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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Hard to believe it is already January!!

We are looking forward to a great second half of the school year. We have several activities going on, including basketball, pep club, YSU English Festival and Esports. Please keep an eye out for more information and come out and support our students.

A special thank you to everyone who played a part in revising our school website. The new site looks great and will serve as a resource to current and prospective families.

We are pleased to announce Potential Development has been selected to house Operation Search and Help for the next three years. Operation Search and Help is a program of the Hine Memorial Fund through the Youngstown Foundation. We appreciate the opportunity to house this program. For more information, please visit www.operationsearchandhelp.org.

As we move into 2024, a new Strategic Plan is being developed to help our school navigate the next couple of years. Once a plan is done, we will share it with you.

One of our signature events, Mahoning Valley Pizza Cook-Off, is March 3. If you are able to donate a gift card for our basket raffle, please send it to your child's school in a marked envelope by February 23. We appreciate your help in any amount!

I would like to thank everyone who supported our school in 2023 and look forward to great things in 2024!!

Paul



Basketball Season Begins!



Basketball season is once again upon us and our Pirates are up to the task. Here is the schedule thus far!

Thursday, February 1, 6:30 p.m. | Varsity Game, Boardman Glenwood Middle School: 7635 Glenwood Ave. Boardman, OH

Saturday, February 3, 4:00 p.m. | Shoot for a Change and Senior Night, JV and Varsity Game, Hubbard High School 350 Hall Ave. SE Hubbard, OH (tickets will be sold at the door)

Monday, February 5, 6:30 p.m. | Varsity Game, Boardman Glenwood Middle School: 7635 Glenwood Ave. Boardman, OH

Saturday, February 10, 2:00 p.m. | Jr Varsity Game, Boys and Girls Club 2105 Oak Hill Ave, Youngstown, OH

Thursday, February 15, 10:00 a.m. | Jr Varsity Game, Fairhaven School: 420 Lincoln Way, Niles OH
**transportation will be provided by the school for players and Pep Club members

Friday, February 23, 12:30 p.m. | Staff vs. Students game, JV and Varsity Game, Boys and Girls Club, 2105 Oak Hill Ave, Youngstown, OH

Saturday, March 9, 12:00 p.m. | Pirates vs. Alumni game, Varsity Game, Valley Christian School, 4401 Southern Blvd. Youngstown, OH







Upcoming Important Dates



February 3

Shoot for a Change and Senior Night, 4:00 p.m. at Hubbard HS February 14

Parent Meeting, 9:00 a.m. at the High School

February 14

Valentine's Day activities

February 16-19

Winter Break Return to school on Tuesday, February 20 February 21

PTO Meeting, 8:30 a.m. at the Elementary/Middle School



Spring Break Calendar Change

Spring Break has been extended an additional day **through April 8**, which is the Solar Eclipse. We will be providing additional information on the Eclipse. SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, APRIL 9! Please mark your calendar NOW!

Update Your Contact Information

Please make sure you update your contact information with your school secretary. Important information through One Call phone calls and emails is sent regularly!

Elementary/Middle School Students Welcome YMCA

Students in Mr. Ed's room had fun participating in an indoor snowball fight with YMCA instructors who come on Thursdays for a gross motor activity.





Baby, It's Cold Outside But Our Preschoolers Still Had Fun





Our littlest Pirates had "snow much fun" playing indoor games and making cotton snowballs during the coldest weather! They worked on their hand-eye coordination and direction following skills!





Check out the new uniforms that our Pep Squad members are sporting! Way to represent PD, students!

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2024 Mahoning Valley Pizza Cook-Off!