

Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to the girls' basketball team for their victories against Ada and Pandora Gilboa this week! The girls have had a tough run but their hard work and perseverance paid off with now two great wins! Tackling adversity and coming out on the other side will be something that will benefit the girls' far beyond the basketball court. Keep it going girls and great job!

SB 216

We need your help! Senate Bill 216 (Enact Public School Deregulation Act-primary/secondary ed-testing) introduced by Senator Matt Huffman seeks to deregulate several aspects of schools and, effectively, lift some of the unnecessary burdens from schools, teachers, and students that the legislature has previously imposed. The bill seeks to address issues with teacher licensure which have long hampered schools in hiring and placing teachers where they are best suited. It also seeks to eliminate some of the redundant state testing and, just as importantly, requires the state to provide us individualized feedback from the tests so we can better help our students (currently we only receive very broad information from the state – and usually well after the school year has begun). The bill also addresses an issue the legislature created with the recent HB 410 (Truancy). Under the new law, a student out on an extended excused absence (for example, medical reasons) would still be considered truant and as such the school would need to formulate a plan for their return and initiate legal proceedings despite the obvious and legitimate reasons for their absence. Under SB 216 this poorly written aspect of the original law would be revised to allow for such circumstances without issue. The full text of the bill is available here <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-216>

So how can you help? If you believe this bill would be beneficial to schools and students I would encourage you to contact your legislators and let them know you support the bill.

Find your senator: <http://ohiosenate.gov/index>

Find your representative: <http://www.ohiohouse.gov/>

Good Luck!

There's quite a bit going on tomorrow...good luck to our performers at the All-County Band and Choir auditions. The wrestlers will host the CR Duals Match starting at 10am. The girls' basketball team will travel to Mohawk, while the boys will travel to Ottoville. Good luck to all!

Don't Forget...

Our 3-4th grade Holiday Program is tonight at 6:30pm...come out and enjoy the wonderful sounds of the season!