

APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2023-2024

ASHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

<http://www.ashlandcityschools.org/ms>



ASHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES,

We are heading into the home stretch at AMS and we're very excited to see all of the hard work that that both staff and students have put in this year culminate with success during end of year testing. I cannot say enough positive things about our staff's consistency and thoroughness in giving their students the best experience possible. Students continue to push themselves and unlock new ways to learn and grow.

Although these tests are important it does not define all that goes into the school year. We are currently coming off a successful play production of "What Happened after Once Upon a Time" where the directors (Sarah Fisher and Cara Fitzgerald), cast and crew members all performed so incredibly well. In addition our choir and band students are gearing up for their end of year concerts which I know will show their constant improvement that has taken place over the year. Our art students and teachers are ready to proudly display their hard work and creativity at the Art Show in May. Finally, our track team has impressive numbers and will no doubt have a strong season as they always do!

As the year winds down it lends itself to looking ahead and I am excited to see the growth and maturation each of our classes have experienced. Each of these classes are ready to take the next step whether it be the jump to high school or the increase in expectations as they grow older in middle school. Before they do though they will all get opportunities to enjoy grade level end of year field trips, a ridiculously fun field day and rocking last day school dance to wind down their experiences for this year. As we push to finish the year strong please encourage your student to follow the 3 R's (Ready, Responsible and Resilient) to the last day. I am excited for the next few months to unfold and know that this building will not stop getting better until the end.

Have a Great Spring and Go Arrows,

Jim Lindeman
Principal

Middle School Newsletters

Our newsletter will come out every other month throughout the course of the upcoming school year. We will post our newsletter on the middle school website at the beginning of October, December, February and April.

Newsletters will no longer be mailed home to all students. If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter by email, please email me at rhcarey@goarrows.org and I will add your email to our emailing list. If you do not have access to a computer and would still like to have a paper copy mailed to your home, I would be more than happy to accommodate that request.

Just call the AMS office or email me at the above and I will add you to the mailing list.

Pick Up and Drop off Zones

A.M.S. has designated areas for those students who are being picked up and dropped off by car as well as those students riding the bus daily. Busses will be staggering their drop-offs between HS and MS to alleviate overcrowding.

CAR RIDER-Any parent or guardian who is dropping off or picking up their student **must use the King Ridge entrance or the Avalon entrance.** Please be cognizant of drivers around you and pull forward as far as possible to let your child out. For safety please have your child use the curbside only. ALL CARRIDERS and WALKERS MUST ENTER the MAIN ENTRANCE ONLY using Door A3 no earlier than 7:20 a.m. and report to their Home Rooms as indicated on their schedule.

BUS DROP OFF- We will utilize two entrances for bus riders Door A1 and door D1.

Arrival/Dismissal Times

The doors will open at 7:20 a.m. Tardy Bell rings at 7:40 a.m.

Dismissal will be at 2:35 p.m.

Students will be dismissed in a slow release method. Bus riders will be dismissed by bus number and students must exit the building as quickly as possible. Car riders and walkers will also be dismissed by classroom number and quickly exit the building. It is our hope to have all students out of the building no later than 2:45 p.m. daily..

Physical Education Classes

Starting April 9th all gym classes will be going outside unless it is raining. Please send with your student a coat/and or a sweatshirt.



Important Dates

April 9-School Resumes
April 15-6th-8th grade State Testing: ELA
April 16-6th-8th grade State Testing: ELA
April 22-Board of Education Meeting
April 23rd-8th Grade State Testing: Science
April 24th-8th grade State Testing: Science
April 26th-PBIS Auction during lunches
April 29th-6th-8th grade State Testing: Math
April 30-8th grade State Testing: Math
May 1st-7th grade State Testing: Math
May 2nd-6th grade State Testing: Math
May 3rd-Interims sent home
May 3-5th-ACS Art Show at AHS
May 17th-7th grade to Movie Theatre
May 20th-Board of Education Meeting
May 21st-6th grade to Brookside (May 23 rain date)
May 22nd-6th grade Academic Awards-8:15-10:15
May 23rd-7th grade Academic Awards-9:00-10:15
May 23rd-8th grade Academic Awards-12:30-2:15 p.m.
May 23rd-Literacy Night at AMS
May 24th-PBIS Auction during lunches
May 24th-8th Grade to AU
May 31st-Student's Last Day
Week of June 3rd-Grade Cards will be mailed home

Reminders

We continue to encourage students to advocate for themselves and to let adults help them in difficult situations rather than making choices that make situations worse.

