

BLANCHESTER LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

"SCHOOL OPENING"

The following information should help you prepare for the start of the 2023-2024 school year. If you have any questions or concerns during the school year, please reach out to the appropriate building first at the following numbers:

Blanchester High School (Grades 9-12) - (937) 783-2461, Eric Lawson, Principal; Jason Whitaker, Assistant Principal

Blanchester Middle School (Grades 5-8) - (937) 783-3642, Ryan Briggs, Principal

Putman Elementary School (Grades P-4) - (937) 783-2681, Jeri Earley, Principal

Should you have additional questions or concerns, you may contact the Board Office at:

Blanchester Local Schools Board Office - (937) 783-3523

Blanchester Local Schools will open **Wednesday, August 16, 2023** for the 2023-24 school year, beginning their 169th year of service to the young people of the district. **ALL** schools will be in session for a full day the first day. Lunch will be served in each cafeteria and students should be prepared to begin their studies. **The kindergarten students do a staggered start. Half of the class will begin Wednesday, August 23rd and NOT attend Thursday, August 24th. The other half of the class will begin Thursday, August 24th. All kindergarteners will attend Friday, August 25th. Your child's teacher will let you know what day your child starts at your conference. AM Preschool students will attend Wednesday, August 23rd only. PM Preschool students will attend Thursday, August 24th only. AM & PM Preschool students will attend Monday, August 28th.**

The following information will answer many questions; however, district residents may call their child's school or the district office for clarification or further information.

DISTRICT PERSONNEL:

Randy Dunlap, Superintendent, 937-783-3523

Alleyn Unversaw, Interim Treasurer, 937-783-3523

Raechel Purdon, Director of Instruction, 937-783-3523

Kristin Unversaw, Director of Student Services, 937-783-3523

Emily Ledford, Assistant Director of Student Services, 937-783-3523

Barb Prater, Transportation Supervisor, 937-783-3714

Jeryl Weis, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, 937-783-3523

Paula Wallace, Cafeteria Supervisor, 937-783-1212

Jenny Ballinger, District Nurse 937-783-2461

OPEN HOUSE

PUTMAN ELEMENTARY: Grades PS thru 4 - Monday, August 14, 2023 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL : Grades 5 thru 8 – Monday, August 14, 2023, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL: Grades 9 thru 12 – Monday, August 14, 2023, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

MEET THE TEAM AND BAND PERFORMANCE WILL FOLLOW HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AT THE FOOTBALL FIELD. 7:15 – 8:00 pm

REGISTRATION

Registration of new students is done online through FINALFORMS.COM, if you have any questions about registering your students contact the Board Office 937-783-3523.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST/LUNCH

School Meal Prices for the 2023-24 School Year are as follows:

Grades K-5: Breakfast \$2.00, Reduced Breakfast \$0.30, Lunch \$3.25, Reduced Lunch \$0.40
Grades 6-12: Breakfast \$2.00, Reduced Breakfast \$0.30, Lunch \$3.50, Reduced Lunch \$0.40

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Some school bus morning routes **have changed** from last year. For route changes including new pick up and drop off times please go to Blanchester Local Schools website and select the Bus Routes Link on the main page. Bus Routes will also be posted at each building during Open House. Specific questions concerning transportation should be addressed to **Barb Prater, Transportation Supervisor at 937-783-3714.**

SCHOOL FEES

Each school charges a fee for materials or workbooks that cannot be used by other children. There will be a Student Plan Book/Handbook fee for Grades 5 thru 12 - \$6.00. In addition the class fees for the 2023-2024 school year are: Kindergarten - \$38.00, 1st - \$62.00, 2nd - \$66.00, 3rd & 4th Grades - \$68.00, 5th - \$28.00, 6th - \$23.00, 7th & 8th - \$26.00, Grades 9 thru 12 – According to schedule of classes. Specific questions concerning School Fees should be addressed to the building Principal.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School Supply lists for each building grade level are listed on www.blanschools.org under the school building your child is attending.

CHROMEBOOK INSURANCE

We are offering Chromebook Insurance for students in grades 5-12. Parents must purchase the insurance in order for their students to be allowed to take their school issued Chromebook home. Students will not be able to take Chromebooks home until the insurance agreement has been signed and turned in with the \$20.00 insurance premium.

OAKS STUDENTS

LAUREL OAKS Junior Day - **AUGUST 17, 2023 All students AUGUST 18, 2023**

Bus to Laurel Oaks & Southern Ohio Learning Center will depart from the high school at **approximately 7:30 a.m.**

LIVE OAKS – ALL Students AUGUST 17, 2023

SCARLET OAKS Junior Day - **AUGUST 17, 2023, All Students AUGUST 18, 2023**