

# CLEARVIEW LOCAL SCHOOLS

*"Setting Sail for Excellence"*

## Message from the Superintendent



It is that time of year again. You will soon see the buses coming down the street and students standing at the bus stops. Yes, that means it is almost time for school to start. The first day of our 2021-2022 school year will begin on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Personally, I am super excited to welcome back all of our students and see their smiling faces in the hallways while laughing and talking to each other. The last year and a half brought a little apprehension, timidity, and solemnity, but this year we will be back in the full swing of things. Students will be back to their normal 5-day school week in person. For some, this will be a little bit of an adjustment, but I have confidence that everything will fall into place. Students and staff will be adjusted and back to their normal routines in no time at all.

We desire to have a culture of POSITIVITY here in the Clearview Local Schools district. We are passionate about the education of our students and will diligently strive to make sure each of our students have positive educational experiences.

### We are still following CDC and LCPH department guidelines.

- **MASKS:**
  - **VES/DMS/CHS**—Masks are optional for grades K-12. However, masks are strongly recommended for all unvaccinated individuals and those who are age 11 and younger.
  - **BUSES**-- CDC orders currently state that passengers and drivers **must wear a mask on school buses**. Therefore, masks are mandatory on all bus rides.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout each building. However, hand washing with soap and water, on a regular basis, is strongly recommended.
- **Anyone with covid symptoms should stay home until they are seen by a doctor.**
- **Anyone who is sick should also stay home.**



## **VINCENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

2303 N Ridge Rd., Lorain 44055

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FALL NEWSLETTER  
AUGUST 2021

Lynne Stark, Principal

Jennifer Fazio, Asst. Principal

Vincent Families,

Welcome back! The 2020-2021 school year was one we will never forget. We had to teach and learn in a new way. We also had to make strong family partnerships for our students to be successful. We are definitely stronger because of it and I don't think things will ever go back to the way they were. We know more. We are stronger. We will do even better!



From full remote learning to hybrid learning, our staff quickly adapted, as did our families. At Vincent, we are rooted in our mission to create a home for our students and in a remote setting, that didn't change. In person or online we followed our SAIL expectations of keeping students Safe, holding them Accountable, teaching the importance of Integrity and promoting Leadership throughout each and every day. We also know the importance of social emotional learning and taught our Zones of Regulation curriculum both in person and remotely. This school year, we will continue this teaching to help students learn to manage their emotions and be independent and confident learners.



Having to socially distance ourselves and keep hybrid students in cohorts, we were missing a big piece of school: collaboration! We know that sharing and making friends is also an important part of school. We had to get creative! Miss Castor, our School Counselor, took on the challenge of finding a way to promote social emotional learning and having students work collaboratively. The students took on the task of making our courtyard an inviting part of our home. All through the fall and winter, students planted, created stepping stones, made glass flowers, and painted rocks and pots. We did a huge ribbon cutting ceremony in May to show them all of their hard work put together. We had "The Path of Perseverance" made from stepping stones, the "Garden of Diversity" made from mismatched pieces of china, and "The Corner of Tranquility" made up of a sitting bench and a pool of painted blue rocks. Everything had a personal touch and it took teamwork and collaboration to come up with the execution of the project. Students have taken pride in their finished product and look forward to adding to it during the 2021-2022 school year.

We had to celebrate our kindergarteners virtually this year. That was tough but we are excited to have them back in the building as first graders, along with our new incoming kindergartners. We will be ready to help them make their first in school experience an amazing one. Welcoming in our youngest Clippers means that we also have to say goodbye to our fourth graders. They will always be part of our Vincent family! Be AMAZING at Durling!

Moving into the new school year, we have added some new teaching staff following the retirement of Mrs. Groboske and Mrs. Stambol. We also had some internal movements of our current teaching staff. These are exciting changes that have created really strong teams. In addition, we are excited to announce that we have added additional academic coaches to help us put a focus on individual learning. We are excited to welcome them into our Vincent family. They come to us with great experience and talents.



