

**Cedar Cliff Local Schools  
Superintendent's Newsletter  
September 2021**



*It is the mission of Cedarville Schools to “Provide students with the best well-rounded education that teaches, challenges and develops the mind, body and character and prepares responsible graduates who contribute within society.”*

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***Day-by-Day!***

As of the Labor Day weekend, we will have been in school for a total of thirteen days—thirteen. We, like other districts, had to make decisions about instruction models, sporting events, field trips, etc. as we started the school year. We were hoping and praying COVID would not be an issue for Cedar Cliff this year—but it is. Cedar Cliff may have started the year off in one way (mask optional) but the cases and data simply took us in another direction.

Quarantines still exist—cases still exist—students (and staff) will still be required to stay at home and miss instruction. While we hope to keep this lost class time to a minimum, as long as individuals choose to not wear masks, the number of students quarantined will be exponentially higher. We pass this along so everyone understands the protocols, understands our choices matter, and understands that we need parents to see the impacts of all choices. Students who are masked are not required to quarantine—students who are unmasked are required to be quarantined upon exposure to COVID cases. It is still important everyone understands this fact.

While the administrative decisions for school procedures can be stressful, the news reports of public reaction are more alarming. The vitriol and emotional reaction from around the country is truly distressing. My Superintendent colleagues around the area and state have reported threats, tirades, and emotional outbursts as all-too-frequent reactions to steps put into place to keep students in school. It is my hope and belief that, as we progress, individuals will remain calm and understand protocols are in place to keep students in school for as long as possible and to get educated to the best extent possible.

I truly believe school is important, I believe in-person school (with some exceptions) is the best place for our students to be, and I believe that families are better off when children are taught by teachers and not by parents and computers. I have tried to limit my thoughts on COVID to my personal family situation and the school setting. I make a concentrated effort to stay out of the fray of politics, to stay out of the debates regarding “true” and “pseudo” science, and to limit my thoughts and actions to keeping students in school.



## **Substitute Bus Drivers Needed**



Have you ever thought about driving a school bus? We are currently looking for substitute bus drivers that can be available on an as needed basis. If interested in becoming a bus driver please send an email to our transportation supervisor, Tom Morgan: [tmorgan@ccliff.org](mailto:tmorgan@ccliff.org)



## **Important Posting Coming!**

Typically, the district holds a very important meeting regarding College Credit Plus (CCP). During this meeting, parents are given information regarding the program and supplied mandated deadlines for participation. This year, a video will be constructed with the information, whereby parents will be able to view the video on their time schedule in a socially-distanced manner.

Important information will be shared to those families who desire their child to obtain college credit while still attending Cedar Cliff Schools.

Please be on the alert for the posting of this information on the front of the district website!

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## **Title 1 Services**

The Cedar Cliff Board of Education uses the federally funded Title 1 program to assist in meeting the reading needs of our students. The Title 1 instructor, along with the classroom teacher, assesses and works with parents and other staff members to address deficiencies in the skills of our elementary students if/when they require additional support. At Cedarville Elementary, Title 1 funds are used to target and assist selected students. If your child qualifies for services, you will be contacted by our Title 1 reading instructor, Mrs. Clark, and/or Mr. Gainer, Elementary Principal.

