

GREEN LOCAL SMITHIE NEWS

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Green Local Schools Plans for Flexibility

Green Local Schools is developing multiple plans for next school year. Specifically, we are developing two very different educational options so we can meet the diverse needs of our students and parents. On May 27, 2020 the survey shown below was sent to parents asking for their feedback to help us through next year's planning process. As the summer progresses, there will be additional details communicated with our families and at the end of July we will ask them to make a decision that works best for their child/children.

Green Local Reopening Parent Survey

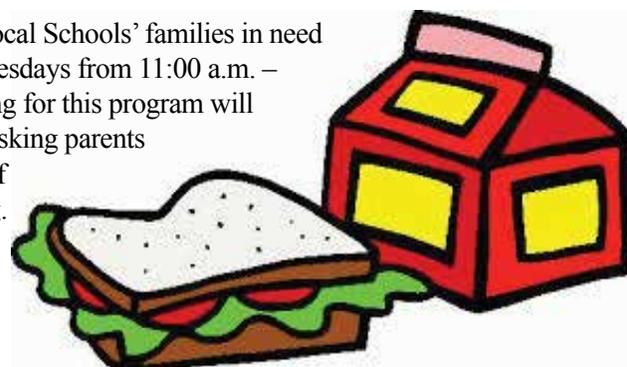
As we unpack guidelines and look at safe ways to reopen our buildings, we would like your feedback on what your plans would be for your children this fall. We are relatively optimistic that we will have local control to develop options that are best for our students, parents and community. This is an early-in-the-process survey and your choices will not be used as a final decision, rather it will only help us with planning.

- Option 1** Return to school 5 days per week with additional safety precautions. (Additional details on "safety precautions" will be developed and communicated this summer.)
- Option 2** Mostly online instruction with optional in-person small group support.
- Option 3** Unsure at this time.

During this unprecedented challenge, we are extremely grateful for your feedback and support! This information will help us do our very best to meet the learning needs of all the children in Green Local Schools!

Breakfast, Lunch Distribution Continues

Food distribution will continue to those Green Local Schools' families in need at the event entrance by the playground on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We have confirmation that state funding for this program will continue through at least June 30, 2020. We are asking parents to drive up to the table and pick up the bags off of the table in an effort to maintain social distancing. If you have any questions, please email or call our food service director, Laura Lankhorst, at gren_llankhorst@tccsa.net or 330-669-3921 ext. 3850.





District News

Dates To Remember

June

- 16 - Board of Education
Work Session Meeting..... 6pm
- 20 - Smithville Ruritans
Chicken BBQ..... 11am-2pm
- 29 - Board of Education Meeting.7am

July

- 27 - Board of Education Meeting.7am

August

- 19 - 1st Day of School 2020-2021

Public Participation at Board Meetings

The Board of Education recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide a period for public participation at every regular meeting of the Board and publish rules to govern such participation in Board meetings. A sign-up sheet for public participation will be provided at each regular meeting for participants who would like to speak at the meeting, no previous contact to Green Local Schools is necessary.

The presiding officer of each Board meeting at which public participation is permitted shall administer the rules of the Board for its conduct.

In compliance with federal guidelines, during our June 29 meeting we will seek public input for the use of federal monies under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for the current and upcoming school year. The purpose of IDEA monies is for educating students identified with disabilities in providing services, equipment and materials, as well as staff development opportunities for teachers.

Public Notice

The Green Local Board of Education will hold its regular meeting on Monday, June 29, 2020 remotely at 7 a.m. The remote link can be found on the district webpage. During the public participation portion of the meeting, the district is seeking public input for the use of federal monies under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for the current and upcoming school year. The purpose of IDEA monies is for educating students identified with disabilities in providing services, equipment and materials, as well as staff development opportunities for teachers.

Update on Smithville FFA Greenhouse

Agricultural careers and food production is a staple to our community. With that in mind the Smithville FFA and Alumni want to give our students throughout the school district, even more opportunities within the agricultural field.

