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NEWSLETTER



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Important Reminders:

- ◆ Oct. 29 - Nov. 8
Parent-Teacher
Conferences
- ◆ Nov. 8, 9, 10 -
UHS Musical -
Willy Wonka
7:30 p.m. MS Gym
- ◆ Nov. 9 - No School
- ◆ Nov. 21 -26
Thanksgiving Break
- ◆ Dec. 20 - Last Day
Before Winter Break



- ◆ Jan. 2 - Return from
Winter Break
- ◆ Jan. 18 - No School
- ◆ Jan. 21 - No School

From the Superintendent ~

Our district has kicked off yet another outstanding year. It's difficult to believe we have already completed the first quarter of the 2018-19 school year. We are working to achieve our mission to facilitate maximum learning for every student in countless ways. The district could not achieve these many milestones without the strong partnership we share with our students, staff, and community. I want to thank each of you for doing your part to live our mission.

The district has had a busy and productive nine weeks. We continue to focus on our Four Pillars of Success, which you can check out on our webpage. The new bus garage has been completed and our bus drivers, mechanics, and aides have a new working area to facilitate getting our students to school safely.

I would like to address increased vigilance in our district. There are times that the district will increase staff vigilance to accomplish a number of different initiatives. First, this provides our staff a constant reminder that security and safety of students must always come first. Second, it provides a great working relationship with the first responders. Working together with police and fire provides a commonality between the groups, and people will see that being prepared is critical to school safety. Third, there are times we are notified of issues in or around the district that warrant the increase in vigilance. These are often times not credible or verifiable issues, but could influence the district one way or another. Please keep in mind that if there is ever a verifiable, credible issue parents will be notified through the One Call Now Alert System.

We would like to remind all of our community members who have students in the district to make sure your address and phone numbers are up to date with the building your student attends. This helps the district to provide information to you quickly. So if you have made a change, please notify the building secretaries so these can be updated in our system.

As we approach the winter weather it is prudent to make sure parents know that we will make the best decision we can concerning closing school. We have on our website school closing procedures so that you can see the number of steps taken to ensure students and staff are safe to come to school. Please keep in mind that as parents you have the final say on whether you feel it is safe enough to send your students to school. If you choose to keep your student home, please call the office and let the building secretary know that you have elected to keep them home because of the weather. We encourage you to update your phone numbers in the One Call Alert System so you can get any information concerning school closings and delays.

Thank you all for letting us be a part of the education of your children.

Scott Hartley, Superintendent

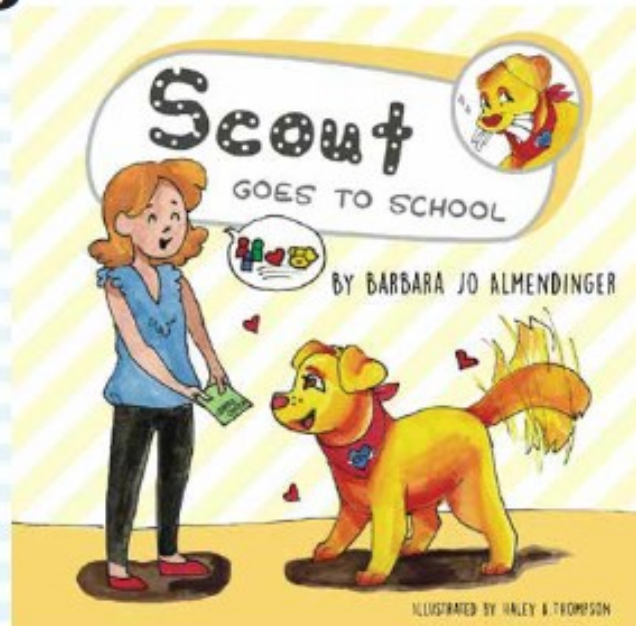
THE FAMILY RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

Why can't the school give parents information about issues that occur? For example, when a threat is made. Put simply, the district is not allowed to give any information concerning a student to the public or another person who is not the parent of that child. The district can provide information only to law enforcement officials acting in the function of their position. The Family Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) prohibits schools from releasing information about a student that was obtained through the school's official capacity. For example, under FERPA a principal or other school official who took official action may not disclose that information. Put simply, if your child had a disciplinary issue, how would you feel if the district disclosed all of the particulars of what your child did, to everyone in the district? Regardless of the situation, the district must follow the federal law to ensure the student's personally identifiable information is maintained by the school.