## ***COVID Information Posted!***

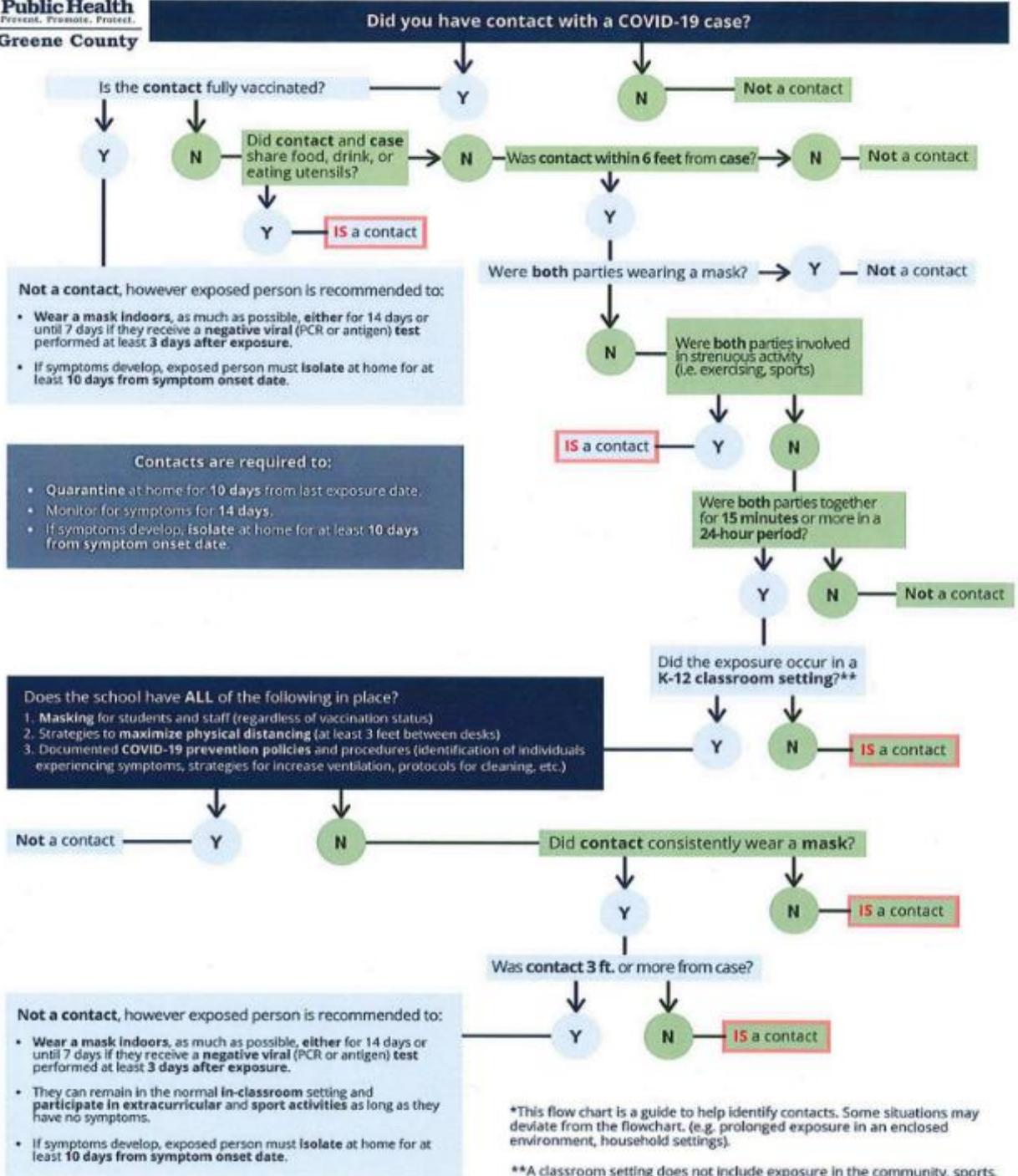
In an effort to keep the community informed, the COVID pandemic status information is posted on the district website as it pertains to current case and quarantine numbers. The following chart also illustrates the quarantine process for all school districts. We feel it is important for everyone to see this chart and try to understand what it takes to keep students in school. This chart has been updated since the beginning of the school year and may be updated again before we finish the year. We will continue to keep you informed of any changes that come our way.