- Please continue to monitor your child's social media use, there are a lot of APPS and chat groups available out there where unsavory things can be discussed between adolescents and others; please keep your child safe and promote responsible use of their electronic devices.
- Continue to monitor your child's belongings as items pile up in our school's lost and found; if something comes up missing, remind your child to check our lost and found.
- Please remember if you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or an administrator here at the building.

Progress Book

Progress Book is the program we use to track and communicate grades. All students and parents may use their accounts from previous years. If you need help logging into your account, please call the AMS office at 419-289-7966.

Obligations

Many students still owe school fees or other obligations from past school years. be made in the middle school office. If you cannot pay the full amount, you may make a partial payment and make arrangements for a payment plan. Obligations follow the student through their school career and must be taken care of before graduation.

Clinic News

All unused medication, whether it is over-the-counter or prescription, **MUST BE** picked up by a parent or a guardian. You may pick up the medication in the clinic any time between May 20th and May 31st from 7:30-2:30 p.m. If it is not picked up by June 3rd, we will dispose of it for you. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Have a safe and Happy Summer!

LOST and FOUND items will be donated to local charities at the end of each month so if your child has some lost items please have them check in the AMS Clinic.

Grade Cards

Progress reports/Interims for students receiving a D or an F will be mailed home each grading period. All report cards regardless of grades will be sent home with A.M.S. students this school year except for the final grade card which will be mailed the week of June 3rd.

ASHLAND CITY SCHOOLS FINALFORMS™



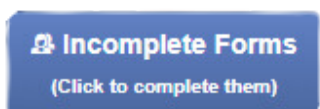
Ashland City Schools has transitioned to using digital forms. In order for you to update your child's information, complete their emergency medical forms, and more, please go to <https://goarrows-oh.finalforms.com/> and login as a parent. If you did not receive the email to setup your FinalForms account and have a child attending school at Ashland City Schools, please email bespield@goarrows.org. DO NOT create a new account unless you are enrolling your child for the first time into Ashland City Schools. Below are the directions for updating your child's information for the 24-25 school year.

Go to the FinalForms website.
Access it at <https://goarrows-oh.finalforms.com/> or scan the QR code on this page.

Click the 24-25 registration button.



Click the "Incomplete Forms" button.
Look for this button beside your child's name:

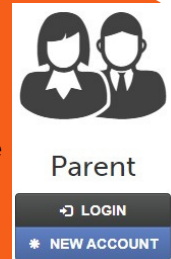


Complete and sign forms.
Be sure to complete and sign each form until all forms are green in color.

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Click "Parent" login.
Log in using your email address and the password you create(d).



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Click "OK, Let's Get Started."



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Skip the sport forms (5-12 only)
The athletic forms will open later in the spring or early summer. Simply skip these for now.

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Thank you for your cooperation and support as we utilize this new digital resource. Go Arrows!



IXL Math Summer Access

Did you know that your child will still have access to IXL Math over the summer paid for by our district? To get in, students just use their regular student login information that they used all school year. Studies have shown that student test scores drop during the summer months in 3rd through 8th grade and IXL can help. IXL is a great online program to help bolster student math skills with help right where students need it. In the Diagnostic Arena are recommended skills for students with accompanying videos to target instruction. Just twenty minutes a day, three days a week can pay off when starting instruction in the fall.

Power of the Pen

Congratulations to the following students who will advance to Power of the Pen regional competition on March 18th at Kent State University.

7th grade

Sophie Hochstetler, Aralyn Santiago, and Jordyn Thomas

8th Grade

Dakota Hummel, Jackie Metz, Ceclia Kettering, and Eva Clever.

Both teams did a great job at districts and we are looking forward to regional competition.





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to keep
schools and families
connected!

America Counts - FREE Tutoring with Ashland University Students

* Contact Ms. Michael with questions limichae@goarrows.org *

- To participate, students only need to show up. No calling ahead or paperwork necessary.
- Time can be used for math tutoring, homework help, or catching up on work after being absent.

