



# School Update

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## Smoke Signals

Mr. Adam Puthoff, Superintendent



### Renewal Operating Levy Passed

On Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the voters within the St. Henry Consolidated Local School District passed our renewal operating levy that will collect \$1,010,000 annually for the next five years. This levy was initially approved back in 2014 and will be set to expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>,

2028. The money collected from the levy will continue to fund basic programs and services such as teacher salaries, support staff salaries, instructional supplies and curriculum, utilities, building and equipment maintenance, extracurricular activities, and transportation costs. With the continued support of the community, we will continue to work hard to meet the needs of our students and prepare them with the skills and knowledge necessary to be successful and productive citizens.

### Year One as Superintendent

As I close in on my first school year as superintendent, I'm grateful for all those who contribute to the success of our school district and maintain a focus on what is best for kids. The St. Henry Community is a special place dedicated to the success of our students by actively helping them in every aspect of their lives. Serving this community as an educator, principal, and now as superintendent has been a wonderful experience, and I look forward to continuing to serve this community with a collaborative spirit and the pursuit of excellence. Together we win!

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### Ohio's State Tests

April and May mark a busy period for students in grades 3-12 as they gear up for Ohio's State Tests. The preparation process involves a multitude of efforts, and I extend my sincere gratitude to the committed educators, paraprofessionals, parents, principals, guidance counselors, bus drivers, custodians, and, above all, the students themselves for their unwavering dedication to excellence. We deeply value the steadfast support of our community and parents in championing our students and school.

### End of the Year

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, will mark the end of the school year for students. Commencement ceremonies will be on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 1:30 pm. Congratulations to all our students, and thank you to the graduating Class of 2024 for the legacy that you have left for future generations.

## From the Board of Education

Mrs. Gail Hess

Congratulations to the St. Henry School district on the successful passage of the tax levy renewal!

Congratulations to all of the seniors! Each of you has forged your own unique path to graduation, undoubtedly filled with cherished memories that will accompany you as your journey unfolds. Also, congratulations to Jody Homan, Judy Schlater and Joan Wedd on your respective retirement(s). Best of luck to each and every one of you as you embark on the next chapter of your lives. You should all take immense pride in your accomplishments!

As a mother of four children attending different buildings within the district, and serving as a board member, I've had the privilege of witnessing the diverse facets of our school system firsthand. Much like any organization, our school has undergone significant changes; between leadership changes, regulatory updates and mandates, and even integration of artificial intelligence (AI) signaling ongoing evolution. We are incredibly fortunate to reside in a community with a strong, ingrained culture that prioritizes continuous improvement and excellence.

Through collaborative efforts with key stakeholders, we actively assess what's working well, what requires adjustment, and what may need to be reconsidered. In our district, fostering understanding and accountability stands as paramount. The proverbial adage, "It takes a village to raise a child" rings true, emphasizing the collective responsibility

of each individual within the community to positively influence our students' growth and development.

Opportunities for involvement are plentiful, with numerous clubs and groups welcoming participation. Community engagement serves as a cornerstone for collective success. Whether extending a helping hand to a neighbor, volunteering in some form or fashion such as joining the Community Club, the Booster Club, K of C, getting involved as a coach for one of the youth programs, or offering words of encouragement, the list is endless. Every act of kindness contributes to the fabric of our community. St. Henry embodies a longstanding tradition of hard work and dedication, a culture that we can all take great pride. Everyone in the community and each individual within the school system has been able to impact one of the graduating seniors - I am sure - in some shape or form. Thank you for your participation and involvement! Together, let us continue to uphold and nurture this culture for the benefit of all.

## Elementary News

### PRESCHOOL SCREENING

Mrs. Albers

Preschool screenings (Child Find) will be held at the Mercer County Educational Service Center (ESC) on April 26 and May 24. If you have any concerns about your child (ages 3-5) in the areas of speech/language, pre-academics, hearing, vision, or motor development, please call the Mercer County ESC (419-586-6628) to schedule an appointment.

### Testing Dates

3rd grade Ohio State Test:

ELA: April 17, 19

Math: April 30, May 1

4th grade Ohio State Test:

ELA: April 16, 18

Math: April 25, 26



### K-5 Art

Mrs. Shelly Zeller



### Art Show: Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Please stop by Tuesday evening, April 23<sup>rd</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 3<sup>rd</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.

### PTO NEWS

Mrs. Amanda Siegrist

The Saint Henry PTO is excited to share that we have made a donation to the playground revitalization project! The project was kicked off to design and install a new playground for our students. The PTO is joining the effort to provide additional funds to the wonderful anonymous donation that was accepted by the School Board in December.

In addition to this generous donation, 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 has made this donation possible!

The PTO had a very busy spring! We want to thank our students, parents, grandparents, staff and administration for your participation in Mother/Son Bowling, the Father/Daughter Dance, Chicken Dinners and Grandparent Bingo for Grades 2, 3 and 4. Below are photos of each



event! We truly enjoy sharing each of these events with the community!

