auctions
- Bake sale

Detailed plans will be available in September. Please contact John Poulson, agriculture teacher, with questions.

PETTISVILLE SCHOOL FOUNDATION THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE



The Foundation's 30th anniversary fund raising drive is now complete. The "Next 30 Years" was the theme for the fundraising effort, which celebrated the organization's founding thirty years ago, and reaffirmed its commitment to supporting Pettisville Schools well into the future.

Since 1986 the foundation has

- Awarded over \$80,000 in scholarships to 116 PHS graduates
- Given over \$35,000 in Incentive Grants to Teachers and Community
- Completed two major building projects totaling nearly \$3,000,000

The drive goal to double the PSF's endowment of \$130,000 has essentially been met, as the total accounts of the foundation totaled **\$261,498.87** as reported at the May meeting of the Board of Trustees. Actual yield from the drive fell a bit short, raising \$120,760, but overall funds including investments reached the \$260,000 total goal!

The Anniversary Drive yielded the following members:

- Charter and Anniversary Members -- 100
- Corporate Commercial Members – 22
- Lifetime Members -- 28
- Total Members --- 245
- Memorials – 16

Those donating will be honored by having their names on the "30th Anniversary Plaque" which will be displayed next to the 1986 "Charter

Member Plaque." It will be displayed in the Atrium, which itself was a PSF Project.

As an immediate result of the successful drive, the Trustees voted to increase current scholarships awarded in 2018 to the following amounts:

Werder Scholarship	Weber Scholarship	Golda N. Boyer PTA Scholarship	Schroeder Scholarship	Springer Scholarship
\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500

In November of 2017, a mural depicting a timeline of school transportation was unveiled in the school's Atrium.

There will be a second mural unveiled later this year that will illustrate numerous school facilities that have housed Pettisville students throughout the years from the one-room schoolhouses to today's 140,000 square foot facility. The two murals, commissioned by the Foundation, were created by Joyce and Mark Nafziger.

As we look to 'The Next 30 Years', the Pettisville School Foundation will continue to serve our students, teachers and community through scholarships, grants and various projects.

Thank you to all of the Charter, Life and Anniversary members who have supported this effort.

Please visit www.pettisvilleschools.org/PSF for Foundation history, a newsletter and to find membership forms to join the Pettisville School Foundation.





District Information

CONTACT US

Website **pettisvilleschools.org**
Email **blackbirds@pettisvilleschools.org**
Phone **419-446-2705**
Voicemail **419-445-BIRD**
Toll Free Ohio **888-446-2705**

Email addresses for Pettisville school employees are listed on the school web site at **pettisvilleschools.org**

While there are some exceptions, the address of a Pettisville employee is usually “first initial last name @pettisvilleschools.org”

Pettisville Local Board of Education

Mr. Dan Bruner, President
(23 years of service)
Mr. Brent King, Vice President (3)
Mr. John King (21 years)
Mr. Rick Graber (5)
Mr. Brent Hoylman (1)

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures for all K-12 students will be taken at the school on the following dates:

Pre-Kindergarten – 3rd Grade
Tuesday, September 11, 2018

4th Grade – 8th Grade
Wednesday, September 12, 2018

9th Grade – 12th Grade
(4C students in AM)
Thursday, September 13, 2018

Make-Up – All Grades
Monday, September 17, 2018

PARKING OPTIONS

For visitors to the school, parking will be allowed **on the bus loop** between **8:45 AM and 2:30 p.m.** if spots are not available in the visitor section of the lot.

We ask that visitors not park on the bus loop area before 8:45 or after 2:30.

Parking is allowed on the loop for evening activities when patrons are allowed to enter through the Atrium.

DISCIPLINARY RECORDINGS

To avoid misunderstandings, to provide an appropriate legal record, and to protect both the student and the school, discipline-oriented conversations in the principal's offices may be digitally recorded.

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WIND TURBINE UPDATE

The Pettisville Aeronautica 750 wind turbine is the largest district owned turbine in the state of Ohio, with the distinction shared with Archbold Area and Kenston Local Schools in Geauga County. The three districts were part of the consortium that sought grant funds and loans to purchase turbines in 2011-12.

Here are some “Quick Facts” about the Pettisville Turbine now in its sixth year of production:

Out of Pocket Cost for Turbine	Essentially 0
Grants Received	\$1,150,000
Interest Free 15 Year Loan**	625,000
**Later enacted sequester of federal funds created a small annual interest obligation.	
Total Production as of June, 2018	5,408,268 kWh
School Value Generated (.0993/kWh)	\$489,362
Home Value Generated (.12c per kWh)	\$648,992
Best Month: April-2014	151,764 kWh
Best Day November 12, 2015	15,996 kWh
Best Generation Year: 2014	1,115,808 kWh
Worst Year: 2013 (11 months)	783,102 kWh
Average Production	
• Monthly	83,204 kWh
• Annually	998,449 kWh
Calendar 2013	783,102 kWh
Calendar 2014	1,115,808 kWh
Calendar 2015	863,338 kWh
Calendar 2016	940,621 kWh
Calendar 2017	1,087,529 kWh



Wind Turbine created in Grain as exhibited at the Fulton County Fair.

