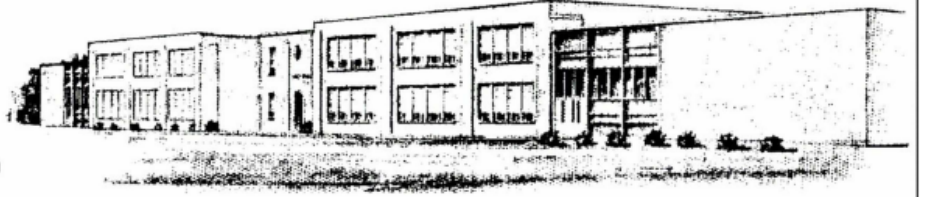


Your School



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From the Desk of Geoff Palmer, Superintendent

The discussion of our district's facility needs has escalated over the past few months. Two community meetings, several Facility Needs Committee (FNC) meetings, Board of Education discussions, not to mention countless one-on-one discussions throughout our community have all helped get the word out on the opportunities we face.

At our February 16 Community Meeting, attended by well over 100 community members, approximately 80% voiced the opinion that the FNC should continue to investigate the potential construction of a new K-12 school building in conjunction with the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC). Because of that, the committee toured four nearby schools recently constructed through the OSFC—New Riegel, Seneca East, Tiffin Middle School and Mohawk. The purpose of these visits was to get an idea of the types of "add-ons" or improvements to the basic school project we would like to consider. These improvements, called Locally Funded Initiatives (LFIs) include items such as flooring improvements, metal roofing, etc. Ways to fund the potential project, as well as LFIs were discussed by the committee and will be shared at the upcoming...

COMMUNITY MEETING Wednesday, April 29 6:30 p.m.

We need as many of you as possible to attend this meeting as we work through the next steps of our facilities discussions. Over the next 2-3 months decisions will be made by the FNC and recommendations brought forward to the Board of Education for their consideration.

I would also like to provide you with information on a new school calendar we are "piloting" this spring. The new calendar system will provide residents with timely information regarding the events occurring at school. The calendar is available through a link on our homepage or by going to <http://hopewellloudonlocal.intand.com>

By accessing this calendar you will be able to:

- Find all the calendar information you need in one place
- Track events involving specific groups
- Integrate school calendars with other tools like Cozi, Outlook, Google or iCal based on the groups you specify
- Receive email updates for changes
- Find maps to event locations, and so much more!

Please go to our school website and click on the Tandem for Schools Calendar link to get started!



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Ian Daniel Kuhn

At times it's hard to comprehend
That bad things happen to a friend;
A friend who smiles when you pass by
Again I ask God "Why oh Why?"

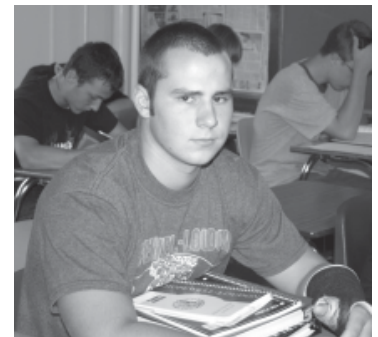
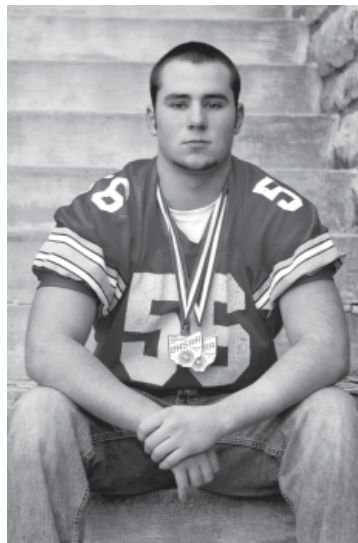
A friend that's true is hard to find,
A friend like Ian the very best kind;
One who shares your pain and grief,
And does his best to bring relief.

One who's there through thick and thin
One with whom we'd always win;
One with whom we shared our lives
With him around, it's warmth he gives.

With all these thoughts, how deep our sorrow
To realize for him there's no tomorrow
For him we pray that God will share
A place in heaven, bright and fair.

We must go on as life demands
But to the heavens we raise our hands;
Ian we love you, you were the best
In God's love, may you forever rest.

By Brett Willoughby



From the Desk of Veronica Reinhart, Treasurer

Tax Incentives

Hopewell-Loudon has had numerous opportunities to enter into tax abatement agreements with local businesses. Companies in Ohio have had the chance to expand their current business or build a new business in an area and ask to not pay taxes based on the promise of creating new jobs. In order to have this tax abatement, though, the company has to enter into a 'side agreement' with the local schools. Usually, the two parties agree that the company will pay the school about 40% of the total taxes they would have paid if they had to pay their taxes. This was usually a win-win for the school and taxpayers. The school would get the same amount of money had they collected taxes, and the value of the property did not flow into the state's calculation for their payment to the school since the property was exempt from taxes. Recently, though, the state has eliminated the taxes that businesses have had to pay on their 'Personal Property', which is their inventories, machinery and equipment. Many of our side agreements were based on the personal property valuation being exempt. Therefore, since the businesses no longer owe taxes on this property, we will no longer receive a 'side payment' for these taxes. We will still receive side agreement money for real property (actual building and land) that was exempted. We currently have 3 properties in our district that fall into this latter category. You may notice that at a recent Tax Incentive Review Council meeting, some of the previous tax abatement agreements were vacated. However, this ONLY applied to the personal property tax portion of the agreement since there is no longer a tax liability on that portion of property.



