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Calendar Notes

December 9

Christmas in Kalida

December 12

High School Christmas
Concert 7:30 PM

December 15

Elem.Christmas
Program 7:00 PM

December 20-21

JH/HS Semester Exams

December 22

Christmas Break

January 3, 2006

Classes Resume

January 16

Martin L.King, Jr. Day
No School

February 20

Presidents' Day
No School

February 23

Early Dismissal
1 PM-Teacher Inservice

March 24

Quarter Break
No School

April 14-17

Easter Break

April 27

Early Dismissal
1 PM-Teacher Inservice

May 24

Last Day of School

Notes from the Superintendent

The Holiday season has officially begun as we enter the month of December. There are a host of holiday activities scheduled within the district which will begin with our participation in "**Christmas in Kalida**" on **December 9**. At 8:15 PM that evening join us as the school district hosts a showing of a **family (parents and children) oriented Christmas movie in the new high school auditoria**. We are inviting anyone who would like to attend. This will be the first opportunity for the community to utilize the new projector that was purchased by the Enhancement Committee and the 28' projection screen located on the stage.

The first classes were held in the new facility on Monday, November 28 and lunch was served from the new kitchen for the first time. It was very rewarding for me personally to watch the students and the staff members utilize the new facility. It is only appropriate that I once again thank the community for your continued support of the Kalida Local Schools. The move was relatively seamless over the Thanksgiving weekend thanks to the hard work of all involved. I especially want to recognize all of the teachers who relocated, Mr. Stober for his work in getting the computers on-line and fully operational, and our cafeteria personnel and Ken Stechschulte and the maintenance staff who stepped up to the plate and made the move happen as planned.

The automated cafeteria payment system is fully operational and appears to be operating quite smoothly. I have received a great deal of positive feedback from the community regarding the convenience for parents as a result of the new system. The cafeteria staff has done a great job of working through the kinks of the new system and I think we have all been amazed at how quickly the students have caught on.

The district is in the initial stages of another enrollment projection as required by the Ohio School Facilities Commission for Phase II construction. Declining enrollment continues to be a major issue facing the school district. This issue is not exclusive to Kalida as virtually the entire county is experiencing similar declines. The population of Putnam County is roughly within 100 people of what it was in 1900 and more than 60% of Putnam County residents do not have school age children. The good news however, is that we have 42 kindergarten students already enrolled for the 2006-07 school year and we are anticipating several more during Kindergarten Registration Week (December 5-9.)

Please notify your employer as of January 1, 2006, the Kalida School 1% income tax will come into effect. The Kalida School District income tax number is **6904**.



~ Superintendent Mark K. Neal

Kindergarten Registration-Class of 2019

Kalida Elementary School is conducting kindergarten registration for the 2006-2007 school year. Registration forms are available in the elementary office. Please return a completed registration form with a certified birth certificate before December 16. Children must be five years old on or before September 30, 2006, in order to register. For additional information, please contact the school office at 532-3845.

Putnam County Band and Choir Honors

Congratulations to the following students for auditioning and making Putnam County Band: Ashlee Warnecke for receiving 1st part and 3rd chair saxophone, Alisha Knueve 2nd chair French horn, Austin Basinger 1st part, 4th chair trumpet, Louisa Millott 1st part, 2nd chair trombone, David Gerdeman 3rd chair baritone, Brandon Closson – percussion.

Congratulations to the following students for auditioning and making the Putnam County Choir: Lauren Erhart – soprano, Kayla Kromer-alto, Kelly Knuve - alto, Stephanie Schroeder - alto, Austin Barnhart tenor, Justin Barnhart – tenor, Shane Hill – bass.

Voice Of Democracy

Congratulations to senior Curt Rieman who will represent KHS as the Voice of Democracy essay contest winner for 2005. The Voice of Democracy is an audio essay contest for high school students in grades 9-12. The annual contest, which is designed to foster patriotism, allows students the opportunity to voice their opinion in a three to five minute essay based on an annual theme. This year's theme was ***"How I Demonstrate My Freedom."*** Curt's essay now competes at the Ottawa VFW Post. Good luck and congratulations, Curt.



Seniors and Financial Aid

Things to know

What can you do right now? Apply for a PIN number at www.pin.ed.gov. The student AND one or both parents need a PIN to apply online for financial aid.

Applying online is faster and more accurate. Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov. It's available beginning January 1 for this year's seniors.

For students already in college, all FAFSA renewals will be online. Paper applications are for first year college students only.

Watch out for rip-offs. There are other FAFSA sites that make you pay a fee. Be sure you use the address mentioned above. The first "F" in FAFSA stands for free.

A limited number of "paper" FAFSAs have arrived. We also have worksheets for the online version that are more helpful than the paper applications.

