

# INFORMATION

## Phone Numbers

**Superintendent's Office:**  
419 963-3415 (option 3)  
**Elementary School Office** (grades K-6):  
419 963-7017 (option 1)  
**High School Office** (grades 7-12):  
419 963-2611 (option 2)  
**Toll-free** 1-877-317-2747

**Fax:** 419 963-4400 (all locations)  
**Transp. Office:** 419 963-3415 Ext. 5001  
**Bus Garage:** 419-963-3415 Ext. 5000

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## School Delays or Cancellations

**Radio Station:** WFIN (1330 AM)  
WKXA (100.5 FM)  
WBVI (96.7 FM)  
WBUK (106.3 FM)  
WCKY (103.7 FM)  
WZRZ (107.5 FM)  
WIMA (1150 AM)  
WIMT (T-102 FM)  
WMLX (103.3 FM)

**TV Stations:** Toledo: WTOL-TV  
WTVG-TV  
WNWO-TV  
WUPW-TV  
Lima: WLIO-TV

If you have not registered to receive calls from our First Alert messaging system, check the stations listed above for school delays or cancellations for Cory-Rawson Schools in the event of inclement weather.

We try to have our first (and sometimes only) decision made regarding a delay or cancellation on the **First Alert**, radio and television stations by 6:30 a.m. A final decision to cancel school (if a delay has occurred) should be broadcast by 8:45 a.m. Please do not call the school for information regarding a delay or cancellation, as we need our phone lines to contact the radio and television stations, bus drivers and other personnel.

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## National School Lunch Program

For students unable to pay the full price for meals served under the National School Lunch program a Free/Reduced Price Lunch/Breakfast Application must be completed by the parent/guardian and turned into the building office. If you did not receive a copy in your student packet, the form can be found in any C-R school office and on the school website. (Resources/Forms)

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# Welcome Back!

## School District Website

Please visit the Cory-Rawson website at: <http://cory-rawson.k12.oh.us> for the latest updates, sports schedules, information regarding organizations, honor rolls, academic requirements, Board of Education information and much more.

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## Board Policy

If you have a question regarding Board Policy, go to the school website at:

<http://cory-rawson.k12.oh.us>

Click on BOE/Policies & Bylaws or a hardcopy is available in the Superintendent's office.

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## Visitor Policy

To enter Cory-Rawson Schools during the school day the single point of entrance for parents and visitors is the main entrance to the new building (A1). Please park in the east lot in front of the new building; the west lot is for the busses. Enter the front doors and speak to the secretaries inside to obtain a "visitor's pass".

Lunch period at the school is closed to visitors unless permission has been obtained from a building principal.

We appreciated your cooperation. Our goal is to maintain a safe environment for our students and staff.

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## Board Minutes

Board of Education meeting minutes are available on the school website at:

[http://cory-rawson.k12.oh.us/BOE/BOE Minutes](http://cory-rawson.k12.oh.us/BOE/BOE%20Minutes)

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## In-Service Days

Cory-Rawson will hold teacher in-service days on August 26, November 24, and March 20.

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## List Serve

To be added to the C-R list serve, please log onto the school webpage, Resources, Email Distribution List, send an email as directed.

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## OHSAA Player/Parent Mtg

The mandatory OHSAA Player/Parent Meeting will be held on August 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The makeup date has not yet been determined.

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## Meet the Teacher/Open House

Meet the Teacher/Open House will be August 15 at 5:30-6:30pm. Students and Parents can visit classrooms, bring supplies, pay fees and deposit lunch money.

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## Booster Food Tent

Help is needed at the food tent at the Hancock County Fair. If you are willing to work a shift please contact Jennifer Breitigam by email or text message to request a shift time at:

[Jmbreitigam@hotmail.com](mailto:Jmbreitigam@hotmail.com)  
or 419-722-2211

The profits from the food tent go to finance our student athletes and musicians throughout the school year by helping to purchase uniforms, pay for trips, equipment/instruments, awards and in many, many more ways too numerous to mention.

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## PK-6 Schedule

Office Hours are 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
School Hours: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Lunch and Noon Recess is 10:25 a.m. – 12:00noon

No student is allowed to leave the school grounds during the course of the school day, unless properly excused by parent or guardian through the school office.

