



Crossgates Courier

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Crossgates School Delayed Start Policy

Toledo Public Schools has a **School Delay** policy they use when the weather is severe. This policy will allow Toledo Schools to delay two hours instead of closing right away to see if the weather will improve enough for students to come to school. On days when a delay is called, school will begin at Crossgates at 11:00 AM and end at the regular time, 3:15 PM. Busses will run on a two hour delayed schedule in the morning on these days. Regularly scheduled before school programs such as before school tutoring, and school breakfast, **WILL NOT BE HELD ON THESE DAYS.** When school begins after a two-hour delay, we will continue on a regular school schedule from 11:00 AM. This means lunches will still be held at 11:20-11:50, 12:00-12:30 and 12:40-1:10. Special classes such as Music, Art, etc. will be held at the regularly scheduled times.

Whenever school is delayed or closed because of inclement weather, we find out the same way that you do, by listening to the radio or watching television. We will not be in the office to answer the phone on days when school is closed, or during the time it is delayed. If you feel we may not have school on a bad weather day, please listen to a local radio station or watch a local television channel to see if school is delayed or closed.

SPECIAL NOTE: On days when school is delayed, please continue to listen to the radio or television. Sometimes delays turn into closings if the weather does not improve.

Lost and Found

Have you been looking for a jacket or sweater your child seems to have misplaced? They say they can't remember where they left it. Remind them to look in our Lost & Found box located in the lobby of the school. Parents may also want to check this box periodically when they visit the school. A good time to look is when you come for Parent/Teacher Conferences in November.

NOTE: With the inception of our student uniform dress code, many students have sweaters, etc. that look alike. Writing your child's name on the collar tag may help your child identify their lost clothing.

Student of the Month

As a way to encourage positive student behavior, we have instituted a "Student of the Month" program. One student per class is selected by their teacher using the following criteria: 1) **Student cannot be tardy nor have an unexcused absence during the previous month.** 2) **Student must be current with all assignments given by his/her teacher.** 3) **Student must respect the rights of others. (Treats others nicely.)** 4) **Student must show good manners.** 5) **Student cannot have visited the office for behavior during the previous month.** 6) **Student cannot have any detentions during the previous month.** 7) **Student cannot have any uniform violations during the previous month.** 8) **Student cannot be chosen more than once a year.** Students selected for this award will be invited to a breakfast and have their picture and a short "bio" displayed at school. The following students are the November, 2007, recipients of this award. Mrs. Lardinai's Kindergarten- **Hunter Canary**, Mrs. Haas' Kindergarten- **Allyse Goodwin**, Ms. Eding's 1st Grade- **Holly Watson**, Mrs. Smitley's 1st Grade- **Sophia Jaegly**, Mrs. Hanf's 2nd Grade- **Kaliegh Hummer**, Mrs. Ocker's 2nd Grade- **Chad Huss**, Mrs. Metcalf's 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade- **James Wainscott**, Ms. Tisdale's 3rd Grade- **Conner Palm**, Ms. Ganun's 3rd Grade- **Jacquez Harris**, Mrs. Lefevre's 4th Grade- **Brandon Welch**, Mrs. Packo's 4th Grade- **Ben White**, Mrs. Pertcheck's 5th Grade- **Aaron Stark**, Ms. Kaper's 5th Grade- **Paige Benner**, Mrs. Dendinger's 6th Grade- **Hala Abou-Dahech**, Mrs. Sweeney's 6th Grade- **Rosa Mondragon**, Mrs. Appelhans' 4th, 5th, 6th Grade- **Romaine Cooke**, Mrs. Schroeder's 4th, 5th, 6th Grade- **John Skouroukos.**
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THESE STUDENTS!

6th Grade Camp

Each year 6th grade students attend Outdoor Education Sixth Grade Camp. This is when they spend a week at Camp Storer in Michigan. The cost for this week at camp this year is \$124.00. Crossgates 6th graders will be attending camp in November this year. They will attend from November 12-16, 2007. Sixth grade students had their first orientation meeting on Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at 9:30 AM in their classrooms. A notice about your child's cost for camp, in addition to information on when they will leave school and when they will return was already sent home with your 6th grade student.

COMPLETE PAYMENT FOR CAMP IS DUE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2007.

