



Happy New Year! We crossed the mid-point of the school year and began the transition to second semester.

I thought it would be a good time to bring everyone up to date on a few school items.

The COVID situation continues to be a daily concern. We are behind the number of student absences due to the virus from last year at this time, but our daily attendance sheet continues to contain multiple students and staff out for positive cases or close contact quarantining. The constant changes in guidelines keeps us hopping, but most changes have helped us keep students in school.

Financially speaking, the district is in good shape. Like everyone, we have noticed the toll inflation is taking on operating expenses, but we will continue to watch our spending and balance revenue against expenditures. For example, Mrs. Neidert and her cafeteria crew are challenged every week to supply the quality lunches our students have come to expect. Food prices have soared and availability is often scarce, but she finds a way to satisfy the appetites of our hungry population.

We are starting to get a clearer picture of staffing for next school year. Several retirements or resignations have been announced and we have started the process of replacing personnel for the future. Those changes will be announced as they come about.

Finally, the focus of everything we do around here is our students. Our seniors are entering the final four months of their K-12 education and preparing for the next phase of life. All students are closer to the next grade up than they are to the start of their current grade level. I see the academic growth, the social maturity (in most cases) and the civic responsibility our district mission statement promotes. I commend the team approach of staff, parents and the community for shaping the futures of each child in a positive manner. Most of all, I applaud the students for their constant efforts in their contribution to Wildcat Pride! Let's continue to work hard and finish this school year the best we can. ~ **Karl Lammers, Superintendent**



Kalida School Board 2022

In Appreciation

January is School Board Appreciation Month. Kalida Local Schools recognizes and thanks our current members for all they do to oversee district operations.

During the annual organizational meeting Mr. Gerry Vorst was voted in as President. Ms. Emily Peck was voted Vice-President for this year. Other members are Brad Niemeyer, Greg von der Embse and Craig Schmenk. School Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Kalida School Board Room.

School Nurse Team

Kalida Local Schools is in the process of assembling a school nurse team to meet the needs of our students. Secretaries and building principals have always shouldered medical responsibilities, but the time has come to bring some professional help on board. Our best approach is to hire a combination of nurses on a part time basis to meet our needs. The response has been terrific and we are close to having 2-3 nurses hired beginning in February.



Kindergarten Screening

Register now for kindergarten for next year. Please contact the elementary office. Children must be five years old on or before September 30, 2022, to register for the 2022-2023 school year. Questions? Please call the elementary office 419-532-3845. Kindergarten screening will be held on April 5 and April 6 at the Elementary.

Annual Detergent Sale

The Kalida high school softball team is once again selling laundry detergent, softener and dishwasher pods. Order forms are available in the high school office. The order deadline is February 28. Contact any softball player or Coach Molly Haberman at the high school to order (419-532-3529.)

Music News—Congratulations to the following students for being selected for the *Putnam County Honors Band and Choir*: Choir– Hannah Basinger, Wyatt Lehman, Gabe von der Embse.
Band- Erica Kahle, Lilly Sheaks, Garrett Decker.



Concert date is March 6, 2 PM at Miller City High School.

Congratulations to choir member Gabe von der Embse and band member Connor Nartker being selected for the *OMEA District III Honors Band and Choir*. The OMEA Concert was held January 16.



National Honor Society -Congratulations to the KHS new inductees into the National Honor Society: Allison Stechschulte, Mallie Miller, Hanna Rampe, Kendal Bockrath, Brooke Erhart, Livia Recker, Gabe von der Embse, Joel Horstman, Grant Helmke, Grant Vorst, Kenzie White and Jordyn Vandemark.



Congratulations to Americanism Test Winners
Students in grades 10-12 at Kalida High School recently took the Americanism test sponsored by the American Legion Post 63. The test features questions related to American government, history, and citizenship.

Senior Brandt Brinkman was the top male scorer from Ottawa Post 63 while Kendal Bockrath was the top junior female scorer from the Post. Both also had top scores in their class at KHS. Sophomores Collin Heitmeyer and Sara Siebeneck had the top scores in the sophomore class at KHS. Kevin Schumaker was the top junior male scorer and Madison Kahle was the top senior female scorer at KHS. Congratulations to all winning students!

Welcome Babies!

Congratulations to Alexis and Neil Gerding on the birth of their son, James Glen, born August 24, 2021. Mr. Gerding teaches government, geography and history in the high school.