Barbara Jo Almendinger

& Scout 

Book Signing Event



November 7th 4:30-6:30 P.M.
at Utica Middle School

Come meet Scout, Utica Middle School's therapy dog, and get your own signed copy of the newly released children's book, *Scout Goes to School*.

Written by Barabara Jo Alemendinger, U.M.S. 8th grade language arts teacher, and illustrated by Haley Thompson, a Utica 2018 high school graduate, this book will tell you all about Scout's adventures around the middle school!

Paperback \$10
Hardcover \$15



[scout_sawyer_ums](https://www.instagram.com/scout_sawyer_ums)

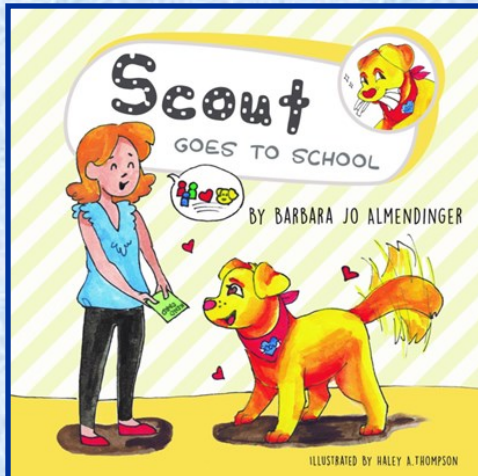
UTICA MIDDLE SCHOOL ~ Marcia Rutherford, Principal

Dear Parents,

What a great first 9 weeks! Thank you for sending your students to us. I know they learned much and we are grateful to have them. As we move to the next 9 weeks, please look for our conference schedule, to be held November 5, 2018 and November 7, 2018 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm, posted on our website AND on our Facebook page. Please call the office to speak to either Mrs. Bennett or Mrs. Williams to schedule time with teachers. Here are some highlights from our fall!

AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to Mrs. Julie Davis, our 6th grade science teacher. She has been chosen to represent North Fork Local Schools as this year's *Leaders for Learning* recipient. We are proud of her enthusiasm and innovation! Great work, Mrs. Davis!!



BOOK SIGNING

Scout is FAMOUS, again!! Ms. Barbara Almendinger has written a second book, *Scout Goes to School*. The book was illustrated by Utica's very own Haley Thompson! We will be holding a book signing with Scout and Ms. Almendinger on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at UMS. Please come and have Ms. Almendinger and Scout sign your book!

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Eight 7th and 8th grade students participated in the Licking County Ambassador program this past month! Students traveled to Lakewood Middle School and spent the day with their hosts. The next week, those Lakewood Middle School students came HERE! We look forward to new friendships and new opportunities to attend other schools!





NEWTON AND UTICA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Mrs. Katheryn Robinson, Elementary Guidance Counselor
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Newton Elementary: (740) 745-5982, ex. 5235

Weekly Schedule (subject to change)

Monday- Utica Elementary
Tuesday- Newton Elementary
Wednesday - Utica Elementary A.M. and Newton P.M.
Thursday- Utica Elementary
Friday- Newton Elementary

Leader in Me

Utica and Newton Elementary Schools have begun the next step in the **Leader in Me** district initiative. Teachers attended training over the summer to aid in the implementation process. We will continue to educate the students on each of the 7 Leadership Habits. Over the next few years, you will notice an increased **Leader in Me** presence, as our students not only learn to talk the talk, but also walk the walk. The goal of the **Leader in Me** program is to provide students with the skills that build on productive character traits that not only demonstrate growth in their academic studies but are traits that are beneficial throughout the lifespan as future employees, as parents and as community citizens.

Counseling Groups

Friendship groups have already begun in several grade levels at both Utica and Newton Elementary Schools. The focus of the group is to provide students with social skills such as effective communication, conversational skills, active listening, conflict resolution and manners. Groups will change again, during the 2nd semester, giving other children opportunities to participate. Our good friend Mrs. Susan Hatch (former guidance counselor) will be meeting with students at Newton and Mr. Brad Kittle will be working with students at Utica beginning the second grading period. We will also be offering anger management groups beginning the second grading period facilitated by Mrs. Katheryn Robinson.

