

# Community Update

1-16-15

## Calamity Days

As you may know, we have been closed 5 days for weather (in fact, we have had eleven 2-hour delays as well but, for now, ignore those as it will muddy the waters). Even though the state now counts hours for the calendar, it is easier to still think in terms of days (which is why we composed our calendar in that manner – to keep it easy to understand). So, with 5 missed days (or 32.5 hours according to the state) any days we miss from here to the end of school will need to be made up either through the use of make-up days or the use of Blizzard Bags (online or work sent home). For your knowledge and scheduling purposes, for the next 3 calamity days (days 6, 7, and 8) we will utilize President's Day (if we miss prior to that day) and the Monday and Tuesday of spring break week. After those 3 days we will utilize Blizzard bags across the district for days 9, 10, and 11. After those days (and hopefully we don't get that far!) we will schedule make-up days at the end of the school year. The actual make up dates **if needed** are Monday, February 16, Monday, March 30 and Tuesday, March 31. Here's hoping that all this information is not necessary and we can make it through the remainder of the year without further calamity days!

## HS Principal Interview Committee

Thank you to all of those who have volunteered to be on the HS principal interview committee! I was very pleased with the response and, in fact, have had to place several volunteers on a waiting list due to overwhelming response. We currently have 10 people on a very full committee. We're doing the committee process a bit differently this time (from last year's elementary search) and will have 10 people meet to decide questions, goals, etc. and then our interview committee will consist of 6 people (staff, parents, and community). While I would love to include everyone, we need to ensure that the committees can function efficiently and effectively and, thus, have limited the committees to those that volunteered first. Thank you to all those who have graciously volunteered their time! I'm so glad the community is engaged in the school and wants to be a part of making a difference for all students!

The committee will convene early in February, interview, and if all goes well, we hope to have a recommendation for the Board of Education to hire in March for the next school year. If anyone who has not volunteered has any specific questions, characteristics, or goals for the committee to consider please contact us and I will be sure to include it in our committee discussions.

## Safety Plan Committee

Our annual committee meeting took place last night and was extremely productive. We discussed revisions and improvements to our safety plans, set goals to have the fire department be on site for fire drills to observe and assist in improving the process, and established a framework for future ALICE/Lockdown trainings. Thank you to all the local agencies who participated and provided their expertise in ensuring we can keep our students and staff as safe as possible!

## Events

Tonight the boys' basketball team takes on McComb, while our wrestlers travel to Arcadia – good luck to both teams! On Saturday, the cheerleaders will compete at Riverdale, junior high wrestling travels to Fostoria, and the HS Solo and Ensemble competition will take place at Lima Senior. Finally, the youth boys' basketball team will hit the hardwood on Saturday at CR. Good luck to all!

Don't forget...no school on Monday in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, so we'll see you on Tuesday! Have a great weekend!

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