



Marion Local Schools

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Superintendent's Message...

Michael L. Pohlman

This spring COVID-19 was the topic of the majority of my conversations. Quite often I was asked, "Do you think we will have normal school next year?" My answer to that question, "**YES!**" It is very humbling to not have direct answers for our community in regards to what the future will look like, but in this instance we will do our best to get the students of the Marion Local school district into our building with face to face learning on August 26th, 2020.

Things may look a little different in the way we structure the school day and conduct classes, but I am very confident that this can be done in a safe manner. At this time we don't want to get too far ahead of ourselves in setting any plans in stone on what it may look like starting next year. As most of you are aware, things change day by day. Guidelines come out weekly whether they are from the Ohio Department of Education, the CDC, OHSAA, or the Governor's office. Our main priority is to review these guidelines, but establish plans that make sense and work for the Marion community. It is also important that we gain the approval from our local county health department. I am confident that as we work with our county health department, common sense will prevail.

It was an outstanding 2019-2020 school year, as our district was blessed again with numerous accomplishments by both our staff and students. I would like to congratulate all of them for their successes throughout the year. Congratulations to all of our fifty-six graduates who "virtually" participated in commencement ceremonies on May 17th. Derrek Kemper was named valedictorian and Maria Heckman was named salutatorian. Of the fifty-six graduates twenty received Honors Diplomas, eighteen received the President's Award for Academic Excellence, and ten scored a composite score of 27 or higher on the ACT. We are very proud of our graduates and their accomplishments and thank all of the donors that sponsored scholarships to help these individuals further their education.

Currently, we are looking at many projects this summer such as renovating the parking lot in front of the elementary and behind the high school, replacing some floor joist in the crawl space at the high school, and installation of the new playground.

I would like to thank the staff, students, and community one more time for their efforts and understanding through the remote learning process as we finished the school year. We made the best of it, but nothing compares to the education our students get by establishing relationships that are done in person and not through a computer screen. On May 26th student/athletes were approved to begin skills training and conditioning on our facilities. We are cancelling shutdown that was scheduled for June 28th to July 12th. Coaches will honor any family vacations. I hope you have an enjoyable and safe summer.

HS Principal's Report

The 2019-2020 school year will go in the record books for its uniqueness. I would like to thank all of the high school students and their parents for helping make the most of a difficult situation. It is a challenge to take or teach one or two online courses at a time and we asked students and teachers to handle six or seven classes in a remote fashion concurrently. Nothing can replace face-to-face instruction and interaction but I feel as though MLHS taught and learned more information than any other alternative. We tried to find the happy medium where we still had high expectations and yet realized that students had different circumstances at home, whether it be slower internet, someone at home who could help with a certain concept, siblings to care for or be distracted by, job situations, etc.

All in all, it was another year of great achievement for the students of Marion Local. Many of our students received honors, awards and scholarships throughout the 2019-2020 school year. I would like to thank all of our wonderful community members who contributed financially towards scholarships for our students. We are blessed to be in a community who values young people and their education.

Graduation this year was very different. I would like to thank the student and parents for their patience, flexibility and grace as we worked with the various health departments to find a solution that honored our graduates in an appropriate manner. Fifty-seven seniors received their diplomas and officially became alumni of Marion Local. Congratulations to all the seniors who also received special recognition for their achievements during their high school career. I would also like to congratulate Derrek Kemper and Maria Heckman for the honor of being named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively. I would also like to thank the community for coming out for our parade, it made the day special for our graduates.

Seniors- thank you for being great Flyers. We will miss you and wish you the best of luck in your future.

More than ever, we are planning for and looking forward to the 2020-21 school year. We cannot wait until August when we have happy and healthy students in our classrooms once more.

