



The 2021 Graduation Ceremony was held Sunday, May 30, in the Kalida High School Gymnasium.



Mr. Lammers  
Superintendent

Kevin Lammers  
President

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Vice President

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Principal

*Kalida High School*  
 Class of 2021

 Adam Basinger	 Ariana Basinger	 Hannah Berheide	 Emily Buss	 Olivia Decker	 Ben Doepker				
 Connor Erhart	 Paige Helmke	 Jayce Horstman	 Katelyn Kahle	 Stephanie Kahle	 Grace Klausing	 Reagan Klausing	 Marcy Landwehr	 Mitchell Langhals	 Madysen Lauf
 Dara Lewis	 Ryan Lucke	 Abigail Martin	 Luke Meyer	 Melanie Meyers	 Jennifer Rall	 Carlee Recker	 Morgan Ridinger	 Casey Rosselt	 Dayna Schimmoeller
 Mya Schmitz	 Tanner Schultz	 Kathryn Siebeneck	 Brooke Stejfer	 Brenna Smith	 Tyler Unverferth	 Jasmine Vorst	 Ayden Warnecke	 Will Zeller	

Not Pictured: Anthony Butler

**Valedictorians:** Luke Erhart, Jayce Horstman, Katelyn Kahle, Jillian Kneuve, Kevin Lammers, Ryan Lucke, Mitchell Langhals, Tanner Schultz, Kathryn Siebeneck, Tyler Unverferth, Jasmine Vorst, Will Zeller. **Salutarian:** Olivia Decker.

**Honor Graduates:** Hannah Berheide, Emily Buss, Olivia Decker, Ben Doepker, Connor Erhart, Luke Erhart, Paige Helmke, Jayce Horstman, Katelyn Kahle, Stephanie Kahle, Grace Klausing, Jillian Kneuve, Kevin Lammers, Marcy Landwehr, Mitchell Langhals, Dara Lewis, Ryan Lucke, Melanie Meyers, Brandon Miller, Jennifer Rall, Dayna Schimmoeller, Tanner Schultz, Kathryn Siebeneck, Brenna Smith, Tyler Unverferth, Jasmine Vorst, Will Zeller.

**Presidential Academic Excellence Award:** Hannah Berheide, Olivia Decker, Ben Doepker, Luke Erhart, Paige Helmke, Jayce Horstman, Katelyn Kahle, Stephanie Kahle, Grace Klausing, Jillian Kneuve, Kevin Lammers, Marcy Landwehr, Mitchell Langhals, Dara Lewis, Ryan Lucke, Melanie Meyers, Brandon Miller, Jennifer Rall, Dayna Schimmoeller, Tanner Schultz, Kathryn Siebeneck, Brenna Smith, Tyler Unverferth, Jasmine Vorst, Will Zeller.

**Class Flower:** Sunflower  
**Class Color:** Maroon

**Class Motto:** Our moments last all of a second, our memories will live forever.  
**Class Song:** *Back Home* by Andy Grammer

“Nearing the end of the school year, The Class of 2021 looks back on the cherished memories that have pushed us through our journey together as a class. Both the good times and the difficult times have strengthened and prepared us for the next phase in all our lives. As we go our separate ways in the coming years, we understand that the memories we have made and the relationships we have formed will last a lifetime. We send our gratitude to all our teachers, parents, and all others that have supported us on our journey through school. The Class of 2021 looks forward to taking on the world, and holds comfort in the support that the town of Kalida will provide no matter where our lives take us.”

*Class President Kevin Lammers*

**Senior Summary:** The class of 2021 was a great class of young adults who were tremendous role models for all of our younger students. They were leaders in the classroom, hallways, sports activities, and community. Their work ethic and character will lead them to much success in their future endeavors.