PURCHASE OF RECs



Since 2013, the Sauder Woodworking Co. has purchased 750,000 kWh worth of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) per year from the wind turbines at Archbold and Pettisville.

One Renewable Energy Credit (REC) is created for each thousand kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity that is generated. RECs are registered through the Public Utility Commission of Ohio (PUCO), and for environmental reporting purposes, these RECs can be used to reduce an organization's carbon footprint.

This meaningful public-private partnership has reduced Sauder's overall carbon footprint while supporting the financial needs of both our school districts.

Renewable energy from the wind turbines adds value in two ways. First, the energy generated can be used by each school district to reduce or eliminate traditional purchased power. Second, the favorable environmental attributes associated with the energy generation can be separated from the actual energy and sold to environmentally conscious individuals or organizations.

Pettisville Schools appreciates the partnership with Sauder for their purchase of RECs and their ongoing support of our school and our green energy efforts.

DISTRICT PROJECTS

The following projects are in various stages of completion. It represents an overview of current projects and major purchases.

2018-19 PROJECTS
OFCC Building Project Close-Out: Co-funded projects
<i>The following projects are co-funded by the building project as a part of the close-out. The projects are co-funded, meaning that the district pays 18% of the cost and the OFCC will fund the remaining 82%. This funding comes from the \$2,000,000 remaining due to coming in under budget.</i>
Repair sinkholes in north lot caused as result of the building project by re-routing a drainage line between catch basins and repaving area disturbed.
Replace Lighting with LED. Replace the high-pressure sodium lighting in the cafeteria and theatre areas with LED lighting fixtures. This will nearly double lighting levels in both areas.
Move Loading Dock. Rotate angle of dock to allow easier use.
Install additional smaller “pony” boiler. Improves efficiency of heating system through the addition of a small boiler that will turn on and off as appropriate. Eliminates need to activate larger main boiler for small needs. Gives building back-up unit in case of equipment failure.
Improve Drainage to eliminate moisture on interior walls below grade. Will be completed in 2019.
The following co-funded projects focus on student safety
Cell Boosters. The entire building now has cell coverage due to the installation of boosters to the cell signal.
Power control to dish line overhead gate. Reduces time to secure the area by mechanically lowering gate.
Harden access to building for security purposes.
Upgrade building cameras and security access systems to improve coverage and resolution of video and to provide better monitoring of building access.
Installation of “NightLock” Door stop security devices. In addition to being locked, allows

classrooms to be secured from inside by use of door securing mechanism. For use in the case of an unwanted intruder.
Permanent Improvements Fund Projects
<i>PI fund projects are funded by the permanent improvement levy first passed in 1990. The levy yields about \$120,000 annually.</i>
Replace AC unit. A faulty rooftop air conditioning unit serving the weight room was replaced.
New Busses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 model year Bluebird transit diesel bus, 84 capacity (Bus # 9) • 2018 model year “MicroBird” gas bus, 19 capacity and wheelchair lift. (Bus # 7) • Both busses are equipped with cameras • The state in past years would contribute up to half of the cost of a new bus; However, in the past 10 or so years, the state no longer supports bus purchases. The cost is the full obligation of the district. • A new 84 passenger bus costs around \$90,000.
Dugouts. Improvements to dugouts at south fields # 1 and # 3.
Maintenance Fund Projects
<i>Maintenance fund projects are funded by the .5 mill maintenance fund passed in 2008 and supplemented by the state of Ohio. Yields about \$30,000 annually</i>
Install a drainage tile line to the east of the south lot to allow dissipation of moisture that builds up from under the lot.
Reseal and re-line pavement in entire north lot area. Last done four years ago.
Reseal playground paved area.
South Lot. Repair cracks and re-line full lot.
Tedrow Park Improvements
<i>Pettisville Schools owns and maintains the Tedrow Park. District ownership has been in place since the Springhill district merged with the Pettisville and Wauseon Districts in the 1950s.</i>
Upgrades (not all has been completed as this time) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove trees/fencing on east property line • Re-grade and replace fencing • Replace fencing at ends of basketball court • Install two new benches • Repair playground equipment • Resurface basketball court

PETTISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



Mr. Michael Lane, Principal

STUDENT ORIENTATION

Freshman and new high school student orientation will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14th, in the theatre. This meeting is for all incoming freshmen, new high school students, and their parents, and involves a PowerPoint presentation developed by our faculty. The presentation will address creation of the four-year academic plan that will place each student in a better position for success during and after high school.

7th Grade and New JH Student Orientation.

The seventh grade and new junior high student orientation will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 15th, in the theatre. All incoming seventh graders, new eighth grade students, and their parents are invited to attend the hour-long session. Class schedules will be distributed along with general information. Students and parents will be able to tour the school to find their new classrooms at the conclusion of the meeting.

