

# Community Update

12-18-15

Merry Christmas! I hope this update finds you doing well and enjoying the days before Christmas Break (and, until just recently, the unseasonably warm temperatures!). While it's been an enjoyable – and equally frenzied – time for us in school as we approach the break I thought it was important to tell you about something that struck me as especially significant in their growth as students and citizens. Each year, but especially prevalent this year, our students contribute to those in need in many creative ways. Our student council collected coats this year in addition to their annual canned food drive. The FFA donated time and fruit to many organizations and families. Our FCCLA spent time mentoring and celebrating with younger students. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders raised funds through sales of “Snowman Soup” to donate to the Honor Flight for veterans. Our top-notch Jazz Band performed for the Blanchard Valley School. The Show Choir also performed at several locations. Not to be outdone, the second graders dazzled the Mennonite home with carols. While it's entirely possible that I have mistakenly overlooked a group, I hope this provides at least a representation of all that our students have done.

In an era when a laser-like focus is placed on academic achievement providing a well-rounded education is often overlooked. Some may exclaim that students are missing time in the classroom to take part in these activities. I would counter and say that the classroom is not defined by four walls; rather, the lessons these students learn by giving of their time and talent and by interacting with others outside this school are invaluable in their growth as individual and responsible citizens. When you hear someone lamenting that students are “different” today and seem to be self-involved in the world of social media...remind them that this is not always the case. Our students may lead different lives than we led, but they are no less educated about the importance of being a good person.

I hope you and your families have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! If you want to get out and about, you'll see by the calendar of events below that our extracurriculars are still going on over break. Come on out and cheer on the Hornets!

## DECEMBER 2015

Friday .....18 ..... V/JV Boys' BK w/Liberty Benton, 6pm, HS gym  
Saturday.....19 ..... FFA State Advanced & Novice Parli Pro CDE@ The Ohio State University  
Show Choir Gift Wrapping Fundraiser, 10am-4pm, Cafeteria  
V/JV Boys' BK w/Ada, 6pm, HS gym - *Hornettes Perform @ Halftime*  
Sunday .....20 .....  
Monday.....21 ..... **NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS BREAK**  
JH Boys' BK w/Hopewell Loudon, 5pm, Abbey Gym  
JH Girls' BK @ Hopewell Loudon, 5pm  
Tuesday.....22 ..... **NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS BREAK**  
9<sup>th</sup> Boys BK w/Van Buren, 5 pm, HS gym  
V/JV Girls' BK @ Van Buren, 6pm  
Wednesday .....23 ..... **NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS BREAK**  
Thursday .....24 ..... **NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Friday .....25 ..... **NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS**  
Saturday.....26 .....  
Sunday .....27 .....  
Monday.....28 ..... **NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS BREAK**  
CR JV Boys' BBK Tourney, HS gym

10am – Allen East vs Arlington  
 20 min after end of 1<sup>st</sup> game – CR vs Bluffton  
 V Boys' BK @ McDonald's Holiday Tourney, at Bluffton HS, 6pm & 8pm  
 Tuesday.....29 ..... **NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS BREAK**  
 CR JV Boys' BK Tourney, HS gym  
 Consolation Game: 10am  
 Championship: 20 min after the end of the consolation game  
 V Boys' BK @ McDonald's Holiday Tourney,  
 At Bluffton HS, 6pm & 8pm  
 V/JV Girls' BK @ Mohawk, 6pm  
 V Wrestling @ Arcadia, 6pm  
 Wednesday .....30 ..... **NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS BREAK**  
 Thursday .....31 ..... **NO SCHOOL – NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**JANUARY 2016**

Friday .....1 ..... **NO SCHOOL – NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
 Saturday.....2 .....  
 Sunday .....3 .....