



Green Local Schools

Smithville High School Green Middle School Green Elementary School

Vision: "Preparing Students for Life through Excellence in Education"

Mission: Educate Everyone, Everyday

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Dear Community of Green Local Schools,

In the next few months, the Green Local Board will embark on a path to hire a new leader for the district. While saying goodbye is never easy, I am certain that this district is poised for greatness! The District Leadership Team, made up of staff members Scott Meech, Jennifer Winkler, Nate Gaubatz, Sarah Dunlap, Denise Rader, Jason DeMassimo, Doug Dickerhoof, Nancy Dravenstott, Chris Miller and Lindsey Welch have worked diligently to develop academic and culture goals that will help Green's students reach excellence! The goals can be found on the district's website at www.green-local.org under Our District / Strategic Plan. The team will continue to meet to focus on the implementation and monitoring of the goals. Monitoring involves gathering data about students' success in various assessments and working on strategies to help students do better.

I want to thank the community and parents for the nine years I have spent coming to work at "The Berkey". Never once did I take for granted the honor I was given to be the superintendent for six of those nine years. The accomplishments we have achieved are many. I have loved watching your children grow into wonderful teenagers and adults. I wish all the best for future success of this district!

Sincerely,

Judy Robinson
Superintendent

Appreciation Breakfast Invitation!

*Business, agricultural and organizational partners are invited
to the 5th Annual Appreciation Breakfast*

Friday, March 24, 2017, SHS cafeteria from 7:00am—8:00am.

Guest Speaker—Frank Becker, FFA Alumni

*The breakfast is open to anyone who supports our schools through their work -
whether you are a business owner, farmer, church
or non-profit organization!*

Please RSVP by calling 330-669-3921, ext. 5000 or email gren_shaffer@tccsa.net

SMITHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Chemistry Football—Mrs. Breneman



The “kick” is up.... and it’s good! It’s a celebration. Not only was a field goal made, but a good grade on a chemistry lab was earned. When CCP Chemistry students properly fill their “football” with the correct stoichiometric proportions of hydrogen and oxygen gases the pipet bulb or “football” can be “kicked” across the room. The goal for each lab team was to find the most powerful gas mixture and to use it to launch their football across the room and through the goal post uprights. Students had fun determining the limiting reactant as they calculated which mole ratio would produce the best mixture for their pipet bulb to become a projectile.

SHS Student Council—Mrs. Leach

The SHS Student Council has been hard at work this year! We started the year off with ice cream sundaes to welcome all high school students back to school. Our various fall events included peach fuzz volleyball (a boys’ volleyball tournament), powder puff football (a girls’ football tournament), our annual homecoming parade and bonfire, the football homecoming ceremony and dance, and the school-wide dodgeball tournament. In November, we worked alongside the American Red Cross to hold a blood drive in which we collected 47 productive pints of blood!

On January 21, we held our first ever Winter Overtime from 9 – 11 p.m. at the conclusion of the boys’ basketball game. This high school event had food, games, and music. And we aren’t done yet! Our basketball homecoming ceremony will be on February 10.



We will wrap up the winter with another blood drive on March 24. If any community member is interested in donating blood, please contact Rachel Leach at the high school at 330-669-3165, ext. 4100 to schedule an appointment.

Project PARTnership—Mrs. Baker



During the last semester, students participated in Project PARTnership. This is a partnership between the area schools, Tri-County and the Wayne Center for the Arts. Within six sessions, students were able to have a wide variety of art experiences such as visual arts - making items out of duct tape and also folded old books making a creative pattern. They also participated in creative movement, theater, drama and ceramics where they made Thanksgiving Turkeys and Snowmen. Recently they listened to InnerVision - a band that consists of members who are visually impaired. This PARTnership has provided opportunities for the students to learn about various artistic techniques and learn about the various forms of art and allow opportunities to participate in the arts that are central to the development of self-advocacy and self-determination skills.