## Mother/Son Bowling



## Father/Daughter Dance



## Grandparent Bingo



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

*Thank you!*

## From the Middle School

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

All incoming 7th graders for the 2024-2025 school year are required to have **tDap and Meningococcal** vaccinations prior to the start of the 2024-2025 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 [westgerdes.jill@sthenryschools.org](mailto:westgerdes.jill@sthenryschools.org) or 419-678-4834 ext. 2301.

### 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 Renee Bruns. On the morning of May 21<sup>st</sup>, the Marion Local graduate will be sharing her message of how she has gone the extra mile. Her website shares:

*Through her travels to 124 countries, all 7 continents, and all 50 states, she became a Guinness World Record Holder and has been featured on numerous media sites and podcasts. She is currently working on a book to share her story of navigating the world with a physical disability and the series of events that led her to find self-acceptance, and ultimately a diagnosis of her unique medical condition by a dedicated team of specialists.*

The staff and students will also participate in the 5K Run/Walk. Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</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!

## From the High School

### High School Guidance

Mrs. Julie Overman

This time of year for the seniors leaves many mixed emotions as they are preparing for their next step as well as closing a chapter. I wish them all the best of luck in all their spring activities as well as their future endeavors!

Congratulations to Caleb Wendel for representing St. Henry as the Franklin B. Walter All Scholastic Award recipient. This award is given to an outstanding senior in each high school. Caleb chose Mrs. Ann Uhlenhake as his Teacher of Influence. Congratulations to both Caleb and Mrs. Uhlenhake.

On March 12<sup>th</sup>, the juniors took the ACT test. Thank you to the St. Henry American Legion for allowing the juniors to take the test there. Since the test was mandated by the state, it was free. If students are interested in taking the ACT again, the available testing dates are located under the Guidance tab of the school website at **Redskin Counseling Corner** under ACT testing.

All students interested in College Credit Plus (CCP) for 2024 had to have intent forms turned in by **April 1<sup>st</sup>** and should have completed the college application. Students who plan to take CCP courses for next year need to make sure they are checking their personal/school emails on a regular basis to complete tasks for the university. Please refer to the CCP Handbook for specific information. This can be found at **Redskin Counseling Corner**.

The **AP Government** test will be on **Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** and the **AP Calculus** test will be on **Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**.

On **Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**, the **Annual Scholarship Banquet** will be held at Romer's at 6:30 p.m. Students

receiving scholarships, as well as their parents, will receive an invitation to the banquet at the beginning of May. Universities and organizations normally do not inform the school that a scholarship has been awarded to a student. Please make sure that seniors inform Mrs. Overman of any scholarships that have been received.

Final transcripts for seniors will be sent the first week of June to the colleges that they have indicated they will be attending. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

I hope everyone has a wonderful spring!

### Student Council

Mrs. Donna Rindler and Mrs. Julie Overman

The student council has been very busy this school year. Since homecoming events, the council members have held the annual *Tis' the Season Fundraiser* and the *Annual Student Appreciation Breakfast*.

*The Tis' the Season Fundraiser* was held between November and December. Donations at the high school were raised through an Ice Bucket Challenge Fundraiser.

Teachers Ivy Owusu, Brad Rindler, and Mike Gast were the challengers. Because the students exceeded the fundraising goal, principal Eric Rosenbeck was also given an ice bucket challenge.





In addition, the middle school raised money for winter apparel for local families and the elementary donated food and hygiene items to the cause.

In February, the student council cooked and served a pancake and sausage breakfast. The students really enjoyed this event, and it would not have been possible without the use of the kitchen and the assortment of breakfast items donated by staff members. Thank you to all who donated to this event.



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

## News from the Bus Stop

Ms. Lori Schwieterman

### Redskin Riders of the Month

January: Bus 1 – Samuel Laux; Bus 3 – Isla Schwieterman; Bus 4 – Cooper Fullenkamp; Bus 7 – Kate Kremer; Bus 9 – Melody Wendel; and Bus 10 – Roland Buschur



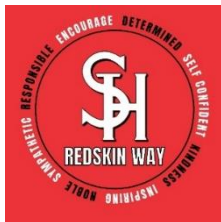
February: Bus 1 – Eli Raterman; Bus 3 – Ellie Schmitz; Bus 4 – Olive Koesters; Bus 7 – Hannah Stachler; Bus 9 – The Nieport Family; and Bus 10 – Emma Webster.



## 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](mailto:wendel.dennis@sthenryschools.org). This weekly schedule/update is sent out every Friday during the school year which includes athletic events, as well as special events (senior night, wall of fame induction, little cheerleaders, etc.) This schedule also includes gym/court times for activities in the school and 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.



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## 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 28, 2024**  
**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>*



*Life* is too short to wake up  
in the morning with regrets.  
So love the people who  
treat you right and  
forget about the ones who don't.  
And believe that everything  
happens for a reason.  
If you get a chance, *TAKE IT*.  
If it changes your life, *LET IT*.  
Nobody said that it would be easy.  
They just promised that it  
would be *Worth It*.



