

SOUTHERN LOCAL SCHOOLS/ 740-721-0520

The Mission of Southern Local Schools is to provide a quality, child centered education where all students can succeed.



2018 - 2019

NEW BEGINNINGS SCOTT CHRISTMAN, SUPERINTENDENT



DISTRICT OFFICE

Scott Christman
Superintendent

unity that occurs here at Southern and I already feel like I am part of that community and I am proud to be a part of it. Thanks for the warm welcome.

During my time as Miller High School principal I felt like I was at home. I loved working with the students, parents, staff and community. So, I am elated to be back as superintendent and I look forward to the next several years in the district. We have a lot of devoted people who have been here and some really good new ones as well. We are working together to help each student in our district grow. I look forward to a great year, and to several more years. I want to thank everyone for allowing me to once again be a part of the Southern Local family. Go Falcons!

FROM MILLCREEK ELEMENTARY

Annette Losco
Principal

The beginning of the school year is always an exciting time. Students are meeting new teachers and making new friends. This year, they also have the opportunity to meet a new principal. I am honored to be a part of this wonderful community and am looking forward to working with the families of Millcreek Elementary and Southern Local Schools. I would like to thank all the businesses and organizations who made donations to Millcreek Elementary to help our students get off to a great start:

Apostolic Church of New Straitsville
The Hocking Hills Bakery
Millcreek PTO
New Straitsville United Methodist Church
Shawnee Bluebell Chapter of Eastern Stars
Daughters of the American Revolution
Employees of Cooper Standard
Trimble Kroger
Judge Dean L. Wilson Court
Methodist Church of Corning
Sincerely,
Annette Losco
Millcreek Elementary Principal

FROM THE SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPT.

Guy Williams
Special Education Director

After spending some time at Millcreek and Miller the past few weeks, the welcoming atmosphere has become very apparent to me. From the people I have met in our Central Office, to our Custodial and Food Service staff, as well as our Transportation Staff and Classroom staff members, everyone has been very warm and positive. Our Special Education Staff got off to a positive start by sharing some personal stories at our meeting on the first day of the summer institute. They are a lively group but the level of their participation really showed their devotion to our students at Southern. These attitudes surely demonstrate the pride and

FROM THE CAFETERIA

Steve Janiszewski
Food Services Director

After an amazing summer, the cafeteria staff is back at it again. Our goal this year is to make every meal a positive memory. An outstanding health inspection, a variety of new recipes, and a bevy of smiling faces are all highlights of the first month. As always, we are eager to serve the children of this community and we would like to extend our most sincere wishes that everyone have a safe and nutritious 2018-2019 school year.

MILLER HIGH SCHOOL

Tony Losco
Principal

The National Honor Society took it upon themselves to do an inventory of back to school materials donated to Southern Local by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Brody Dutiel, Ashley Bender, Lane Denny, Hallie Joseph and Mya Wilson divided the supplies between Miller High School and Millcreek Elementary. The elementary supplies were transported to the elementary office and the high school supplies were delivered room to room, allowing every teacher to take any supplies they needed. Many thanks to the NHS for stepping up and taking responsibility and to the Daughters of the Revolution for their donations to our school district.

BUS ROUTES

We will continue to consolidate and eliminate some bus routes and stops whenever possible. This may require some students to have to walk a little further to catch their bus. These routing changes that we make are in accordance with our being compliant with recommendations that we have received from the Ohio Department of Education Transportation Division. I would like to emphasize to vehicle drivers to obey traffic safety laws and to drive safely and cautiously around school buses.

Kindness is a language that the blind can see and the deaf can hear

- MARK TWAIN



REMINDERS ON STUDENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP

At the high school, parents will be permitted to use the student parking lot entrance nearest the high school building, drop off their child at the curb side nearest the SIDE DOOR that opens to the student parking lot, and then exit through the student parking lot at the exit nearest the stadium. Parents picking up high school students in the afternoon will have to park in the top row of the student parking lot nearest State Route 155, and wait for their child to walk to their vehicle.

At the elementary, parents will be permitted to pull in at the entrance leading to the high school loop nearest the elementary school parking lot, drop your child off at the curb in front of the buses NEAR THE MUSIC ROOM ENTRANCE, and exit through the high school loop at the first exit near the high school student parking lot. Parents needing to enter the elementary at the beginning of the day will need to park in the lot across the street and walk to the elementary.

At pick up time in the afternoon, parents will not be permitted to hang out in the building near the elementary office. Parents should park in the high school student parking lot in the row nearest State Route 155 and your child will be monitored as he/she walks to your car to be picked up. Parents desiring to get approval for students to be picked up by them after school or to change their bus for the evening, **must call the elementary office by 3:00 p.m. daily.** Students that do not have a note from home or a parent call by 3:00 p.m. will be transported home by bus. For parents that will pick-up and drop-off their students on a daily basis, you need to turn in a note stating that you will be doing so for the school year. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. We are trying to make our drop-off and pick-up as safe as possible for students.

SAFE SCHOOLS HELPLINE

There are occasionally times when students or parents would like to provide information to a school but hesitate because they do not want their identities known. Providing open, direct communication with the community has long been a basic practice for Southern Local. The Board of Education now offers The Safe School Helpline, another method to allow parents and the community to provide input for our school.

Whether it is a student who fears being called a “snitch” or “narc” by peers, or a resident who worries about vandalism in retaliation for reporting a crime, possession or use of drugs or alcohol, reckless driving, or any other illegal activity, Safe School Helpline provides a solution.

The Safe School Helpline utilizes a unique, automated telephone service which allows callers to report an allegation, concern, or suggestion confidentially and anonymously. He or she is never asked to give a name. The voice message is typed then faxed to school officials. In this way, no one except an operator hears the voice. Calls are made through a toll-free number.

Each call is assigned a case number. The caller can then call back to the Helpline to check the school’s progress on the call or to provide more information. A caller may make a report 24 hours a day and the schools will be notified the next school day. Ordinarily, the principal of the school, where the alleged offense occurred, will investigate. Should a crime such as drug trafficking or possession of a weapon be reported, the superintendent will be notified immediately, day or night, and he can contact the police department. As with any allegation against a student or staff member, no public action would be taken until guilt is proven.

DISTRICTWIDE CALLING AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

For those who are new to our District, a system was implemented a few years ago which the District uses to notify all staff and the parents of students who are enrolled in Southern Local Schools of 2 hour delays, school closings, emergency situations, sporting event cancellations and general information. 2 hour delays and closings will still be announced on local television channels. This system provides a much quicker relay of information to you. **If you are not receiving these calls, NEED TO CHANGE OR REMOVE A NUMBER, or if you wish to have your name and number removed, call Pam Summers in the District Office @ (740) 721-0520.**

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