SCHEDULE PICK UP

Schedule Pick Up for high school students in grades 8-12 is August 14th and 15th. Schedules may be picked up in the school office between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Schedules may be viewed in PowerSchool when they are complete. An Instant Alert will be sent when this option is available.

Seventh graders will receive their schedules at orientation on August 15th.

OPEN LUNCH PRIVILEGES

Only students in grades 9-12 who live within walking distance may go home for lunch. Friends are not permitted to be taken home unless prior permission is granted to the school by the parents of both parties for each instance this arrangement is desired.

INTERIM REPORTS

Although student grades will be accessible to parents at all times through the online gradebook in PowerSchool, interim reports will be sent home with each student in grades 7-12 at the mid-point of each grading period showing his or her academic performance in each class as of that time. Parents without computer access may contact the office to request that interim reports be mailed home.

STUDENT ATHLETE MEETING

A mandatory athlete-parent meeting will be take place on Tuesday, July 31, at 7:00 p.m. in the Varsity Gym.

Any student in grades 7-12 who plans to participate in a fall sport is required by the Ohio High School Athletic Association to attend this meeting with at least one parent/guardian.

DATES AND EVENTS

Freshman/New High School Student Orientation: 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14th, in the theatre.

Seventh Grade and New JH Student Orientation: 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 15th, in the theatre.

PETTISVILLE BLACKBIRDS

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

1. Clothing and accessories that are damaging to school property must not be worn.
2. Underclothing must be worn.
3. Shoes or sandals must be worn.
4. Apparel and accessories that are dangerous, unhealthy, revealing (ex. cleavage), in bad taste, not loose enough to provide a good appearance or that are a detriment to the learning atmosphere must not be worn. This includes clothing that makes any reference to tobacco, drugs, including alcohol, and anything that is obscene or profane.
5. Apparel that is too brief in nature must not be worn. All sleeveless tops and dresses must be at least 3" wide at the shoulder. Tops and bottoms must overlap at all times including when arms are raised.
6. All dresses and skirts may be no shorter than 4" above the knee. All shorts, skorts and other similar attire must be at the length of the wearer's fingertips when the palm is open and hanging straight at the side of the body. All apparel mentioned must have a hem. Biker shorts, spandex, yoga pants, thermal wear, and other similar apparel will be permitted if worn under acceptable apparel.
7. Pants or shorts are to be worn at the waistline.
8. All clothing must be in good repair. No pants with holes or rips more than 3" above the knee will be permitted.
9. Extra-curricular coaches and/or advisors may require students to comply with additional dress and appearance guidelines in order to participate.
10. Exceptions to the dress code may be granted by the building principal for special events or occasions (i.e. pep assemblies, spirit week, etc.) or for medical reasons. (A doctor's note may be required)
11. Unnaturally colored hair is not permitted. Examples could include, but are not limited to blue, green, red, purple, orange, etc.
12. As a matter of common courtesy, hats of any type are not to be worn inside the school building during regular school hours except for medical or religious reasons.
13. Sunglasses are not to be worn in the building.
14. Due to security concerns, students may be requested to refrain from wearing certain attire. Any apparel deemed inappropriate by the administration may not be worn.

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS

Ohio's College Credit Plus (CCP) program can help students in grades 7 through 12, who are academically advanced, earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking college courses from community colleges and universities.

The purpose of this program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to college-ready students. Taking a college course from a public college or university is free. That means no cost for tuition, books or fees. If the student chooses to attend a private college or university, there may be limited costs.

Although Pettisville Schools may have an agreement with a local college for specific courses, students can choose to take CCP courses from any college. This could include online courses.

Interested students must attend the mandatory CCP meeting and meet specific deadlines in order to participate. To learn more about the CCP program, please visit the College Credit Plus webpage at the Ohio Department of Education.

Please contact the counselor or principal for further information.

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COUNSELING

Individual and group counseling sessions are available to help support students who are dealing with issues that impact academic success. The groups are designed to meet during the school day (often during a student's study hall). Topics can range from organizational skills, transition issues, school anxiety, new student support, grief and loss, positive behaviors, and much more. Students and parents are encouraged to contact the school counselor if you have questions or concerns about career exploration, post-secondary planning, academic support, personal conflicts, or social issues that may impact academic potential. The counselor can be reached at 419-446-2705 or by email at awyman@pettisvilleschools.org.



Mrs. Amanda Wyman, Counselor
PETTISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2019 and Beyond:

Unlike the Class of 2018, no additional pathways to graduation have been approved. Students will only earn a diploma if they complete 21 credits in required areas and one of the following pathways.

Show That You Are Ready

Use at least one pathway to show that you are ready for college or a job.

Ohio's State Tests

Earn at least 18 points on seven end-of-course state tests. End-of-course tests are:

Algebra I or Integrated Math I	English I
Geometry or Integrated Math II	English II
American Government	Biology
American History	

Each test score earns you up to five graduation points. You must have a minimum of four points in math, four points in English and six points across science and social studies. Your school and district receive grades on the Ohio School Report Cards for all students' scores and participation on state tests.