Community Meeting
Wednesday, April 29, 2009
6:30 p.m.
Hopewell-Loudon
Auditorium



HOPEWELL HAPPENINGS

Bill Dobbins, High School/Junior High School Principal



OGT Test

During the weeks of March 16-27, 2009, the Ohio Graduation test was administered to all tenth grade students and remaining students who must take a specific test. During the week of March 9-13, 2009, Mr. Heckler, Mr. Hoelzle, Mr. Oswalt, and Mrs. Parkins provided students who required additional help, extra assistance in preparation for the OGT.

Post-Secondary Parent Meeting

On February 23, 2009, Mrs. Herr held the Post-Secondary Options Parent meeting in the library. The meeting was well attended. meeting should contact Mrs. Herr for If there is any parent or student who has any questions regarding Post-Secondary Education Options, please contact Mrs. Herr for information.

Student Scheduling

During the week of March 16 we began the scheduling process. Students made their class requests onto DASL. Confirmation sheets will be given to the students after their requests have been completed. Parents are encouraged to discuss course selections with students to ensure class schedules for next year are accurate. If any student or parent has any questions regarding course requests, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Herr or myself.

Senior Class Trip

Senior class members participating in the class trip departed the high school for New York City on March 30, 2009 and returned April 3, 2009.

National Technical Honor Society

On Monday March 9 at Sentinel Career Center Brad Daniel was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. On Thursday March 12 at the Vanguard Tech Center, Mekenna Klaiss was also inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. Congratulations to Brad and Mekenna on this great achievement.

National Football Foundation Honorees

On Monday March 9, Ian Kuhn, Tyler Brown, and Jay Yost were inducted into the National Football Foundation for their outstanding athletic, academic and community achievements. We are all very proud of your accomplishments.

State Qualifying Wrestlers

Congratulations go out to Ben Kuzma and Miles Chapman. They each qualified for the state wrestling tournament in Columbus. Special recognition to Ben as he finished second in the state in his weight class.

Honor Roll Grades 7-12, Third Nine Weeks

4.0 GPA Honor Roll

7th Grade: Shaina Bouillon, Ryan Depinet, Jarid Gelinias.

8th Grade: David Beleny, Logan Frank, Jenna Gosche, Tyler Ruble.

9th Grade: Jessica Dull, Austin Kuhn, Jordan Reinhart, Paige Reinhart-Anez, Eric Tanner, Ryan Tran, Leanne Wood.

10th Grade: Eugene Begue, Ashley Davidson, Julia Jordan, Meghan Scherger, Alexandra Scholl.

11th Grade: Corey Gabel, Adrienne Hohman, Ashley Miller, Megen Snyder.

12th Grade: Alexandria Bishop, Alexander Cramer, Caitlin Gaietto, Stephanie Harper, Madison Herman, Taylor Hoschar, Zachary Ickes.

3.5-3.99 GPA Honor Roll

7th Grade: Wesley Armon, Allison Arnold, Benjamin Bodart, Morgan Brant, Hope Brickner, Zachary Clouse, Aleta Daniel, Colton Feathers, Audrey Ranker, Nicholas Scaife, Cassandra Shaver, Jordan Stewart, Cassandra Welly.

8th Grade: Aubrey Affholder, Mark Bouillon, Katelyn Brickner, Kailey Coleman, Kevin Coppus, Noah Grine, Cassandra Hohman, Robert Kniss, Julia Parkins, Marissa Reinhart, Erin Reinhart-Anez, Alayna Rowell, Samantha Taylor, Arion Tiell, Lauren Trumpler, Olivia Wolph.

9th Grade: Robin Bloom, Austin J. Burns, Rachel Cowell, Emily Cramer, Eric Depinet, Richard Fox, Alicia Frank, Avery Gatchell, Adam Grine, Katie Hale, Zoe Keckler, Andrew Lommerse, Kaylee Loy, Aaron Lucius, Rebecka Mock, Jennifer Molotla, Trevor Risner, Clinton Rumschlag, Logan Sendelbach, Kasey Siegel, Eva Tanner, Tyler Tyree, Makenzie Watkins, Miriah White, Brandon Wise.

10th Grade: Erica Adkins, Taylor Bishop, Jocelyn Black, Natalie Brandt, Joshua Breidenbach, Chance Brickner, Lucas Brickner, Sarah E. Brown, Courtney Coppus, Joseph Coppus, Emilena Daniel, Kyle Foos, Kyle Frank, Anne Fruth, Katherine Hoerig, Jacob Hohman, Cody Ickes, Andrea Kuzma, Jessica Livesay, Koann Loy, Jennifer Lucius, Chelsey Miller, Tyler Parkins, Nicholas Rumschlag, Tyler Wise, Logan Wolph.