Tim Goodwin

Elementary Principal's Report

Even though our 2019-2020 school year did not end in the traditional fashion, we tried to have several fun events ending our school year like a virtual dress-up week, a talent show, and most importantly our student recognition assembly. Links to the talent show and awards assembly can be found on the district website (www.marionlocal.org). A listing of student award winners can be found below:

Spelling Bee Winners: Brennen Hess, Luke Wuebker, Tanner Hartings, Brody Otte, and Trey Goettemoeller

Geography Bee Champion: Vincent Winner

Archie Griffin Award of Athletics and Character: Jack Knapke, Nora Eckstein

American Legion Patriot's Pen Essay Winners: Clara Barlage, John Kramer, Simon Partington, and Alyssa Zizzelman

Top student by subject:

- a. Math 7 – Adam Winner
- b. Pre-Algebra – Austin Niekamp
- c. Alg Ia – John Kramer
- d. Alg I – Nora Eckstein
- e. SS 7 – Emerson Bruns
- f. SS 8 – Morgan Spieth
- g. Science 7 – Ian Rindler
- h. Science 8 – Brooke Wilker
- i. ELA 7 – Daniel Everman
- j. ELA 8 – Audrey Winner
- k. Choir 7 – Kenzie Bohman
- l. Choir 8 – Brianna Schmidt
- m. Band 7 – Ava Ranly
- n. Band 8 – Lauren Kuck
- o. Art 7 – Isabel Kleinhenz
- p. Industrial Technology – Carter Unrast
- q. PE 7 – Drew Lause, Chloe Ronnebaum
- r. PE 8 – Brandt Homan, Kailee Beyke
- s. Spanish 8 – Alyssa Zizzelman
- t. Agricultural Sciences – Owen Siefring
- a. STEM – Vincent Winner

The Presidential Academic Achievement Award is given to 7th and 8th grade students who earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.0-3.5 for the silver award and a 3.501-4.0 for the gold award. An

impressive 75% of our students achieved one of these awards.

Our Top Flyer award winners were: Morgan Spieth and Adam Schwieterman

Congratulations to all of these students on their extraordinary achievements!

This summer, more than ever, reading daily will be so important for your child. Daily reading has proven benefits to continue to increase comprehension and vocabulary skills as well and preventing a summer slide. Students who took advantage of purchasing a Summer Bridge workbook can turn that completed workbook into me on the first day of school for a prize for their hard work.

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?		
Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.
If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6 th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.		
WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.		

Please also continue to scan Boxtop labels and upload those to the Boxtop app. This program is critically important to our student activity account as these funds pay for many student incentives and assemblies. Wagners receipts can continue to be turned into the school for a percentage of reimbursement. Please continue to save your receipts and turn into the school office at your convenience.

Looking ahead to the 2020-2021 school year, we will have our annual Back to School Night on Monday, August 24 from 6:30-8:30pm. Students will receive information including first day of school paperwork, their agendas, and for 6th-8th graders, their schedules.

Please note that schedules will not be available before Back to School Night. If you ordered a school supply kit, those will be in your child's homeroom that night for pick-up as well.

Have a great summer!
Nick Wilker

IMMUNIZATIONS

All incoming kindergarten, 7th grade and senior students will need to update their immunization record to be in compliance with the state guidelines for the 2020-2021 school year.

Kindergarten students will need a 5th DPT (diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis), 4th polio, 2nd MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella), and 2nd chickenpox vaccine.

7th Grade students are required to have a booster Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) and the meningococcal (meningitis) vaccine.

Seniors are required to have a booster dose of meningococcal vaccine. If they have never received the vaccine then they are required to have one dose.

Call the Mercer County Health Department at 419-586-3251 ext: 1270 to schedule an appointment. Please send a copy of your child's immunization record to the elementary office upon completion.

Schwieterman's Pharmacy, Kaup Pharmacy and Walmart Pharmacy also have the vaccines available.

Take advantage of the summer and beat the fall rush!

Summer Foodservice Program

All children ages 1 through 18 may be eligible to receive free meals during the summer months at participating program sites.

For more information or to find a location near you call **1-866-3-HUNGRY (486479)**, or visit <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Food-and-Nutrition/Summer-Food-Service-Program>



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