Congratulations to Emily and Joshua Maag on the birth of their son, Weston Joshua, who was born on Friday, January 7, 2022. Mrs. Maag teaches English to freshmen and juniors at KHS.

Announcing the 2022 Homecoming Court

The homecoming game will be Friday, February 18 and the dance will be Sunday, February 20. The 2022 Homecoming Court members are:

Freshmen Allie Kuhlman and Jacob Siebeneck
Sophomores: Meredyth Horstman and Brady Fersch
Juniors: Kayla Nartker and EJ Miller
Seniors: Kenzie Fortman, Brooke Vennekotter, Lydia Vorst, Ryan Klausing, Nathan Schroeder and Justin Siebeneck.

End of Second Quarter

Grade Cards for the Second Quarter were distributed Friday, January 21. Any fees due by the students are highlighted for your attention. *

Every student will be bringing home a report card. Even with Schoology, a paper copy is sent home to the parents for their inspection.

Please also check lunch account balances for your child. Any extras (cookies, chips, second helpings, etc.) the students buy will need to be purchased from the student's lunch account.

***Book bills are past due.** Please call the office to double check if you have paid your child's book bill for this school year. Bills were distributed after Pioneer in mid-September. Outstanding bills have also been highlighted on the report cards for the last two quarters. Many have been paid but there are still many that have been overlooked without sending payment to the school office. All fees must be paid in order for a student to graduate.

ACT Prep Camp - Kalida High School is offering an ACT prep camp for interested sophomores and juniors this spring. The camp will be conducted by the Sylvan Learning Center. The focus of the camp is to provide students with proper test taking strategies and curriculum information which will, hopefully, help them obtain the best scores possible. ACT scores are used for college admission as well as scholarships offered at respective colleges and universities. Cost of the camp is \$100. Registration form is available on the school's webpage or can be emailed to you upon request at jeff.clement@KalidaSchools.org Registration is due by Friday, February 25. The dates/locations of the camp will be held at Kalida, Ottoville and Fort Jennings. Contact Mr. Clement for exact location details.

Freshmen Orientation - Freshmen orientation will be held on Wednesday, February 23, at 6:00 PM in the high school auditoria for parents and students of this year's 8th grade class – the class of 2026. It is important that you and your child attend this event so that information can be given to you that is relevant for your child's academic future and success. Graduation requirements which will impact this class, course scheduling, and exciting programs for high school students will be discussed.

High School Scheduling - Registration for course scheduling for students entering grades 10-12 next year will take place on February 25 during the school day. A parent signature is required on the student's scheduling form. Completed schedule forms must be given to each student's respective English teacher by Friday, March 4.

College Credit Plus - On Monday, February 28, at 6:30 PM there will be a meeting in the auditoria for the parents of high school students who may be interested in taking college level courses during next school year. There are two main options at Kalida High School for students to take college level courses. One option is that students can take a few at Kalida High School. These courses are either taught by a college instructor or members of our KHS staff who have been approved by James A. Rhodes State College to teach respective courses.

The following courses at Kalida High School are high school courses which can be taken for college credit through Rhodes State College: Psychology, Computer Applications, Introduction to Engineering, Digital Electronics, and Computer Aided Drafting. It is important for parents of students planning to take any of these courses for college credit attend the meeting at 6:30. If parents have attended this session in a previous year, there is no need to attend again but certainly can for a refresher.

The other main method by which high school students can take college level courses is for them to take them on a college campus or online during the summer or school calendar year. A representative from James A. Rhodes State College and other local colleges will be present to explain the options of the College Credit Plus program and answer questions.

Vantage Information for Sophomores

On Friday, January 28, all sophomores will take a field trip to the Vantage Career Center to obtain information on two programs of their choice. Any sophomore who wishes to be considered for enrollment at Vantage for the 2022-23 school year should complete the application by the end of February.

HOBY Selection - Congratulations to Hannah Basinger and Olivia Olzak who were selected to represent the sophomore class at this summer's Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference at Ohio Northern University. Interested sophomores submitted essays in November which were anonymously judged by faculty members. A special thanks to the Kalida Lions Club and Principal Dean Brinkman for funding the fee to attend the conference.