Here is a quick summary of the intended destinations of our most recent graduates. The greatest number (10) will be attending the University of Toledo while eight more will become Falcons at Bowling Green State University. Six will be attending campuses in Lima – 3 at the University of Northwestern Ohio, 2 at James A. Rhodes State College, and 1 at Ohio State Lima. Two other grads will also be Buckeyes – 1 at Ohio State ATI in Wooster and the other at the OSU main campus in Columbus. Each of the following campuses will be getting one KHS grad: Owen Community College (Toledo), Ashland University, Bluffton University, Cincinnati University, Dayton University, Miami University (Oxford, OH), Grace College (IN), and the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Two of our graduates will be entering the workforce while another will be serving our country in the United States Navy. We wish them all the best as leave Kalida High School and begin their next journey.

~ *Jeff Clement, Guidance Counselor*



### **Congratulations to Track State Qualifiers**

Graduated seniors Hannah Berheide and Brenna Smith will represent Kalida High School at the OHSAA State Track Meet. Preliminaries take place on Friday, June 4 and finals on Saturday, June 5 at Westerville North High School. Hannah will race in the 100M Dash and the 200M Dash. Brenna Smith will be competing in the 300M Hurdles. Good Luck Girls!

### **Happy Retirement Mrs. Mary Gerding!**

Congratulations to Mrs. Mary Gerding on her retirement!

“I consider myself blessed to have been a part of the Kalida school system for my entire teaching career,” says Mrs. Gerding. “I have worked with many talented students and staff who have made my job enjoyable and have encouraged and inspired me to be a better teacher.

“I would like to give one piece of advice to all parents: please encourage your children to read. I had a sign in my room that says **‘Reading makes you smarter,’** and I truly believe it. Find something, a genre, a particular topic or author, and read as it will be time well spent. Thanks again, especially for the well wishes I have received. I look forward to the next chapter of life and what it has to offer!”



### **Mr. Blake Walker Moving On**

We wish Mr. Walker the best as he begins his career in administration.

Mr. Walker, 4th grade teacher at Kalida Elementary, has accepted an elementary principal’s position at Allen East.

“I am truly grateful for my time here at Kalida,” says Mr. Walker. “The students, staff, administration, and community have been nothing but wonderful to my family and me. Teaching at Kalida is a unique and special opportunity. The students here are great kids and the family and community support they receive is something unique and special. I am excited to be moving on to the next chapter of my educational career but leaving Kalida is definitely going to be tough.”

## Happy Retirement Cindy Webken!

Congratulations to Mrs. Cindy Webken on her upcoming retirement.

“I am extremely grateful to the 1988 Board of Education members for taking a chance on an inexperienced person to handle the finances of the district,” says Mrs. Webken. “I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to continue working for many more board members. Their dedication and leadership to make tough financial decisions has put the district on solid financial ground. I very much appreciate that.

“I have been blessed to work with the best superintendents and assistant treasurers in Putnam County. I have always felt supported and valued in my position as Treasurer, and for that, I thank them. I also thank the many faculty and staff members who had a hand in making my 33 years as Treasurer of Kalida Local Schools a truly memorable time! I will miss interacting with everyone on a daily basis.

“I appreciate the board hiring such a qualified applicant, Michelle Buss, to take my place. She will be great! It honestly does make leaving a job that I truly love easier. And now I believe I hear a beach calling my name...”



## Summer Lunch Program For Children

### Age 1-18 years

Free Lunches will be served 11:00 AM -12:30 PM at these Lima sites: Heritage Elementary, Unity Elementary, Liberty Arts Magnet, and Independence Elementary. Call 419-999-3418 for more information.

## Welcome Mrs. Buss!

At the Kalida Board of Education meeting on April 22, Mrs. Michelle Buss was awarded the new treasurer position for the school district. Michelle and her husband Troy are residents of Kalida and have two daughters, Isabelle and Camryn.



Board President Greg von der Embse welcomes Mrs. Buss to the Kalida School System.

## Congratulations To KHS 2021

Prom Queen **Brenna Smith** and Prom King **Brandon Miller** who were crowned on May 1 at the prom festivities.



Thanks to Mrs. Rachel Meyers for coordinating the prom decorations, meal and activities for the evening.

## KHS Color Guard 2021

The following students will represent the KHS Color Guard for the upcoming school year: Meredyth Horstman, Mariah Kerner, Sara Siebeneck, and Olivia Olzak. Andrea Burgei will be head field commander and Ella Schumacher is the assistant field commander. Congratulations to all.