Students in grades PK-6 who are transported to or from school by a parent/guardian are to be dropped off and picked up **IN FRONT** of the elementary building **ONLY after 7:45 A.M.** If the parent/guardian needs to come into the building at arrival or dismissal time they should park in the **Visitor's Parking** area of the parking lot.

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## 7-12 Schedule

School Hours are 7:55 a.m.—3:05 p.m.  
2-Hour Delay: 9:55 a.m.—3:05 p.m.  
3-Hour Delay: 10:55 a.m.—4:05 p.m.  
7-8 Lunch Period: 11:18-11:48 a.m.  
9-12 Lunch Period: 12:08-12:38 p.m.

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# THE VOICE



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## From the Desk of Superintendent Hlasko

Greetings! I hope this newsletter finds you doing well, enjoying the summer, and preparing for another exciting school year! The maintenance staff has been busy preparing the buildings for another school year, athletic and music camps have been hard at work preparing for another season of non-stop games and performances, and our administrators and teaching staff have been in and out throughout the summer all to ensure that we hit the ground running on August 18<sup>th</sup>!

### New Faces

The past few years have brought many new faces to Cory-Rawson. As we headed into summer we knew we would have a few

positions to fill, but as the summer progressed much of our time was spent interviewing for additional positions. Throughout the end of the school year and summer we hired a new technology coordinator (Michael Quinlan), agricultural education teacher (Beth James), 7/8 grade math (Nathan Westenbarger, who is also our new head football coach), music/vocal music (Anthony Taylor), 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher (Andrew Sellers), athletic director (Chad Hirschy), assistant athletic director (Aaron Long), custodian (Rob Zuercher), and kitchen staff (Nicole Roth). While there is always a side of me that dislikes seeing employees depart, the basis of any strong organization is that they can continue to

move forward based on the strategic plans in place. Certainly, new faces bring positivity and enthusiasm, but there is also the need to bring them up to speed so we do not miss a beat. Fortunately, we have three very good reasons to expect a successful transition. I think our school has established a strong foundation for success with our strategic planning (but there's always room for improvement...more about that later). None of the employees who left did so under poor circumstances; rather, the majority of them left for family reasons and, in fact, in exit interviews had very positive things to say about the CR school

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# From the Desk

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and community. Finally, we believe that the new hires bring an excellent knowledge to their specific areas and, in many cases, their recent educational pursuits give them a greater familiarity with many of the newest trends in education. To that end, I'm particularly excited to start this school year with these new hires – they all demonstrated great knowledge, vision, and access to resources which will help our students and staff be more successful.

## Vision

This year will hold particular importance for our school. In the past three years we've faced many hurdles, made strides in areas, and watched the future direction of education be debated in state and federal legislatures. Throughout this era of unheralded changes in education, we've continued our efforts to provide an excellent educational environment for our students and staff. Out of these past few years a few things have become very clear: 1) the legislature continues to force us into an undesirable position of being reactive rather than proactive in determining our educational vision, despite our efforts to the contrary 2) where we do have more local control in such areas as budget/finance, albeit it somewhat limited, we have seen success. Now, saying that we have control of our finances discounts the fact that the state funding formula still is not "fixed" and that fixed costs are rarely fixed, especially in cases like utilities. Nonetheless, we have taken control of our financial situation which has allowed us to theoretically make decisions based on what is best for our school and community, rather than only focusing on the bottom line. One might, then, look at this picture and make the hypothesis that local control has been a significant determinant of success (i.e. where we have local control we have seen success and where the state and federal government has been driving the ship, we've not seen as much success). This hypothesis comes with the caveat that the direction of education is not necessarily a bad one (in fact, many of the initiatives hold significant promise), just that it has been thrust upon schools without any thought to thorough and efficient implementation. So, if you're still following my

line of thinking, here's where the special significance of this year fits in. This year we will utilize a two-pronged approach to reassess, reformulate our goals where necessary, and work to foster more local control (where and when possible within the confines of the law). To that end, we will use a gap analysis model to review our progress (in all areas) over the last three years to identify where we've seen success and where we've fallen short. We will also work to identify why we've fallen short and what specific steps we need to take to meet the mark. Simultaneously, our District Leadership Team will be tackling the question I posed last year of "what should an excellent education look like at Cory-Rawson?". While much of that education is already defined for us by law there is, I believe, still room for local control and influence in determining what we want the "finished product" (our graduates!) to look like. To be sure, this will be a significant undertaking and will not be without its challenges. It is, though, a step that is imperative to take so that we can ensure we are continually improving and providing our students with the best possible education.

