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A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL BEN MCMURRAY

October is a busy month for the Jr./Sr. High School. The first quarter officially ends Friday, October 13. Teachers will finalize grades in PowerSchool by the end of the workday on Wednesday, October 18. Paper copies of report cards will be available upon request after that date.

Many of you have asked about Parent/Teacher conferences. Those are scheduled for October 26-27. Teachers do give priority scheduling to students who may be struggling. However, teachers do make themselves available during their conference periods on other days.

Lastly, October 11 is "Testing Day" and is an important day for our students. Most grades will take important tests that provide students with the experience of standardized assessments, help them gain confidence with the format, and provide insight about college and career readiness.

Green Bear Nation is strong! Thanks for your ongoing support.

Best,
Ben McMurray, Principal

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES OCTOBER 26 & 27

1. Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences will take place district wide on Thursday, October 26 and Friday, October 27. There will be no school for students on those days. All parents/guardians, grades K-12, will have the chance to sign up for conferences on one website.

The conference sign up will be available Thursday, October 5 at 6pm.

2. Testing Day

Wednesday, October 11

Students in grades 9 through 11 will be participating in college readiness testing on Wednesday, October 11. Students in grade 9 will take the PSAT 8/9; students in grade 10 will take the PreACT; and students in grades 11 will take the PSAT/NMSQT. The results from these tests provide valuable information about our students and curriculum. They will take the entire morning. There will be alternative programming for grades 7,8, and 12.

Grades 7-8 will be released approximately at 11:10 a.m. on that day. Grades 9-11 will be released once their testing group is finished, which is expected to be around 11:30 a.m. Students with special accommodations may have various release times.

Students will be released early on this day. The early release allows for students to complete required assignments in the afternoon from home.

Hot lunch will be available for pick up outside of the main office. Students will need to take their lunches to go, school campus will not be open for lunch.

Grade level	Test/Content	Location	Time	Afternoon responsibilities (from home)
7th	Financial Literacy & Bullying Prevention	Auditorium	8:10-11:30 (end times are approximate)	School Safety Modules
8th	Financial Literacy & Bullying Prevention	Auditorium	8:10-11:30 (end times are approximate)	School Safety Modules
9th	PSAT 8/9	Classrooms	8:10-11:30 (end times are approximate)	School Safety Modules
10th	Pre ACT	Classrooms	8:10-11:10 (end times are approximate)	School Safety Modules
11th	PSAT/NMSQT	Classrooms	8:10-11:30 (end times are approximate)	School Safety Modules
12th	College Application Workshop	Foundry	9:10-1:00 (times are approximate)	School Safety Modules

3. Fall Collage Concert

Sunday, October 15
7:00pm Main Gym

The Fall Collage Concert features all of the performing groups at Ottawa Hills Junior/Senior High. Bands and choirs alike perform a seamless concert experience that goes from one group to the next, sampling sounds from the first quarter. Be sure to join us Sunday, October 15th for this event. The concert starts at 7:00PM in the main gym.





4. Homecoming 2023

Village Life Parade
Friday, October 13

The annual Celebration of Village Life Parade will take place Friday, Oct. 13 before the homecoming football game. Parade registration is now open and all details and registration info may be found [here](#). The Office of Village Life encourages you to register your team/group/organization and start planning for this favorite community event! Registration deadline is Oct. 9 at 5 p.m.

The parade will include the Ottawa Hills High School marching band, cheerleaders, Homecoming Court, and other school and community organizations. At 7pm, the football team will play Edon at Niedermeier Stadium.

Homecoming Dance

Saturday, October 14

Homecoming 2023 will be held on Saturday, October 14th in the high school

gym. Students must arrive at the dance between 7:30pm and 8pm. The dance will be held from 8pm - 10:30pm. Students will not be permitted to leave early. The sophomore class officers will be selling bids during lunch the week of October 1st. Students bringing a guest from another school must complete a guest dance form and return it to the main office by Tuesday, October 10th.

Single Bids:

\$20

\$30 with a t-shirt

Double Bids:

\$40

\$60 with t-shirts

5. Picture Retakes

Wednesday, October 10

Picture retakes will take place during the school day on Wednesday, October 10. There is no need to sign up for retakes. Just have your student show up and take a photo that day.

If you still have not received your proof card from your child, please email Amanda Neuendorf for your specific code.

School Pictures



Wednesday, October 4th

**Join children and adults around
the world to celebrate the
benefits of walking and bicycling.**

Walk and Bike to School Day are annual events that promote walking and bicycling for several reasons:

- ☒ Physical activity
 - ☒ Teaching safe pedestrian and bicycling skills to children
 - ☒ Awareness of how walkable & bikeable a community is and where improvements can be made
 - ☒ Concern for the environment
 - ☒ Reducing traffic congestion, pollution and speed near schools
 - ☒ Sharing time with community leaders, parents and children
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for MS

OCTOBER 5TH
VS. BLUFFTON

boys

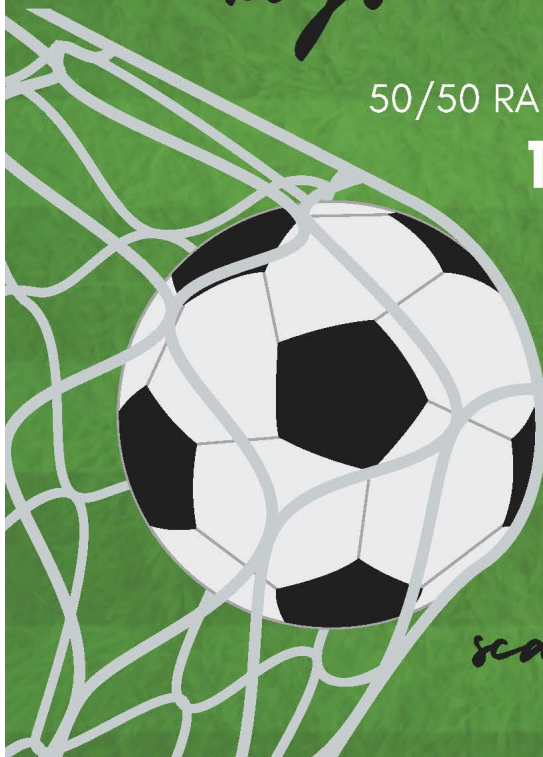
THURSDAY

7PM

OCTOBER 12TH
VS. VAN BUREN

girls

50/50 RAFFLE PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
THE NATIONAL MS SOCIETY



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Save the Date

Tuesday, October 10: Picture Retakes

Wednesday, October 11: Testing Day (Early release)

Friday, October 13: End of First Quarter

Saturday, October 14: Homecoming

Thursday, October 19: Senior Portrait Photos

Sunday, October 15: Fall Collage Concert

October 26 & 27: Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)

The logo is a white hexagon on a green background. Inside the hexagon, there is a stylized illustration of a school building with a hand holding a pencil writing on it. To the left of the building, the text '2022-2027' is written above 'OH Strategic Plan'. Below this, in smaller text, it says 'A Community-Driven Project to Help Design the Future of Our Schools'.

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