

# School Update

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# **Smoke Signals**

Mr. Adam Puthoff, Superintendent



#### <u>Strategic Plan</u> Framework is Complete!

The framework is complete: The framework is complete! The framework for the St. Henry Schools Strategic Plan is officially complete! Within this newsletter, you'll find a flyer that outlines the purpose of the strategic plan, our vision and mission statements, and the five priorities with their respective focus areas.

I want to extend my

gratitude to everyone who participated in the listening sessions and completed surveys throughout this process. Your valuable feedback has been instrumental in shaping our plan and strengthening our district's effectiveness.

Moving forward, the District Leadership Team and staff will collaborate to develop actionable steps for each priority focus area. These steps will ensure we approach our work with purpose and intentionality. Our goal is to finalize these action steps by the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

Below, you'll find a list of the dedicated members of our District Leadership Team. Together, we are committed to supporting our students, school, and community as we bring this strategic plan to life!

#### District Leadership Team members:

Elementary School - Courtney Imwalle, AJ Kremer, and Kenzie Homan Middle School - Kyle Kunk, Justin Wenning, and Michelle Roessner High School - Eric Rosenbeck, Julie Overman, and Angie Wendel

Central Office - Adam Puthoff

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#### **Ohio State Test(s)**

As spring arrives, students in grades 3-12 are hard at work preparing for the Ohio State Tests, making April and May a particularly busy time across our schools. This effort is a true team endeavor, and I want to take a moment to thank everyone involved.

From our dedicated educators and paraprofessionals to our principals, guidance counselors, bus drivers, custodians, parents, and, most importantly, our incredible students your commitment to success is truly inspiring. We also deeply appreciate the unwavering support of our community and parents, whose encouragement helps our students and school thrive.

Thank you all for your continued dedication to excellence as we work together to help our students achieve their best!

#### End of the Year

May 22, 2025, will mark the end of the school year for students. Commencement ceremonies will be on Sunday, May 25, 2025, at 1:30 pm. Congratulations to our students, and thank you to the graduating Class of 2025 and the legacy that you have left for future generations.

# From the Board of Education

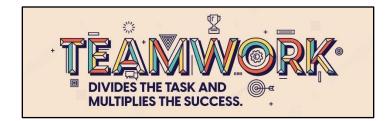
Mr. Paul Moorman

Congratulations to the Class of 2025! Best of luck to all of you. Embrace the adventure that is about to begin.

A few months ago our school system started the process of creating a strategic plan for the district. Superintendent Adam Puthoff led various meetings and team discussions defining core values and a vision for the future of St. Henry Schools. The process has reinforced many of the traditions we hold dear as well as the desire of the community to keep pushing forward. The administrative team is in the process of attaching defined and measurable goals to many parts of the strategic plan. I am excited for the roll out next fall.

To the students, staff, administration and parents - thank you for another wonderful year at St. Henry! Greatness can be accomplished when we all work together.

Enjoy the summer!



# Elementary News

#### Word of the Month:

St. Henry Elementary students will focus on the words of the month: Noble for April and Sympathetic for March. Through our Redskin Way groups, students will collaborate with their peers to practice and demonstrate these important values in meaningful ways.

#### **Ohio State Tests**

These tests are given to our 3rd and 4th grade students annually to measure the progress they make each year in ELA and Math. To help your child be successful, we ask that on these dates you make sure your child is at school on time, has a good night's rest, and a nutritious breakfast. Please see the testing dates below.

<u>3rd grade Ohio State Test:</u> ELA: April 9 & 11, 2025 Math: April 29 & 30, 2025

4th grade Ohio State Test: ELA: April 8 & 10, 2025 Math: April 24 & 25, 2025



K-5 Art Mrs. Shelly Zeller



#### Art Show: Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Please stop by Thursday evening, April 24<sup>th</sup>, to enjoy all the beautiful art Kindergarten through 5th grade students have created this school year! Their artwork will be displayed on the first floor of the elementary building from 6:00-8:30

p.m. The first grade music performance will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the high school commons. Students' creative minds will shine so join us for an evening of celebrating the Arts!

Creative art activities will continue during the school day on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students will see guest presenters and participate in visual and performing events. Thank you, parents and family, for your *Art to Remember* orders this past fall. The proceeds from this fundraiser help support our creative arts day.

#### **KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

Mrs. Kelly Poling

During February, Kindergarten celebrated Dental Health month. The kindergarten classes welcomed Mandy Stammen and Holly Dues, hygienist from Minster Dental to teach them about dental health. Mandy and Holly are both St. Henry alumni. They taught the students about how to properly brush their teeth and ways to keep their teeth healthy. Thank you, Mandy and Holly, for visiting the kindergarten classes.