Industry credential and workforce readiness

Earn a minimum of 12 points by receiving a State Board of Education-approved, industry-recognized credential or group of credentials in a single career field and earn the required score on WorkKeys, a work-readiness test. The state of Ohio will pay one time for you to take the WorkKeys test.

College and career readiness tests

Earn remediation-free scores in mathematics and English language arts on either the ACT or SAT.

The Ohio Department of Higher Education works with Ohio's universities to set the remediation-free scores for the ACT and SAT tests. Periodically, for a variety of reasons, these scores may be adjusted. For all high school juniors, the remediation-free scores set by Feb. 1 of their junior year will be used to meet their graduation requirement. The most up-to-date information regarding remediation-free scores can be found on the Department's graduation requirements webpage.

Ohio State Test Schedule: Spring 2019

- Freshman: Algebra 1 and English I
- Sophomore: Geometry, English II, American History, and Biology
- Senior: American Government

ACT:

Juniors will take the ACT at the school during the school year for free. This is a state law and is mandatory. The date is on February 20, 2019.

CAREER CENTER:

All junior high and high school students are welcome to visit the career center! The career center continues to add updated and relevant career development and college exploration resources throughout the school year.

College representatives are also planning to visit the career center through the school year to meet with prospective students. Plus, there are computers available for students to work on college, scholarship, financial aid, and job applications.

FAFSA and SCHOLARSHIPS:

Parents are encouraged to fill out the FAFSA when it opens in October. This is free and required by most colleges to receive a financial aid package. <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

A financial aid night will be offered to parents for information and any questions they may have about this process.

Seniors are emailed all scholarship opportunities to their school email and are told if hard copies are available to them. The majority of scholarships are now filled out online. Please be aware of deadlines!

JUNIOR HIGH SUPPLY LIST:

Click on or go to:

<http://www.pettisvilleschools.org/jh-supply-list>

**PETTISVILLE
SCHOOLS**

PARENT INFORMATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA


NINE APPS

PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Courtesy of the
Sarasota County Sheriff's Office




BUMBLE



BUMBLE is similar to the popular dating app "Tinder" however, it requires women to make the first contact. Kids have been known to use BUMBLE to create fake accounts and falsify their age.

SNAPCHAT




SNAPCHAT is one of the most popular apps of 2018. While the app promises users can take a photo/video and it will disappear, recent features including "stories" allows users to view content for up to 24 hours. Snapchat also allows users to see your location.

KIK




KIK allows anyone to contact and direct message your child. Kids can bypass traditional text messaging features. KIK gives users unlimited access to anyone, anywhere, anytime.

LIVEME



LIVE.ME is a live-streaming video app that uses geolocation to share videos so users can find out a broadcaster's exact location. Users can earn "coins" as a way to "pay" minors for photos.

HOLLA




HOLLA is a self-proclaimed "addicting" video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world in just seconds. Reviewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content, and more.

WHISPER



WHISPER is an anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers. It also reveals a user's location so people can meet up.

ASK.FM




ASK.FM is known for cyber bullying. The app encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions.

CALCULATOR%



CALCULATOR% is only one of SEVERAL secret apps used to hide photos, videos, files, and browser history.

HOT OR NOT



HOT OR NOT encourages users to rate your profile, check out people in their area, and chat with strangers. The goal of this app is to hook up.

Cyberbullying: We've heard a lot on this topic: new-age adolescent bullying that takes place on digital devices, mainly on cell phones, with the intent to embarrass, hurt, or humiliate another. It has become a common occurrence with nearly 43 percent of teens reporting having been bullied online at least once, per DoSomething.org. .

Picture-Perfect Lives: Teens spend hours upon hours scrolling through Instagram, Snapchat, and other social media feeds that feature images of their peers hanging out together and having the time of their lives, BFFs smiling and posing for the camera, and pictures from epic parties where only a select group was invited. It is no surprise that such images cause others to feel left out, disconnected and ultimately unworthy.

Social Isolation: Social isolation is a major risk factor for depression and suicide. More time spent

online means less time spent face-to-face with others, and less time spent doing activities that promote mental health, like getting exercise, volunteering, meeting new friends and participating in group activities.

Sleep Deficit: Inadequate sleep is another major risk factor for depression and suicide. Youth who spend a great deal of time on their phones are more likely than others not to be getting the sleep they need. Texts, instant messages, and other signals to pick up that phone come in all hours of the night and may be too tempting to avoid.

Sources: The Washington Post: Teenage depression and suicide are way up — and so is smartphone use. Nov. 19, 2017. By Jean M. Twenge.
DoSomething.org: 11 Facts You Should Know About Cyber Bullying. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: Youth.