As I stated, things will never be the same. Our partnerships are stronger. Our collaboration is stronger. We are utilizing more technology resources and we have learned new ways of enhancing our teaching practices. We communicate often on Class Dojo to always keep our families informed. We are building up our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) to continue our partnerships with families. If there is one thing we have learned, we are stronger together!

**New Staff:**

Mrs. Krajcik- Kindergarten  
Mrs. Prebul- Gifted  
Mrs. Schenk- Title One

**Student Academic Support Coaches:**

Mrs. Towne  
Mrs. Soloff  
Mrs. Lamb  
Ms. Kelley

We look forward to welcoming you back into the building on August 18th!

**VINCENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
VISION and MISSION STATEMENT**

**Vincent Elementary's Vision is to:**

Nurture a strong community of students into lifelong learners and respectful citizens.

**Vincent Elementary's Mission is to:**

1. Provide a safe environment that encourages academic excellence by promoting a culture of independence, confidence, and ownership of learning.
2. Develop home, school, and community partnerships to help students reach their full potential.

**Students in Grades 1-4:**

**8/17** Open House 3:30-5:00  
**8/18** First Day of School  
(Class lists will be posted on the doors at 3:00pm on 8/13 for grades 1-4)

**Kindergarten Students:**

**8/18 & 8/19** Kindergarten Screening  
**8/20** Open House & Kindergarten classes posted 3:30-5:00  
**8/23** First Day for kindergarten students last name A-L  
**8/24** First Day for kindergarten students last name M-Z  
**8/25** First day for ALL Kindergarteners

***DURLING MIDDLE SCHOOL***

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Laura Manning, Principal  
Penny Reinhart, Asst. Principal

HAPPY FALL!!!

We are really looking forward to what we hope will be a relatively normal school year. It has been a while since we have gotten to see ALL of our students but we are looking forward to full classrooms and busy hallways again! We hope that everyone took the summer to rest and spend time away from screens and computers!

We know that everyone is anxious to get back into classrooms with their friends and teachers and much more direct instruction! We have a plan for learning this fall that will hopefully allow everyone the chance to get caught up on some of the concepts and ideas that they missed out on last school year. We have hired 4 additional academic coaches this fall who will be working with each of our grade levels to provide interventions and small group instruction to ensure students are catching up on instruction they may have missed during the 20-21 school year. While we plan to continue to use the skills and programs that our students were introduced to in the last year and a half, this year we are able to increase student access by allowing them the use of a chromebook in every classroom. We know that our teachers and hopefully students are looking forward to interacting with their colleagues and classmates.

We will have a few changes in our bell schedule this year with students seeing some differences in the amount of time between classes depending on the time of day. We are limiting the use of student lockers by allowing students to carry bookbags to class IF the bookbags are CLEAR. Students will have access to lockers at the beginning of the day, lunch and then again prior to 8<sup>th</sup> period. Students will not be allowed to go to their lockers before dismissal, they will already have their belongings to leave prior to their final class. Clear bookbags are easily ordered from Amazon and Walmart or will be available to purchase from Durling PTO this fall. Students will NOT be permitted to carry opaque bookbags from class to class.



As we start our school year we are hoping for a return to “normal” as we plan for activities, clubs, sports, and programs. We will continue to follow safety precautions to make sure that everyone in the building stays safe and healthy while we open up these activities.

This year, more than ever, it is crucial that we partner with our families to work together to help our students get back on track with their learning. **We will be changing the date of our FALL OPEN HOUSE from August 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm to AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:00.** This will allow us to meet with everyone before school begins so that parents have the chance to meet their child’s teachers and get a head start on opening up the lines of communication. We will offer NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION meetings at 3:30 and then again at 4:15 in the cafeteria on August 16<sup>th</sup> for ALL new students regardless of grade level.