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**APRIL 23, 2024**

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade Music Program**  
***"It's a Hit!"***

**7:00 PM – High School Commons**



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



### YEARBOOKS

2024 Yearbooks are still available for \$60  
Go to Josten's Website:

<https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/high-school-yearbooks.html>

Under school: type St. Henry High School

Business and Senior Yearbook ads are still available for the 2024 yearbook if you want to buy one. Contact Sheryl Wilson at [wilson.sheryl@sthenryschools.org](mailto:wilson.sheryl@sthenryschools.org) for information. **Deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>.**



LOVE-HONOR-LOYALTY: LEGACY!

## RISING REDSKINS FLAG FOOTBALL SIGN UP

Who: Any child entering grades 4-6 for the 2024-2025 School Year

When: Saturdays starting September 7<sup>th</sup>

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 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM

Detach this bottom portion. This form must be filled out completely and mailed along with **\$50 by August 5th**.  
Forms can be mailed to: Josh Werling, 431 Spruce Street, St. Henry, OH 45883

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade for 2024–2025 School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Jersey Size: Adult: S/M L/XL

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.

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(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!

Moriah Beyke (Tim)..... 937-726-0195	Ian Goettemoeller (Eric)..... 937-621-4381	Tim Merrill (Steve) ..... 419-852-8697
Charlie Borger (Cody)..... 419-852-7227	Jonny Gonzalez (Kim)..... 567-644-1593	Aubrie Morris (Lilly) ..... 254-295-6360
Lee Borgerding (Trent) ..... 419-852-1428	Hunter Hartke (Alan) ..... 419-852-1441	Lucas Myers (Greg) ..... 419-953-3771
Hope Broering (Brent)..... 419-852-6060	Mason Heath (Eric) ..... 419-302-3959	Alaina Raterman (Eric) ..... 419-852-8433
Max Bruns (Derric) ..... 419-852-8004	Louis Heitbrink (Jim) ..... 614-563-2108	Eli Rosenbeck (Eric) ..... 419-852-5961
Catherine Bruns (Matthew) .... 260-726-5352	Levi Helmstetter (Nathan)..... 419-852-5980	Hank Schlater (Mitch)..... 419-852-8675
Joseph Bruns (Matthew)..... 260-726-5352	Ayden Hemmelgarn (Mike) ... 419-230-6315	Winnie Schlater (Mitch)..... 419-852-8675
Chloe Buening (Stacey)..... 843-813-7997	Baylee Hemmelgarn (Mike) ... 419-230-6315	Beau Schmittmeyer (Brian) .... 419-852-6671
Charlotte Buschur (Bruce)..... 419-852-9952	Elizabeth Horstman (Jason).... 567-644-4363	Emma Schmitz (Neil)..... 419-733-0477
Xavier Buschur (Mark) ..... 419-305-8400	Grace Howe (Kevin) ..... 937-726-5019	Stella Sheeley (TJ) ..... 419-852-7520
Will Buschur (Ryan) ..... 419-852-1432	Ava Huelsman (Chris)..... 419-852-7504	Brandon Sieftring (Chris)..... 419-852-9884
Parker Core (Blaise)..... 419-733-1861	Grace Kaiser (Chad)..... 419-852-3505	Emma Steinlage (Mark) ..... 419-953-7092
Hadley Delzeith (Ryan)..... 419-852-4372	Rosalynn King (Dennis)..... 419-733-4949	Nicolas Subler (Nate) ..... 260-525-1024
Alex Elking (Tony) ..... 419-375-4329	Jace Knapke (Mitch) ..... 419-733-3570	Alayna Thobe (Mark)..... 937-423-4300
Maria Evers (Duane) ..... 567-242-8202	Allie Koesters (Greg) ..... 419-852-8001	Lucy Vehorn (Todd)..... 419-852-0613
Maria Franck (Doug)..... 419-852-9270	Grayson Kramer (Matt)..... 419-852-8012	David Wendel (Chuck)..... 419-852-0484
Reilly Garman (Jeff)..... 419-230-9808	Georg Kremer (Riley) ..... 419-733-8063	Graci Westerheide (Jake) ..... 937-658-2572
Blake Garrison (Neal) ..... 419-305-2039	Camden LaGuire (Scott) ..... 419-305-6276	Isaac Zimmerman (Matt)..... 567-644-3343
Will Gast (Bill)) ..... 937-407-7545	Kyla Lange (Charly)..... 419-733-8648	

### 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](mailto:harrod.rose@sthenryschools.org).



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## RISING REDSKINS SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMP

**Who:** Any child entering grades 4-8 for the 2024-2025 school year

**When:** May 29<sup>th</sup>-May 31<sup>st</sup> (3 days)

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

**Where:** Practice field between SR 118 and the varsity baseball diamond

**Cost:** \$50.00 per camper

**What to wear:** t-shirt, shorts, cleats (recommended)  
Players will receive a 2024 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 2024 Camp T-Shirt along with awards/prizes for various accomplishments throughout the week.**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: Youth: S M L Adult: S M L

I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the Redskins Skills Camp. 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.

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(Signature of Parent/Guardian Required)