11th Grade: Codee Adams, Elizabeth Bentz, Rebecca Berner, Brandi Boes, Krystal Brant, Alyssa Cleveland, Brittany Egbert, Joshua Fox, Justin Fox, Morgan Hill, Alexandra Hossler, McKenna Klaiss, Kaitlynn Kirkpatrick, Brook Kracher, Samantha Logan, Mary Ellen McAllister, Matthew Painter, Dustin Reinhart, Brianna Richey, Megan Risner, Jason Smith, Daniel Steyer, Ryan Wood.

12th Grade: Colin Andrews, Katie Armon, Ashley Benner, Andrew Brickner, Heath Brickner, Katherine Britton, Tyler Brown, Amanda Cholodewitsch, Mitchell Dandurand, Bradley Daniel, Ashley Davidson, Kaitlyn DeWald, Randi DeWald, Paul Fruth, Joshua Hoover, Christin Hulse, Spencer Kirby, Ian Kuhn, Yordano Lored, Jessica Lynch, Amber Perrine, Marie Portentos, Samantha Ritter, Samantha Reichert, Nathan Richey, Daniel Romanko, Samantha Rumschlag, Nouran Salem, Brennen Schleter, Samantha Siebenaller, Nicholas Steve, Jay Yost.

3.0-3.49 GPA Honor Roll

7th Grade: Marcus Ardner, Taylor Burns, Tailor Carter, Brett Cassidy, Eric Cassidy, Kelsey Coppus, Nathaniel Dull, Levi Heldman, Nathan Heyman, Weston Hill, Bryce Hindall, Cody Malone, Brandon Mock, Tristan Myers, Dylan Napier, Brendan O'Connor, Brittany Peters, Alissa Powell, Shane Rybka, Bryan Scherger, Andrea Taulker, Dakota Vance.

8th Grade: Adam Black, Brennon Boes, Gabrielle Brandt, Tatelynn Carter, Alec Gregg, Brock Hill, Eva Hunter, Kaleigh Kessler, Marissa Kirian, Hunter Kline, Nathan McCormack, Nicholas McCormack, Brittany Schindler, Megan Vaughn, Dakota Wagner.

9th Grade: Stephan Benner, Deanna Halcomb, Austin Harrison, Matthew Heater, Logan Kirby, Amanda Kirkpatrick, Justin Leiter, Troy Lucius, Matthew Preble, Joseph Ranker, Erica Sanchez, Kendra Welly.

10th Grade: Austin Clouse, Emily Gilbert, Lauren Hartsel, Andrew Hunker, Rachel Huth, Kourtney Jesko, Walker Keller, Erin Kimmet, Darren Lored, Jacob Reinhart, Zeppelin Schindorff, Troy Schmitz, Alexa Six, Maggie Yost.

11th Grade: Kyle Biller, Matthew Brickner, Brandon Burns, Alexis Creeger, Cody Feathers, Shelby Foster, Ethan Fuller, Ashley Harrison, Aric Hoover, Aaron Kapelka, Eman Khwaja, Casey Lang, Derick McGee, Curtis Meisner, Stacy Nichols, Rachael Saldusky, Hudson Smith, Emily Swartzmiller, Jaren Wickham.

12th Grade: Aaron Arbogast, Eric Arbogast, Tyler Ardner, Thomas Ballash, Ethan Below, Breanna Boes, Jesus Degollado, Andrew Depinet, Emily Molyet, Monica Otte, Travis Schreiner, Adam Wenzke.

Students of the Month



The January Students of the Month were Emilena Daniel and Shannon Cleveland. Our February Students of the Month were Annie Fruth, Julia Jordan, and Jenny Lucius. Congratulations to all of our Students of the Month.

ACADEMIC BOOSTERS

Would you be interested in helping start an Academic Booster Club at Hopewell-Loudon?
What is the purpose of an Academic Booster Club?

An Academic Booster Club:

- Acts as a support group to the Hopewell-Loudon School System in recognizing and encouraging academic achievement.
- Encourages communication between the school, the home, and the community concerning the students' academic life.

Membership of this club shall be open to anyone interested in enhancing the academic program of the Hopewell-Loudon Local School District. Interested persons should contact HS Principal Bill Dobbins for further information.

Cafeteria News

The Ohio Department of Education, Office for Safety, Health and Nutrition has completed the Coordinated Review Effort (CRE) for Hopewell-Loudon Schools. This review is conducted to be sure the critical and general areas of regulatory compliance are being followed. The lunch program is operating in compliance with all federal and state requirements. Connie Heck, regional consultant for Hopewell-Loudon Schools, had this to say "Jane Oler is an excellent cafeteria supervisor, who has a lot of experience, knows and follows the regulations, and is very enthusiastic and caring. The cafeteria staff has a very good working relationship with their supervisor. Jane and her staff are all child-centered and provide a great meal service experience for the students. Deb Dell does a super job correctly approving the student applications and filing the claims for reimbursement. Documentation is well-organized, complete and accurate." Congratulations for a job well done!