For over a year we have been working on our goal to create a greenhouse that our entire school may utilize, being operated and managed by the high

school agricultural students! This capital project is going to be 100% funded through donations and grants. Currently, we are pleased to announce that 67% of the needed amount has been raised. Thank you to all that have donated! In addition to the donations, the FFA chapter has received a \$10,000 grant from the LAURA B. FRICK CHARITABLE TRUST. The chapter has applied for three additional grants and is hopeful for good news this summer. If the chapter can reach its funding goal, construction would begin in August or September.

Contact Stephen Heppe at gren_sheppe@tccsa.net with questions and visit <https://bit.ly/smithieffa> to find the donation information.

Shining Apple Award



This is the second year for the Lowell Alva Frantz Shining Apple Award - Mr. Frantz was a teacher in Smithville from 1957-1978. When he started there were only 30 members in the band and he grew it to over 100 students

in his last year. Mr. Frantz founded the Debonaires, helped to create the Band-O-Rama and the Festival of Choirs.

The Frantz family founded this award to give teachers that go above and beyond special recognition. This award gives the Valedictorian the honor of selecting the teacher that has had the most influence on their success. The selected teacher will receive an individual plaque, and their name will be engraved on a school plaque.

This year's valedictorian **Colby Hartzler** has awarded **Lori Ebert**, GLS Gifted Teacher the second annual Shining Apple Award.

Better Business Bureau Essay Contest



Congratulations, Noah! **Noah Smith** earned a Superior Award which included \$50 and a free T-shirt in the Better Business Bureau (BBB) Law of Life Essay Contest. The contest

is aimed at developing the character of today's students so they become the ethical, responsible and trustworthy leaders, employees and citizens of tomorrow. Noah participated in the contest through his Stark State College Business class. Mrs. Kelly J. Miller is his Business instructor.

The Treasurer's Corner

State Cuts School Budgets

The school district is taking prudent steps to curtail spending, especially since State funding of our school district was reduced by \$194,872 through June 30, 2020 due to a shortfall in State sales and income tax revenues. The school district is also taking advantage of federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSERF) of \$137,585 that will be made available. To assist with the shortfall between the State funding reduction and the federal ESSERF revenues, cost savings (i.e., budget versus actual) have been realized as a result of the State-mandated building closures for less temporary staff of \$60,691; supplies and materials of \$28,120; capital outlay of \$22,810; and other expenditures of \$5,796. These budget savings will also assist with offsetting additional reductions that are expected at the federal, state, and local level in the next school year. For many school districts, including Green Local, this will equate to tough, but necessary decisions for cost containment.

Additionally, the school district will continue to enhance efforts to communicate and be proactive in its strategies for limiting the impact of this economic downturn. As always, communication is a two-way street and we value your input in this process, especially in light of such economic uncertainty.



Class of 2020

Top of the Class



Valedictorian **Colby Hartzler** plans to attend Kent State University in the fall with the desire to obtain his bachelor's degree in Medical Laboratory Science. He then plans to continue his education and become an Assistant Pathologist. Colby was a volunteer at Akron Children's Hospital and hopes to continue when restrictions are lifted. Outside of school functions, he is involved with his church and loves spending time with his family.

Colby is on the 4.1 and above Career Honor Roll; he has obtained his Honors Diploma and has earned the 4th Year Academic Achievement Award. Colby has also earned the Golden Apple Award for all A's through high school and the Golden Apple for all A's for the 2019-2020 school year.



Salutatorian is **Sarah Meech**. She is the NHS president, class VP, a member of the FCA leadership team and involved in Foreign Language Club. Sarah was first team all-league and district this year for basketball and is a 4 year letter-winner in both basketball and soccer.

Outside of school, Sarah is on the worship team at her church. Sarah's academic accomplishments include graduating Summa Cum Laude, having a 4.1+ Career Honor Roll, Honors Diploma, 4th Year Academic Achievement Award, Golden Apple Award for all A's through high school, and the Golden Apple for all A's for the 2019-2020 school year.