Buckeye Boys and Girls State Delegates Selected Soon

In the next few weeks juniors will have the opportunity to complete applications if interested for Buckeye Boys' and Girls' State. Young men and women around Ohio will be learning about city, county and state government processes. Each participant becomes a part of the operation of a local, county, and state government. At American Legion Buckeye Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State, participants are exposed to the rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities of a franchised citizen. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, a band, and recreation. High School juniors are selected by local American Legion Posts and Units to attend the weeklong event. Buckeye Boys State is held on the campus of Miami University and Girls State is held at the University of Mount Union.

Calendar Notes

1/28	Sophomores Vantage Visitation Day
2/21	Presidents' Day-No School
2/23	Freshmen Orientation 6:00 PM
2/28	College Credit Plus Meeting 6:30 PM
4/5 & 4/6	Kindergarten Screening
4/14	Spring Break
4/19	Classes Resume
5/25	Last Day for Students
5/29	Graduation

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School Board Meetings
 Second Wednesday 7:00 PM
 Kalida School Board Room

School Board Members
 Gerry Vorst, President Emily Peck, Vice President
 Brad Niemeyer, Craig Schmenk, Greg von der Embse

Music Booster Drawings

November \$50 Winners

Gary Fickel, Denise Schroeder
 Shirley Buss, Delores Maag
 Beth Hanneman, Cindy Rall (1)
 Denny & Diane Kerner, Cindy Rall (2)

December Special Drawing

\$200 Lynn Czubik
 \$150 Rita Iliff
 \$100 Dean Brinkman
 \$100 Janice Foppe
 \$100 Kim Bockrath
 \$75 Gary/Nancy Erhart
 \$75 Brian Klausing
 \$50 Brian Doepker
 \$50 Denny & Diane Kerner
 \$50 Kathy Vorst
 \$50 Scott & Sherry Unverferth
 \$50 Aaron Vorst
 \$50 Karen Kerner
 \$50 Kelly Landwehr

January \$50 Winners

Jessica Schnipke,
 Greg Knueve
 Rachel Meyers,
 Mary Jane Stechschulte
 Joe/Grace Turnwald,
 Dawn Hasch
 Brian Klausing,
 Sue Fickel

Book Fair Success!

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual KES Book Fair. Thanks to your support, we raised over \$1500! The money raised will be used to purchase books for the Kalida Elementary library. This would not have been possible without the generosity of our community.

Would you Host an Exchange Student?

The *EF High School Exchange Year* program is looking for Putnam County families to host foreign exchange students for the upcoming **2022-2023** school year. They are currently looking for host families who would like to host a student in their home. EF and the U.S. Department of State also designate certain requirements of all host families. Host parents should be at least 25 years of age or older, pass a background check and have a stable and suitable household.

Two students still looking for a host family are:

Sophie (16) from Austria She plays tennis, skis, swims, and runs. Sophie also likes to sing, play piano, reading and loves animals. She is hopes to broaden her horizons.

Francesco (17) from Italy. He plays tennis and volleyball. Francesco likes to cook, go hiking, play soccer, travel and listen to music. He plays piano and guitar.

If you would like more information regarding hosting with EF High School Exchange Year please call or text Mallory Morman at (937) 533-0875 or visit:
<http://efexchangeyear.org/icc/mallory-morman>.