## Permanent Improvement Projects

As noted above, our budgets are much more stable after three years and, as such, we have been able to more fully utilize our permanent improvement budget for long-overdue physical improvements. This year you'll see quite a few new details around the school including new steps and sidewalk in front of the auditorium, a refurbished Bob Abbey Gymnasium (paint, floor, bleachers), refurbished varsity bleachers (infrastructure and hand rails... still in progress), new wall mats in the varsity gym, and a few other items. Also, thanks to our Athletic Boosters the Abbey Gym will feature new scoreboards and the stadium pressbox received new doors. While we strive to stretch our funds as far as possible, we would not be able to do many of the great things without our booster organizations – the athletic, music, and SOS groups have dedicated so much talent, time, and funding to the school and should be commended for their efforts!

## Calendar, Schedule, and Items of Note

Lastly, there are a few items of particular note and reminders for the upcoming school year. The first day of school is

August 18<sup>th</sup> and we will continue through August 25<sup>th</sup> before breaking for the Fair. Please note that this differs from past years when students had the entire week off for fair break. August 26<sup>th</sup> is a professional development day for our staff (we also have professional development days scheduled for November 24 and March 20). Another change of note included in this newsletter is a slight adjustment to start and end times (and, thus, changes to bus pick-up and drop-off times) for the school day to accommodate schedule changes this year. Finally, as many of you might have already noticed, the county has installed new School Zone equipment on CR 313 in conjunction with our building project completion. The school zone placement has changed slightly and you'll soon see the flashing lights which we added to help indicate school zone times. Drivers should be aware that the flashing lights are there as an added reminder, but do not supersede state law when it comes to enforcement (i.e. even if the lights are not flashing, but buses are picking up and dropping off the speed limit still applies). Please be aware of the speed limits in the school zone and directly in front of our school to help keep our students as safe as possible.

While I'm sure there is much more to discuss than we can possibly include in this initial newsletter, I hope you find it to be informational and helpful as we embark on this school year. I truly hope that you and your family have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. I also hope that you and your children are as excited to start the school year as we are! It seems that every year we comment on how quickly the summer passes us by and how early the school year seems to be upon us. I guess I'm always a little anxious, though, to get the school year started and to see all the kids back in the building and their excitement to get back to school. Each year brings with it new excitement and the promise of tomorrow's future and seeing the kids learn and grow each day they're here reminds me why being an educator is so rewarding and fulfilling!