WCSCC Seniors

The WCSCC has named their top employed seniors, one from each of the 24 career-technical programs offered at the school. These students were honored by the Wayne Economic Development Council and received a certificate and congratulatory email from Principal Matt Brown. Among the 24 Star Senior Employees honored three were SHS students: **Kent Kindy** (Ag Mechanics/Power Technologies) working for Rehm Farms, LLC, **Violet Smucker** (Cosmetology) working for Salon LaVish, and **Kyle Rosenbaum** (Electronics & Computer Networking) working for WCSCC. Congratulations Kent, Violet and Kyle on your hard work and accomplishments. We wish you success in your chosen careers!

Graduation

The Class of 2020 selected between three graduation options. Even though this year was unconventional, we hope all graduates made great memories during the weekend events.





Class of 2020

CONGRATULATIONS



Izebella Balas



Dirk Bauman
Employment



Andrew Beery
Employment



Jasmine Beery
Bowling Green
University



Jordan Bierlein
Ohio University



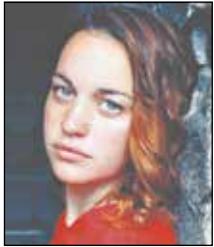
**Emma-Lee
Blumenstock**
Employment



Aaron Bower
Employment



Ellie Brillhart
Mount Vernon
Nazarene College



Afton Brown
The University of Akron



Molly Burns
Employment



Matthew Chandler
The University of Akron



Kathryn Christman
The University of Akron



Ashleigh Clabaugh
Ohio University



Conner Cyrus
Bowling Green



Colin Daniels
Bowling Green
College Of Business



Taylor Depriest
University of Saint
Francis - Radiology



Natalie Getchey
College of Wooster



Joseph Haas
University of
Mount Union



Colby Hartzler
Kent State University



Elizabeth Hartzler
Mount Vernon
Nazarene University



Jarred Hatfield
The University of Akron
Mechanical Engineer



Ethan Haven
The University of Akron



Emma Heeke
University of Toledo



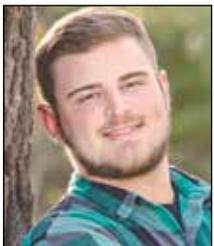
Madelyn Hobbs
The University of Akron/
Wayne