Thank You North Fork Community!

The elementary staff and students wish to thank community members, local Fire and EMS Departments, area churches, school PTO's, community businesses, and North Fork staff for their donations this school year. We are grateful for you all in providing coats, gloves, school supplies, and food throughout the year. We are overwhelmed by your generosity and support for our wonderful North Fork District students!

After School Reading and Writing Club at Utica Elementary

The after-school Reading Club will begin the 2nd grading period at **Utica Elementary** and will focus on 3rd grade students that struggle in the areas of reading and writing. The 3rd grading period will be opened up to 4th and 5th grade students that also struggle with reading and writing skills.

Newton Elementary News

Kindergarten fieldtrip to **Legend Hills Orchard**. Students enjoyed a skit about the legend of Johnny Appleseed, picking apples and selecting a pumpkin. Thanks **Legend Hills Orchard (Virgil and Susan Hatch)** for your hospitality.



Once again we will be using the One Call Now messaging system for parent notification of school delays, cancellations and other information. From the North Fork homepage just follow the link under the parents tab to update your information.

CLOSE?? DELAY?? What should we do?

When bad weather affects the area, we make the decision to open/close schools, or modify the school day schedule based upon a careful analysis of all relevant factors. **Some** of these factors are:

- * Information on road conditions from transportation staff and local law enforcement. Careful consideration is given to the most dangerous roads in the district; they can be treacherous, even if your street looks clear.
- * Amount of accumulated snow and/or ice
- * Is precipitation expected to continue throughout the day?
- * Temperature and wind chill
- * Building conditions such as whether there is electricity and heat
- * What other districts are doing



Get Your Golden Ticket to U.H.S.'s *Willy Wonka*!

The Utica High School Drama Club will present the musical *Willy Wonka* on November 8th, 9th, and 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the U.M.S. gym. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling 740-507-5180 for reservations.

The show is based on the book by Roald Dahl and the 1971 film. It tells the story of Charlie Bucket, a little girl who wins a once-in-a-lifetime tour of the world-famous Wonka Chocolate factory, along with four other children. The mysterious Willy Wonka leads the winners and their family members on the tour as one by one the children succumb to their weaknesses of greed, selfishness, and rudeness. Who will be left to succeed Willy Wonka as head of the magical candy factory?

The U.H.S. performance features students from grades 5-12. We invite everyone to come explore a world of "Pure Imagination" with the ultimate "Candy Man!"



Utica Elementary ~ Mr. Brett Ballinger, Principal

Familiar Faces in New Places

We are pleased to introduce **Katheryn Robinson** and **Emily Rowley** in their new positions at Utica Elementary. Both have served as teachers within the building during previous years, but are transitioning into new roles during the 2018-2019 school year.

Mrs. Robinson will be serving as Guidance Counselor for both Utica and Newton Elementary. Katheryn's background in psychology led to her first position after graduating from college. She worked with a licensed mental health counseling team to conduct assessments and evaluations for the Florida Department of Corrections. In 1996, she moved into the world of public education as a Behavior Specialist for Pasco County School District, specializing in the evaluation, creation and implementation of behavior plans. In 2003, Katheryn moved to Ohio and obtained her license as an Intervention Specialist. She is entering her eleventh year at Utica Elementary. During that time she has served as an Intervention Specialist, implemented many different after-school support programs, participated on building improvement committees and has played a vital role in the coordination of modifications and accommodations for students during our state testing periods.

Mrs. Rowley is coming back to Utica Elementary after spending a year working as a Professional Development Coordinator for the Teaching and Learning Collaborative. She will be spending her time working as an English/Language Arts Intervention Specialist for students in third, fourth and fifth grade. After graduating from Capital University, Emily began working for Blacklick Elementary in Gahanna. Her first year was spent as a split kindergarten teacher and intervention specialist. She taught four more years at Blacklick in the second grade before coming to Utica Elementary as a first grade teacher in 2016. Beyond the classroom, Emily is working with a committee of our teachers in an effort to revamp our writing program for all grade levels at Utica Elementary. We are extremely excited to have Emily's knowledge, enthusiasm and passion for teaching back in our building.