SOCIAL MEDIA INFO CONTINUED

OfferUp and Letgo certainly have their advantages, even for teens. Young people regularly buy and sell their gently worn jeans, shoes, prom dresses, etc. on these sites, and in return, they get discounted items or some cash in their pockets, along with a valuable business lesson – so long as it is done safely and the items being sold are appropriate.

However, there is a dark side to these apps that parents need to be aware of and young people need to know. It's also common for buyers to get scammed and not realize it until it's too late (i.e. paying top dollar for fake designer shoes). But what's even scarier is that there have been many reported cases of teens and adults becoming robbery victims while attempting to exchange money or goods through these apps. There have also been reports of attempted abductions, as people meet up with total strangers. And while many of the apps claim to be committed to safety for their users, it really comes down to the local individuals buying and selling. In addition, safety experts recommend that you and your children:

- Do not share personal information, and be cautious not to reveal an address or other personal info in any photos you may share.
- Do not invite strangers into your home and do not go to theirs.
- Contact your local police to inquire if a safe meeting site has been designated. If no site has been designated, insist on meeting in a public place where security cameras are monitoring the area and there are lots of people around. Never meet in a secluded location.
- Do not go alone to buy or sell an item. Always have a parent or other adult with you. And be sure another family member or adult is aware of your intentions.
- Perform the transaction during daylight hours.
- Always take your cell phone with you.
- Be extra cautious when buying/selling high-value items.

- Trust your instincts; if something doesn't feel right, go with your gut; or if something seems too good to be true, it probably is.

It is far too easy for a complete stranger to sell something to our children that we don't want them to have or for our children to become victims of crime. Buying and selling through these various apps can be a great way to make a little cash off unused or unwanted items but it must be done with caution – and that goes for adults as well.

Sources: [News8WTNH: Safety experts warn about the potential dangers of buying and selling through apps. Aug. 2017.](#) [Linda Magill Group: 10 Safe Buying and Selling Tips for Kijiji /Craigslist.](#)



SCHOOL SUPPLY SALES TAX HOLIDAY

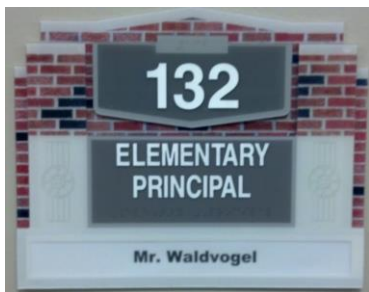
The governor has signed a bill making the back-to-school sales tax holiday permanent. The bill previously had to be passed every year. The three day holiday begins the first Friday of every August. Clothing and shoes priced at \$75 or less and school supplies costing \$20 or less will be exempt from state and local sales taxes during the holiday.

The tax holiday has been in effect for three years, being approved annually by the legislature.

Items used in a trade or business are not exempt under the sales tax holiday.

The Ohio Department of Taxation offers a frequently-asked-questions section on its website about the holiday, addressing which common items do and do not qualify for an exemption, among other details. It is posted at <https://tinyurl.com/y75mmfmm>.

PETTISVILLE ELEMENTARY



Mr. Jason Waldvogel, Principal

ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE

The elementary open house for grades PK-6 will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 14, 2018. This format provides a time for students and parents to visit the classroom, bring supplies, and meet the teachers.

GENERAL MILLS BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Pettisville Elementary School participates in the Box Tops For Education. Box Tops can be found on many of the products you may use every day. Clipping Box Tops takes just seconds...but each Box Top is worth 10¢ for our school! Box Tops can be taped or glued to the collection sheet. (Available on school website.) If you have any "Bonus Box Tops", please place them in baggie or paper clip them to the sheet. Bonus Box Tops must be sent in separately to earn credit for them. Thank you for your help!

MENTORS NEEDED

We are seeking adult volunteers willing to give at least 30 minutes per week assisting elementary students in a variety of subject areas. Volunteers should contact the program director, Mrs. Mary Sauder at 419-446-2705.

LATE KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Late kindergarten registration is by appointment. Please call: 419-446-2705 to request an appointment.

WHEN TO SEND A NOTE ...

Attendance: Please do not send absence notes upon the child's return if a call-in was made informing us of the absence. If we do not hear from parents and a child is absent, by law we are required to contact the parent.

Parents who live outside of the local phone service may call our toll free number 1-888-446-2705.

Transportation: Please send a note when elementary students will not follow their regular transportation routine.

Any elementary student who does not follow their normal after school schedule needs to bring a note from the parent stating where the child is going after school. If a bus is involved, the bus driver must also see the note. Students without notes will be sent to their normally scheduled destination.

ELEMENTARY TESTING

- **Grade 3 English lang. arts:** Oct. 22 to Nov. 2
- **Grade 3-6 English lang. arts:** March 25 to April 26
- **Grade 3-6 Mathematics, science and social studies:** April 1 to May 10

Please refer to the school website and DynaCal in the future for specific dates for grade/subject updates.