Each school year is a new beginning and this year more than ever we are looking forward to the new year! A chance to see ALL of our students again! We are looking forward to a great year of working together to move our students in a positive direction educationally, emotionally, and socially! Please take the time to look over the student handbook with your student paying close attention to our Dress Code, Phone Policy and Attendance Policy. Also, be sure to review the new policy about backpacks. Our student handbook is available on line at [www.clearviewschools.org](http://www.clearviewschools.org). As always, please call, stop in, or email me with any questions or concerns.

Laura Manning  
Principal



**CLEARVIEW HIGH SCHOOL**

4700 Broadway Ave., Lorain 44052

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Noleen Rothacker, Principal

Michael Newman, Asst. Principal

***Welcome Back CHS 2021-2022!***

So, is everybody ready to come back? We at the high school certainly hope so. The teachers and staff have been anxiously waiting for a return to some semblance of normalcy for 16 months, and can't wait to have all of you back into the building. We have missed you!

What will the new "normal" look like? While having students and teachers back in the halls and classes everyday is "back to normal," our methods for teaching, learning, and navigating the day will be different from what many are envisioning. Let me just stress that the "new normal" will be an increase in educational efficiency (which will be a modern blend of traditional and digital learning) building efficiency, (faster transit time between classes) as well as some modern updates to the building code of conduct and expectations.

***Educational Efficiency-*** All high school students will be receiving a laptop at the beginning of the year, which will remain assigned to them throughout their high school career. The laptops will be replacing traditional text distribution (in most classes) and can be taken home for consistent and reliable assignment completion and online class participation. Students will be expected to have their laptop in their possession each school day. Because students will have laptops on their person throughout the day, backpacks are permissible into classrooms. The laptops also make it easier for students to be better prepared for class by cutting down on "traditional" school supplies, which very often become lost, forgotten or never purchased in the first place.

***Hallway Efficiency-*** With the addition of a 1:1 student to computer ratio, and continued efforts at maintaining a healthy environment, lockers WILL NOT be assigned this year. By removing locker usage, the building saw a dramatic decrease in class tardiness, restroom delays, and counterproductive student socialization during class changes.

***Dress Code Update-*** While the expectation of students wearing clean, maintained and socially appropriate clothing has not changed, a couple of alterations have been approved to "keep up with the times".

- 1) Students ARE permitted to wear jeans with holes or shreds. However, students ARE NOT permitted to have giant holes or rips from the thigh up. Jeans which are slashed and torn above the thigh may be worn with leggings underneath.
- 2) Leggings are permitted so long as tops are FINGERTIP LENGTH.
- 3) Shorts are permitted so long as they are FINGERTIP LENGTH.
- 4) Skirts must be FINGERTIP LENGTH.
- 5) Belly shirts are NOT PERMITTED.
- 6) Head covering such as ball caps, hoods, skull caps and dew rags ARE NOT PERMITTED.
- 7) Jeans must fit at the waist. NO SAGGING!

So, it's pretty easy. No head coverings (unless special circumstances are approved) and keep everything fingertip length. If violations do occur, parents will be called to bring a change of clothes and detentions may be assigned.

### FOR CLARITY



**SCHOOL APPROPRIATE**



**NOT SCHOOL APPROPRIATE**



**Let's Keep It Classy Clearview!**



**Technology-** Students are permitted to bring personal technology such as phones and I-Pads to school, however, this is a privilege and not a right. If a staff member has to ask a student to put personal technology away, they will be given the chance to correct the action. If a student has to be warned twice, an office referral will often be the next step. School administrators DO have the option to remove and hold onto personal technology if a student is abusing the privilege. Personal technology is also the sole responsibility of the student. The schools CAN NOT guarantee the safety or security of personal devices so please use good judgement when considering bringing outside technology into the building.

**Athletics-** It looks like we can all enjoy playing and watching sports again this year with one large exception. Home football games will be played at Lorain's George Daniel field, while the currently proposed Clearview Wellness Center is under construction.

