



## **Quote of the Week**

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement, nothing can be done without hope and confidence.” -- Helen Keller

## **Superintendent's Message**

Darrell Edwards- Superintendent Goshen Local Schools

It is time for summer! One more week with our students and then we head to a time of relaxation, restoration, and renewal. May I suggest:

- Take a moment to relax. Take a trip, walk in the early morning sunlight, spend time with your family. The life of educators is very unique. We run as hard as we can for 9 months out of the year. In order to run nine months, you need to rest and relax to be able to run 9 months.
- Take a moment to renew. Take a class, read a book, participate in a professional development opportunity.....Renew your knowledge of the teaching profession and grow for our students.

I would like to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for your hard work on behalf of our students this year. This is probably the most challenging year public educators have ever faced. I feel that our staff was prepared better than most but the amount of change that went on was unprecedented in the field of public education. You have weathered the storm, implemented massive change to the best of our abilities, and maintained a great educational environment for our students. I believe that, as usual, Goshen has the best educators providing the best education possible for the students of this community. As proof of this, take a look at our current sophomores OGT scores that were just released!

- Math- 93.3%
- Social Studies- 91.7%
- Reading- 91.5%
- Science- 82.8%
- Writing- 84.3%

Congratulations GHS staff on another job done well!!

Now, while you were working with all those new assessments, curriculum, evaluation, etc, recently other important things happened in the last few weeks...

- 3rd Grade students and staff raised over \$5,000 to build an outdoor classroom at Marr Park. That is a lot of cookies and hard work! We can't wait to see the results.
- Over \$3.1 Million in scholarships have been earned by our seniors this year. That number is a tribute to every staff member that touched their lives in the past 13 years.

Enjoy your last week of school with our kids and relax, restore, and renew this summer!

### **Upcoming Events**

- May 25 No School - Memorial Day
- May 26 SES Track & Field Day  
M/C Preschool Graduation @ M/C 7pm
- May 27 SES Talent Show  
M/C Kindergarten Registration
- May 28 GMS Celebration Day  
SES Academic Awards  
M/C Kindergarten Graduation @ GHS 5:30, 6:30 & 7:30
- May 29 GHS Commencement at Tri County Assembly 7pm  
M/C Kindergarten Fun Day  
Last Day for Students
- June 1 PTO Meeting @ GMS Library 7pm  
Last Day for Teachers
- June 5 Report Cards Go Home
- June 15 First Day Summer Reading Camp @ M/C
- June 22 GHS Summer OGT Testing Week

### **Share the Warrior Pride** **End of the Year Reflection**

It was another great year for the students and families of GLSD!

Please follow the [link](#) to an opportunity to provide a success story from the 2014-2015 school year. We know as a team we tackled a lot. New testing, OTES, new standards, new schedules, etc. But many of the successes along the way sometimes are forgotten, so we want to make sure they are remembered.

Please share a couple sentences on a success you have been a witness to or had a hand in. We guarantee that the successes we were able to create here at Goshen Local Schools will far outweigh the failures or negatives.

Here is the [link](#)

## **School Community**

### **People Making a Difference-**

- Congratulations and a big "Thank you" to Bev Price for her hard work in collecting Box Tops . The Marr/Cook ranked 2nd out of schools in a 25 mile radius and 5th in a 50 mile radius. The money raised for box tops at Marr/Cook goes toward indoor recess supplies, motor room supplies, intervention supplies, etc.
- Becky Foster - We thank you for all of your hard work and willingness to plan extracurricular fund raisers!
- Thank you Kim Stahl for being you! Your positive attitude, loving nature and willingness to work comes across in all that you do! Our kids are really fortunate to have you here!
- Our Right to Read week was wonderful! Thanks to all the K teachers for helping that "race" get started and be successful.
- Kindergarten registration nights always flow so smoothly for our new families enrolling their babies! - Thank You Suzanne Snider and Debbie Bailey!!
- Jen Schlosser - You are the best and will be greatly missed at Marr/Cook! Your long hours and deep dedication are so appreciated. We are so excited for you in your new position.
- All of our Title Ladies rock at Marr/Cook! Your hard work and flexibility with scheduling is outstanding.
- Maintenance Department - Grounds have looked awesome for the Alumni Dinner, Baseball & Softball Games, 8th Grade Graduation, Awards Night. All of you have made the entire District look extremely nice.
- GMS - Outstanding 8th Grade Awards Ceremony. Made a lot of Memories for the Students.
- Thank you to Kelly DeNu for organizing the 8th grade Awards Ceremony.
- Thank you to GMS staff members who volunteered their time to run a successful junior high track meet.
- Congratulations to Kelly DeNu and Jake Ohnmeis for presenting at the Making Middle Grades Work conference and for your invitation to present at the state showcase in the fall.
- Thank you to Angela Clark and Gina Taylor for organizing the end-of-the-year celebrations at GMS.
- Thank you Paul Dean for a successful NJHS ceremony.
- Thank you to the MMGW transitions team for your work on the 5th grade transition activities.
- Project More - Very Nice Volunteer Luncheon. Great Job!
- Thank you to Lou Anne McKinney for her leading efforts with the SES box top collection.