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# GUIDELINES FOR QUARANTINE AFTER EXPOSURE

This flow chart can help guide quarantine decisions after a person is exposed to someone with COVID-19.\*



## **Bullying Prevention**

Cedar Cliff Local Schools is fully committed to curbing student bullying and school violence, and providing a positive learning environment for all students that enhances personal safety and promotes respect, dignity, and equality among students. We believe our schools play an important role in helping faculty, staff and parents prepare students to be respectful and responsible citizens. As part of our commitment, the district has integrated a program, developed by former school officials, called PUBLICSCHOOLWORKS, that provides:

- Online and telephone reporting tools for students, parents and staff.
- Staff training in recognizing and responding to incidents of bullying and violence.
- Administrative systems to manage incidents and document district and school responses to reported concerns of bullying or violence.

Cedar Cliff Local Schools will make every effort to handle and respond to every charge and complaint filed by students, parents and employees in a fair, thorough, and just manner. Also, every effort will be made to protect the due process rights of all victims and all alleged perpetrators.



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## *School Immunizations Due Now!*

This is a reminder, immunizations are required and your son/daughter may be prevented from school attendance if proof of immunizations is not provided to the school nurse—the deadline is September 8, 2021. Information regarding immunizations and the adopted rules for school vaccinations is now posted on the district website at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-p0TBTyPwBAU2pZM1BKak1nNjg/view>. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact your doctor or pediatrician. Important information to note:

Current 7<sup>th</sup> graders for the 2021-2022 school year are reminded that they must show proof of the following immunization--1 dose of **Tdap vaccine** and a **meningococcal vaccine** are required for this school year. Seniors (those now in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade) need an additional Meningococcal Immunization (2 doses total). This requirement went into effect last school year.

Please check with your family physician if you have any questions. Proof of these immunizations may be delivered to the office any time.

*Thought this article might be of interest—it was sent to me and I thought I would pass along:*

## Educational psychologist: If there's one skill you should teach your kids, this is it

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There are numerous ways to help a child's learning and development, but one leading educational psychologist says there is a simple aspect that is "intrinsically valuable" to fostering basic skills.

Dan O'Hare, founder of Edpsy, an online community for educational psychologists, told CNBC via video call that professionals in the field had recently talked a lot about the importance of play for a child's learning and development.

O'Hare said that play was often seen as a "means to an end" to demonstrate a child's social skills, for example, but added the activity was also "intrinsically valuable" in an unstructured form.

Unstructured "child-directed or child-led" play was essential because it lets children develop their own imagination, he said.

O'Hare explained: "Often I think there's a view sometimes that there's a right way to play and that right way to play often looks like playing with other children in a cooperative game, but you

need to have quite a lot of skills to get to that stage and actually with younger children, it's entirely normal for younger children to play by themselves or play next to a child."

He said it was important to recognize the skills that independent play helps a child to develop, such as motor skills, as well as negotiation and conflict management skills.

Even "rough play," which O'Hare said parents can be quick to stop, could help development in terms of allowing a child to learn "how to manage their body, strength, balance [and] risk," for example.

O'Hare referred to [research](#) published in 2019 by the University College London's Institute of Education, which found that schoolchildren aged 5-7 had 45 minutes less break time than kids in 1995. The research concluded that shortening school break times in England could be harming children's development.

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### ***The importance of boredom***

O'Hare also argued that parents shouldn't look to fill all their child's time with activities.

"Having down time, having time where's there's boredom is actually pretty good, in terms of managing and learning to entertain yourself, to be creative, to problem solve," he said.

That's because research has associated boredom with increased creativity. For instance, a [study](#) published in 2013 by academics at the University of Central Lancashire suggested that undertaking a boring task could help someone come up with a more creative solution to a problem because their mind had been able to wander.

O'Hare said often parents might feel obliged to fill a child's time with activities, and stressed that he wasn't arguing against children undertaking extracurricular activities, but said that "self-regulation" could be beneficial for developing certain skills.