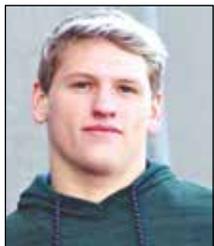
Alexander Hofer
Employment



Skyler Hoffman
The University of Akron/
Wayne



Samuel Hoskinson
Employment



Lee Hostetler
Employment



Luke Hostetler
The University of Akron



Madison Isaac
The University of Akron



Hailey Johns
Ohio University



Faith Karlen
Employment



Tyler Kerley
Employment



Kent Kindy
Employment



Jessica Kinney
Employment



Melissa Langston
Brenau University
Gainesville



Gabriel Lengacher
Employment



Nathan Luginbuhl
The University of Akron



Abigail Lun
Cedarville Univeristy



Maison Martell
Employment



Class of 2020



Elliot Martin
Huntington University



Jonathan Mast
Employment



Charles McLean
Trade School



Sarah Meech
University of
Mount Union



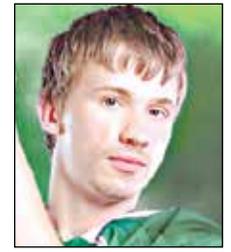
Benjamin Melkey
The University of Akron



Tristan Miller
The University of Akron



Cora Mong
Mercyhurst North
East-Physical Therapy



Wyatt Mullins
Employment



Taylor Necko
Bowling Green State
University



Daniel Nemastil



Emma Oberlin
Ohio State University



Hannah Pack



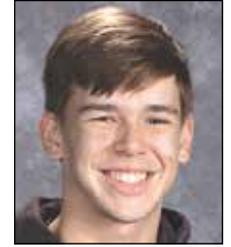
Kayden Pagniano
Employment



Madison Pannell
The University of Akron/
Wayne



Gavin Parsons
Stark State College



Derek Pasho
Bowling Green



Yoshuaha Patching
Bethel Technology



Jacob Pertee
Employment



Julia Porr
The University of Akron/
Wayne



Tristen Raber
Ohio State /ATI



James Redfern
Employment



Blake Reichard
The University of Akron/
Wayne



Joshua Ritchey
The University of Akron



Madison Robertson
The University of Akron



Kayla Robinson
Employment



Kyle Rosenbaum
Stark State College



Keerston Rummell
Ohio State /ATI



Payton Seckel
Brown Aveda Institute



Annemarie Smith



Audrey Smith
Ashland University



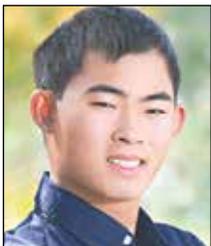
Violet Smucker
Employment



Meaghan Snyder
The University of Akron/
Wayne



Jonah Steiner
The University of Akron/
Wayne



Matthew Stenglein
The University of Akron/
Air National Guard



Blake Stoller
The University of Akron



Krista Syrstad
Kent State University



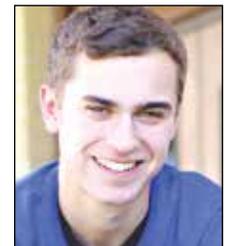
Allison Todd



Bryce Ullman
Wright State University



Jayden Watts
Cleveland State



William Weiner
Cleveland State



Wayne Weinman
The Ohio State University



Cielo Wilkin
North Central State



Hannah Yates
University of Cincinnati



Simon Yochheim
Heidelberg University



Jock Zollinger
Liberty University



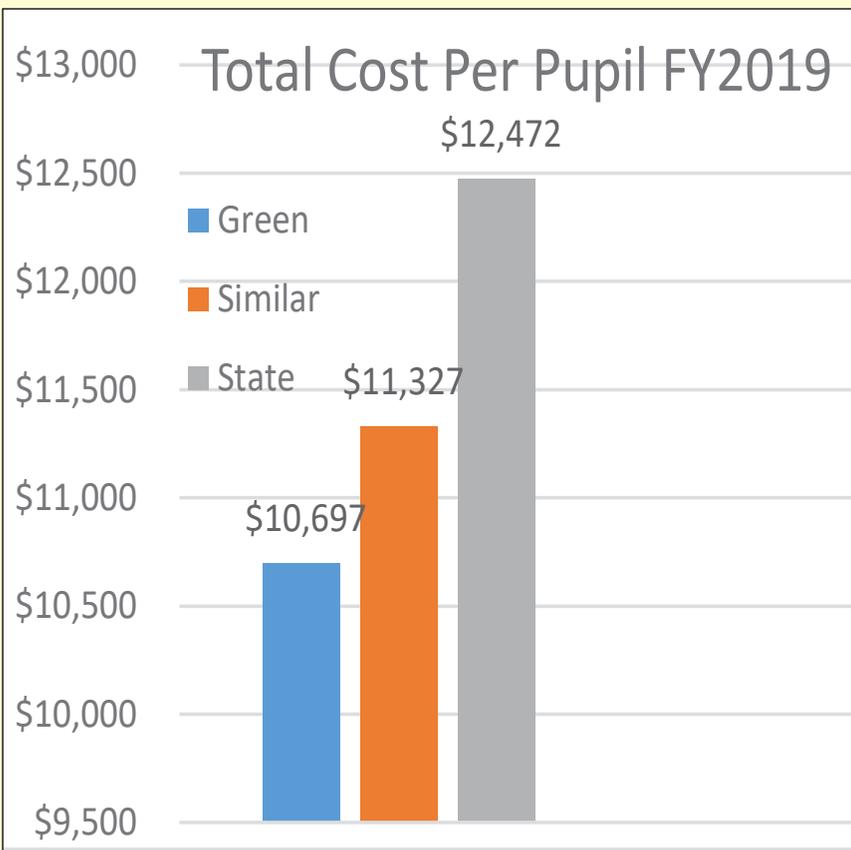


5.7 mill Emergency Operating Levy Renewal (NOT A NEW TAX)

