

## Community Update

8-18-17

The first week is in the books! While it was only a partial week, if you ask some of our senior students they'll likely tell you it was an arduous journey that seemed much longer than 3 days! Thanks go out to our students, staff, and parents for helping to make this an outstanding start to the school year! Thanks also to SOS for their generous donation of elementary school supplies for students and for their hard work in preparing them for the teachers! Things are certainly moving in a very positive direction for the district. Enrollment is up across the district this year. We're implementing a new English Language Arts curriculum which will better serve and engage our students. The buildings and grounds are in excellent shape after much hard work by our custodians and maintenance crews this summer. We're already planning for additional improvements for next summer!

### Calendar Reminder

We will have a full week of school next week (and we'll welcome our Kindergarten students to school on Monday!), followed by a week off for the Hancock County Fair. Our staff will have training on August 28<sup>th</sup> but students will not be in attendance all week. I hope you have an opportunity to get out to the fair to see our students' hard work and achievement and get some great food from the Booster Tent!

### The Boot

For those who donated last year to this project – thank you! For those who might not remember, the Hancock County Sheriff headed up this safety project with all county schools over the course of the past year. The Boot is a safety device designed to ensure quick lockdowns in classrooms. Thanks to our community and greater Hancock County, fundraising efforts have helped to offset the cost of this project. The bad news is that the project was held up along the way, but we were persistent throughout the process and are the first school in Hancock County to receive final approval for installation. We hope to expedite the installation process and are working with the company to schedule as soon as possible.

### Building Entrance

You may remember that this year we have returned to more traditional K-6 and 7-12 Principal assignments. While the assignments and offices have changed location – the 7-12 Principal, Mr. Heath Huffman, and 7-12 secretary, Mrs. Lisa Welch, have moved to the “old” High School office – **the only entrance to our school during school hours remains at door A1 at the elementary building.** This single entrance allows for us to provide better security for our building. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our students and staff as safe as possible

### Athletic Event Entrances – Part II

After sending out my update last week I noted that I said “soccer and football entrances won't change”...when, in fact, the soccer entrance has significantly changed with our new fields in use!

#### **Soccer Parking (see photo):**

**Spectators-** south of the elementary building and in the softball outfield area designated in green.

**Handicap-** north of the soccer practice field in the area designated in blue.

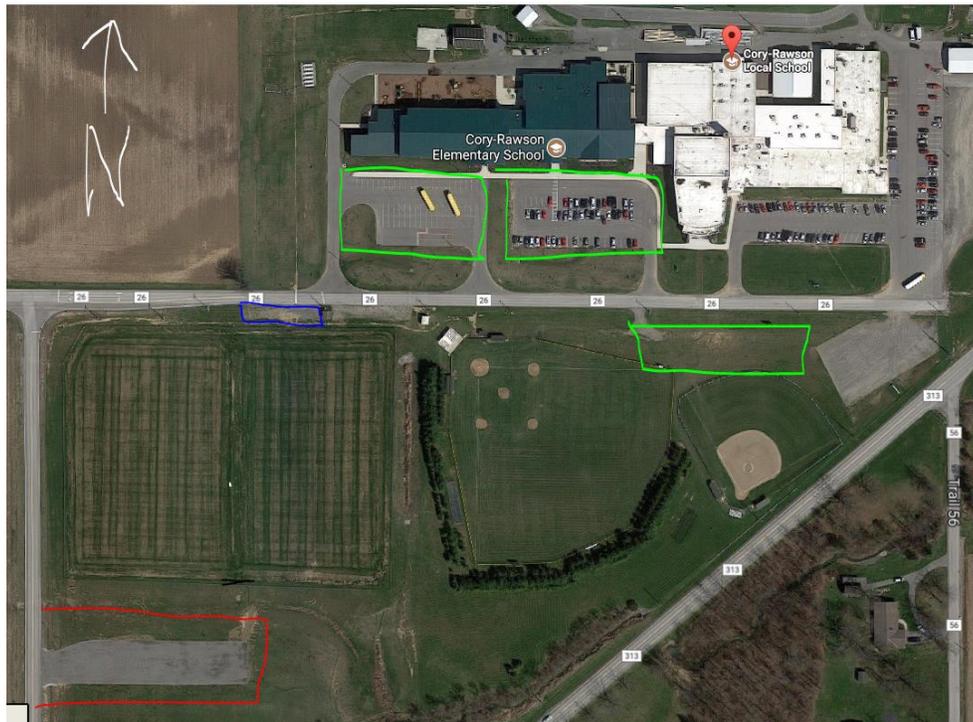
**Team members, visiting team buses, & officials-** stone parking lot south of the game field marked in red

#### **Soccer Gates:**

**Admission-**A single admission gate will be located between the fields on the north end.  
**Team/Official Entry-** A gate south of the soccer fields will be reserved for athletes and officials.

**Soccer Seating:**

Bleacher-style seating is available to fans, but space is limited. Home fans will sit in the northern-most bleachers; visiting fans will sit in the southern-most bleachers. Fans may bring their own lawn chairs; however, they must be positioned a minimum of ten feet off the field of play.



*Soccer Parking*

**Good Luck!**

Good luck to our football team as they travel to Waynesfield for their last tune-up before the season starts against Bluffton the following Friday. The girls' soccer team will have the first official game on the new soccer field against Riverdale (under the lights!) tonight (for this event only there will be ticket entrances at both the South and North gates)! On Saturday the volleyball team will travel to Ada, while the boys' soccer team heads to Van Wert. Go Hornets!