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***Cedar Care offering COVID vaccines!***

**FDA APPROVED**

# Pfizer Vaccine

- Available for anyone 12 years and older
- 2- dose series given 21 days apart
- Only given on Wednesdays
- Register at:

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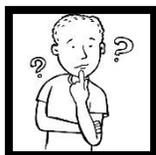
**Memorial Endowment Established for Cedar Cliff Schools**

Partnering with the “Greene Giving,” the Cedar Cliff Local School District is fortunate to have established an endowment scholarship program. Through this program, anyone who wishes to donate or bequeath dollars to the continuing education of CHS graduates may do so. This is a great way to ensure continuing educational opportunities exist for our students and potentially change a young person’s future. For more information contact Edward Marrinan at: [friend@greenegiving.org](mailto:friend@greenegiving.org)



**Pass along the Information!**

If you know of someone who would like to receive the newsletter, feel free to forward the information. We will also have copies available at the board office and the Senior Citizens’ Center if someone would like the traditional paper copy. Once again, you can sign up to receive the newsletter from the Cedar Cliff Website at: <http://www.cedarcliffschools.net/>



**What is this *Feed the ‘Ville* I heard about?**

*Feed the ‘Ville* is a local group established to assist families in need by providing snacks and food for weekends and while students are not at school. There is a form to participate on the next page of this newsletter. If you are in need in any way *OR* you know someone who may benefit, feel free to send this information along and have them return to the appropriate school personnel.



## Feed the 'Ville



Caring for our Children

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Are you familiar with *Feed the 'Ville*? *Feed the 'Ville* is a weekly effort intended to help contribute to the nutritional requirements and development of our community's growing children. For students who participate, we provide a bag of food for them to take home each weekend that includes 2 breakfasts, snacks and 2 lunches at no additional cost to you or the school district. Mrs. Curlette and Mrs. Tinglestad tell us the number of bags that are needed and will see that they are delivered to the students. This is handled in a discreet way so as not to embarrass the children. The information will be confidential! Only the school will have the names of students participating in this program.

The food items are either purchased or donated, then packaged and delivered by us to the school. Some items include easy-open, single-serve containers of meat, fruit, vegetables, pudding and microwaveable pastas, as well as snacks, granola bars, juice and milk. This program is meant to help provide your family with a dependable food source for your child during weekends, and help him or her benefit and learn from healthy eating practices.

Participation in this program is completely optional. If you would like to participate in this program, please complete this form and return it to school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Curlette at 766-3811 or Mrs. Tinglestad at 766-1871.

Program Participation Request:

- Yes, I would like my child/children to participate in the *Feed the 'Ville* program.

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|---------------------|---------|
| _____               | _____   |
| Student's Full Name | Teacher |
| _____               | _____   |
| Student's Full Name | Teacher |
| _____               | _____   |
| Student's Full Name | Teacher |

List any additional names on the back.

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| _____              | _____ |
| Parent's Signature | Date  |



## Senior Year “TO DO” SHEET for 2021– 2022

If you are a Senior this year, below are important dates and events to keep in mind for this coming school year.

### BE “IN LINE” TO GRADUATE...

- Will you have all graduation requirements met?
- Do you have make up work to do?
- Have you performed any community service?

### PREPARE FOR APPLYING TO COLLEGE...

- Have you taken the ACT &/or SAT? (Twice?)
- When registering for the SAT/ACT have the scores sent DIRECTLY to the colleges to which you are interested in applying.
- Have you researched the colleges in which you are interested in applying?
- Have you visited the colleges in which you are interested in applying?
- Seniors are allowed three college visit days (Juniors are permitted two).
- Have you thought about what your major/focus will be in college?

### APPLY TO COLLEGE...

- Early applications should be sent by November.
- If you need a letter of recommendation from Mrs. Tingelstad, or any staff members, please be courteous, and give them at least two weeks’ notice.
- Keep copies of all your college correspondence – applications, letters, forms, etc.

### SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID...

- Check with parents’ employers, church, social and professional organizations for scholarship opportunities.
- Check with your employer (if you work), your coach (if you play a sport), church, organizations for scholarship opportunities.
- Listen to school announcements.
- Check for any scholarship information/applications in the Guidance Office.
- In October, get a FAFSA pin number on line.