**Staff-** It is with heavy hearts that we wish Mrs. Howard the best of luck in her family's relocation to Greenville South Carolina. She will be greatly missed. The high school is happy to announce the addition of Ms. Joan Keppler as our new guidance counselor and Mrs. Aurea Fisher as our Health/P.E. instructor. Welcome to the Clearview family!

**And finally. School starts August 18<sup>th</sup>!**

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- All Open Enrolled students MUST have a current Interdistrict Open Enrollment Application on file. Please contact the Board of Education if you have not completed one for the 2021-2022 school year.
- If you change your address in FinalForms or have moved, you must bring 3 proofs of residence to the Board of Education. All proofs must be current (within 60 days).

## ***Curriculum and Instruction***

Dr. Paul Kish, Director Curriculum and Instruction

### **Welcome All Clipper Students and Families to the 2021-2022 School Year!**

As the Director of Curriculum and Instruction I am looking forward to a new school year filled with active, engaged, and innovative learning experiences for all Clearview students. Clearview plans to return to traditional in-person learning for all students K-12. We are excited to safely return to our classrooms for student learning for the 2021-2022 school year! Our goal is to create a successful learning environment where all students feel valued. The Clearview theme is "Relationships First." We believe strongly that "no significant learning can take place without a significant relationship." We will continue to place priority on building a rapport with students and establishing a classroom environment that is welcoming, caring, safe, supportive, and fun for all students!

### **The Clearview Curriculum and Instruction Focus**

The basis for our curricular work contains three main areas of focus. First, we strive to establish strong relationships and rapport with our students. Second, we strive to identify instructional best practices to make learning active, engaged, innovative, and fun. Third, we strive to create a learning structure that identifies student growth, progress, and intervention.

#### **Relationships First**

- Promote strategies to place priority on building positive relationships with students - identify families, likes, dislikes, learning traits, strengths, and weaknesses. Build Rapport.

#### **Active, Engaged, and Innovative**

- Identify and promote research based instructional strategies by continually sharing best practice and providing continual opportunities for professional development.
- Support and promote teachers in efforts to develop creative, active lesson plans to engage students in the learning process.
- Establish a PLN, Personal Learning Network. Collaborate, connect, and share with colleagues in Clearview Schools and around the world.
- 21st Century Skills - Creativity, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, and Communication. Prepare students for the world of tomorrow.

#### **Student Growth**

- Identify and analyze assessment data to ensure students are making significant growth.
- Identify and implement intervention strategies to assist students that are not making growth.

## **Communication is Key!**

For the 2021-2022 school year I urge all parents and the community to visit my Twitter account @PaulKishEdu . I visit classrooms in the Clearview Schools on a daily basis to see our students and staff in action. I often post on my Twitter account all of the learning activity that is happening! The goal is to promote active, engaged, and innovative lessons, show support for students and staff, and to share with the Clearview Schools learning community. New to twitter? Directions for creating an account can be found in the link below.

<https://help.twitter.com/en/create-twitter-account>

Also, I urge you to visit the Curriculum and Instruction section of the Clearview Local Schools website. The link is below. I have included added links to the state learning standards, all of the digital curricular resources Clearview teachers use, and links to our Curriculum Connection which is our weekly curriculum bulletin sent to our staff and board of education. If you have any questions about the web link or any of the info provided, please feel free to email or call me and I will be happy to assist.