Utica Elementary continued...

Operation Christmas Child

Throughout the month of October, the Utica Elementary community has been implementing some of our Leader in Me, Habits of Success, into an initiative known as *Operation Christmas Child*. This school-wide project has given our students the opportunity to **Synergize (Habit 6)** through creative group collaboration toward an end goal and to **Sharpen the Saw (Habit 7)** which deals with building ones inner capacity by giving of themselves and their time. Students and their families have been giving monetary donations for

purchases and other specified items that will be packed into shoeboxes and shipped all over the world for children in need. This project has allowed our students the opportunity to accomplish a unified goal through a cooperative effort. A celebratory assembly will be held on November 2nd. During this assembly we will honor our Leaders of the Month and conclude with the winners of our Pie in the Face drawing, smashing whipped cream pies in the faces of the nineteen staff members who volunteered to help the fundraising effort so we could reach our goal.



Costume Parade

Creative spirit was on display as Utica Elementary students and teachers participated in our annual costume parade through **Oak Hill Manor**. We want to express our appreciation to **Oak Hill Manor** for allowing our students another opportunity to march in their costumes.



Meet Our New Treasurer. . .

My name is **Kellie Breehl** and I began as the new **Treasurer/CFO** of the North Fork School District on October 1, 2018. Serving as Treasurer/CFO with districts in Tuscarawas, Ross, and Holmes Counties, I come to North Fork with 25 years of experience.

I am a native of Tuscarawas County, married to a fabulous husband, and have two fantastic sons.

I am honored to have this opportunity to work with the staff and community of the North Fork School District. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Kellie Breehl

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News from the Nurse — Jenn Wygle



As we enter cold and flu season, the easiest way to keep from getting sick is to wash your hands. It only takes 20 seconds to properly wash your hands, and this simple step can help protect you and your family from illnesses this winter.

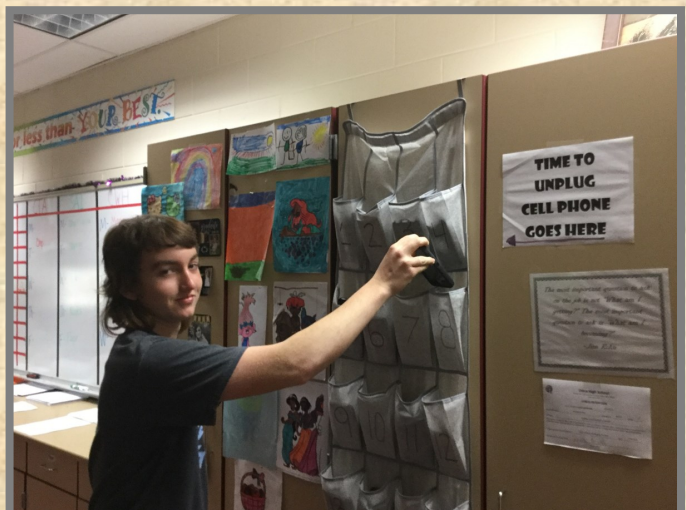
Here are seven tips to become a hand washing expert:

1. Hand washing should be done after going to the restroom, before and after caring for someone who is ill, after blowing your nose or sneezing, before eating, and after changing diapers.
2. To properly wash your hands, use soap and warm water and rub your hands together in order to create a full lather.
3. This should be done for twenty seconds, or the length of time it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song, twice.
4. Be sure to scrub your wrists and under your fingernails as well.
5. Rinse your hands and dry them off using a paper towel or hand dryer.
6. If possible, use a paper towel to turn off the water in order to prevent contaminating your hands after they are clean.
7. If soap and water are not available, an alcohol-based hand sanitizer can also be used as an alternative. In order to be effective, the product should contain at least 60 percent alcohol. Apply a generous amount of the product to your hands, and rub the product all over your hands until they are dry.

