

## 5.22.16

### Dear Community Members:

Good Sunday Night! It has been an incredibly busy couple of weeks. I have a wide range of items that I need to get out to you tonight. There are going to be two emails. This one will contain updates and informational items, and the second will have a number of announcements and attachments. There is just too much for one note.

### SOME OPENING THOUGHTS

On Friday, I had the chance to be a part of the Graduation Ceremony at Wood Lane for four students including our own Lauren Heskett. It is hard to put into words the range of emotions you experience during such a proceeding. There was the pure joy of the parents and students evidenced by a young girl with Downs who bounded down the aisle to run up and kiss her father, and the admiration and respect that comes from watching parents of a child with a developmental disability and not knowing if you could have the grace they possess. (Thanks also to JaeEun Schermerhorn and Faith Hardy for their performances during the ceremony – they were terrific.)

In this email, there will be a number of items where we will be recognizing the achievements of our students. We talk about winning and losing and the joys and pains that come from both. However, every day people in our community have to battle unseen challenges with stakes that are much greater than a trophy. Thankfully, we have teachers, coaches, support staff and building administrators that care deeply about our kids and their families.

### GOOD LUCK AND CONGRATS TO OUR ATHLETES!

Last weekend the Boys and Girls Track Teams won their 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive league championship in convincing fashion. We take for granted their success, but it is a product of outstanding leadership and commitment from our coaches and student-athletes. We are extremely proud of them. In addition, our MS Boys also won the NBC and the MS Girls finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were 115 students who participated in MS Track. That is almost 50% of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student body. While track is unique in that all students can participate in nearly every meet, I think we would miss the point on the true value of that sport. When you look at the leadership, you see coaches who also help with MS Football, MS Volleyball, and HS Cross Country. There is no question that there is a culture throughout our programs that encourage growth and improvement. They set goals and targets and focus on improvement. I see those characteristics in the other programs our coaches touch. Well Done!

This weekend saw the Girls Track team advance a number of athletes to the Regional Meet in Lexington this week while finishing as District Runner-Up. The Boys are sending athletes in 13 of 17 events to Regionals at Tiffin and won another District Championship.

The Varsity Softball team has one game remaining in what has been an amazing run. Their record stands at 23-1 with the loss coming in a 2-1 heartbreaker in the District Finals on Saturday. They have already clinched an outright NBC Championship and will play Lake on Monday in a finale to this terrific season. The mix of senior leadership with five freshman starters and strong veteran coaches helped propel this team to their lofty record. They have a great deal to be proud of!!

Last, but certainly not least, the Varsity Baseball team won a District Championship on Saturday night with a thrilling 1-0 win over league foe Lake. They also earned their first share of a league championship in 27 years Friday when Lake dropped a tough one to Rossford. They will wrap-up their regular season with another game with the Flyers Monday night at home. A win will give them sole possession of first place. Their current record of 21-4 marks the most wins by any baseball team in Eastwood history. They will play at Elida in the Regional this week. There will be dates, times and more information on Monday. #wonnotdone!

If you are counting, that is four HS NBC Championships, two District Championships, two District Runners-Up, a MS NBC Championship, and one NBC Runner-Up this spring. As I tweeted out Saturday, never take success for granted. In our

case it is the product of years of hard work, training, and commitment. Winning is a process, not a destination. Keep working and driving for more!

On a final note, while we love winning, our kids handled both the wins and losses with class. Our kids played hard and represented the district very well. Nothing is better than winning the right way!

## **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

There has been some question about the lack of activity on the construction site this week. The crew that was responsible for the site work wrapped up a little early which left a little gap. We expect this week to start the next phase of the project with work starting on footers and the foundation. We also expect at least one of the culverts over the ditch to be installed. It won't be long before walls start coming out of the ground.

Construction of the sewer line to Pemberville will also kick off around the second week of June, We expect that project to wrap-up near the end of July and final tie-ins should be made before the start of the 2016-17 school year. We will then demo and abate the current wastewater treatment plant next fall.

