

# CHIPP REPORT

From the desk of...  
Superintendent Todd Osborn



I visited a classroom last week, which I do as often as possible. A high school student told me he follows me on X, (Twitter) but only during the winter because I post snow days there first. The next Chipp Report will go out in January, so I wanted to communicate the process on how I determine a Snow Day prior to the first Snow Day. I know the students love snow days, but I know the change in schedule impacts parents because they need to make alternative plans for their children that day. My number one concern is the safety of the children. The current weather, temperature and future weather are all factors in making a decision to hold school, delay or cancel.

I will list the process that I go through to determine if we should delay school for two hours or cancel school. I tell students and staff that the law requires students to be in school a certain number of hours. If we don't meet those hours then we will be required to make up days at the end of the school year. At this point the request for snow days becomes the maximum amount of snow days available without going over and requiring days being added at the end of the year. Here is the process:

I check the current weather on the news and their prediction of what the weather will be like for the remainder of the day.

Knowing students will be walking to bus stops and waiting on buses, I consider the amount of time the child will be outside.

I drive around the school district to check on sidewalks and slippery roads.

I speak with the surrounding school districts superintendents to get their input and what decision they are making. Keep in mind that neighboring districts may not have similar style of roads, (roads that have a lot of curves, drifting areas, hilly roads, or a road department that starts earlier/later than Doylestown or Chippewa Township).

I speak with our Bus Transportation Director, Mrs. Robin Coffee, and get her input.

2 Hour Delays:

I use this option when the roads are sloppy but all the information that I have is the road crews just need a little more time to plow and get salt on the roads. The weather is not expected to get worse.

Weather is cold but will warm up when the sun rises. I use Negative 10 as the guide that I will delay at this wind chill temperature with the temperature warming when the sun rises.

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School is Canceled:

Roads are slippery, the road crews will be on the roads all day, sidewalks are snow covered and icy, and more snow is coming.

Weather is just too cold for young children to be outside for an extended period of time. I make the assumption that students will be outside for 20 minutes waiting on the bus. Once the wind chill reaches a temperature of negative 10 or more and that temperature will remain throughout the morning and into the afternoon, school will be canceled.

Obviously, this is not an exact science and the weather is unpredictable, but I use all the information available to me during the 4 a.m. – 5:30 a.m. window of time. I will make every effort to make the decision to cancel school or delay school by 5:45 a.m. The absolute worst case scenario is the information on hand leads me to a decision to delay school and the weather changes, and I need to cancel school. I will avoid this scenario, but it is possible.

How will you be notified of school closing or delays?

School Messenger – You will receive a phone call from the district.

District Website – This is updated the moment the decision is made to cancel or delay.

Social Media – District Facebook page, X, Twitter @tosborn1997

Final Forms – Emails are sent

Television Stations are notified.

If you are new to the Chippewa Local School District, please contact the main office of your child's school to make sure your proper contact number is on file. If you changed phone numbers or want to change the contact number, please log into Final Forms and update your information, as well as contact the building secretary at your child's school to update.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me. Go CHIPPS!

Todd Osborn

Superintendent of "The Place To Be"

Chippewa Local Schools

## *Looking Forward...*

Future **Chipp Reports** will be sent electronically through Final Forms. If you would like to receive future **Chipp Reports** electronically but do not currently receive emails through Final Forms, please contact Tiffany McMillen at the Board Office to join our email distribution list.

If you prefer to receive a hard copy of the **Chipp Report**, please contact Tiffany McMillen with your mailing information.

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## *Exceeding Standards*

The 2022-2023 Ohio State Report Card was released this past month. Chippewa Jr/Sr High School received an overall rating of 4.5 out of 5 stars meaning the school exceeds state standards. I would like to congratulate our awesome students and staff that have put forth great effort in achieving this rating. Although we are pleased with this rating, our goal is always to improve and increase our student achievement. Our staff has celebrated our highest areas while also dissecting our lower areas and developing a plan of action to increase those while maintaining our highest areas.

In the area of progress, we achieved a 4-star rating which indicates the school has shown significant evidence that the school exceeded student growth expectations. This area indicates how much each and every student grew over the last school year. To me, this is the most important indicator on the report card because of what it represents. Our goal is to get this to a 5-star rating on next year's report card!