DRESS CODE

The Elementary Dress Code is the same as the High School Dress numbers 1-2, 4-8 and 10-14. Rule # 9 does not apply for the elementary and Rule #3 has additional information for the elementary:

3. Shoes or sandals must be worn. "Flip flops" are not considered sandals and should not be worn due to safety concerns. Toes should be covered.

DATES AND EVENTS

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FEES, FOOD SERVICE & TRANSPORTATION

All student fees and charges for the year (each semester in the high school) will be billed in September. A listing of specific fees will be sent home with students. Some classes will have additional fees, such as workbook fees or special project fees that are not listed.

FEE REDUCTION

If a student qualifies for free or reduced lunches, student book and class fees may be modified.

Students who qualify for free lunches will have their current year fees waived. Students who qualify for reduced lunch will pay 40% of the full rate.

These waivers apply only to book fees, class lab fees, and other such standard fees set by the board of education. They do not apply to field trip fees, project costs, admissions or such fees.

As always, if special needs exist, please inform one of the principals or the superintendent.

BREAKFAST

The Bird Café will offer breakfasts for all students in grades K-12. The starting date for the year will be announced after school starts.

Serving times are 7:45 to 8:15 am. A full priced breakfast costs \$1.25 and a reduced price breakfast costs \$.30

FREE & REDUCED LUNCHES

Pettisville Local Schools makes free and reduced lunches available to students whose income meets specified standards. Forms are distributed at the beginning of each year. Those who qualify are to return the forms to the office.

Should a family become eligible during the course of the year, simply request a form from the office, or go to our website to download paperwork, complete it, and return it to the school office or superintendent. If and when it is approved, the student will be placed on

free or reduced lunches. All of the above is done on a confidential basis.

CAFETERIA PRICING

The Bird Café staff work hard to provide a quality product at an affordable price. Lunch prices for 2018-19 will remain at last year's levels.

Pettisville Bird Café Prices 2018-19		
	Elem	HS
Daily	\$2.65	\$2.80
Basket		\$3.10
Reduced Meal	\$0.40	\$0.40
Breakfast	\$1.25	
Reduced Breakfast	\$0.30	
Milk	\$0.50	
Adult	\$3.50	
Lunch Schedule		
7 th & 8 th grade	11:05 am	
9 th -- 12 th grade	11:25 am	
Elementary	11:45 am	
The elementary mid-day recess begins 11:20 a.m.		



Final Forms is used for grades PK-12 to manage emergency medical forms, handbooks, and other activities that previously involved return of a form.

Previous students should have received an email stating that it is time to review and sign the required forms to attend Pettisville and for those in grades 7-12 to participate in athletics.

The Final Forms link is located on the front page of the Pettisville School Website under the Quick Links section.

For those new to the Pettisville School District, information regarding new parent and student registration is provided on the Final Forms link.

All parents and students are asked to complete this registration as soon as possible.





BUS DROP-OFF

For safety reasons, it is important that a responsible adult be home when the bus delivers younger students. If you are away from home and find that you will not make it back for the bus, please make other arrangements and notify the school.

BUS SAFETY RULES

School transportation is a privilege and not a right. The bus driver is the sole authority on the bus while students are being transported.

The following are bus rules in effect at Pettisville:

- Follow directions the first time they are given
- Stay in seat with feet on the floor
- Hands and feet kept to self
- No loud talking, noise, profanity or abusive language
- No eating or drinking
- Do not litter, write on, or damage bus
- If a student breaks a rule, consequences may be applied.

Each year we hear of instances where children may attempt to catch up to a bus either by being dropped off by a car or running behind the bus.

Unfortunately, this creates an extreme risk for the student. It places them in a situation where the bus driver has no chance of seeing the automobile or the student as they run along the side of the bus.

Students should NEVER run to catch a bus, especially from behind, or from a car that has pulled up behind a bus. It would be far safer for the parent to transport the student to the school building or to a bus stop at which the bus has not yet arrived.

Ohio law requires children to be waiting at the bus stop prior to its arrival.

Students will be instructed by his or her bus driver of the designated place of safety area where students are to wait for pick-up and for drop-off.

PLEASE KEEP BUS ROUTE CHANGE REQUESTS TO A MINIMUM

We at Pettisville Schools consider it an honor to transport your kids to and from school. We have an outstanding and dedicated group of bus drivers providing reliable transportation for your students. We would like your help with a transportation issue that seems to be increasing—frequent changes to a student's regular transportation schedule.

If a bus driver has one occasional modification, say a different drop-off location or an infrequent student riding, we try to comply. It is not a big problem.

However, if that driver has several changes, it does become a problem, because in addition to driving the vehicle, supervising students, keeping time schedules, watching out for other cars on the road, and following the regular route, the driver has to remember today's changes, which frequently are not made totally clear. Add the possibility of a sub driver and the situation becomes increasingly complicated.

We are finding that the number of requests for daily or weekly route changes are increasing. We are asking that you **keep any changes to the regular routine rare**; we will continue to attempt to be as cooperative as possible, but may need to deny some requests as we move forward because we are concerned for the safety of all students.