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***Press Release From the Greene County Health Department!***

***ADDITIONAL DOSES OF COVID VACCINE FOR IMMUNOCOMPROMISED  
INDIVIDUALS***

**GREENE COUNTY, OH** -- On August 13, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advised that an additional, or third dose, of messenger RNA (mRNA) Covid-19 vaccine could be given to people who are immunocompromised (have weakened immune systems) and have already received two doses of either Moderna or Pfizer vaccine.

The FDA has updated emergency use authorizations for the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines only. At this time, an additional dose is not recommended for those who received the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Further evaluation and guidance specific to that vaccine is pending.

According to the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the purpose of the additional dose is to strengthen the immune response when a person's reaction to the initial two-dose vaccine is likely to be insufficient. The additional dose is recommended to be given at least 28 days following the completion of the primary two-dose series.

It is estimated that less than 3 percent of Ohioans will qualify for an additional dose under the CDC guidelines.

The following conditions qualify someone for an additional dose:

- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids (20 milligrams or more of prednisone daily or an equivalent) including:
  - o alkylating agents
  - o antimetabolites
  - o cancer chemotherapeutic agents classified as severely immunosuppressive
  - o transplant-related immunosuppressive drugs
  - o tumor-necrosis (TNF) blockers
  - o other biologic agents that are immunosuppressive or immunomodulatory
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Moderate or severe immunodeficiency such as DiGeorge or Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome
- Received a CAR-T-cell or hematopoietic stem cell transplant and are within two years of transplant or taking immunosuppression therapy
- Received a solid-organ transplant and are presently taking immunosuppressive therapy
- Undergoing cancer treatment – solid tumors and hematologic malignancies

Anyone requesting an additional dose of vaccine will be advised of the qualifying conditions and will self-attest to their own eligibility.

*(Health Dept.—Cont.)*

Those seeking an additional dose should contact their primary care provider to discuss their situation and potentially schedule an appointment.

The CDC continues to recommend extra precautions for immunocompromised people along with the additional dose of vaccine. These include:

- Wearing a mask
- Maintaining six feet of social distance from those who live outside of their household
- Avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces

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***We need your help—If you can!***



The district is always looking for substitute teachers, custodians, classroom aides, and secretaries. Presently, the biggest need is in the secretary and classroom aide categories. If you are interested and have some time to devote, the pay is \$10.00/Hr., and the time would be ***GREATLY*** appreciated.

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***Cedar Cliff Offering Athletic Passes!***

Anyone wishing to purchase an athletic pass for sporting events can do so at the district website. Please go to the front page of the district site, look for the link pictured below, and you will be directed to the vendor for purchasing tickets or passes. The district was forced to raise ticket prices and passes for student attendance at games to match Ohio Heritage Conference (OHC) fees and to ensure the district athletic budget can remain self-sufficient. We hope with the relaxation of COVID limitations on spectators, we will return to a “full-house” as we watch the Indians this year!





## *Upcoming September Events*

### **Wednesday, September 1**

4:30pm—HS Golf (A) vs. Mechanicsburg High School  
5:30pm--MS Volleyball (A) vs. Catholic Central

### **Thursday, September 2**

4:30pm—HS Golf (A) vs. Greeneview HS  
4:30pm—HS Girls' Tennis (H) vs. Wayne High School  
5:30pm—HS Volleyball (A) vs. Madison-Plains High School  
5:30pm-- MS Football (A) vs. Triad

### **Friday, September 3**

7:00pm—HS Football (H) vs. Triad High School

### **Saturday, September 4**

10:00am--JV Football (A) vs. Triad High School  
10:00am—HS Cross-Country @ (DeWine Duals - HS Only)

### **Monday, September 6**

Labor Day- No School

### **Tuesday, September 7**

4:30pm—HS Golf (A) vs. Catholic Central High School-Springfield  
4:30pm—HS Girls' Tennis (H) vs. Valley View High School  
5:30pm—HS Volleyball (H) vs. Greenon Jr./Sr. High School  
5:30pm-- MS Volleyball (H) vs. Greeneview

