

WHAT'S NEW WITH SCHOOL FOR 2011-2012?

Summer is winding down and the beginning of the new school year is rapidly approaching. School begins earlier this year than usual with the first day for students, other than kindergarten, being Wednesday, August 17, 2011.

Things will be different in school this year. With the financial condition of the school district and the many staff reductions we have made, there will be larger classes in the elementaries and less elective classes in the high schools. The reduction of cooks, secretaries, and custodians will affect the management of the buildings. Less counselors and administrators will mean less support for students and teachers. These reductions are very unfortunate, but our staff is very dedicated and will do their best to continue the quality educational program we have all taken for granted.

If you are new to the area and your child is not registered for school for the new year, please do so as soon as possible at the school office. You will need to bring the child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, and, if applicable, custody and IEP papers. A copy of the transcript for high school students is helpful.

Screening for the new year's kindergarteners will be held on August 3rd and 4th. If your kindergartener does not have an appointment for screening, please call the building principal or guidance counselor. The first day of school for kindergarten girls will be Thursday, August 18th. The first day of school for kindergarten boys will be Friday, August 19th. All kindergarten students will attend on Monday, August 22nd.

Bus routes and times will be about the same as last year with no major changes. Please remember the “School Messenger” notification system is used by your child’s principal and the superintendent. It is important for your contact information to be up to date. If your phone number(s) has changed since last school year, please be sure to provide your latest phone information to your school.

All students will receive a copy of the Student Handbook the first day of school. The handbook should be reviewed so everyone is aware of behavioral expectations. Please pay special attention to the handbook language regarding cell phones.

Athletic activities are also getting into full swing. Student athletes and their parents will receive the District Athletic Code of Conduct. Please be aware of the Pay-To-Participate fees implemented this year for each sport. These fees must be paid before the first regular season contest.

All of the district’s schools have scheduled their Back-To-School event prior to the start of the school year. It is an excellent opportunity to meet your child’s teachers and learn more about your child’s school. These events are scheduled as follows:

- North Adams High School – August 15th – 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- North Adams Elementary – August 15th – 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Peebles High School – August 16th – 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
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- West Union High School – August 16th – 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
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- Ohio Valley Career & Technical Center – August 15th – 4:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

If you should have any questions regarding your school's rules or operation, you may contact your building's principal.

Thank you.

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