BUS RIDERS

Because of the high number of riders on ALL bus routes, **non-routine riders must have pre-approved permission in advance** as much as possible for a new rider to get on the bus. **All students (PreK-12) must** have a note dated and signed by a guardian, or a phone call made to the school office, if their regular transportation routine is changed. Otherwise, the student will be required to do their normal day-to-day transportation schedule.

We plan to run bus routes similar to the last year's routing with a few additions. If your child's transportation needs have changed, please contact Mrs. Deb Graber, Transportation Coordinator at Pettisville Schools.

STUDENT PICK-UP/DROP OFF PROCEDURES

Student Drop-Off.

Parents may drop-off students in the morning in the multi-level “**West Lot**” located west of the building.

- Enter from County Road D
- Drop student off at Atrium Entrance
- Exit to north on Summit Street

Do not drop students off in the old faculty parking lot (**North Lot**) as that lot opens into the bus loop which needs to be kept clear.

If special needs exist, please inform us.

Student Pick-Up.

Students will exit through the Atrium doors to the west lot for pick-up.

Students should **not** be picked up in the bus loop or north lot. As you wait for your child, please be cautious not to hinder traffic flow. Please do not park near the cemetery or other area.

Exit West.

Those exiting the north parking lot are asked to go west on Summit Street toward CR 19 and not come back by the busses or in front of the school.

ANIMALS IN SCHOOL

Students should obtain prior permission from their classroom teacher and/or principal before bringing animals to school for educational purposes.

Prior to granting permission, teachers should check with the school nurse regarding any known allergies among students in the classroom.

If allergies exist, parents or guardians must be contacted for further direction. Animals shall not be transported on school buses. Parents are asked to refrain from bringing personal pets into the buildings.



WEATHER DELAYS/ CANCELLATIONS

Weather delays and cancellations will be announced on the following media and posted on the website at www.pettisvilleschools.org.

All parents should receive an **Instant Alert** notifying them of any weather events.

To be added to the Instant Alert call system, please call the school. Changes can be made online at <https://instantalert.honeywell.com/>

Archbold	WMTR	96.1 FM
Archbold	WBCL/WBCY	89.5 FM
Napoleon	WNDH	103.1 FM
Defiance	WONW	1280 AM
Toledo TV	Channel 11	WTOL
Toledo TV	Channel 13	WTVG
Toledo TV	Channel 24	WNWO

- 1) Open enrollment student attendance will follow weather decisions in the home district.
- 2) Breakfast **will not be served** on any day with a delayed opening.
- 3) The **extended day option** of the three hour delay option will **not** be utilized. If school starting time is delayed by three hours, the day will NOT be extended.

Blackbird Athletics



Mr. Brian Leppelmeier, Director of Athletics

CONCESSION STAND WORKERS

To sign up, please contact Rhonda Waidelich by phone at 419-572-1316. Please see full article earlier in this newsletter.



FALL SEASON TICKET INFO

General admission prices at the gate, followed by a list of season pass prices are listed as follows. Please contact the Pettisville Athletic Department at 419-446-2705 with any questions.

PETTISVILLE BLACKBIRDS

General Admission Prices

Varsity and JV Volleyball: Adults \$6; Students \$4

Junior High Volleyball: Adults \$3; Students \$2

Varsity and JV Soccer: Adults \$6; Students \$4

JV Soccer only: Adults \$3; Students \$2

2018 Fall Season Passes

- **Varsity/JV/9th Volleyball Season Pass: \$30 for adults and \$20 for students.** Good for all varsity and JV volleyball home matches.
- **Varsity/JV Soccer Season Pass: \$30 for adults and \$20 for students.** Good for all varsity and JV soccer home matches.

- **Junior High Volleyball Season Pass: \$12 for adults and \$6 for students.** Good for all JH volleyball home matches.
- **Family Fall Season Pass: \$80.** Good for 2 adults and all children in the family in grades K-12 (does not include college age students) for admittance to all volleyball and soccer home games at any level.
- **Individual Adult Fall Season Pass: \$35.** Good for all volleyball and soccer home games.
- **Individual Student Fall Season Pass: \$25.** Good for all volleyball and soccer home games.

Please contact Mr. Brian Leppelmeier at the school to purchase season passes. Passes are non-transferrable.

MANDATORY OHSAA ATHLETE -PARENT MEETING

Any student in grades 7-12 who plans to participate in a fall sport is required to attend this meeting with at least one parent/guardian.

The mandatory athlete-parent meeting will be Tuesday, July 31 at 7:00 PM in the varsity gym.

PETTISVILLE SENIOR CITIZEN PASSES

Pettisville senior citizen passes are available at no charge to those 62 or older who live in the Pettisville school district or own land in the Pettisville school district. The pass provides admission to all home non-tournament athletic events for the school year. Your name will be listed on the senior citizen pass list. Please call the school at 419-446-2705 after Friday, August 10, if your name was not on the list last school year.