NEW CELL PHONE POLICY

Enter a classroom at UHS and you will likely find a numbered pocket organizer hanging on the wall. In effort to curb the distraction of cell phone use during class, a new cell phone policy has been put into effect. Each day, as students arrive to class, they are expected to place their phones into their designated pockets of the organizer. Alternatively, students may leave their devices in their lockers. When class is over, or with teacher approval, students may retrieve their phones and continue with their day.

Mr. Mark Bowman, Principal



Newton Elementary News ~ Ms. Gorius, Principal

Newton Elementary hosted **Grandparent Days** and had 301 grandparents join us for lunch over the three days.



Mark your calendars -

Nov. 8, 2018 10:00 a.m. Veteran's Day Assembly (Grades 4 & 5 will be performing.)
 Nov. 12, 2018 2:30 p.m. Honors Assembly Grades 3, 4, 5

Transportation Update - Mr. Mike Maxwell, District Services Coordinator

With winter weather right around the corner, in-town busing for elementary students in Utica will begin Monday, December 3, 2018, at the following stops:

Crestview and Anderson	Bus 1	8:45 a.m.
Crestview and N. Washington	Bus 15	8:45 a.m.
Maple and N. Washington	Bus 27	8:45 a.m.
Mill St. and Bell Ave.	Bus 20	8:41 a.m.
Mill St. and Williams	Bus 20	8:43 a.m.
Fleming's Dairy Building	Bus 20	8:45 a.m.



North Fork Transportation Department wants to ...

DRIVE OUT HUNGER!

The challenge is on! The Transportation Department would like to collect enough nonperishable goods to fill up a school bus! They will be collecting nonperishable goods the week of November 5 - 8, 2018. These items will be donated to our local food pantry right here in Utica. This is a tremendous challenge, but if each person brings in one item you will be surprised how much of a difference that can make. The bus that collects the most will receive a special treat for their hard work. If the entire district works together we can fill the bus. WE CAN DRIVE OUT HUNGER!

Donations may be dropped off at the bus garage or any of the school buildings.



**Feeding the
Community**



Utica High School
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BRAD BAUGH - H.S. ASSISTANT
PRINCIPAL/ADMARCIA RUTHERFORD - M.S.



Utica High School
2018-2019 Winter
Sports Schedule

BOYS BASKETBALL

14-Nov	A	Mount Vernon (S)	6:00 PM
23-Nov	A	River Valley (S)	10:00 AM
27-Nov	H	Danville (S)	6:00 PM
29-Nov	H	Cardington-Lincoln	4:30/6:00/7:30
1-Dec	A	Granville Christian	3:30 (V only)
5-Dec	A	Licking Valley	4:30/6:00/7:30
12-Dec	A	Johnstown	4:30/6:00/7:30
15-Dec	H	Heath	4:30/6:00/7:30
19-Dec	H	Licking Heights	3:00/4:30/6:00
27-Dec	H	Fairfield Christian	4:30/6:00/7:30
29-Dec	H	Centerburg	4:00/5:30 (no 9th)
3-Jan	H	Horizon Science Aca	4:30/6:00/7:30
5-Jan	A	Elgin	4:30/6:00/7:30
9-Jan	A	Northridge	6:00/7:30 (no 9th)
12-Jan	A	Lakewood	4:30/6:00/7:30
15-Jan	H	Newark Catholic	4:30/6:00/7:30
22-Jan	H	Johnstown	4:30/6:00/7:30
25-Jan	H	Granville	4:30/6:00/7:30
29-Jan	A	Heath	4:30/6:00/7:30
5-Feb	H	Watkins	4:30/6:00/7:30
8-Feb	H	Northridge	6:00/7:30 (no 9th)
12-Feb	H	Fredericktown (SN)	4:30/6:00/7:30
15-Feb	A	Newark Catholic	4:30/6:00/7:30
16-Feb	A	Grandview Heights	4:30/6:00/7:30
19-Feb	A	Mount Gilead	4:30/6:00/7:30