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

Box Tops News

We have earned \$300 as of 10/2/07! Another batch will be sent on 10/29/07. Keep those Box Tops coming!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have earned a Dress Down Pay by sending in 100 Box Tops at one time: **Blake Bettinger, Emily Bettinger, Connie Christiansen, Courtney Coffman, Sabrina Coffman, Lucas Degroff, Hayden Garczynski, Rebecca Johnson, Matthew Martin, Maggie Marx, Ben Meiring, Jessica Sharp, Aaron Stark, Madison Thies and Brandon Yockey!!!!**

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who won the October drawing for bringing in 30 Box Tops at one time: **Chad Adkins, Jordyn Greer, Alanna Markovich, Mark Martinez and Briana Wilbanks!!!!**

Please remember to send in your Box Tops by 100 or 30 in an envelope or ziploc bag with your full name (first & last), room number and teacher's name. Please **DO NOT** send in expired Box Tops. Dress down day passes will be handed out around the 27th of each month.

Volunteers

You made a difference this month at school... **Jennifer Adkins, Molly Andrejan, Celia Apodaca, Magdalena Arnott, Angie Baumgartner, Angela Benner, Cheryl Bettinger, Liz Boyles, Jill Bratton, Tara Brown, Kim Campbell, Amy Carr, Melanie Christiansen, Nicole Coffman, Michael Coffman, Nicole Crosby, Jennifer Davidson, Thelma Drane, Carol Dunning, Marsha Escobar, Beth Fields, Lisa Fischer, Tina Gazwi, Ben Godwin, Michelle Goeder, Marvene Hardy, Kendra Haupricht, Shannon Haupricht, Karrie Hawk, Dana Heffelbower, Angelita Henneman, Nora Jaegly, Peter Jaegly, Melanie Johnson, Tina Canary, Kristin Kohring, Karen Liegel, Julie Lievens, Cindy Markovich, Loletta Marshall, Marianne Martin, Chris Marx, Amy Meiring, Mary Meiring, Sara Metzger, Nicole Moser, Carol Nagy, Sarah Preston, Kelly Repka, Sue Sharp, Donna Sims, Robert Sims, Judy Snyder, Mary Sood, Melinda Speiker, Jaynie Thomas, Satarah Thomas, Patty Viers, Kenna Wahlquist, Diane Welch, Cindy White, Krystal Williamson, Fay Willis, Jason Zielinski, Chelsea Zipfel.** Thank you!!

If you volunteered last month and you are not mentioned, we apologize...make sure when you come to school to volunteer you always sign up in the volunteer binder in the office.

Market Day

Monday, November 5, is Market Day pickup between 5 PM and 6 PM. Arrangements should be made in advance if anybody is unable to pick up that night. This month's profit will be over \$170 and will go towards Field Day and other school activities.

Chuck E Cheese

Mark your calendar for the Dec 4th Chuck E Cheese night.

School Directories

School Directories will be available for sale at a cost of \$1.00 each at Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Volunteer Opportunities

-Volunteers to help with the Honor Roll luncheon (scheduled for Nov 19) for 4th grade and above.

- A volunteer or two that are good at proof-reading to go over the school directory before we assemble and print it. (This is a good opportunity for people who work days and are looking for a way to help out the school after hours, but anybody can help!)

- If you are interested on being part of the review committee for the annual \$500 scholarship that Crossgates Parents' Club awards to a graduating Bowsher senior. The committee will decide when/where to meet.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

The following information is reprinted from the Crossgates Student Handbook, which was sent home with all students at the beginning of the year.

“Simple birthday treats are welcome in kindergarten and grades one and two to help celebrate a student’s birthday. We ask that parents notify teachers in advance when such a gesture is planned. For grades three and above, we will follow the past practice of not encouraging birthday treats in classrooms during the school day. It has been suggested that if a parent wishes to recognize a child’s birthday, a book dedicated to the birthday child be donated to the school to be placed in the school library.

The classroom teacher must approve any special event taking place in the classroom.”

This being said, if birthday treats are planned, we ask that they are simple and easy to distribute. They should also come in before the child’s scheduled lunch period, because most of the time these treats are given out as a “dessert” after the class eats lunch in the cafeteria. That is why we ask for a simple treat. When items such as cakes or cookie-cakes etc., (sometimes without plates or forks) are sent in, there is not anyone available to cut the cake and serve it. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

TOLEDO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Non-Teaching Employment Opportunities

The Toledo Public Schools is currently accepting applications for the following non-teaching positions. Interested individuals may pick up an application at the Thurgood Marshall Administration Building, 420 East Manhattan, Toledo, in Non-Teaching and Paraprofessional Personnel, Room 102, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

- ◆ **Substitute Paraprofessional-** Qualifications: High school graduate or GED required. Must have an Associates Degree, 48 semester or 60 quarter hours of earned college credit, or have passed the ParaPro Assessment examination.
- ◆ **Substitute Secretary-** Qualifications: High school graduate or GED required. Must have computer experience including MS Word and Excel, type 50 WPM and pass appropriate testing.
- ◆ **Substitute Bus Driver-** Qualifications: High school graduate or GED required. Must have valid driver’s license with no traffic violations during the past three years. TPS will train for CDL.
- ◆ **Substitute Food Service Worker-** Qualifications: High school graduate or GED required.