## Sports Physicals

Any student participating in a school athletic sport must have a current physical and code of conduct paper on file **dated May 1, 2021, or thereafter** to be valid for the upcoming school year. All students must have a physical on file **before** they begin practicing with any athletic team.

Packets for the physical are available in the high school office and must be filled in prior to the appointment. You must make arrangements with your family doctor for the physical. Kalida High School will NOT be providing FREE physicals for students entering grades 7-12 this year.



## Calendar Dates

<b>July 14</b>	Summer Blood Drive at KHS
<b>August 24</b>	School Begins
<b>September 6</b>	Labor Day - No School
<b>September 13</b>	2 hour Delay for Staff Inservice

## School Library Donations

Thanks to KHS Faculty and Staff for the library donations made in memory of Jim Warnecke, Vincent Clement, Agnes Ulm, Dennis Stechschulte, and Valita Lammers. Thanks to the Kalida CLC for the donation in memory of Jim Warnecke.

These donations help purchase books for our school libraries keeping inventory new and exciting. Memorial donations are greatly appreciated.

**Superintendent Karl Lammers**  
419-532-3534  
High School Principal Dean Brinkman  
Elementary Principal Kayla Stechschulte

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

**School Board Members**  
Greg von der Embse, President  
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## Music Booster Drawings

### April Winners

\$200 Kelley Recker  
\$150 Dale & Julie Siebeneck  
\$100 Patricia Broecker  
\$100 Annette Gerding  
\$75 Beth Hanneman  
\$75 Eric & Denise Recker  
\$50 Dave & Jen Hovest  
\$50 Steve Siefker  
\$50 Ashley Buss  
\$50 Cherri Taylor  
\$50 Tom & Janet Janka  
\$50 Meredith, Cooper, & Spencer Horstman

### May Winners

\$200 Jeff & Casey Kahle  
\$150 Art Langhals  
\$100 Andrea Knueve  
\$75 Samantha Recker  
\$75 Lori Schmersal  
\$50 Dave & Jen Hovest  
\$50 Steve Troyer  
\$50 Ally Ferris  
\$50 Sara Schnipke  
\$50 Chelsea Brumbaugh  
\$50 Jeanne Zeller

## All A Honors - 4th Quarter

**5<sup>th</sup> grade**-Tobin Anspach, Kallie Bockrath, Corinne Brinkman, Ella Brinkman, Grady Houck, Brylie Krouse, Taylor Nienberg, Leo Parisi, Logan Rampe, Lucas Schroeder, Emma Shiningier, Paul Stechschulte, Brady Unverferth, Penny Vandercook, Lincoln Warnecke.

**6<sup>th</sup>**-Hannah Bendele, Adam Bockrath, Morgan Bockrath, Riley Horstman, Sophia Meyer, Amber Moore, Cody Recker, Blake Remlinger, Bryce Remlinger, Anna Schumacher, Aubree Sickles, Carlie Siefker, Kennedy Simon, Maya Wehri.

**7<sup>th</sup>**-Mallorie Barnhart, Adam Buell, Jack Buell, Katelyn Foppe, Kyla Grime, Lana Grime, Logan Kerner, Grady Kuhlman, Claire Nartker, Isabel Recker, Ryan Schnipke, Grace Schroeder, Alexander Shiningier, Owen Siebeneck, Ella Siefer, Emma von der Embse.

**8<sup>th</sup>**-Kaylyn Bockrath, Meredith Bockrath, Gabrielle Brinkman, Laura Doepker, Grant Fortman, Alexandria Gardner, Carson Kahle, Katherine Krouse, Allie Kuhlman, Alison Landwehr, Drew Meyer, Olivia Meyer, Robert Connor Nartker, Grace Rall, Emerson Schnipke, Lauren Schulte, Jacob Siebeneck, Braylon Smith, Reese Strauer, Avrie Unverferth, Madison Unverferth, Ryan Verhoff, Drake Zeller.