## **FINAL WEEK OF CLASSES**

The last day of school is this Friday May 27<sup>th</sup>. We will have an early release on Friday for all buildings. The MS and HS will dismiss at 1:15 and the elementary buildings at 2:30. More specific information for each building has been sent out.

## **A COUPLE OF QUICK NOTES**

- The Senior Art Show is up at the Pemberville Library. The show will be on view until Thursday evening May 26th until 8pm. If you get a chance and are in the Pemberville area, check it out. Before you go, download a free QR code reader from any APP store. You will be able view each seniors artwork that is on display along with a QR code movie they've made this year. It is a really nice way to view the student artwork and their perspective through short film.
- The District Art Show that concluded last Sunday was another HUGE success. We had several hundred community members stroll through the pieces. One of the things I appreciate is the commitment of our art teachers to support the learning standards of the core classes by integrating their art projects into the curriculum. There were numerous examples of this especially at the elementary level. However, there were multiple examples at the upper grades as well.
- Baccalaureate Service is set for Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM at St. John's Lutheran in Stony Ridge. This service is open to all seniors. It is both a celebration and a send-off. As our grads move from this phase of their lives to the next, they will need all the support we can provide. We hope to see as many seniors as possible.

## **SHARING HANDS MEAL IN LUCKEY IS MONDAY NIGHT**

Sharing Hands is serving their monthly free meal on Monday, May 23, from 5:30 to 6:30, at the American Legion Post #240, 335 Park Drive, Luckey. On the menu for this month is ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, coleslaw, roll and butter, assorted desserts and beverages. Carry-out meals and home deliveries are available.

For home delivery, call Tresa Witker at [419 308-0536](tel:4193080536) or the Legion Hall, [419 833-3581](tel:4198333581), by 6:00 on the day of the dinner. Everyone is invited to join us.

## **WRESTLING CLUB FUNDRAISER AT MCDONALDS**

On Thursday, May 26th the Eagle Wrestling club will be holding a fundraiser at McDonald's in BG on Wooster St. (across from the university)4-7pm. The proceeds will be used for the wrestlers going to Disney Duals this summer.

Please stop by for dinner or a treat to support the wrestlers.

## **EASTWOOD GIRLS SOCCER CAMP INFORMATION**

Attached is a flyer for the upcoming Eastwood Girls Youth Soccer Camp. This is a July date, but sign up early. This is always a great time for our kids!

## **EASTWOOD YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION**

Online registration for the Fall 2016 Season runs June 1-15

- Open to children who are between the ages of 3 and 13 by July 31, 2016
- Fall season games will run from August 29th through October 16th with tournaments to follow for U-8 and above.
- Register at [eastwoodsoccer.org](http://eastwoodsoccer.org) – click on Registration to begin the process
- All registrations need to be completed online before the deadline of 11:59 p.m. on June 15th
- For questions, contact us by email at [eastwoodyouthsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:eastwoodyouthsoccer@gmail.com).

Also, check us out on Facebook - Eastwood Youth Soccer

## **PEMBERVILLE POOL RE-DEDICATION**

Everyone is invited to attend the rededication of the Pemberville Pool on Sunday, July 3rd at 2 p.m. This will be 50 years to the day of the original pool dedication. The new pool liner has been installed and thanks to the community's generous contributions, over \$31,000 was donated.

We are excited to provide an updated facility for the community. The re-dedication will include local politicians along with the Eastwood High School Band. This will be a great time for the entire area. Sunday, July 3rd from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. will also be a free swim for all. We look forward to you attending the rededication and your continued support for the pool.

## **PEMBERVILLE UMC SUMMER RUNNING PROGRAM/ ARSENAL SOCCER TRY-OUTS**

Please see the attachments for the Pemberville United Methodist Church Summer Running Program and the upcoming soccer tryouts for the ESSL Arsenal.

Thanks to everyone for getting me information. I am sorry if I missed anything.

That's it for this email. No fancy SMORE tonight! Too much going on!

Let's make this a great final week of the school year!