Legal Notices

The following notices are required. Please contact an administrator for additional information or details.

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, & BULLYING POLICY

Harassment, intimidation, or bullying behavior by any student or school personnel in the Pettisville Local School District is strictly prohibited, and such conduct may result in disciplinary action, including suspension and/or expulsion from school. "Harassment, intimidation, or bullying mean any intentional written, verbal, graphic or physical acts including electronically transmitted acts (Cyber-Bullying) i.e., Internet, cell phone, personal digital assistant (PDA), or wireless hand-held device, either overt or covert, by a student or group of students toward other students or school personnel with the intent to harass, intimidate, injure, threaten, ridicule or humiliate. Such behaviors are prohibited on or immediately adjacent school grounds, at any school-sponsored activity, on school-provided transportation, or at any official school bus stop that a reasonable person under the circumstances should know will have the effect of:

1. Causing mental or physical harm to another student or school personnel including placing an individual in reasonable fear of physical harm and/or damaging of students' personal property; and/or,
2. Is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for other students/school personnel.

Students and/or their parents or guardians may file formal or informal reports regarding suspected harassment, intimidation or bullying. Such written reports shall be reasonably specific including person(s) involved, number of times and places of the alleged conduct, the target of suspected harassment, intimidation and/or bullying, and the names of any potential student or staff witnesses. Such reports may be filed with any school staff member or administrator, and they shall be promptly forwarded to the building principal for review.

BULLYING INCIDENT REPORT GRADE K-6

The Ohio Revised Code, Section 3313.666 requires us to semi-annually provide a written summary of all reported bullying incidents and post it on the district website as permitted by section 3319.321 of the ORC. Number of Bullying Incidents in the elementary in 2017-18:

Semester I - 5

Semester II – 4

>**Pesticides.** We apply appropriate pesticides from time to time but not when students are present. For information on this topic, please contact the school.

>**Title I.** Anyone who would like to assist with Title I planning please contact: Mr. Jason Waldvogel, 419-446-2705.

>**Parent/Student Survey Rights.** Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) and amendments to the No Child Left Behind (NCLB), parents have the right to prohibit their child from participating in surveys, including the right to opt out, if it includes questions regarding political affiliations, religious practices or other questions as outlined in PPRA and NCLB.

>**Asbestos Notice.** All known asbestos has been removed from the 1956 (and 1994) additions and the 2011 building does not contain asbestos.

RELEASE OF STUDENT RECORDS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students 18 years or older certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights include:

- The right to inspect and review the student's education records.
- The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that are believed to be inaccurate and the right to a hearing if the request is not honored.
- The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education regarding the alleged violation of FERPA.
- The right to consent to the disclosure of personally identifiable information within the student's records, unless disclosure is otherwise authorized by law or unless disclosure is made to school officials with legitimate educational interests. In addition, the district is required to provide a student's directory information, upon request, to military recruiters, unless the student or parent requests in writing that they wish not to have this information disclosed.

The following is designated as “**directory information**,” which may be disclosed without prior written consent:

- a student’s name
- address
- telephone number
- dates and extracurricular participation
- achievement awards or honors earned
- weight and height if a member of an athletic team
- photograph
- parent/guardian names
- previous school or school district

Parents or guardians have the right to submit a written request within two weeks after the first day the student is enrolled in a school year, directing the district not to release directory information concerning their child to third parties or to military recruiters.

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of the Protected Classes of race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation and transgender identity), disability, age (except as authorized by law), religion, military status, ancestry, or genetic information (collectively, "Protected Classes") in its educational programs or activities.

The Board also does not discriminate on the basis of Protected Classes in its employment policies and practices as they relate to students, and does not tolerate harassment of any kind.

Equal educational opportunities shall be available to all students, without regard to the Protected Classes, age (unless age is a factor necessary to the normal operation or the achievement of any legitimate objective of the program/activity), place of residence within the boundaries of the District, or social or economic background, to learn through the curriculum offered in this District. Educational programs shall be designed to meet the varying needs of all students.

The superintendent has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies of

the District or to address any complaint of discrimination. (Policy # 2260)

Special Education Notification

This is to inform the public that Pettisville Elementary will offer parents the opportunity to provide recommendations and or suggestions for special education programming and service. Interested district parents may set up an appointment by calling Mr. Jason Waldvogel, K-6 principal 419-446-2705.

Parent Information for Title I

Pettisville Elementary School receives federal funding through Title I. All teachers under Title I funding in the Pettisville Elementary have met the criteria set forth by No Child Left Behind Act. Any request for degree major and/or field of discipline can be made at by sending a letter of request to the Jason Waldvogel P.O. Box 53001, 232 Summit St. Pettisville, OH. Parents may request the following information regarding teacher professional qualifications:

1. Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
3. The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
4. Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications

TECHNOLOGY RULES UPDATE

Students in grades 7 and 8 are not permitted to have access to their cell phones or other technology during the school day. There is no change, at this time, for students in grades 9 - 12.