The Green Local Schools has a 5.7 mill emergency operating levy that was originally passed by voters in 2010, collects \$850,000 annually, and is expiring on December 31, 2020, with collection through December 31, 2021. The school district is counting on your support for renewal of this levy on November 3, 2020. Your support is greatly appreciated, especially in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic and its negative economic impact to the State of Ohio and the nation, which ultimately impacts funding of the school district. Please keep in mind that this is not a new tax, but a renewal of an existing emergency levy that is needed to continue district operations.

The Green Local Board of Education (Board) has been a good steward of taxpayer dollars in carrying out its commitment to provide a high quality education for Green Local students. This transparency and accountability for taxpayer dollars is illustrated, in part, through the district's decision to post its checkbook online at OhioCheckbook.com.

The Board is also committed to keeping the community informed about the challenges facing school districts and the need to sustain funding in order to maintain a high quality education for its students. The chart shows the latest information available (fiscal year 2019) on the Ohio Department of Education's website as follows: Total Cost Per Pupil (comparison of Green to a similar district and the state average).



As clearly shown, Green Local Schools has a much lower total cost per pupil than both the state average and that of similar districts.



Youngstown State University Physics Olympics

Students in the physics class travelled to YSU Saturday, Feb. 22 to compete against teams from around northeast Ohio and western Pennsylvania. Our team finished in 8th place. **Hannah Yates** and **Sarah Meech** earned a 2nd place finish in the balsa wood bridge competition. Their 20.2g bridge held 43.7 pounds! **Emma Heeke's** ping pong ball launcher earned 5th place hitting the center of the target at 2 meters, 4 meters and 7.5 meters. **Jarred Hatfield** designed and printed recorders on the 3-D printer. Thank you Mr. Meech for your help! Jarred, **Madison Isaac**, and Emma Heeke placed 2nd in music making playing John Denver's "Calypso" on these recorders. The 3-D printed instruments were the first ever created in the history of this competition. They all represented SHS well in this academic and application of science knowledge competition. Congratulations!

Rotating Children's Art Exhibit



Clara Tullos, Grade 3, received "Best of Show" in the Tri-County Educational Service Center and Wayne County Center for the Arts ROTATING CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBIT. Great job Clara!





Athletic News



Track Project Well Underway!

The existing track is getting resurfaced, and through fundraising efforts, two lanes are being added for the remaining $\frac{3}{4}$ of the track. This means at the completion of the project, we will have an eight lane track for the entire 400 meters. We are so appreciative of the many individuals, local businesses and our All-Sports Booster Club who have stepped up to generously support this project through the fundraising campaign. We also received a significant grant from the Wayne County Community Foundation, for which we are very grateful.

The Track and Field program has a very proud tradition. The Smithies are home to 29 boys' WCAL championships and 16 girls' WCAL championships. Our success has not just been limited to the county. The Smithies have had three boys' state runner-up teams in 1962, 2017, 2018 and a third place finish in 2003. The ladies were state runner-up in 1994. There have been 51 young men and 22 young women who climbed on the podium at the state track and field meet since the beginning of Smithville Track and Field. Of those 73 athletes, some in multiple events, Smithies have been awarded a total of 121 All-Ohio honors. Eleven individuals have stood atop the podium to claim their medal as a state champion. While our program has continued striving for excellence, we are so excited to once again have a track facility that will make all Smithies proud. Thank you for your continued support. Go Smithies!