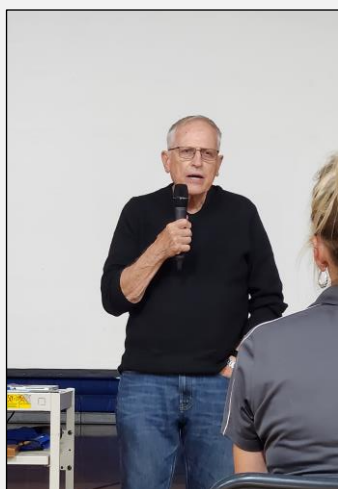
Once again, **congratulations** to our amazing students, staff, parents and community on this very good report card. None of this would be possible without a solid collaboration with all stakeholders.



## Camp Success

The students at Chippewa Intermediate School have begun the 2023-24 school year with a bang! In the first few weeks of school, 92 students showed great kindness and were Caught Being Kind by staff members. Strong leadership skills are being built through our Student Council, with 42 representatives this school year. One amazing event student council is hosting, to celebrate and support our community, is the Senior Citizens' Dinner on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our students and staff have also recognized Mr. Dave Parfitt and his 50-year contribution of Parfitt's Paradise Outdoor Learning Lab. The first week in October, we took 82 sixth graders to Camp Nuhop, an overnight camp in Perrysville. This could not have been done without the help of the fantastic sixth grader teachers and four parent volunteers. These are just a few of the wonderful opportunities growing at Chippewa Intermediate School.

It is also important to recognize our CIS Ohio School Report Card ratings. Overall, Chippewa Intermediate School received 4.5 out of 5 stars, exceeding state standards. We received 5 out of 5 stars in Achievement, which is students' performance on state tests. In addition, we received 5 out of 5 stars in Gap Closing, a measure in the reduction in educational gaps. Our current area of focus is the Progress category, in which we received 3 out of 5 stars. This means we have met state standards in student growth expectations. As we continue to grow, implement science of reading strategies, and work to meet individual student learning needs, we expect continued growth in all areas. Our CIS staff and students do an amazing job daily within their classrooms!



Dave Parfitt



Caught Being Kind



Camp Nuhop



## *Reading Under the Lights*

On Wednesday, October 4th we were excited to hold our first family engagement night of the school year for Hazel Harvey with Reading Under the Lights - "Get Your Game On!" Students and families joined our Hazel Harvey Staff, High School Athletes and Volunteers for a fun filled night of games under the lights, at the stadium. Students were able to fish for letters, spell words with Twister and Scrabble, match letters and beginning sounds with dominoes, play beginning sound BINGO, toss letters at corn hole, word family Tic Tac Toe as well read and find words at the word search station! We also provided a make and take game for families to enjoy at home. Depending on grade level the game either focused on letter and sound recognition or our Foundation Trick Words.

We were also happy to be joined by our PTO and The Friends of the Library who provided glow sticks and make and take bookmarks! The evening ended with a wonderful performance by our Chippewa Marching Band and Cheerleaders! We hope all of our families that came out enjoyed the beautiful weather and literacy filled night! We look forward to our STEAM Family Engagement night which will be held in the Spring.



*It's Great to be a Chipp*

"It's always a great day to be a Chipp." This sentiment perfectly captures what it means to be part of Chippewa Local Schools. On any given day, Chippewa students are engaged in a wide variety of learning experiences. From our Jr/Sr High School athletics and music programs, to our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Nuhop trip, to our Reading Under the Lights event, Chippewa Local Schools continues to demonstrate our commitment to every student at Chippewa.

I want to congratulate the District on achieving 4.5 stars out of 5 on the Ohio School Report Card. I also want to congratulate our Jr/Sr High School for ranking 133 out 1,011 Ohio high schools. These accomplishments demonstrate the continued dedication of our staff and administration. Thank you all for your hard work and thank you to everyone in the community for your continued support of Chippewa Local Schools. I feel very blessed to serve in a district that pours so much in our students. I look forward to seeing the continued educational excellence throughout the rest of the school year. Go Chippis!



2023 Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees

# CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

2 – Jr/Sr High Parent-Teacher Conferences

3 – Early Release

10 – Early Release

17 – Early Release

22-24 – Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL

1 – Early Release

8 – Early Release

20-Jan 3 – Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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**2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks ends December 19th**



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