# 2014-15 BUS ROUTES

Bus # 1	Bus #2	Bus # 3	Bus #4	Bus #5	Bus #6	Bus #11	Bus #16
White	Witte	Schutz	Kempf	Findlay ESC	Peterson	Parke	Cawley
West	Andrews/Babcock	Mason - KG	O Connells	Wade	Cooper	Banner	Brooks
Hickle	Spaeth - KG	Duncan	Riker		Rosendale	Cascaden	Preston
Hibbard	Garver -PS	Ireland - KG	Holland		Waldman	Schultz	Biery - KG
McVetta	Hibbard	Heath	Frost		Aukerman	Silvers,Heistand,	Sherrick - PS
Kussmaul	Thompson - KG	Wolfarth	Murry/Welch- PS		Garmatter	Miller	Biery
Bish	Wilson	Huber	Schnipke		Garmatter	Oman	Livingston
Smith -KG	Horman	Sonnet	Kizer		Brands	Schaller	James
Jefferson	Stoodt	Dearwester	Simpson		Garmatter	Edson	Marquart
Bluffton Daycare	Roth	Huether/Simon	Risner		Poe	Heldman	Sparks
Marshall	Bacon	Hamlin	<b>Mt Cory Stops</b>		Badertscher	Roth	Thompson - KG
Scoles -PS	Elchert	Peterman	#1 Lincoln & Washington		Thomas/Chisolm	May	Reese
Moser	Zuercher	Akroyd - KG	#2 Lincoln & Second		Welch	Roth, Yant	Cook
Hobensack -KG	Bower	Montgomery-KG	#3 First & Main		Snyder	Kellogg	Olivarez - KG
Anderson -PS	Conaway	Ludwig	#4 Main @ Sheplers		Duncan/Karcher	Green	Karcher/Phillips/ Peterson
Marshall	<b>Jenera Stops</b>	Young	#5 Park St		Korpics	Gillfillin	
Rieman	#1 Main & Sandusky	Urbanczyk	<b>Route #2</b>		Tuttle	Walters	Hollinger
Creeger	#2 Main & Heldman	Amos	Boone		Marker/Stiles	Misamore	Gregorwicz - PS
Kempf - KG	#3 Main & Church	Rose	Warnimont/Cook		Bixler	Smith	Price
Bowman	Reinhart	Lackey- KG	Bowman		Brown	Carman/Haskins	Hartman
Kay - KG	Lawrence	Armstrong	Lee		Hobbs	Boehm	Ritter
Dearth	Heldman	Wolford	Nickles - KG		<b>Route #2</b>	Foust - KG	Patterson
Inbody -PS	Stuckey	Fout	Coppus - PS		Augustine - KG	Ward - PS	Neise - KG
Fornoff	Smith		<b>Rawson K-6</b>		Hall		Collert
Risner	Powell		#1 Liberty St.		<b>Rawson</b>		Elwood
Hall	Egts - PS		#2 Town Center		Forest Edge		Schimmoellers
Hartley			#3 Vance St. 1st Alley Rt.		<b>Rawson 7-12</b>		Roebke
Hamby					#1 Main & Vance		Peterson
					#2 Main & Bolt		Kisseberth
					Simon		Lambert
							Berry



**Parents/students** – Due to slight changes in start and end times of the school day, bus route start times are subject to change during the first week of school. We will use last year's pick-up times as a baseline and adjust as necessary. We do not anticipate significant adjustments; however, if there is a major adjustment, we will communicate the change via listserve announcement.

Buses will start out at approximately 6:50-7:00 a.m. and arrive at the school approximately 7:55 a.m. For your planning purposes please understand that the routes will be a few minutes off for the first few weeks as we add or drop students (including K and Pre-K) to the enrollment. All students need to arrive at their stop before the bus (approximately 5-10 minutes). If your name is not on the list please

call the Transportation Department at 419-963-3415, ext. 5001. Please also note that the routes are subject to necessary changes as determined by the school (we do try to keep changes to the absolute minimum).

The Rawson bus will be #4 for grades K-6 and/or #6 for grades 7-12 with the first stop at approximately 7:45 a.m. The stops will be the same as previous years.

If you will be attending Millstream or AOC this year and were planning on bus transportation please call the school as soon as possible. Both services will only offer pickup and drop-off from the high school parking lot. Pickup time is 6:30 a.m. (it may be adjusted as

## Breakfast & Lunch Prices

Breakfast (all grades).....	\$1.25
Reduced Breakfast.....	\$ .30
Elementary Lunch .....	\$2.10
High School Lunch.....	\$2.35
Reduced Lunch.....	\$0.40
Extra Milk.....	\$0.50

A debit account has been established for all school students and each student has been assigned a personal identification

number (PIN) that will remain the same the entire time the student attends C-R. Money can be deposited into the account to later be used by the student to pay for meals and/or ala carte foods purchased in the cafeteria. The system will also accept cash payments on a daily basis.

If you have any questions contact the Cafeteria Manager at 419-963-3415 extension 5060.

## Ohio Alert

Sign up for Ohio Alert to receive text messages and/or emails regarding school delays, cancellations and other pertinent information. Go to the school webpage: <http://cory-rawson.k12.oh.us>, Resources, Ohio Alerts, Subscribe to Alerts.

If you have any questions call 419-963-3415.