PTO NEWS Mrs. Cris Klenke

The PTO has had a busy few months. Thank you for your support with chicken dinners, father daughter dance, mother son bowling and our last round of grandparent bingo. We have also been working with Mr. Rindler and his Ag department on picnic tables that will be outside for the high school/middle school students and staff to utilize with the warmer weather.

We are wrapping up scholarship selections in the coming weeks; those will be announced at the scholarship banquet in May. We are also working on finalizing plans to add a Lego wall in the kindergarten hallway; we are excited to add this addition.

In addition to these donations, the money raised by the PTO is used to support the following smaller projects annually: Stocking the Teacher Workroom in August, PTO Teacher Grants to help teachers buy items for their classrooms, Food for Parent Teacher Conferences, Book Fair Books for the Library, Christmas Coffee and Treats for Teachers, Gifts for Administrative Professional Day, Teacher Appreciation Day, Graduating Senior Scholarships, Kona Ice and Retirement Gifts. The PTO would like to thank you for your support of our events throughout the year. Our community and local business have made our events and donations possible!

# Mother/Son Bowling



# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE ST. HENRY PTO!!!



### Father/Daughter Dance



## **Grandparent Bingo**



## **Chicken Dinners**



# From the Middle School

## Attention 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents

All incoming 7th graders for the 2025-2026 school year are required to have **tDap and Meningococcal** vaccinations prior to the start of the 2025-2026 school year. You may get your vaccinations now. **Please turn a copy into the Middle School office.** If you have any questions, contact Jill Westgerdes at <u>westgerdes.jill@sthenryschools.org</u> or 419-678-4834 ext. 2301.

# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Wax Museum

Mrs. Angie Wourms

On March 6, presidents, scientists, chemists, frontiersmen, astronauts, explorers, entrepreneurs, and more roamed the halls of St. Henry Middle School! It was the Annual 5<sup>th</sup> grade Wax Museum! To prepare, in language arts the students studied the nonfiction genres of biography and autobiography. Each student then selected a biography of a person who corresponds to the fifth-grade math, social studies, or science curriculum to read and take notes on. The students used their sources to find information and categorize their notes, draw inferences, and sequence their notes logically. As a culminating activity, the students opened a Wax Museum where the students "became" the wax figure of the subject of their biography. They dressed up as their person, recited a short memorized speech about

their person, and displayed props that corresponded to their person's life. Then, the families of the students were invited to view the Wax Museum; all enjoyed learning about these famous people of the world!

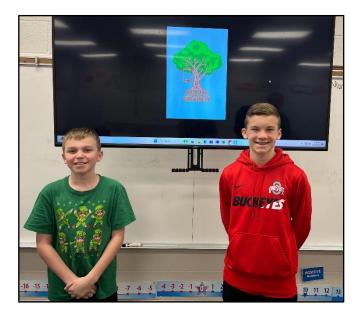




#### Get REAL News

Plans are in the works for this year's May activities and Get REAL Week at the middle school. Students are also going to participate in the *Give Back Day* to provide service to our community through a variety of projects. The last week of May consists of grade levels participating in small groups and hearing a guest speaker. Our speaker this year is Camfel Productions. Camfel delivers dynamic, interactive assembly programs meticulously designed to captivate and empower students. It covers vital topics like bullying prevention and self-confidence featuring real students sharing real solutions.

The staff and students will also participate in the 5K Run/Walk. Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, to join us in our annual 5K Run/Walk. Also, please help us acknowledge all of the generous organizations and businesses who continuously support this great event!



This year's Get REAL t-shirt was designed by Luke Kremer and Ian J. Schwieterman.

# From the High School

#### **High School Guidance**

Mrs. Julie Overman

#### **Spring Guidance Counselor Updates**

Spring is always a busy time of year with numerous activities and important milestones. This week, I had the opportunity to meet with our seniors to discuss final details, including how to request CCP transcripts, explore summer or full-time employment opportunities, and prepare for their next steps in college. I wish each and every one of them the best of luck in their future endeavors!

A special congratulations to **Heidi Franck**, this year's **Franklin B. Walter Award** recipient for St. Henry! This prestigious award recognizes an outstanding senior from each high school. We are incredibly proud of Heidi and all of our seniors as they prepare for the next chapter of their lives.

#### **Senior Scholarship Banquet**

The **23rd Annual Senior Scholarship Banquet** will take place on **Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm at Romer's**. Students receiving scholarships, along with their parents, will receive an invitation. Since universities and organizations do not always notify the school when a student is awarded a scholarship, seniors were asked to complete a scholarship form. If your daughter or son has received a scholarship, please ensure s/he inform **Mrs. Overman** so s/he can be included in the banquet.