Our financial aid night is scheduled for 7 PM January 16 at Fort Jennings.

College Goal Sunday is February 12. There will be several sites in the state offering help with the FAFSA. College financial aid experts will be available to either help you with specific questions on your application or to explain the entire process.

Mrs. Myers will meet with seniors in Mr. Gasser's classes in late December to go over financial aid information. Mr. Dave Myers, Vantage counselor, will meet with Vantage seniors in December or January as well.

More information will follow in the next newsletter.

Join the Boosters and Support the Wildcats!

**The Kalida Athletic Boosters Annual Membership Drive.
We want YOU to be a part of the action.**

What is it? This is an organization created to support the Kalida High School Athletic programs. Donations and support have been made to every high school sport. The Athletic Boostes have sponsored the girls' softball field and the establishing of the soccer field. The future project for the Athletic Boosters is the construction of a weight room. This room will be incorporated in the Phase II high school expansion.

Why join? Show your support for local athletics! Also, your name is entered into a monthly drawing. Winners are pulled at each meeting. If you are present at the meeting, you win \$50. If not present, you still win \$10.

Who can be a member? Anyone. **How much is it?** \$5 per person, per calendar year.

How do I sign up? Just complete the form below and mail it to: Athletic Boosters, P.O. Box 556, Kalida, OH 45853. You may also sign up and drop off memberships at home boys' or girls' basketball games.

Please respond by
February 28, 2006,
and include \$5 per person listed.
Thank you!

Name of each member _____

Honor Roll 1st Quarter All A's

7th Grade

Austin Neidert
Justin Neidert
Kristopher Osterhage
Emily Turnwald

8th Grade

Julia Fuerst
Amy Hamburg
Trisha Horstman
Brant Kahle
Kara Kaufman
Michael Turnwald
Stephanie Verhoff
Margaret von der Embse

Freshmen

Kasie Bellmann
Leah Gerding
Jenna Kahle
Louisa Millott
Erica Schmenk
Gina Verhoff
Matt Warnecke

Sophomores

Brittany Schroeder
Trent Smith



Juniors

Kari Schroeder
Katie Unverferth
Andrea Van Oss (Vantage)
Ashlee Warnecke
Abby Wilson

Seniors

Ross Ellerbrock
David Gerdeman
Ryan Hoffman
Eric Schnipke
Julie Schroeder
Lindsay Westfeld

A-B Honor Roll

7th Grade

Benjamin Bockrath
Samantha Edwards
Christy Ellerbrock
Tyler Ellerbrock
Megan Erhart
Allison Fitzgerald
Bryan Fortman
Chad Goergens
Jeff Good
Tyler Hoffman
Michelle Jorrey
Chelsea Kahle
Courtney Kimmel
Derek Korte
Kelsey Miller
Brianna Recker
Stephanie Recker
Robert Sarka
Alex Schroeder
Amanda Schulte
Brian Schulte
Miranda Schulte
Rachael Stechschulte
Alyssa Verhoff
Jillian Wehri

8th Grade

Kimberly Berheide
Michael Bockrath
Jeff Gerding
Stacie Heitmeyer
Kyle Hoffman
Stephanie Kortokrax
Katherine Kromer
Renee Langhals
Kylie McIntyre
Michael Niemeyer
Abby Rampe
Jill Rieman
Abigail Swihart
Anna Tenwalde
Devin Warnecke

Freshmen

Derek Birkemeier
Dana Bruskotter
Brandon Closson
Lauren Erhart
Megan Jorrey
Kyle Kahle
Neal Lammers
Darcy Langhals
Doug McIntyre
Matthew Schnipke
Scott Schnipke
Matt Schulte
Bethany Smith
Amy VonderEmbse

Sophomores

Adam Berheide
Alyssa Frey
Robert Gerding
Jill Hoffman
Kayla Kromer
Sara Mack
Stacy Reindel
Dean Schnipke
Abigail Schroeder
Chelsea Warnecke
Nicole Warnecke
Ashley Wehri

Juniors

Tim Beach (Vantage)
Rachel Cygan
Renee Cygan
Lisa Duling
Kevin Erhart
Travis Frey
Eric Gerding (Vantage)
Frances Haack (Vantage)
Megan Hamburg
Angela Hanneman
Brent Heitmeyer
Christopher Kahle
Emily Kahle
Justin Kahle
Rachel Knueve
Brandon Kortokrax
Andrew Maag
Andy Miller (Vantage)
Joy Miller (Vantage)
Karrie Miller
Dana Phillips
Michael Recker (Vantage)
Alison Schnipke (Vantage)
Kelly Schnipke
Brooke Schroeder
Sam Schroeder (Vantage)
Shawn Smith
Shawn Spicer (Vantage)
Alan Verhoff
Ross Warnecke (Vantage)
Abigail West