GIRLS BASKETBALL

6-Nov	A	Elgin (S)	6:00 PM
12-Nov	A	Danville (S)	6:00 PM
20-Nov	A	Mount Vernon (S)	6:00 PM
21-Nov	H	Bloom-Carroll (S)	10:00 AM
23-Nov	A	Fairfield Christian	6pm/7:30pm
27-Nov	A	Worthington Christian	6pm/7:30pm
1-Dec	A	Granville Christian (V)	2:00 PM
4-Dec	H	Licking Valley	6pm/7:30pm
7-Dec	H	Johnstown	6pm/7:30pm
11-Dec	A	Heath HS	6pm/7:30pm
14-Dec	A	Licking Heights	6pm/7:30pm
17-Dec	A	Amranda-Clearcreek	6pm/7:30pm
19-Dec	A	Fredericktown	6pm/7:30pm
22-Dec	H	Maysville	1pm/2:30pm
29-Dec	H	Centerburg	1pm/2:30pm
4-Jan	H	Northridge	6pm/7:30pm
8-Jan	H	Lakewood	6pm/7:30pm
11-Jan	A	Newark Catholic	6pm/7:30pm
16-Jan	A	Johnstown	6pm/7:30pm
19-Jan	A	Granville	4:30/6pm
23-Jan	H	Heath HS	6pm/7:30pm
24-Jan	H	Highland	6pm/7:30pm
30-Jan	A	Watkins	6pm/7:30pm
2-Feb	A	Northridge	4:30/6pm
7-Feb	H	Newark Catholic	6pm/7:30pm
14-Feb	H	River View (SN)	6pm/7:30pm

Wrestling

1-Dec	A	Granville Wrestling Invit.	10:00 AM
8-Dec	A	Teays Valley Invite	10:00 AM
13-Dec	H	Dual vs North Union	6:00 PM
15-Dec	A	Tri Valley Big Dawg	10:00 AM
23-Dec	A	Dual vs Liberty Union (mshs)	6:00 PM
5-Jan	A	Licking Valley Varsity Invit.	10:00 AM
17-Jan	H	Dual vs Whitehall	6:00 PM
19-Jan	A	Amranda Clear Creek Tour.	10:00 AM
26-Jan	H	Utica Tournament	10:00 AM
30-Jan	H	Dual vs Hilliard Darby	6:00 PM
2-Feb	TBD	Team Regional	
6-Feb	H	Tri East Knowl Lakewood	6:00 PM
9-Feb	H	Tri Thomas Worthington	10:00 AM
16-Feb	A	Conference @ Watkins	10:00 AM

BOWLING

1-Dec	Park (H)	Northridge	1pm
3-Dec	H	Heath	4pm
6-Dec	A	Lakewood	4pm
8-Dec	Palace (H)	Holiday Baker T	11:30am
12-Dec	Redskin (A)	Northridge	4pm
17-Dec	A	Mt Vernon	4pm
20-Dec	A	Heath	6pm
8-Jan	H	Granville	4pm
10-Jan	A	Licking Valley	4pm
12-Jan	H	Licking Valley	12pm
15-Jan	A	Granville	6pm
19-Jan	HP lanes (A)	D2 Preview	10am
23-Jan	H	Mt Vernon	4pm
2-Feb	H	Lakewood	12pm
9-Feb	Park	LCL Tourn	TBA

***Sectionals Feb 10-17**

*Revised Oct 24, 2018

*Schedule is subject to change

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Utica Middle School 2018-2019 Winter Sports Schedule

BOYS BASKETBALL

13-Nov	A	Granville	5pm/6:30pm
19-Nov	H	Lakewood	5pm/6:30pm
26-Nov	A	Licking Valley	5pm/6:30pm
29-Nov	H	Johnstown	5pm/6:30pm
3-Dec	A	Heath	5pm/6:30pm
6-Dec	H	Watkins	5pm/6:30pm
10-Dec	H	Newark Catholic	5pm/6:30pm
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Date	Location		7TH/8TH

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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26-Jan	A	Northridge	10am/11:30am
28-Jan	H	Licking Heights	5pm/6:30pm
Date	Location		7TH/8TH

WRESTLING

1-Dec	A	Centerburg	9:30 AM
8-Dec	A	Invitational	10:00 AM
15-Dec	A	Heath	10:00 AM
29-Dec	A	East Knox	10:00 AM
5-Jan	H	Hilliard Heritage	10:00 AM
12-Jan	A	Newark Catholic	9:00 AM
16-Feb	A	LCL Tournament	10:00 AM
Date	Location	Tournament	Time

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