#### ACT Testing for Juniors

A huge thank you to the **St. Henry American Legion** for allowing us to use their facility to administer the **ACT for Juniors on March 11<sup>th</sup>**. Students will receive their results in April through their **MyACT** accounts. If any student is interested in retaking the ACT, upcoming test dates can be found on the website at *Redskin Counseling Corner* under the "Testing" section.

#### **College Credit Plus (CCP) Information**

Students interested in participating in CCP for the 2025-2026 academic year must submit their CCP Intent Form by **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.** This applies to students taking CCP courses at St. Henry as well as those enrolling through other institutions. Please refer to the CCP Handbook for more details.

#### **AP Testing Schedule**

This year, the **AP Government exam** will be held on **Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, in the afternoon**. Due to a new requirement from the College Board, all students must take

this test digitally. The **AP Calculus exam** is scheduled for **Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, in the morning**. AP results will be available in July.

#### **Final Transcripts for Seniors**

Final transcripts for seniors will be sent to their designated colleges on the **Tuesday after graduation**. I hope everyone enjoys a wonderful spring! As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

#### Student Council

Mrs. Donna Rindler and Mrs. Jen Kuess

On March 13<sup>th</sup> the high school Student Council held its annual Student Appreciation Breakfast.



Prior to the breakfast, council member Benson Wendel gave a brief speech on the importance of kindness and demonstrating appreciation to others. All students were given the opportunity to complete cards to give to another individual who may need more kindness, encouragement, or to demonstrate appreciation.

The council cooked and served pancakes and sausage. Staff members also took the opportunity to help with the breakfast and made casseroles, hash browns, and donated assorted breakfast items. The students really enjoyed this event! It would not have been possible without the use of the kitchen and the help of the kitchen staff and other staff members. Thank you to all who donated your time or items to this event!

We plan to round off the school year with our Enrichment Day in May.

News from the Bus Stop Ms. Lori Schwieterman

#### **Bus Routes for 2025-26**

The transportation department will be working on the bus routes for the upcoming school year in June and July. If there is a change in your family's bus rider situation, please email Lori at <u>schwieterman.lori@sthenryschools.org</u> with the information and change in FinalForms.

# Join Our Team: Bus Drivers Needed!

Are you looking for a flexible, rewarding way to serve our school community? St. Henry Schools is currently seeking dedicated individuals to join our transportation team as sub route drivers and sports/event drivers.

#### Why Become a Bus Driver?

- Make a Difference: Be a part of students' daily lives by helping them get to and from school safely.
- Flexible Schedules: Perfect for those seeking parttime opportunities or supplemental income.
- Event Driving Opportunities: Drive our teams, band, field trips, and other student groups to events and competitions while showing your community spirit!

#### Who Can Apply?

We welcome applicants of all backgrounds who are committed to safety and student well-being. No prior experience? No problem! We provide the necessary training and certification support.

#### How to Apply

To learn more about becoming a bus driver or to apply, please contact the central office at 419-678-4834 ext. 2101 or email Lori Schwieterman at schwieterman.lori@sthenryschools.org.

Join us in making a difference every day—drive for St. Henry Schools!

Let's keep our students moving forward together! 🚍

#### **Redskin Riders of the Month**

<u>January</u>: Bus 1 – Aaron Goettemoeller; Bus 2 – JJ Schwartz; Bus 3 – Jack Buschur; Bus 4 – Charlotte Lochtefeld; Bus 5 – Mara Bruggeman; Bus 7 – Cash Burrows; and Bus 10 – McKinzie Huwer



<u>February</u>: Bus 1 – Boyd Brackman; Bus 2 – Hampton Grinstead; Bus 3 – Mary Weitzel; Bus 4 – Reece Fullenkamp; Bus 5 – Faye Schmitmeyer; Bus 7 – Lillian Stahl; and Bus 10 –Sage Rosenbeck



#### Weekly Athletic Schedule Mr. Dennis Wendel

Anyone interested in receiving a weekly athletic schedule update via email every Friday can email

wendel.dennis@sthenryschools.org. This weekly schedule is sent out every Friday during the school year; it includes athletic events and athletic department announcements such as season ticket information, tournament ticket information, special athletic events, etc. This schedule also includes gym/court times for activities in the school and/or community center. There are several instances each year where the schedule changes after the school calendar is printed: therefore, the school calendar is not always 100% accurate.

> Don't wait for things to get easier, simpler or better. Life will always be complicated. Learn to be happy right now. Otherwise, you'll run out of time.

### APRIL 24, 2025

<u>1st Grade Music Program</u> "BADA BING, It's Spring!!" 7:00 PM – High School Commons

<u>Elementary Arts Festival</u> Student (K-5) artwork on display in the elementary from 6-8:30 PM





# SHHS Choir & Drama Club Spring Concert & Cabaret Cafe

Join us as the CHOIR & DRAMA CLUB members present solos, duets, CHOIR spring music and more!!