Second Quarter Honor Roll

All A Honors

5th-Rebekah Bendele, Hayden Birkemeier, Avery Bockrath, Matthew Foppe, Collin Horstman, Emma Jerwers, Alyssa Kahle, Annaleice Maag, Easton Michel, John Recker, Raelyn Schnipke, Jackson Schulte, Grant Sehlhorst, Eli Selhorst, Lyla Siebeneck, Gwen Stechschulte, Landon Unverferth, Rylee Unverferth, Mason Warnecke
6th-Tobin Anspach, Brant Bockrath, Corinne Brinkman, Ella Brinkman, Levi Grime, Owen Grime, Kendyl Klima, Olivia Landwehr, Taylor Nienberg, Leo Parisi, Sophia Potts, Christopher Rall, Lucas Schroeder, Emma Shining, Penny Vandercook, Grace Verhoff, Madison Verhoff, Lincoln Warnecke
7th- Hannah Bendele, Adam Bockrath, Morgan Bockrath, Bryn Casper, Jax Horstman, Riley Horstman, Sophia Meyer, Enna Meyers, Amber Moore, Kylie Peck, Zoe Pothast, Cody Recker, Bryce Remlinger, Josh Schulte, Kendall Schultz, Aubree Sickles, Nicole Siebeneck, Carlie Siefker, Kennedy Simon, Isabelle Swyers, Zachary Unverferth, Maya Wehri
8th- Katelyn Foppe, Kyla Grime, Logan Kerner, Grady Kuhlman, Isabel Recker, Grace Schroeder, Alexander Shining, Owen Siebeneck, Ella Siefer, Camdyn Warnecke
Freshmen- Kaylyn Bockrath, Meredith Bockrath, Gabrielle Brinkman, Laura Doepker, Grant Fortman, Katherine Krouse, Allie Kuhlman, Olivia Meyer, Connor Nartker, Grace Rall, Emerson Schnipke, Jacob Siebeneck, Braylon Smith, Reese Strauer, Madison Unverferth
Sophomores-Hannah Basinger, Katherine Bendele, Andrea Burgei, Maria Gerding, Collin Heitmeyer, Audra Hovest, Riley Nienberg, Noah Recker, Ella Schumacher, Sara Siebeneck, Carly Webken
Juniors -Kendal Bockrath, Brooke Erhart, Nick Foppe, Grant Helmke, Joel Horstman, Kayla Nartker, Hanna Rampe, Kenzie White
Seniors- Logan Bockrath, Brandt Brinkman, Blake Eickholt, Kenzie Fortman, Madison Kahle, Ryan Klausing, Justin Siebeneck, Brooke Vennekotter, Zoey Westrick

AB Honors

5th-Aiden Bockrath, Brock Bockrath, Ethan Dickman, Toby Goubeaux, Calvin Hovest, Charlie Hutchins, Hunter Klausing, Katelin Knueve, Chloe Nienberg, Daphne Recker, Tyler Rosenbauer, Flynn Unverferth, Mallory Unverferth, Quinn Unverferth, Braden Wagner
6th-Kallie Bockrath, Addelyn Brinkman, Emerson Burgei, Madelyn Cattell, Chloe Chalklin, Katelyn Horstman, Grady Houck, Brylie Krouse, Avery Miller, Camryn Niemeyer, Logan Rampe, Lillian Schnipke, Aubrey Simon, Paul Stechschulte, Brady Unverferth, Leah Unverferth, Ross Zeller
7th-Cooper Horstman, Mallory Kerner, Max Langhals, Jagger Miller, Blake Remlinger, Anna Schumacher, Brooke Tucker, Macy Unverferth, Ruby Vandercook, Sophie Vorst, Nathan Wannemacher
8th-Lauren Bockrath, Faith Feldman, Cole Goubeaux, Karlie Heitmeyer, Jaxon Hoffman, Ethan Hundley, Nathaniel Kahle, Griffin Klausing, Kara Lammers, Lauren Laudick, Caden Looser, Jason Luersman, Claire Nartker, Elijah Patrick, Annelise Price, Mylie Rampe, Madison Ricker, Malia Romes, Ryan Schnipke, Parker Vorst
Freshmen -Maddix Calvelage, Alexandria Gardner, Madelyn Houck, Carson Kahle, Alison Landwehr, Ethan Langhals, Drew Meyer, Makenna Peck, Lane Rellinger, Lauren Schulte, Ella Stechschulte, Jack Stechschulte, Avrie Unverferth, Ryan Verhoff, Drake Zeller
Sophomores- Rebekah Bowers, Brady Fersch, Raegan Gerdeman, Erica Kahle, Jace Karhoff, Kyle Lammers, Maddalyn Nienberg, Olivia Olzak, Camryn Recker, Carson Remlinger, Katelyn Roof, Austin Schnipke, Whitney Unverferth, Ethan Wehri
Juniors - Dominic Bockrath, Garrett Decker, Drew Fersch, Ella Hoffman, Camille Hovest, Jeret Landwehr, Wyatt Lehman, Haley Looser, Heath Miller, Malie Miller, Chloe Mitchell, Adam Moore, Andrew Peck, Leo Rafaniello, Livia Recker, Dawson Schultz, Kevin Schumaker, Aric Snipes, Autumn Starbuck, Allison Stechschulte, Evan Stechschulte, Jordyn Vandemark, Gabe von der Embse, Ethan Warnecke
Seniors -Barbara Cross, Landyn Knott, Catherine Lehman, Cole Nienberg, Gabe Roof, Leah Schnipke, Nathan Schroeder, Adam Siefker, Tyson Siefker, Jakob Swyers, Amanda Unverferth, Grant Vorst, Molly Westrick