- Congratulations to 3rd grade staff and students on reaching their service learning project goal. We can't wait to see the final result of all the efforts.
- Thank you to Lou Anne McKinney and Jill Haungs for keeping the flower beds looking great. It always adds a nice touch as we enter the building.
- Thanks to SES Celebrations committee---you once again have planned a wonderful day for our students.
- Thanks to Ms. Gibson and all SES specials teachers for planning track and field day.
- Thanks to Mrs. Mirus for planning out SES talent show. Always a wonderful day that some of our students get to break out of their shell and showcase their talent.
- Thanks to Mrs. Drees for putting together a nice student yearbook for our SES students.

### **Warriors News**

- On April 26th, the Goshen High School chapter of the National Honor Society participated in the annual March of Dimes walk at Sawyer Point. The team raised \$921.67, bringing the chapter's ten year total to over \$16,000. The team walked in honor of Scarlett, the infant daughter of a local family, who recently passed due to complications from her premature birth. The Chapter is very proud to be a part of this event each year.



- GHS senior art students won 1st & 3rd place in the 2015 Congressional Art Competition. Jenna Staehling won 3rd place and her artwork will be prominently displayed in Rep. Brad Wenstrup's Cincinnati office. Megan Allen won 1st place and will have her artwork displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol and will receive two plane tickets to Washington, D.C. for an awards ceremony recognizing each of the winners from across the nation. This is the 2nd time Goshen has won the Congressional Art Competition since Jordan Nelson, Class of 2007.





### **Thank You**

We wanted to say a big thank you to the following staff for all they have done for the community of Goshen Local School during their years of service. You are all true examples of the impact teachers and support staff have on the future of our community and students lives. Words cannot express the debt of gratitude our school district and community owe you for the sacrifices you have made over the years. Good luck in the next path that life takes you on and remember, Once a Warrior Always a WARRIOR!

**Barb Calton**

17 years of service

**Jill Haungs**

24 years of service

**Doug Poe**

30 years of service

**Deborah Wolary**

34 years of service

**Valerie Zackerman**

45 years of service

## **Nuts and Bolts**

Brian Bailey- Assistant Superintendent

### **2015-2016 School Calendar and Work Days**

For the 2015-2016 school year we stay on a days based calendar and still use calamity days and professional development waiver days. This means, in the case of inclement weather, WE HAVE FIVE SNOW DAYS LIKE ALWAYS.

We will submit a Blizzard Bag resolution/plan to ODE and have adopted a calamity day make up plan as follows:

**Calamity Day Plan-** In compliance with state law we will have the following calamity day make up plan.

- **Calamity Days 1-5** - will be waived by state superintendent
- **Calamity Days 6, 7 and 8** - will be made up utilizing board/state approved blizzard bags
- **Calamity Day 9-** Occurring before February 5 will be made up on Conference Exchange Day on February 12
- **Calamity Days 9, 10, 11, 12-** if used will be made up on May 25, 26, 27, 31

### **Contracted Work Years**

#### **GEA Work Year**

176 student days

+

2 conference exchange days – November 25 and February 12

+

2 professional meeting days- August 13 and October 2

+

2 extra days of in-service- November 3, Jan 11

+

2 work/meeting/in-service days- Aug 12 and May 25

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184 contracted teacher days

**GEASSP Work Year**

**Aide- per hours of assignment**

176 student days

+

1 day before school- Aug 13

+

2 professional meeting day- October 2 & January 11

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179 contracted days

**Cafeteria workers -181 days:**

176 student days

+

2 day before school- August 12 & 13

+

2 professional meeting day- November 3 & January 11

+

1 day after school- May 25

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181 contracted days

**As Needed Aides- per hours of assignment and student needs-** *professional development will be provided on an as needed basis for the 15-16 school year only.*

176 student days

+

1 day before school- Aug 13

+

2 professional meeting day- October 2 & January 11

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179 days - payment will be processed based on as needed time sheets turned in biweekly

### **Summer Camps and Events**

Our campus will be very busy this summer. To help you plan access to campus in June, July and August listed below are dates that you need to be aware of.

### **Alpha Omega Tentative Cleaning Schedule**

- M/C- June 1st -June 20
- GHS-June 23- July 11
- SES- July 14- July 25
- GMS-July 27- August 7

Tentative Staff access without Air Conditioning is August 5th, but staff will work hard to provide earlier entrance. Please check with your building principals about access to the campus over the summer and thanks for your cooperation as we upgrade and maintain our wonderful facilities.