Manufacturing Day—Mr. Meech

Students from Smithville High School participated in the National Manufacturing Day on October 7th. Students visited RBB Systems and Buckeye Container in Wooster. At RBB Systems students learned about the manufacturing of circuit boards and the procedures and practice to produce small batches of circuit boards. After RBB, students visited Buckeye Container where they learned about the design of cardboard packaging. They then toured the production floor to see the various cardboard components in process. Through the experience at both companies students were able to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for manufacturing in Wayne County.



Mrs. Lightfoot’s classes: Human Anatomy and Physiology, Zoology, and Biology classes welcomed a guest speaker, Kellie Lightfoot, in December. Kellie Lightfoot is a pediatric physical therapist (PT) at Akron Children’s Hospital as well as Founder of an adaptive dance program called Dance Unlimited, which was developed for children with special needs. Kellie shared with Smithville High School students about various medical career pathways and possibilities for various levels of degrees from associate degrees through doctoral degrees. Students were also encouraged to follow their passions and incorporate their passions into their career. Kellie was a lifelong dancer who became a children’s PT where she was able to create a wonderful program for children who usually miss out on many sports and clubs where many typical children form friendships and build self-esteem and confidence. Smithville students were challenged through activities to overcome some of the challenges that Kellie’s patients face every day like trying to pick up coins off a table with oven mitts or balance on a balancing ball while throwing or catching balls. Kellie did a great job of encouraging Smithville High School students to think into the future and make a difference.

SHS Academic Challenge on ABC Channel 5—Mrs. Nelson

Academic Challenge is a competitive event where students from different schools come together to do battle by answering questions from a wide range of topics. In the past four years, the Smithville High School Academic Challenge team has been very successful. We have won the Wayne County Academic Challenge League title four straight years. We have made our way to state for the past four years and we have placed at least one team in national tournament play for the past four years. This year the team won the Waynedale Tournament 9-0 to take our first national bid of the year. Later, we placed two teams high enough in the standings at the Smithville Invitational Tournament to earn a second team national bid. As of today, we have two teams, Smithville A and Smithville B who have earned their way into the National Academic Quiz Tournament in Chicago, IL. We also have a third team on the wait list for an opening into the tournament. On **March 18, 2017**, the team will play on the television show Academic Challenge. While I cannot tell you what happened when we taped the show, I can tell you I cannot wait to see it again.



The team will be traveling to Columbus to play against some of the largest and best teams in the state. Parents, friends and community members are always welcome to come watch us play.

Team members include juniors Caleb Hostetler, Noah Riggerbach, Holly Blough, Katie Conkle, Alyssa Allen, Xander Beltz (not pictured), Carissa Thompson, and Scott Swinehart. Sophomores Hazelyn Smith, Tyler Owen, and Noah Navratil (not pictured). Freshmen Ben Melkey, Colin Daniels, Nathan Luginbuhl, and Colby Hartzler.

Leadership Class—Mrs. Baker



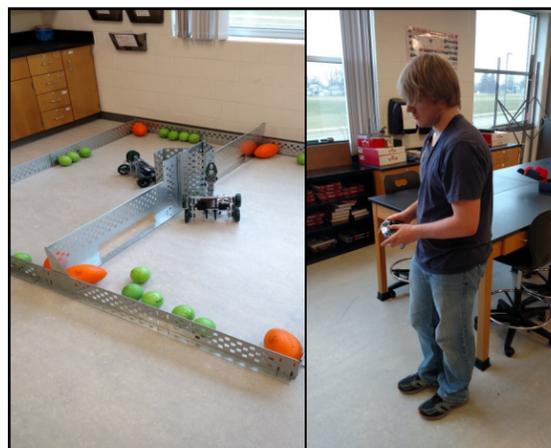
A newly formed class on Leadership was formed this past school year. The intention of the class is to learn about all of the components that go into the concept of leadership. This fall, there were 12 students ranging from sophomores to seniors who participated in the class. Various topics were covered such as vision, fear, confidence, self awareness, motivation, communication, adversity, accountability, servant hood, impact, setting an example and legacy. The students completed community service such as helping with the Elementary canned food drive, they were in charge of the Senior Citizen's Breakfast, and also helped clean up from the homecoming festivities. This upcoming semester, a new group of leaders will be helping with an positive behavior program at the elementary school. They will be organizing the Sophomore Service Day, as well as help with the Homework Heroes program.