Seniors

Steve Becker (Vantage)
Alan Bendele (Vantage)
Ryan Buss
Andrea Ellerbrock (Vantage)
Kerri Geckle (Vantage)
Jesse Gerding (Vantage)
Ryan Hamilton (Vantage)
Shane Hill
Ashley Kerner
Kelly Knueve
Adam Kottenbrock (Vantage)
Austin Kruse
Renee Schroeder (Vantage)
Adam Schumacher (Vantage)
Jared Siebeneck
Autumn Snyder
Jared Stechschulte
Cory Unverferth
Megan Unverferth
Melissa Verhoff
Brad VonderEmbse
Tony Wannemacher (Vantage)
Randy Webken (Vantage)
Jeremy Wehri
Laurie Westfeld



Moving Days.....



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Thanks to Joyce Wurth, Joanne Horstman, KHS librarian Denise Scherer, and Connie Cleemput, the library aides, and the many student volunteers, who helped box up and cart books and then re-shelf items in the new media center. Stop by and check it out. The media center is very functional, impressive, and modern.



Moving Days.....

Fall Sports Wrap Up

Congrats to Coach Jeremy Stober and the KHS volleyball team for finishing their season with a 19-7 record. They were **Division IV Sectional Champs and Regional Semifinalists**. Congratulations to Coach Ken Schnipke and the KHS golf team for their successful season and to senior Andy Unverferth for competing in the state golf tournament. Congratulations also to Jess Winkle who qualified and competed in the District girls golf match.

Blood Mobile Results

The KHS Blood Mobile Committee reports that during the October campaign at Kalida High School a total of 166 units were collected. Thanks to all blood donors from the area who gave their blood. Thanks also to the businesses who supplied the donors with refreshments and to the workers who donated their time. These joint efforts helped the KHS Blood Mobile have another successful collection day.

Parents Please Mark Your Calendars

FYI: Here is the schedule for testing for next March. The schedule is controlled by the Ohio Department of Education. Please try to have your student healthy and in school on the day assigned for each test. **Thank you so much!**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	March
Grade	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10	13 to 17
3	Reading		Math			All makeup tests
4	Reading		Math		Writing	
5	Reading		Math			
6	Reading		Math			
7	Reading		Math			
8	Reading		Math			
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	March
Grade	March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16	March 17	20-24
10	<u>Reading</u>	Math	<u>Writing</u>	Science	Citizenship	<u>OGT makeups</u>

ACT and SAT testing—Students may pick up registration forms for either test in the guidance, or they may register online at www.act.org (ACT) or www.collegeboard.org (SAT). In both cases, the students will need to enter our high school code so that score reports will be sent to the high school as well as to the student. The school needs a copy of the reports in order to add the transcript results to a student’s transcript. Links to both of these sites are provided on the guidance portion of the school website. Our school code is the same for either test—362765.

All Ohio schools will accept either test. There is a major scholarship program from Ohio Board of Regents that accepts only ACT scores; however, there may still be a few employer based scholarships that still require SAT scores. Parents should check with their employers to see if any scholarship programs are available at work.

Last year the big news in testing centered around the addition of a writing test to both the ACT and SAT. For the SAT, the writing test is now built in to the original test. For the ACT, it is an optional component that requires extra time and extra fees. This year’s seniors will be the first group to deal with the writing test as part of their college admission requirements. Several Ohio colleges are now requiring this score. However, they want the writing score for research purposes and they are not using this score to deny admission to students. We are hearing that this is probably also true for this year’s juniors, although that’s not definite in all cases. There will certainly be some changes in this policy in the future, so please be on the alert.

Kalida Wildcat Cards—Support the junior class Post Prom and save money at the same time. The junior class is selling *Wildcat Discount Cards* to raise money for the Post Prom. Cards are \$10 each and contain discounts to over 27 businesses. Proceeds are used to provide a safe and entertaining Post Prom for our junior and senior classes. Cards are currently being sold by junior class members and their parents.

Superintendent:
Mark Neal
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HS. Principal Don Horstman
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday
8:00 PM - High School
Media Center

School Board

Members:

Dave Erhart
Brian Laudick
Rhonda Osterhage
Pres. Gary Stechschulte
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Music Boosters

October Drawing

Dale/Karen Vorst	\$150
John Remlinger	\$100
Michelle Schmitz	\$100
Carol/Andy Merschman	\$75
Keith/Lisa Meyer	\$75
Mel/Pat Hanneman	\$50
Jeff Nartker	\$50
Joan Schnipke	\$50
Jim Becker	\$50
Chas Myers	\$50

November \$50 Winners

Ron/Sharon Heitmeyer
Joe/Grace Turnwald
Bob/Cindy Miller
Barb Mueller

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