Donations, Fundraising Make Soccer Press Box a Reality

This summer a new press box/storage building will be built for the boys and girls soccer teams. 100% of this project is being funded by donations and fundraising. The building will measure 8 feet wide, 24 feet long and 16 feet high. The top 8 feet will be steel siding and the bottom 8 feet will be split face block. A huge thanks to Barber Reality, Zollinger Builders, Window World and our coaches and parents for making this a reality.



Thank You Very Mulch

Thank you Paradise Lawn Care for the generous donation of mulch used at the Green Local School campus.

Spring Sports Athletes

COVID-19 ended the Spring 2020 sports season even before it began. We want to take the time to recognize our Senior spring student-athletes who worked so hard for 3 years to get to where they are today. Smithie Proud!



Softball – L to R: **Madison Pannell, Skyleer Hoffman, Madelyn Hobbs, Julia Porr, Hannah Yates**



Boys Track – L to R: **Kyle Rosenbaum, Jacob Weinman, Bryce Ullman, Jock Zollinger, Jayden Watts, Conner Cyrus, Andrew Beery, Will Weiner, Benjamin Melkey**



Girls Track – L to R: **Emma Heeke, Ashleigh Clabaugh, Emma Oberlin, Ellie Brillhart, Jasmine Beery, Cora Mong, Keerston Rummell**



Baseball – L to R: **Tristan Raber, Charles McLean, Kent Kindy, Lee Hostetler, Derek Pasho, Blake Reichard, Joshua Ritchey, Jacob Pertee**

Photos courtesy of Sylvarts Studio



Smithville All-Sports Booster Club Newsletter

Summer 2020

A Message from the President

Dear Green Local School Resident,

This newsletter is being used to reach all residents of the Green Local School District to share with you information regarding the Smithville All-Sports Booster Club. Due to the terrific response from our continued supporters we have been able to continue to meet the needs of our student athletes. This past school year we were able to provide support for our athletes by purchasing training equipment, uniforms, and various other athletic needs. Also, we were able to provide an additional \$4500 in scholarships to this year's seniors all from the generosity of the community resulting from donations from the cancelled Reverse Raffle. We thank you for your support and invite you to become a member of the Smithville All-Sports Booster Club for 2020-21. Membership forms can be found on our website smithvilleboosters.weebly.com.

We are looking forward to a great year for Green Local Schools and our student athletes. Please feel free to contact me or any other Smithville All-Sports Booster Club officer with any suggestions regarding the Smithville All-Sports Booster Club.

Sincerely,
Erin Baker
Smithville All-Sports Booster Club President

Support Provided During 2019-20

- Track Refinishing Project Donation
- Uniforms
- Training Room Equipment
- Sports Team Equipment
- Scholarships
- Smithie Drive Banner Brackets
- Stadium Clean-up

Upcoming Projects 2020-21

- Uniforms
- Equipment
- Scholarships
- Stadium Clean-up
- Stadium Scoreboard

MEETINGS

6pm in Room D100 @ High School

2020 Summer Meeting Dates

June 15, 2020

July 13, 2020

August 10, 2020

Your participation in the Booster Club meetings and decision making is valued and appreciated.

OFFICERS

Erin Baker – President

Chris & Rachel Leach – Vice-President

Jim & Sarah Tucker – Secretary

Scott & Lorah Meech – Treasurer

WEBSITE

smithvilleboosters.weebly.com

Volunteer for upcoming concession stands events

2020-21 EVENTS

Membership Drive: now through August 1, 2020

Cake Auction: January 8, 2021

Reverse Raffle: March 20, 2021

2019-20 FUNDRAISERS

• Concessions	\$10,000
• Membership Drive	\$7,780
• Cake Auction	\$4,500
• Program Merchant Ads.....	\$4,200
• Reverse Raffle.....	Cancelled

Congratulations to our 2020 Scholarship Winners!

Ellie Brillhart

Taylor DePriest

Sarah Meech

Bryce Ullman

Simon Yochheim

Ashleigh Clabaugh

Liz Hartzler

Emma Oberlin

Hannah Yates