Various speakers such as Judy Robinson, Dr. Rachele Bardall; Orrville Chiropractor, Coach Doug Geiser; Offensive Line Coach at Ashland University, Coach Steve Moore; Head Coach at the College of Wooster, Laurie Parrish - Storm; former Elementary Principal, and Mike Baker; Smithville High School Math teacher, have graciously come in and shared their insight on various topics which has allowed for discussion and growth. We are excited about this class and look forward to incorporating leadership into our schools and the community.



Robotics Update— Mrs. Brunner

The new crew of robotics students has started the challenge of designing, building, and programming the VEX robots. They will be learning about Boolean Logic in terms of computer programming language and applying that to the natural programming language of Robot C. The VEX robots include new sonar sensors, line trackers, potentiometers, and integrated motor encoders. This allows the students to be more precise and creative with their problem solving tasks. They will begin the semester building a clawbot that can pick up light objects and transport them. The students will design a program that can then use this ability to complete an obstacle course. Each student this semester gets their own robot so this should allow for some great competition and comparisons for learning.



Dates To Remember

February 2017

Feb. 11—GMS Power of the Pen District Tournament 9:00am-4:00pm
 Feb. 13—FLC Cuisine Contest 6:15pm
 Feb. 16—Gr. 5-12 Parent Teacher Conference 2:30-7:30pm
 Feb. 16—Gr. 1 Winter Music Program 7:00pm
 Feb. 17—No School—P/T Comp Day
 Feb. 20—No School—Presidents’ Day
 Feb. 21—Family Math Night Gr. 3&4 6:00pm
 Feb. 23—Family Literacy Night Gr. K-2 6:00pm
 Feb. 27—2 Hour Delay
 Feb. 27—Festival of Choirs 7:30pm

March 2017

March 3—SHS Musical 7:00pm
 March 4—SHS Musical 7:00pm
 March 5—SHS Musical 2:00pm
 March 6—Kindergarten Registration 9:00am-2:00pm

March 2017—Cont.

March 7—GMS/SHS Band March Madness 7:00pm
 March 8— Kindergarten Registration 1-7:00pm
 March 9—GMS/SHS Choir Concert 7:00pm
 March 10—End of 3rd Report Period
 March 10—Academic Challenge Pasta Dinner 3-7:30pm
 March 15—GES P/T Conferences 3:30-8:00pm
 March 15—Junior Academic Challenge 5:45pm
 March 17—No School—Staff Prof. Development
 March 18— Ruritan Pancake Breakfast 7-11am
 March 20— GES PTO Mtg. 7:00pm
 March 24—SHS Student Council Blood Drive 9:00am-1:00pm
 March 25—GMS Power of the Pen Regional 9:00am
 March 25—GES Funfest/Basket Raffle 5:00pm
 March 28—K-12 Fine Arts Fair 5-8:00pm
 March 30—Kindergarten Spring Music Program 7:00pm

Check out the Events Calendar on the District webpage for all district activities. www.green-local.k12.oh.us

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Green Local Schools Board Office 330-669-3921

Smithies Banners



We are excited the Green Local banners are being displayed on the light poles along Smithie Drive. The goal was to beautify our campus and show school pride to our community and students. We hope you enjoy the banners. Thank you to Orrville Printing and Bev Crafton for their help in collaborating the design and vision for these banners.

Kindergarten registration for Green Elementary



will be held **Monday, March 6th, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 8th, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Your child

will need to be five by August 1st to be eligible for kindergarten. After January 17th please call the school at 330-669-3501 to set up an appointment. Please bring your child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, proof of residency and custody papers (if applicable).

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