<http://www.clearviewschools.org/curriculum.aspx>

In addition, monthly “Coffee with the Curriculum Director” events will take place in the 2021-2022 school year. Clearview community members will be invited to attend an open meeting and discussion regarding district curriculum and instruction matters. News regarding district initiatives and academic programs will be shared. Information regarding dates and times of these meetings will be shared at the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

## **Key District Initiatives 2021-2022**

During the time of the pandemic our students and staff were forced to engage in online learning. Now that we are returning to traditional in-person instruction we will continue to apply all that has been learned and gained from our online learning experience. We have grown stronger as a result. Important initiatives have been established and developed in this regard in an effort to best support students as they return to school. The following list contains just a few of the district’s key curricular initiatives moving forward:



1. **Google Classroom:** All Clearview teachers K-12 will continue to utilize an online learning portal as an extension of their traditional classroom. Google Classroom will be utilized by Clearview teachers K-12 where class communication, information, and documents can be attained online. I encourage all Clearview parents/guardians to also engage with your child's Google Classroom portal to share in this extension of classroom information. The district will look to provide parent training for Google Classroom; look for this to take place during the school year in an effort to support families with this initiative.
2. **1:1 Computer to Student Ratio:** Clearview's computer inventory significantly increased over the last 2 years. When students return to school for the 2021-2022 school year every classroom K-8 will be equipped with a laptop cart for every student to engage in digital learning activity. Also, each student at Clearview High School will be assigned an individual laptop at the beginning of the school year for digital learning to be used at school and home. Handbooks that outline laptop usage and expectations will be shared with students and families at the beginning of the school year. Parent and student signatures will be required to ensure this important info is attained. We are excited for our students to be able to utilize technology for their daily learning activity!
3. **Academic Coaches:** Starting in the 2021-2022 school year a total of twelve Academic Coaches, four per school building, will join the Clearview staff. Academic Coaches are all properly licensed teachers that have been hired by Clearview Schools through the Educational Service Center of Lorain County for the purpose of providing additional learning support and intervention for students. The goal of this initiative is to provide one-on-one, small group, and whole group academic tutoring for students K-12. Each building will utilize and schedule our Academic Coaches in a manner that best meets the needs of the students and school accordingly.
4. **Extended Learning:** This past summer Clearview provided a summer extended learning program for all students K-12. Students K-8 were able to participate in a 10-day program in June titled Summer Academic Enrichment Camp. Extended learning activity focused on improving Reading and Math skills. Students at Clearview High School were able to participate in a program titled Summer Credit Recovery. Students were able to recover lost course credits and apply them toward high school graduation. This was conducted through online courseware. CHS teachers monitored and assisted. Both of these Extended Learning programs are scheduled to continue next summer.

5. **Added Curricular Resources:** Curricular resources and programs have significantly increased over the past two years. Many new programs have been attained including Open Court ELA for students K-2; Wonders ELA for students grades 3-6; Savvas ELA for students 9-12; IXL Math for students grades 5-12; Gallopade Social Studies for grades 4-8; and many more. In addition, continued use of digital instructional programs such as Freckle, Flocabulary, Edpuzzle, Brain Pop, Mystery Science, and Discovery Education will continue to be important learning resources that connect to our new 1:1 computer to student ratio. People not Programs Make the Difference! Therefore, Clearview teachers continue to work diligently to train in these programs and train to continually improve instructional strategies.
6. **Zones of Regulation:** Student Social Emotional Learning, SEL, continues to be an important element of the overall learning experience for students in Clearview K-12. State initiatives require that school districts address SEL for student mental health and wellness. For this purpose, Clearview utilizes the Zones of Regulation. The Zones seeks to teach students self-regulation strategies by understanding characteristics and triggers of one's own emotions. More information on the Zones can be found on the following link: <https://zonesofregulation.com/index.html>

**Have a Great School Year!!**





## ***Special Education Department***

Doreen Morell, Special Education Director

Our department proudly serves the needs of two specific groups in our district: students with a disability and our English Learners. This year we are thrilled to be able to finally see our students in person and in the norm we know is most beneficial for them. As a department, we get much of our energy from our students! Working alongside with families to ensure academic success is also always our priority. Keeping that in mind, we will be updating our website and encourage you to take a look:

<https://www.clearviewschools.org/SpecialEducationServices.aspx>

Through our experiences we now have another way to communicate and can have meetings via Zoom and Google Meet. We cannot thank our families enough for working through the process so well! In the future, we will continue to offer meetings via that mode of communication as an option. We, of course, enjoy meeting with you in person and collaborating together to meet the needs of your child! *If you ever have any questions or concerns, never hesitate to reach out! We are here to serve you!*





***Clearview Food Service Department***

Cheryl Gillies, Food Service Director



The Ohio Department of Education

received approval to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students attending schools on the national school lunch program through the entire 2021-2022 school year.