All non-teaching applications require a local police criminal records check.

It is the policy of the Toledo Public Schools to afford equal opportunity to qualified individuals regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability, and to conform to applicable laws and regulations.

UNITED WAY

We would like to thank all of our students who contributed to this year’s United Way Student Collection Drive. A total of **\$141.48** was donated by our students to this very worthy cause.



School Security

If you must return to school after dismissal to retrieve a forgotten book or article of clothing, please do not enter any classroom without a staff member present. We ask that you check in at the office when arriving, even after school hours. If the office staff has left for the day, please locate Mr. Rob Broadway, our night custodian, so he can escort you to the classroom. Thank you!

Important Reminder

The following information is reprinted from the Student Handbook.

We ask that parents work with schools regarding the use of cell phones and electronic devices in school. **Parents are discouraged from providing cell phones and other electronics for their students to have at school.** As cell phones and other electronic devices become more readily available, they are appearing more often in our schools and they are creating a discipline problem. Many students are text messaging in class, making phone calls during the school day and taking inappropriate photographs at school. Cell phones have also been used to cheat on exams. Electronics are a tempting target for theft and they have caused disputes between students.

The Toledo Public Schools does not allow students to have electronic devices in school. Please discuss this with your children. Because so many students are ignoring this rule, the district has standardized how we will address those students who have electronic devices during the school day. The district will follow the steps listed below if students violate this regulation.

1. Cell phones, pagers and other telecommunication devices are strictly prohibited in Toledo Public Schools. They are not to be visible or in use during the school day for any reason.
2. Violation of this rule may result in, but not be limited to, the confiscation of the device at the school. Following confiscation, a parent or guardian may pick up the items 24 hours later unless other arrangements are made with the administration.
3. A second violation of this rule will result in, but may not be limited to, confiscation of the telecommunications device. The parent or guardian may then pick up the item during business hours on the second or fourth Wednesday of the month. The location for pick up will be determined by the building administration.
4. In the event of an emergency, parents may contact the main office as a means to reach their students.
5. Toledo Public Schools is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen electronic devices.

Thank you for your assistance in helping us to enforce this rule.

Attendance Watch

NUMBER OF STUDENT TARDIES AND EARLY DISMISSALS FOR THE MONTH OF

OCTOBER- **201**

NUMBER OF STUDENT ABSENCE DAYS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER- **330**



Conference Days

November 20th & 21st

Parents, please watch for a Parent/Teacher Conference confirmation notice coming home from school with your child in mid November. This notice will have the date and time when you are scheduled for a conference with your child's teacher. A portion of the pamphlet is to be filled out by you and returned to school with your child confirming your attendance at the conference. Conference days are Tuesday and Wednesday, November 20th and 21st. Because of conferences there is **NO SCHOOL** for students on **Tuesday and Wednesday, November 20 and 21**. If you have any questions, please call the school office at **419-385-4571**.

NOTE: First quarter grade cards will be given to parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences. It is important that parents attend conferences to discuss their child's progress and discuss future plans with the teacher. If you have not already signed-up for a Parent/Teacher Conference time you may call the school office to schedule a time or complete the form that was sent home with your child on Monday, October 29, 2007. If you do not sign-up for a conference time, one will be assigned.

Conferences That Count

Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up soon. How can you be ready for the conference? Start by making a list of items you'd like to share with the teacher. *Examples:* Your child's interests, strengths, and work habits; family situations; any major changes in their life; assignments they struggle with. Then, think about what information you need from the teacher. For instance, you may want to find out about school rules or the teacher's expectations. Or, you might need ideas for helping your child with a difficult subject. Finally, ask your child questions about the year so far. *Examples:* What do you like best about school? Least? What's the most interesting thing you've studied? Has anything been tough to learn? What would you like your teacher to know? Having a successful conference will go a long way in ensuring a successful school year.

Canned Food Drive

OHIO STATE vs. MICHIGAN

We are continuing to collect non-perishable food items for the 2007 Scouting for Food Campaign through Friday, November 16th. As was stated in a flyer that went home in mid-October, this year we will try something a little different at Crossgates. Since the last day of the drive coincides with the day before the Ohio State/Michigan football game, we are asking you to send your donations to school in a bag marked with either Ohio State or Michigan written on the bag. Each food item in the bag will count as a "point" for that team. At the end of the drive we will announce either Ohio State or Michigan as the "winner". There are boxes in the front lobby of the school, and I'm sure, as always, Crossgates' families will continue to support our food collection drives very well.

Thank you!