**9<sup>th</sup>**-Hannah Basinger, Katherine Bendele, Andrea Burgei, Maria Gerding, Collin Heitmeyer, Audra Hovest, Noah Recker, Ella Schumacher, Sara Siebeneck.

**10<sup>th</sup>**- Kendal Bockrath, Brooke Erhart, Nicholas Foppe, Grant Helmke, Joel Horstman, Camille Hovest, Heath Miller, Kayla Nartker, Hanna Rampe, Livia Recker, Gabriel von der Embse, Kenzie White.

**11<sup>th</sup>**-Logan Bockrath, Brandt Brinkman, Kenzie Fortman, Madison Kahle, Ryan Klausning, Justin Siebeneck, Brooke Vennekotter, Peyton Wurth.

**12<sup>th</sup>**-Olivia Decker, Jayce Horstman, Katelyn Kahle, Jillian Knueve, Kevin Lammers, Marcy Landwehr, Mitchell Langhals, Dara Lewis, Ryan Lucke, Brandon Miller, Jennifer Rall, Kathryn Siebeneck, Tyler Unverferth, Jasmine Elizabeth Vorst, Will Zeller.

## AB Honors - 4th Quarter

**5<sup>th</sup> grade**-Brant Bockrath, Addelyn Brinkman, Emerson Burgei, Isabelle Buss, Madelyn Cattell, Jayce Frye, Levi Grime, Kendyl Klima, Olivia Landwehr, Griffon Langhals, Gavin Leis, Camryn Niemeyer, Sophia Potts, Lillian Schnipke, Luke Siefker, Aubrey Simon, Leah Unverferth, Grace Verhoff, Madison Verhoff, Jackson Wynne-Gray, Ross Zeller.

**6<sup>th</sup>**-Kenadi Bockrath, Bryn Casper, Cody Decker, Cooper Horstman, Jax Horstman, Evan Langhals, Max Langhals, Enna Meyers, Jagger Miller, Kylie Peck, Zoe Pothast, Makenzie Remlinger, Josh Schulte, Kendall Schultz, Nicole Siebeneck, Isabelle Swyers, Zachary Unverferth, Ruby Vandercook, Nathan Wannemacher.

**7<sup>th</sup>**-Lauren Bockrath, Faith Feldman, Cole Goubeaux, Karlie Heitmeyer, Jaxon Hoffman, Nathaniel Kahle, Griffin Klausning, Kara Lammers, Lauren Laudick, Caden Looser, Jason Luersman, Elijah Patrick, Annelise Price, Mylie Rampe, Madison Ricker, Malia Romes, Landon Verhoff, Parker Vorst, Camdyn Warnecke.

**8<sup>th</sup>**-Tucker Anspach, Maddix Calvelage, Madelyn Houck, Ethan Langhals, Adyson Miller, Reese Miller, Makenna Peck, Lane Rellinger, Dylan Siefker, Ella Stechschulte, Jack Stechschulte.

**9<sup>th</sup>**- Brady Fersch, Raegan Gerdeman, Erica Kahle, Aiden Killion, Kyle Lammers, Maddalyn Nienberg, Riley Nienberg, Olivia Olzak, Camryn Recker, Carson Remlinger, Elyse Romes, Katelyn Roof, Austin Schnipke, Whitney Unverferth, Carly Webken, Ethan Wehri.

**10<sup>th</sup>**-Dyllan Bendele, Garrett Decker, Colin Hoffman, Ella Hoffman, Jeret Landwehr, Wyatt Lehman, Haley Looser, Malie Miller, Kierstan Remlinger, Dawson Schultz, Kevin Schumaker, Aric Snipes, Allison Stechschulte, Evan Stechschulte, Jordyn Vandemark, Ethan Warnecke.

**11<sup>th</sup>**- Catherine Lehman, Grace Niemeyer, Amanda Unverferth, Grant Vorst, Ella Wehri.

**12<sup>th</sup>**- Hannah Berheide, Emily Buss, Ben Doepker, Luke Erhart, Stephanie Kahle, Grace Klausning, Reagan Klausning, Melanie Meyers, Casey Rosselit, Dayna Schimmoeller, Brenna Smith.