# Sunday, April 13, 2025 2:00PM in the High School Commons

Tickets are \$5 per person, includes refreshments!! Tickets will be sold in the high school office starting April 1<sup>st</sup>









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# LOVE-HONOR-LOYALTY: LEGACY!

# **RISING REDSKINS FLAG FOOTBALL SIGN UP**

Who: Any child entering grades 4-6 for the 2025-2026 School Year

When: Saturdays starting September 6th

Time: 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on the practice field

Cost: \$50.00

What to wear: Jersey (provided) and shorts, cleats are optional

Coaches: St. Henry Varsity Football Players

# HAIL VICTORY WEDNESDAY

Semifinal and Championship Games to be played under the lights!

Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM

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Checks must be made payable to: St. Henry Schools-------NO STAPLES THROUGH CHECKS AND FORMS PLEASE!

 Name:
 \_\_\_\_\_\_Grade for 2025–2026 School Year:

Address:\_\_\_

Parents:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Jersey Size: <u>Adult</u>: S/M

I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the Rising Redskins Flag Football. I will not hold the directors, coaches, or St. Henry Schools responsible for injuries incurred. I also give permission for my son/daughter to be treated in case of an emergency.

(Signature of Parent/Guardian Required)

#### **Babysitters Available**

The following 5<sup>th</sup> graders recently completed the babysitting course offered by the St. Henry American Legion Auxiliary. Please consider calling them when you are looking for a sitter!

Caleb Albers (Brian) 419-733-3597
Hudson Brackman (Travis) 513-252-4735
Lainee Brown (Josh) 567-644-2009
Isaac Bruggeman (Todd) 419-834-1163
Madison Bruggeman (Matt) 937-416-3365
Natalie Bruns (Derric)
Lucy Brunswick (Robert) 419-852-0506
Penny Buening (Stacey)
Claire Everman (Corey) 419-733-4224
Blake Fullenkamp (Alex) 419-733-2490
Jenna Harlamert (Adam) 419-852-2098
Maria Hartings (Scott)
Abram Heitbrink (Jim) 614-563-2108
Jillian Heitkamp (Roger) 419-490-5234
Kylie Heitkamp (Eric)
Charlotte Hess (Rodney) 419-733-1749
Jace Huelsman (Brad) 419-852-6077
Olivia Huelsman (Andrew) 419-852-6918

Miranda Huwer (Roger) 419-852-7134
Rya Huwer (Ryan) 419-852-1775
Vivian Huwer (Jason) 937-417-4668
Violet Jacobs (Josh) 419-852-5753
Kate Kaiser (Chad) 419-852-3505
Krosley Koesters (Nathan) 419-733-9801
Will Koesters (Doug) 614-579-3498
Luke Kremer (Mitch) 419-852-7334
Abigail Kunkler (Andy) 513-253-3627
John Kunkler (Tim) 419-852-1350
Bennett Lange (Matt) 419-305-2964
Samuel Laux (Todd) 419-852-8158
Tucker Link (Matt) 419-852-3281
Alaina Lochtefeld (Matt) 419-733-4504
Bennett Miller (Josh) 419-852-8244
Peyton Moeller (Trisha) 419-305-2912
Amelia Moorman (Kris) 614-425-1676
Jillian Moorman (Travis) 419-852-8357



#### **Donate your old Chromebooks**

If you have a used student Chromebook in your home that is no longer being used, please consider donating it (no matter the condition) and/or the charger to St. Henry Schools. We can often use them as loaners or for parts to repair our current fleet.

Seniors: If you have no intention of using your Chromebook after graduation, we will gladly take it back if you wish to donate it to St. Henry Schools.

If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Rose Harrod at harrod.rose@sthenryschools.org.



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### LEAVE IT BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT! HAIL VICTORY!



# **RISING REDSKINS SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMP**

Who: Any football player entering grades 4-8 for the 2025-2026 school year

**When:**  $May 28^{th}$ - $May 30^{th}$  (3 days)

**Time:** 8:00 – 10:00 (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade) 10:00 – 12:00 (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

Where: Practice field between 118 and the varsity baseball diamond

Cost: \$50.00 per camper

What to wear: t-shirt, shorts, cleats (recommended) Players will receive a 2025 camp T-Shirt on 2<sup>nd</sup> day

Players will be taught and coached in specific skills pertaining to the game of football. They will receive instruction from Varsity and Junior High Coaches along with High School players. Players will compete daily in drills, competitions, and touch football games (Redskin Ball). All activities will be conducted with intent for no contact. Players will receive a 2025 Camp T-Shirt along with awards/prizes for various accomplishments throughout the week.

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