Due to layoffs and job loss, the cafeteria would like to remind you about the free and reduced lunch and breakfast program. Reduced prices are 40 cents for lunch and 30 cents for breakfast. If you applied earlier in the year, and your income status has changed, you may re-apply. Applications may be picked up and dropped off in either the high school or elementary office. Applications are also available on the school's website under the prepaid lunch information link. After the applications are processed a letter will be mailed to notify you of the results. If you have any questions, contact Deb Dell at 419-937-2216, ext. 325.

Healthy Hints

High-fructose corn syrup is currently surrounded by controversy, what seems to be at the root of the problem? High fructose corn syrup is a corn-based sweetener used since about 1970. It is an ingredient used more and more often to sweeten and preserve foods and beverages. Food and beverage manufacturers use it because it keeps foods moist, easy to transport, and is less costly because companies can use smaller quantities than more expensive flavoring or sweetener.

The research shows that, high-fructose corn syrup is broken down by your body differently than sugar. Because of this it is the starting building block of fatty acid, which along with leptin opens the door for fat deposits. While there is no way at this time to know that High-fructose corn syrup is the culprit in the obesity epidemic it would be safe to say that limiting the amount of high-fructose corn syrup you take in could help prevent obesity. Too much high-fructose corn syrup can lead to increased weight, higher caloric intake, increased processed foods and decreased intake of nutrient-dense food, and possibly increased triglycerides and insulin resistance.

Rhubarb Pecan Muffins from the Mayo Clinic

1 cup all-purpose (plain) flour
 1 cup whole-wheat (whole-meal) flour
 ½ (one-half) cup sugar
 1 ½ (1 and one-half) teaspoons baking powder
 ½ (one-half) teaspoon baking soda
 ½ (one-half) teaspoon salt
 2 egg whites
 2 tablespoons canola oil
 2 tablespoons unsweetened applesauce
 2 teaspoons grated orange peel
 ¾ (three-fourths) cup calcium-fortified orange juice
 1 ¼ (one and one-fourth) cup finely chopped rhubarb
 2 tablespoons chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350 F. Line muffin pan with paper or foil liners. In a large mixing bowl, combine flours, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Stir to mix evenly. In a separate bowl, add the egg whites, canola oil, applesauce, orange peel and orange juice. Using an electric mixer, beat until smooth. Add to the flour mixture and blend just until moistened but still lumpy. Stir in the chopped rhubarb. Spoon the batter into 12 muffin cups, filling each cup about two-thirds full. Sprinkle one-half teaspoon of chopped pecans onto each muffin and bake until springy to the touch, about 25-30 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes, then transfer the muffins to a wire rack to cool completely.

Serving size 1 muffin: 144 calories, 26 g carbohydrate, 190 mg Sodium 2 gm fiber

Submitted by Patti Carlisle, R.N. CFHS program, Seneca Co. General Health District, 71 S. Washington St. Suite 1102, Tiffin, OH 44883, Phone: 419-447-3691. e-mail: patti.carlisle@odh.ohio.gov GMIS #74-10011MC08



I would like to send a huge THANK YOU out to North Central Electric's People Fund and Red's Construction for their donations, which allowed my classroom to become equipped with a Mimio interactive board and accessories. Their donations are greatly appreciated and will enhance the learning process in the classroom.

Thank You,
 Mrs. Ashley Schumm



Jr. High Dance
 Saturday, April 18
 7-10 p.m.
 School cafeteria





From the Desk of Scott Hall, Elementary Principal

MAKING SCHOOL A PRIORITY

With spring right around the corner, it can be hard to keep children focused on learning. What can you do to make school a top priority for your kids? Keep these simple ideas in mind-they're useful at any time of the year.

Make attendance job #1.

Let your youngsters know that unless they're sick, they must go to school. Try to schedule routine dentist and doctor appointments after school hours. If possible, take family vacations during school breaks. *Tip:* Give awards for perfect attendance each month. Try a "Job Well Done" certificate or a coupon good for a night of bowling or a movie.

Show you care.

Want your children to know that you're interested in their learning? Talk about their school activities and projects. Attend as many school events as you can. If homework and after-school activities conflict, speak up: "I know you have baseball practice this evening, but homework comes first. After you finish, I'll take you to practice."

Keep it upbeat.

Try to set a positive example for your children, even when your day has been difficult. Instead of saying, "I had a hard day at work. I'll never get my project done." Try, "Work was hard today, but I made some progress on my project." If you show a positive attitude about your work, your youngsters may feel better about their own.

February Students of the Month

K	Aurora Plickert	Kiley Cline	Serenity Stover
1	Damion Bohanon	Chloe Beidelschies	Sophia Erlanger
2	Kirstyn Sadler	Ben Hetzel	Allison Merry
3	Catherine Nolan	Jena Huffman	Tatiana Muniz
4	Cody Ramirez	Tra Powell	Drew Kurtz
5	Garrett Hedrick	Sean Steele	Jayden Church
6	Waleed Salem	Braden Park	Leah Reinhart



Elementary Physical Education "Run For Heart Health" 2009



Grades three through six participated in a fundraising event during the week of February 16 for the American Heart Association. The project was called "Run For Heart Health," students were asked to collect donations to benefit both the American Heart Association and our school. During their PE class, students participated in a team run, where they attempted to run more laps than other classes in their own grade. Winning classes were awarded an extra day of PE class.