Available Afterschool from 2:45-4 on the 6th grade floor on these dates:

ACS Spring Break, no tutoring	Monday, April 15	Monday, April 22
Wednesday, April 10	Wednesday, April 17	Wednesday, April 24 * We hope to continue this next year. *

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- Ashland City Schools app for your phone - <https://www.ashlandcityschools.org/hs/ahs-app>
- AMS Staff Directory - <https://www.ashlandcityschools.org/ms/staff-directory>



Ashland Middle School Choir Concert

6th, 7th and 8th Grade Combined Choir Concert

Date: Friday, May 3rd

Time: 6:45 p.m.

Where: Archer Auditorium



When: Thursday, May 23rd

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Ashland Middle School

Grades: PK-8th Grade

Food and Activities will be provided



Guidance News

Deidre Kilpatrick, 7th and 8th Grade Counselor

Kalie Godsey, 6th and 7th Grade Counselor

Christina Howman, School-Community Liaison

Statewide Tests

Upcoming dates for tested subjects (6th-8th grade Language Arts, 6th-8th grade Math, and 8th grade Science) will be on the following dates:

Language Arts-all grade levels

April 15th

April 16th

Science-8th grade ONLY

April 23rd

April 24th

Biology (only affects three of our 8th graders)

April 25

April 26

Math-all grade levels

April 29-all AMS students

April 30-8th grade and Algebra 1

May 1-7th grade and Geometry

May 2-6th grade and Geometry



Scheduling Classes for 2024-2025

All scheduling forms have been collected with classes for next year selected.

If you have any questions about your classes for 9th grade next year, please contact the Ashland High School Guidance Office at 419-289-7968. The students are assigned a counselor based upon the alphabet.

A-F: Mrs. Thomas-juthomas@goarrows.org

G-M: Mr. Grissinger-hegrissi@goarrows.org

N-Z: Mrs. Hodapp-lihodapp@goarrows.org

If you have any questions about your classes for 8th grade next year, please contact Ms. Kilpatrick at 419-289-7966, extension 4146.

If you have any questions about your classes for 6th or 7th grade next year, please contact Mrs. Godsey at 419-289-7966 extension 4148.

9th Grade Summer School Options

Ashland High School has not finalized summer school course options for incoming ninth grade students. Once Mrs. Packard receives the information, an email will be sent to your son/daughter if they requested summer health or PE when scheduling for high school. **Completed registration forms MUST BE MAILED or snap a picture and email it to Ashland High School in order for your child to be admitted to these courses.** Do NOT send money to the high school. **Deadline for application is Monday, June 3rd.** Information can be found at <http://arrowsguidance.weebly.com/summer-opportunities.html> and it should be available AFTER spring break.

Transition to 9th Grade

As we transition our 8th graders into Ashland High School please contact Liaison Christina Howman or Liaison Jen Barlow with any questions or concerns. Some of our students are excited and ready to move on while others may be anxious or have questions. We want our students to feel confident and excited and will do what we can to help them feel ready. There is an opportunity for them to walk the school during schedule pick up to become more familiar with the set-up/layout.

AMS liaison can be contacted at chhowman@goarrows.org.

AHS liaison can be contacted at jebarlow@goarrows.org.

Life ACT

LifeAct is coming to Ashland Middle School on May 13 and May 14 for 6th graders during Social Studies classes and May 15 and May 16 for Mrs. Uselton's 7th grade Social Studies classes. The rest of the students received this education in the fall. Their two-day, 90 minute program will address the topic of suicide awareness and prevention by utilizing the nationally recognized Signs of Suicide Program. Their evidence-based program is delivered by their trained instructors in a classroom setting, and includes a guided presentation, videos, group activity, and an interactive Q & A. This program saves lives by equipping students with the knowledge and tools necessary to recognize the warning signs of depression in themselves and others, reach out for help, and de-stigmatize mental health.

This program fulfills the state of Ohio's new law (ORC 3313.60) which requires all students in grades 6 through 12 to receive at least one hour per school year of evidence-based instruction in suicide awareness and prevention. LifeAct recognizes that suicide and depression are sensitive issues which is why they take extra care when talking about this subject with middle school students. School counselors will be in these sessions to address any concerns that arise.

Summer Activities

We want your student to have a SAFE and FUN summer! We hope you all find opportunities to connect with your students and enjoy this upcoming break.

Something to keep in mind~

Research from the National Library of Medicine released a review of outdoor time and children and youth. This study reviewed kids between the ages of 11-17 and focused on the health benefits of physical activity and outside time. They found that 1.6 million children between the ages of 11-17, from 146 countries were insignificantly active.