This opportunity continues to show the dedication of the USDA and Ohio Department of Education in meeting the needs of the whole child during the COVID-19 pandemic. This expanded program will provide nutritious meals to all students learning in person and remotely.

Balanced nutrition throughout the day contributes to student success in and out of the classroom. New research shows children are getting their healthiest meals at school. Studies have demonstrated that school meal programs play an important role in supporting obesity prevention, overall student health and academic achievement by improving children's diets and resisting hunger.

Did you know? Research demonstrates that school breakfast consumption: boosts student's academic performance, grades and test scores, increases concentration, alertness, and memory, improves classroom behavior, and reduces tardiness and absenteeism. Please encourage your student to pick up a healthy breakfast from one of our Cafeteria staff members.

Interested in becoming a substitute in the Clearview Cafeteria's? We are now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Click the link to apply.

<https://www.applitrack.com/nccohio/onlineapp/JobPostings/view.asp?FromAdmin=true&AppliTrackJobId=4313>

## ***Athletic Department***

Mike Collier, Athletic Director

Hello Clearview Family.



We are excited about the upcoming school year and all of the upcoming opportunities for our community and student athletes to come together. School athletics provide an extension of the classroom and help students learn many life lessons. Studies show that there are many benefits to participating in school athletics (listed below)

Higher Classroom Grades  
School Attendance  
School Dropout Rate Lower  
Graduation Rates Higher  
Fewer Discipline Problems  
Superior Standardized Test Scores  
Fitness & Health  
Stronger Leadership Skills  
Character Development

Sportsmanship/Citizenship  
Dedication/Perseverance  
Managing Time  
Work Ethic/Ambition  
Reliability  
Approach to Winning & Losing  
Respect  
Decision Making/Self Control  
Teamwork/Cooperation

Student athletes, coaches, and parents all play a big role in this learning process. We ultimately want to make this a positive learning experience for all student athletes. Parents/Guardians have a big responsibility in this experience. Research suggests Parental Attitude is the #1 factor in whether students have fun or not. If the parents are positive, student athletes are positive. This is not dependent on playing time or playing on a winning team. Students should never hear negative comments about the team, teammates, or the coaches from a parent. This is difficult at times, but it is the right thing to do. We encourage all of our parents and guardians to stay involved and help make Clearview Athletics great!

Please stay informed by using the following social media to stay up to date with Clearview Athletics.



[www.clearviewathletics.org](http://www.clearviewathletics.org)    TWITTER - @chsclippers    FACEBOOK - @clearviewclippers

Thank you for your continued support of Clearview Schools and we look forward to seeing you soon. GO CLIPPERS!

## » Welcome to PaySchools Central!

### Our district has selected the PaySchools Central payment portal for parents.

Now you can pay for your children's school lunches, fees, field trips, registrations, and more online, securely and quickly. No more lost cash or checks!

1. Create your account using your computer or tablet at:  
[www.payschoolscentral.com](http://www.payschoolscentral.com)
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3. Complete account registration by selecting register, entering your profile details, setting up your password via the email link we'll send you, then logging in.
4. Add your children to your account using their student ID numbers.
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##### LUNCH ACCOUNTS:

Paid with checking-account transfer

Paid with debit or credit card—less than \$50

Paid with debit or credit card—more than \$50

##### OTHER SCHOOL FEES:

Paid with checking-account transfer

Paid with debit or credit card

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Email [psc\\_help@payschools.com](mailto:psc_help@payschools.com) or call 877-393-6628.

Support center hours:  
8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. ET (M-F)