The top fundraising class was treated to pizza and "Glow Bowling" in our gym. Seneca Lanes donated free game coupons for us to distribute at the "Glow Bowling" party. We were able to raise \$1757 this year which enabled us to earn \$100 worth of PE equipment.

Personal thanks go out to Deb Clouse and Libby Beisner for helping out during class, and also to Seneca Lanes.

Thank you to all who participated in making our event successful for all.

Elementary Honor Roll - Second Quarter

FOURTH GRADE

All A's - Megan Dodge, Alexis Feindel, Kevin Fruth, Grace Portentoso, Andrew Scaife, Raven Spencer, Charlie Dell, Lizzie Erlanger, Alaina Gosche, Katie Arnold, Alyssa Naus, Drew Swanagan

A's & B's - Brooklyn Arbogast, Makayla Earl, Nick Elsass, Deavan Gosche, Gabrielle Gregg, Brandon Harden, Hudson Hill, Kasper Klotz, Drew Kurtz, Amanda Lane, Viridian Molotla, Hannah Nagy, Eric Steinmetz, Callie Gelinis, Marisa Heldman, David Irving, Cody Ramirez, Gauge Sadler, Baleigh Searles, Michelle Welly, Makenzie Bouillon, Tiffany Burks, Justin Coleman, Ben Hulse, Nikos Portentoso, Alanah Sauseda, Kayla Siebenaller, Emma Kirby, Tea LeGrant, Tristan Molotla, Tra Powell, Jake Pahl, Kyle Reinbolt, Marissa Shaver

FIFTH GRADE

All A's - Lileigh Heiser, Michelle Wilfong, Maria Faber, Dillon Williams, Cody Brickner, Sean Steele

A's & B's - Garrett Hedrick, Emily Maksemetz, Kensy Siegel, Aaron Sostaric, Logan Tyree, Elancio Velasquez-Burns, Damion Vitt, Makayla Wilson, Braxton Young, Erica Yerkes, Jayden Church, Brandon Lane, Sierra Beers, Noah Breidenbach

SIXTH GRADE

All A's - Leah Reinhart, Anson Tran, Megan Brown, Bryce Gorrell, Alex Beleny

A's & B's - Morgan Boes, Jill Fox, Grant Gosche, Matt Huth, Tyler Imes, Tayler Kline, Ryan Lommerse, Brianna Schindler, Jordan Donaldson, Savannah Hoover, Zane Keckler, Waleed Salem, Garret Sendelbach, Meghan Benner, Trenton Burns, Katie Custer, Daniel Hooven, Brandon Kitchen, Jenson Nutter, Braden Park, Ross Sears, Kiley Siegel, Chet Swartzmiller, Hannah Williams, Alex Wood



Welcome Mrs. Brickner!

We would like to welcome Mrs. Tonya Brickner, the new elementary secretary, to Hopewell-Loudon School. Mrs. Brickner comes to us from Lakota Local Schools and brings with her a wealth of experience from the educational setting.

If you need any assistance, please feel free to call Mrs. Brickner in the elementary office.



Brainiac Breakfast

The sixth annual "Brainiac Breakfast" was held Wednesday, March 4. TAG students challenged their family members to thought-provoking and challenging games while enjoying some juice and donuts before school. Over 110 people were in attendance for this early morning celebration of learning! Thanks to all of the parents that set their alarm clocks early to attend this fun event.





READ ALL ABOUT IT!



As I head to school every morning I hear a larger number of birds singing, greeting the day....Spring is just around the corner! Simply amazing is the fact that we are into the last quarter of the 2008-09 school year!

The winter quarter has brought with it many assignments that required student research and computer use by junior high and high school students. Fourth graders are learning to use the card catalog. Ask your child to show you how to use it!! Fifth and sixth grade continue to learn about the Dewey Decimal System and all students hear quality stories. Consequently, the library tends to be a busy place!

The high school library has become a bit more comfortable with the addition of a new reading chair...students are eager to try it out!

We try to make a habit of sharing new information on authors, illustrators, books and web sites with the staff. Elementary staff has visited the library, on occasion, for sharing sessions during their lunch break.

March 11 we had the opportunity to attend the Northwest Ohio Educational Technology advisory meeting. A good deal of information was provided and is being shared with staff members at Hopewell-Loudon.

Please remember that **WWW.INFOHIO.ORG** is a wonderful site for your students (or you) to access when working on research or just to explore. If you would like more information on how to efficiently use this wonderful resource, feel free to call the library at 419-937-2216, ext.319. A username and password is required.

The library continues to receive donations which we *greatly* appreciate! The **Altrusa Club** of Fostoria made a generous donation of \$100 for which we are very grateful! A special thank you goes to **Ethan Day** and the **Hopewell-Loudon PTO** who also donated various titles to our high school library. Many thanks to all who remember the Hopewell- Loudon Library through your donations.

In Memory of Jack McMeen

Tom Swanagan Family; David and Brenda Burns; Scott and Stephanie Wise;
Phil and Margaret Steyer; Ron and Donna Gosche;
Will and Diane Johnson; Sue and Rob Bodart

In Memory of Elizabeth Elchert

Michael and Judy Thomas; Phil and Gloria Warrington

In Memory of Elizabeth Pachlhofer

Michael and Judy Thomas

In Memory of Ruth Coughlin

Sue and Rob Bodart

Keep on reading!!!

