



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 2019

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P.E.P. MEETING: The next P.E.P. meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle School Library. We hope to see all of you there and would love to have your input for upcoming events.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Harding's in Parchment and to Walmart for their part in helping sponsor our Heart Health After-School activity on February 21. We appreciate everything they do to help us out!

YEARBOOKS: You can still order your 2018/2019 yearbook, however, we are no longer taking special orders. If you would still like a yearbook, the cost is \$25.00 and they are **available on a first come - first serve basis only**. Please bring your order form and cash or check (made out to Parchment Middle School).

Some exciting events are planned for March is Reading Month! On Fridays, students who have been chosen by their ELA teachers will be able to attend the Reader's Café in the library before school. March will include a bookmark contest in the library, as well as voting for our favorite books until we have a Book Champion! There are daily activities included on a calendar that all teachers have been given so everyone can participate. March 11th - 28th, students will have an opportunity to win food, prizes, and game tickets to the June 9th Growlers game. They can win by doing their AR work. On March 26th the 8th graders will get to meet and hear Michigan author/story teller Judy Sima talk about her mother's experiences in WWII during the Holocaust, which ties in with the book they read this year - The Boy in the Striped Pajamas. Judy Sima's visit is sponsored by a Parchment Schools Foundation grant, the Michigan Humanities Council grant, and PEP.



Middle School track is starting soon. Tentatively, conditioning will be here at the Middle School on March 13 & 14 from 2:45 - 3:30 p.m. Official practice begins here at the Middle School on March 18 from 2:45 - 4:00 p.m. We are hoping to move practices to the High School later that week. Mr. Huitt will work with transportation on getting students to the High School.



Please remember that all students must have a current physical form on file before Monday, March 11. Your student cannot participate if they do not have a current physical on file.

Athletes have the opportunity to order sweats and t-shirts, which are our "uniform" for track meets. Parents have the option of ordering online or sending cash or a check along with a form. Mr. Huitt has the forms and information. **It is not necessary to order anything** as the school can loan sweats and shirts to those who choose not to order clothing. Hoodies with a last name on them are \$24.00 and the cost for a hoodie with name, sweat bottoms and t-shirt is \$45.00. Since we need our sweats for practice, the deadline for orders will be March 14. This is a hard deadline and there will be no late orders. Students can get an order form from Mr. Huitt. Orders are due back to school by March 14 or you can order online by March 15 at midnight.

Winter Sports Banquet for Wrestling and Girls Basketball is Scheduled for Tuesday, March 5 in the Middle School cafeteria from 5:30-7:00 p.m.



Please bring a dessert to pass and drinks will be provided.



8th Grade “Welcome to High School” Night

8th grade parents: Be sure to mark your calendar now for April 24, 2019 to attend the 8th grade “Welcome to High School” night at Parchment High School. This meeting will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. that evening in the Parchment High School Cafeteria.

You are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. Students’ course requests and recommendations will be available at this time for approval by parents. There will be additional information available to you regarding Early/Middle College, How to make the most out of High School, tips for academic success and how to prepare for college because it is never too early.

Kindergarten Round-Up time is here! If you have a child who will be five (5) years old on or before September 1, 2019, or know someone who does, please call the elementary offices at 488-1000 (Central), 488-1300 (Northwood). They will put you on a mailing list to receive the necessary information for Kindergarten.



BOX TOPS - Please remember to save General Mills Box Tops and help our school purchase books for our Library. Clip **Box Tops for Education** coupons from hundreds of General Mills’ products. Each coupon is worth .10 cents when our school redeems them. Clip and send them to the school. All proceeds will be used to purchase books for our library. Send in those coupons!



Please remember to call 488-1202 when your student is absent. Any time your student is going to be absent, a parent/legal guardian needs to contact the Attendance Office ahead of time, if possible, or by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the absence. Thank you for your help.

KNIVES, FIREARMS AND OTHER POTENTIAL WEAPONS: Students and parents: Please be reminded of the legislation prohibiting knives, firearms and /or other potential weapons being present at school. **PLAINLY STATED, none of the above should be brought to school at any time. If in doubt, please ask first!!!**



MARCH CALENDAR

1st	Friday	5:00 p.m.	Wrestling - Watervliet Invitational @ Watervliet High School
2nd	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Girls Basketball Tournament @ Comstock - All Teams
5th	Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Winter Sports Banquet in Cafetorium Wrestling and Girls Basketball
8th	Friday	10:57 a.m.	1/2 day of school for students End of the 2nd Trimester
11th	Monday	New Trimester	
11th	Monday	6:30 p.m.	P.E.P. meeting in MS Library
13th	Wednesday	2:45 - 3:30 p.m.	Track conditioning
14th	Thursday	2:45 - 3:30 p.m.	Track conditioning
18th	Monday	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.	Track practice begins
29th	Friday	No School	

April

1st - 5th	Monday - Friday	Spring Break
8th	Monday	Classes Resume