A second study showed a **60% improvement** in physical, mental and social health when students engaged in outside activity. Outdoor activity increases physical activity, reduces screen time, decreases psychological symptoms such as depression, anxiety and irritability and somatic symptoms such as headaches and stomachaches.

Since it is getting warmer outside and the sun is shining more and more, below is a list of different activities students can do to promote both physical and mental wellness.

- * **Guided Nature Meditation**
- * **Wildlife and Nature Scavenger Hunt**
- * **Paint an outdoor scenery**
- * **Go swimming**
- * **Go for a hike**

Resources

If at any time you are concerned for your students safety this summer please know there are resources in the community for you to connect and receive support.

Appleseed has a 24 hour crisis line **419-289-6111**

There is also a Crisis text line. **Text 4Hope to 741741**



Ashland Middle School Athletics

Track Season

The track season has been underway now for a few weeks. During this time, all involved have experienced a little bit of all seasons, sunny and warm, rain, sleet, high winds and snow. Welcome to Ohio in the spring! We have home meets on 4/15, 4/29, and 5/4. Our meet on May 4th is the Jeff Williams Invitational and it will be the last meet of our track season. Hopefully the sun will be shining, and temperatures high. The action begins at 9:30 a.m. Please come out and support our AMS track athletes.

Athletic Physicals

Please be sure to get our physicals scheduled with your family doctor, or maybe try University Hospital Urgent Care or Ohio Health. Physicals are still to be turned in, in paper for as before. If you already have a current physical on file in the athletic office, you do need a new one until that one expires. The physical and activity fee, must get turned into the middle school athletic office at least one week before the first schedule practice. Everything else is done through Privit (see below).

A.M.S. Athletics Fall

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Winter

7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball
7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball
7th Grade Boys Wrestling
8th Grade Boys Wrestling
7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball Cheerleading
7th and 8th Grade Boys and Girls Swimming

Spring

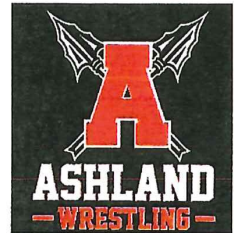
7th and 8th Grade Girls Track and Field
7th and 8th Grade Boys Track and Field





ASHLAND ARROW WRESTLING

28th MULCH SALE



FREE DELIVERY INSIDE 44805 ZIP CODE

The Ashland Arrow Wrestling Team is having their annual mulch sale. We will deliver sometime on April 19th and 20th. You can mail-in your pre-order form below with payment or use the QR code to fill out online. Pay by check, venmo, or cash.

It is strongly recommended that you pre-order so your needs are met. We would appreciate all PRE-ORDERS being received by **April 5th**. Last year we sold over 9,000 bags of mulch and many potential landscapers were left out. If you live inside the 44805 area code, there is no delivery fee. **If you live outside the 44805 zip code, there is a \$20 flat delivery fee.** Please include that in the total. We will try to fill all out of town orders on Friday, April 28th.

We will have four types of mulch available: **RED, BROWN, BLACK, and CYPRESS**. All types are packaged in **2.0 cu ft**. Cypress is more expensive per bag so prices on Cypress are pro-rated as seen below. Our prices are very comparable to local retail stores.

Questions or concerns email: asharrowwrestling1@gmail.com

Like us on Facebook to stay up to date with the sale and the program: Ashland Arrow Wrestling

MULCH PRICES

Red/Brown/Black	
1-9 BAGS	\$4.50
10-200 BAGS	\$4.25
200+ BAGS	\$3.75

Fill out form completely online and send in payment or pay via venmo



MULCH PRICES

Cypress	
1-9 BAGS	\$5.00
10-200 BAGS	\$4.75
200+ BAGS	\$4.25

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Type: Circle One	RED	BROWN	BLACK	CYPRESS
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Number of Bags _____

* Make checks payable to P.A.W.S (Parents of Ashland Wrestlers) *

Return order form with payment by April 5th, 2024 to:

Ashland Wrestling Mulch Sale

232 Samaritan Ave.

Ashland, OH 44805

Please include your desired location for the mulch when it is delivered on the lower half of the back of this order form. **Please do not write in the space below.**

Check # _____ Cash, Check, or Venmo Amount _____ Received by _____

Delivered by _____ Order # _____