Sue Bodart and Diane Johnson

FFA News

Adam Grine participated in the FFA Creed contest. He had to recite the entire FFA Creed and answer questions. He earned a silver in the sub district and first in the county.

Congratulations to Chance Brickner, Austin Clouse and Ben Hoschar for placing 6th in the District Ag. Mechanics Contest.

Science News

As part of Mr. Tim Oswalt's Physics class, students use a set list of possible materials to create a "Mouse Trap" car to explore the physics concepts of work and power. Each student can use only the materials on the list, but have the freedom to be creative in the design. Each car must generate enough force to travel ten meters in less than thirty seconds. This and many other projects are part of the class, which will be offered in 2009-10 for both high school credit and University of Findlay college credit.



*Pi Day
2009*

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Congratulations to the Pi Day poster winners: Rachel Huth, Nouran Salem, Yordano Loreda, Matt Painter, Madison Herman and Ashley Davidson.

Congratulations to the Pi Day writing winners: Chelsey Miller 251 digits, Kaylee Loy 208 digits, Daniel Steyer 124 digits, Shaina Bouillon 81 digits, Megan Loy 54 digits, Macy Dell 52 digits.

FCCLA Fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital

During the week of March 9-13, FCCLA sponsored a fundraiser to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The fundraiser included an assembly on March 12 that students could donate money to duct tape an administrator to the gymnasium wall. One lucky student was then selected to throw a pie in the face of one of the administrators. Superintendent Geoff Palmer, H.S./Jr. High Principal, Bill Dobbins and K-12 Asst. Principal Suzanne Frank were the lucky recipients of the activities.

On March 13, 2009 the elementary school students took part in an assembly to culminate their week long activity. Elementary students made donations to the fundraiser and the class with the most donations were given the opportunity to throw a pie at Principal Scott Hall. FCCLA and the St. Jude's Children's Hospital would like to thank all of those who participated for this worthy cause.



From the Tech Desk

Steve Acton, Technology Coordinator



Well, we are starting off with another year coming to a close. It has flown by and a lot has happened in the 3rd quarter. The student tech team that went to state educational technology conference in Columbus did a marvelous job at their booth and exhibited the epitome of Chieftain Pride. I stood back and watched from across the hall from my booth as the students engaged superintendents, tech coordinators and teachers from other districts from throughout the state. The administrators from other districts would then come to my booth commenting on the student team's level of knowledge and professionalism.

I would like to thank Dr. Timothy Sulken for his donation of 8 Pentium 4 desktop computers and a powerful server that we will use to replace our 5-year-old Domain Controller. We will use the old server as a backup in case the other goes down.

Are you interested in how the new 7 – 8.5 inch Net books perform? We have a few here in the district with a variety of operating systems on them. Feel free to contact me for more information, or you can attend the free session below with the new Windows 7 being demonstrated on an Acer computer.

Windows 7 (The next Windows XP): Windows Vista slow and cumbersome? Do you get the spinning wheel that you wish you could hook up a generator to? Have no fear, Windows 7 will be in stores December 2009 or January 2010. We are beta testing the new operating system here at Hopewell-Loudon Schools. We will discuss when to look for the free upgrades on new computer purchases and get a hands-on look at the new operating system.

I will have a free information session May 6, in room 104, Business Lab, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. We will preview the new Windows 7 Operating System. If you are interested, please email me at: sacton@hlschool.org or call 937-2216 ext 323 informing me your intent to attend the session.



In closing, again I would like to thank the support of the community of our great school. Without you our students and staff would not have the tools needed to succeed at whatever endeavor they choose.

Hopewell-Loudon Schools

2009 Spring Schedule

* = league contest, R = Thursday

Spring Break = April 6-10

VARSITY BASEBALL

Head Coach: Tony Swanagan

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Site
4/4	S	U. Sandusky DH	11:00	A
4/9	R	Van Buren	5:00	A
4/10	F	Riverdale	5:00	H
4/13	M	Eastwood	4:30	H
4/15	W	Carey*	4:30	H
4/16	R	McComb	5:00	A
4/18	S	Lakota DH	11:00	H
4/20	M	Bettsville*	4:30	H
4/21	T	Woodmore	5:00	A
4/22	W	Calvert*	4:30	A
4/23	R	Monroeville	5:00	H
4/24	F	Kentucky Trip	TBA	A
4/25	S	Kentucky Trip DH	TBA	A
4/27	M	Old Fort*	4:30	H
4/28	T	Oak Harbor	4:30	H
4/29	W	N. Baltimore*	5:00	A
5/1	F	L. Center @ Mud Hens	7:00	A
5/2	S	New Riegel*	11:00	H
5/4	M	Fremont St. Joseph*	4:30	H
5/6	W	Seneca East*	4:30	A
5/8	F	L. Benton	5:00	H
5/11	M	St. Wendelin*	4:30	A
5/18	M	Mohawk*	5:00	A