### **Wednesday, September 8**

5:30pm—HS Volleyball (H) vs. Waynesville  
5:30pm--MS Volleyball (H) vs. Fairbanks High School

**Thursday, September 9**

4:30pm—HS Golf (H) vs. Madison-Plains High School  
4:30pm—HS Girls' Tennis (H) vs. Greenon Jr/Sr. High School  
5:00pm—MS Cross-Country (A) @ Troy HS (JH only)  
5:30pm—HS Volleyball (A) vs. Triad High School  
5:30pm—MS football (H) vs. West Jefferson

**Friday, September 10**

7:00pm—HS football (A) vs. West Jefferson High School

**Saturday, September 11**

9:00am—HS Cross-Country @ Mason High School (Varsity Only)  
10:00am--JV Football (H) vs. West Jefferson High School

**Monday, September 13**

Music Booster (7:00)  
4:30pm—HS Golf (A) vs. Greenon Jr/Sr. High School  
5:30pm—HS Volleyball (A) vs. Newton High School  
5:30pm--MS Volleyball (A) vs. Triad

**Tuesday, September 14**

5:30pm—HS Volleyball (H) vs. West Jefferson High School

**Wednesday, September 15**

K-12 Early Dismissal 1:00 p.m.  
5:30pm--MS Volleyball (H) vs. Mechanicsburg

**Thursday, September 16**

5:30pm—HS Volleyball (H) vs. Mechanicsburg High School  
5:30pm--MS Football (A) vs. West Liberty Salem  
5:30pm--MS Volleyball (H) vs. West Liberty Salem

**Friday, September 17**

7:00pm—HS Football (H) vs. West Liberty Salem MS/HS

**Saturday, September 18**

9:00am—HS Cross-Country @ Cedarville University  
10:00am--JV Football (A) vs. West Liberty Salem MS/HS  
11:00am-MS Volleyball (H) vs. Wilmington High School  
1:00pm—HS Golf @ Middletown Christian HS

**Monday, September 20**

Regular Board Meeting (7:00)  
4:30pm—HS Golf (A) vs. Emmanuel Christian Academy  
5:30pm--MS Volleyball (A) vs. Northeastern High School

**Tuesday, September 21**

9:00am—HS Golf (A) vs. Greeneview HS (OHC @ Windy Knoll)

4:30pm—HS Girls' Tennis (H) vs. Milton-Union High School

5:30pm—HS Volleyball (A) vs. Northeastern High School

**Wednesday, September 22**

5:30pm--MS Volleyball (A) vs. West Jefferson

**Thursday, September 23**

5:30pm—HS Volleyball (A) vs. Fairbanks High School

5:30pm--MS Football (A) vs. Greenon

5:30pm--MS Volleyball (A) vs. Southeastern

**Friday, September 24**

7:00pm—HS Football (H) vs. Greenon Jr/Sr. High School (Homecoming)

**Saturday, September 25**

9:00am—HS Cross-Country (A) @ Emmanuel Christian Academy

10:00am--JV Football (A) vs. Greenon Jr/Sr. HS

**Monday, September 27**

4:30pm—HS Girls' Tennis (A) vs. Beavercreek HS

5:30pm—HS Volleyball (A) vs. Emmanuel Christian Academy

5:30pm--MS Volleyball (H) vs. Greenon

**Tuesday, September 28**

9:00am—HS Golf (A) vs. Southeastern HS (Sectionals @ Walden Ponds)

5:30pm—HS Volleyball (A) vs. West Liberty Salem MS/HS

**Wednesday, September 29**

5:30pm--MS Volleyball (A) vs. Madison-Plains

**Thursday, September 30**

4:30pm—HS Girls' Tennis (A) vs. Greeneview HS

5:30pm—HS Volleyball (A) vs. Southeastern HS

5:30pm-- MS Football (H) vs. Southeastern