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DISTRICT NEWS FROM PARMA CITY SCHOOLS

Focused on Success: Our Path to Four-Star Recognition

We have enjoyed a very positive opening to the school year and hope that you and your family feel the same!

We recently sent an email to all stakeholders explaining how close we are to obtaining a four-star rating on the state report card. We came, literally, 0.017 short of earning the necessary points to climb into four-star status. At our first District Leadership Team meeting we further analyzed data from last school year to look for trends upon which to improve. We asked all members to help us move from "Good to Great." We are a **good** school system; we are proud of all that we offer to our students to help them achieve and plan bright futures. Clawing our way to earn that last .017 would help our communities realize the **greatness** inherent to the work our students and staff complete on a daily basis.

Our District Leadership Team developed three strategies that will help us to take this last small step of our climb:

- *Rinse the cottage cheese*: similar to athletes that look to minimize their daily fat intake by carefully cleaning their food, we must scrutinize every detail of our work. Every lesson counts, every day of the school year, for every student. Every piece of data we report to the state matters and each

Important Dates

Oct 11 2024

**Parma Council of PTAs
Kalahari Night**

All day
10/10-10/13

Oct 11 2024

**NEOEA Day- NO SCHOOL
FOR STUDENTS OR STAFF**

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM
All Schools

Oct 19 2024

NHS: Homecoming Dance

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Normandy Gym

Oct 24 2024

**NHS: Sword & Shield Souper
Sale**

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

element of this could mean the difference between three and a half and four stars.

- *Embrace the Hedgehog:* The hedgehog, according to Greek parable, is thought to “know one big thing” and thrives through a singular focus. We, too, embrace this sense of clarity. We have consistently implemented the tenets of Authentic Literacy into our instruction for the last seven years and will continue to embrace the mantra, “Read, Write, Discuss.”
- *Ride the Flywheel:* Once a flywheel begins to rotate, it is extremely hard to stop. We are a district with Momentum! We have been recognized as one of the top 7% of improving districts in the state of Ohio and need to embrace this positive trend!

We look forward to continuing our climb and appreciate all of your support as we improve!

Thanks,
Charlie
Superintendent

Sword & Shield

Oct 24 2024

Board of Education Regular Meeting

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Normandy High School

Oct 30 2024

NHS: Trick-or-Treat Street

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Pre-Registration Required

Get Ready for the PCSD Sword and Shield Souper Sale!



The Parma City School District is dedicated to enriching our community through various programs and activities. One key initiative is our Culinary Arts Program, where students learn food preparation techniques and restaurant management. They operate the Sword and Shield Restaurant at Normandy High School, gaining valuable skills in recipe conversions, menu planning, and large-scale catering.

We are excited to announce that Normandy's Sword and Shield Restaurant is hosting its first after-school food sale of the year!

Join us on October 24th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the Sword and Shield Souper Sale.

To check out this year's menu and place your pre-orders, please visit the following link:
[Food Sale Pre-Order Form](#).

Pre-orders will be accepted until **Thursday, October 17th**, or until they reach their maximum order threshold.

The Sword and Shield will officially open to the community on **Thursday, November 7th!**

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