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Head Coach: DeAnna King

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Site
4/4	S	U. Sandusky DH	11:00	A
4/8	W	Gibsonburg	4:30	H
4/9	R	Van Buren	5:00	A
4/10	F	Riverdale	5:00	H
4/11	S	Arlington DH	12:00	H
4/13	M	Eastwood	4:30	H
4/15	W	Carey*	4:30	H
4/16	R	McComb	5:00	A
4/18	S	Lakota DH	11:00	H
4/20	M	Bettsville*	4:30	H
4/21	T	Woodmore	5:00	A
4/22	W	Calvert*	4:30	A
4/23	R	Monroeville	5:00	A
4/27	M	Old Fort*	4:30	H
4/28	T	Oak Harbor	4:30	H
4/29	W	N. Baltimore*	5:00	A
5/2	S	Vanlue DH	10:00	H
5/4	M	Fremont St. Joseph*	4:30	H
5/6	W	Seneca East*	4:30	A
5/8	F	L. Benton	5:00	H
5/11	M	St. Wendelin*	4:30	A
5/13	W	New Riegel*	4:30	H
5/18	F	Mohawk*	5:00	A

VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

Head Coaches: Marie Coleman,

Doug Brickner

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Site
3/31	T	Lakota/Arc/Betts	4:30	A
4/4	S	Blue Devil Inv	10:00	A
4/7	T	Margaretta/SJCC	4:30	A
4/11	S	Ridgedale Inv	9:00	A
4/13	M	St. Wendelin	4:30	A
4/18	S	St. Wendelin Inv	10:00	A
4/21	T	Van Buren/McComb	4:30	A
4/25	S	Delphos SJ Inv	9:00	A
5/1	F	D. Schultz Invite	4:30	H
5/5	T	Mohawk	4:30	A
5/8	F	Ottawa Hills Relays	4:00	A
5/16	S	MAL Championship	TBA	A

JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Site
4/2	R	Buckeye Central	5:00	A
4/4	S	Upper San. DH	11:00	H
4/9	R	Van Buren	5:00	H
4/13	M	Eastwood	4:30	A
4/16	R	Seneca East	5:00	A
4/17	F	Calvert	5:00	A
4/18	S	Lakota DH	11:00	A
4/21	T	Woodmore	5:00	H
4/22	W	Calvert	4:30	H
4/23	R	Monroeville	4:30	A
4/28	T	Oak Harbor	4:30	A
4/29	W	Fremont St. Joseph	5:00	H
4/30	R	Mohawk	5:00	A
5/4	M	Fremont St. Joseph	4:30	A
5/5	T	Van Buren	5:00	A
5/6	W	Seneca East	4:30	H
5/8	F	Liberty-Benton	5:00	A

JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Site
4/2	R	Buckeye Central	5:00	A
4/4	S	Upper Sandusky DH	11:00	H
4/7	T	Carey	4:30	H
4/10	F	Riverdale	5:00	A
4/13	M	Eastwood	4:30	A
4/15	W	Carey	4:30	A
4/16	R	Seneca East	5:00	A
4/17	F	Calvert	5:00	A
4/18	S	Lakota DH	11:00	A
4/21	T	Woodmore	5:00	H
4/22	W	Calvert	4:30	H
4/28	T	Oak Harbor	4:30	A
4/29	W	Fremont St. Joseph	5:00	H
4/30	R	Mohawk	5:00	A
5/4	M	Fremont St. Joseph	4:30	A
5/6	W	Seneca East	4:30	H
5/8	F	Liberty-Benton	5:00	A

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK & FIELD

Coaches: Teresa Jones, Jason Biller

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Site
4/2	R	Lakota	4:30	A
4/7	T	Mohawk/Calvert	4:30	A
4/9	R	Seneca East	4:30	A
4/14	T	Carey/N. Riegel	4:30	A
4/16	R	Columbian/Will.	4:30	A
4/20	M	VBuren/Arling	4:30	A
4/24	F	H-L JH Invite	4:30	H
4/27	M	Van Buren Inv	4:30	A
5/4	M	Fost. MS Relays	4:30	A
5/7	R	Calvert/N. Balt	4:30	H
5/12	T	MAL	TBA	A

**Meets may be added

News From the H-L Athletic Boosters

Congratulations to all our Winter Sport Student Athletes for a great season. Good luck to all our Spring Sport Student Athletes.

Our February Frenzy is over; congratulations to all the winners. The money raised will be used to purchase new athletic uniforms.

Our next fundraiser is the Spring Reverse Raffle which will be held on Saturday, April 25th at Meadowbrook Park Ballroom. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for dinner, but the actual raffle drawing will begin at approximately 7:00 p.m. There is a grand prize of \$10,000 and a total payout of over \$18,000. Tickets are \$100 each. One dinner is included with the purchase of a Reverse Raffle Ticket, additional dinner tickets sell for \$10.00 each. If you have any questions or you want to purchase a ticket contact Dan Brickner at 419-937-2248, or Ron White at 419-937-1122.

The money we make is always being put to good use. Recently we have received the new portable bleachers to be used at the new softball field. The bleachers should be in place in time for the first softball game.

Athletic Boosters normally meet the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. We are always looking for new faces to help out. We provide a lot of extras that the athletic department and the school cannot afford. Without the Athletic Boosters the costs associated with sports like the participation fee might need to be increased causing people with limited income not to be able to afford to have their kids participate. Our goal is to keep cost down so every student can afford to be in sports and to provide uniforms, equipment and facilities our kids can be proud of. Some schools have had to raise their sports fees to as high as \$300 per sport. We need volunteers for the Spring Reverse Raffle. Please help if you can.

H-L Athletic Booster Officers: Dan Brickner, President; Ron White, Vice-President; Julie Adkins, Secretary; Craig Lang, Treasurer

27TH ANNUAL
DICK SCHULTZ TRACK & FIELD INVITATIONAL
FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2009

PLEASE HELP !!!!!!!!!!!

Once again Hopewell-Loudon will be hosting the Dick Schultz Track and Field Invitational. As costs increase, your donation becomes even more important. During the meet, more than 180 plaques and 300 ribbons will be awarded, along with four team trophies.

For a donation of \$25 your name will appear in the program as an event sponsor. There are a total of 36 sponsorships available. Your name will also be listed in the program for any contribution of \$5 or more.

Another large need at this meet is workers. Track meets proceed rain or shine. Nearly 50 workers are needed in order for this meet to run smoothly. Please consider helping us by giving your time. Knowledge of Track & Field is not necessary.

Please complete the bottom of this page and indicate your desire to contribute time and/or become an event sponsor. Please return this form by Thursday, April 23, 2009 to a Track & Field coach or to Mr. Brad Britton, A.D.

Name _____
(as you would like it to appear in the program)

_____ I am willing to work

_____ I would like to be an event sponsor - \$25.00 donation enclosed

I prefer: _____ 1st Shift (3:30 - 7:00)
_____ 2nd Shift (6:30 - 10:00)
_____ All Evening

_____ is my event preference.
(events will be filled in the order sponsorships are received, preference not guaranteed)
_____ I have no event preference, pick one for me.

_____ I am willing to donate \$ _____ to help defray the cost of this meet.

THANK YOU!! PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: HOPEWELL-LOUDON SCHOOL

News From the Art Department

Hopewell-Loudon High School students Morgan Hill and Travis Schreiner received several awards for their entries at the Seneca-Wyandot County Art Show. Junior Morgan Hill received several 1st Place awards, and earned Runner-Up honors for Best in Show. Senior Travis Schreiner took a 2nd Place award for his entry in the single colored ink category. Congratulations to both Morgan and Travis for these achievements.



Notes From the Music Department



Annual Century Resources Fundraiser

The music department held its annual Century Resources Fundraiser March 18 through March 30 with product being delivered the week of April 20. Thank you for your continued support of the Hopewell-Loudon Music Department.

Music Boosters Cell Phone/Ink Jet Cartridge Collection

The Music Boosters are collecting used **cell phones** and other similar devices. Other items that are being collected through this program are **ink-jet cartridges, DVD movies, DVD video games, laptop/notebook computers, mp3 players and digital cameras**. This service is being run through a company called EcoPhones, who will recycle these items. Please send any items which you would like to have recycled to Mr. Nelson at school. There is no time limit on the collection. Any time you replace an old cell phone, ink jet cartridge, or another device listed above, simply send it to school to be recycled. Thank you for your participation.

Music Booster Meetings

The Music Boosters hold meetings on the second Monday of each month, pending conflicts. These meetings are held in the Choir Room at 7:00 pm. If you are a parent of a grade 5-12 student, you are invited to attend these meetings. Your support and ideas are greatly needed. The remaining meetings scheduled for this year will be held April 13 and May 12 (Tuesday @ 5:00 pm)

Upcoming Music Events

- Junior High Solo and Ensemble - Saturday, April 4, (all day), @ Seneca East
- 5th & 6th Grade Band Concert – Thursday, April 30 @ 7:00 pm.
- High School Spring Concert – Thursday, May 7 @ 7:00 pm.
- High School Music Banquet – Tuesday, May 12 @ 6:00 pm.
- Junior High Spring Concert – Thursday, May 14 @ 7:00 pm.
- Bascom Memorial Parade – Sunday, May 31
- Underclass Band Camp and Percussion Camps - Week of June 8

Retired Marching Band Uniform Keepsakes Available

Keepsake items created using retired Chieftain Marching Band Uniforms are available for purchase. Items that are available for purchase are listed on the order form below. Please complete the form and return to Mr. Nelson with payment.* When your order is filled, you will be contacted to pick up your order. Pictures of the items are available on the band page of the school website.

Name _____ Phone # or e-mail _____

Item	cost	number ordered	total \$
Chieftain Head Pillow	\$25	_____	_____
H-L Pillow	\$20	_____	_____
Tote Bag	\$25	_____	_____
Backpack (Drawstring style)	\$15	_____	_____
Band Hat Lamp (with shade)	\$40	_____	_____
Band Hat Lamp (w/o shade)	\$30	_____	_____
		TOTAL	_____

*Please send order with payment to:
Hopewell-Loudon Music Boosters
 c/o Jess Nelson
 P. O. Box 400
 Bascom, Ohio 44809