



New Chromebooks at Kalida

A Chromebook is a computing device that Google and hardware manufacturers created to provide affordable access to the internet. This device competes with iPads, Android Tablets, Windows Tablets and most notebooks. What makes the Chromebook less expensive is that it's basically the Chrome web browser running on a smaller set of hardware. The Chromebook is not as powerful as a Laptop, but it doesn't really have to be an effective internet device.

The reason Kalida, and other local schools, recently purchased new Chromebooks was two fold. With more mandated online testing, the Chromebooks were a simple and cost effective way to allow us to test many more students at the same time without tying up our current computer labs and classroom computers. This reduces the amount of days students are testing and are not receiving instruction and allows teachers to still use the buildings' computer labs while the testing is taking place elsewhere. This decision to add to our portable devices will provide even more technology for students to use for projects, homework and testing during the regular school year.

The initial purchase of Chromebooks is a cart of 32 each; one cart for the high school and one cart for the elementary school, for a total of 64 devices. Also, we chose to add four Chromebooks in the three kindergarten rooms to replace the end of life kindergarten classroom computers.

Jeremy Okuley, Technology Coordinator

844-SaferOH – Introducing Ohio's new school safety tip line

Law enforcement officers and education leaders have combined efforts to establish a new confidential **SaferOH** tip line. The resource gives students, parents, teachers and administrators a way to anonymously report student safety threats to school officials and law enforcement officers – whether they involve a potential incident of mass violence, a suicide threat or the bullying of a single student.



Research shows that in 81 percent of violent incidents in U.S. schools, someone other than the attacker knew something but didn't report for fear of being identified. This free service is available to any Ohio public or private school.

Kalida Local Schools is already registered and able to serve our community 24 hours a day, whenever a student or concerned adult senses a threat to student safety. The call center guarantees the anonymity of the person who calls or texts. Tip line workers may ask for additional information, but the one who calls or texts may remain anonymous or leave contact information for follow-up.

Trained professionals at Ohio Homeland Security's Threat Assessment and Prevention unit answer calls and texts to 844-SaferOH. When action is needed, staff immediately forward information to the school staff member we designate. Local law enforcement agencies or others may be notified if the situation warrants. Tip line staffers will follow up quickly with the affected school and law enforcement agencies to make sure the incident was investigated and the outcome was tracked.

If you have questions about the tip line, please call SaferOH at (614) 644-2641.



Welcome Baby Grime!

Congratulations to Mrs. Beth Grime and her husband Jamie on the birth of their daughter Avery Marie. She was born December 5. Mrs. Grime is the Anatomy, Chemistry, AP Biology and Integrated Science teacher at Kalida Middle and High School.

Toys for Tots

KHS students and staff members recently participated in the *Toys for Tots* campaign sponsored by the KHS National Honor Society. Senior Erin Knueve, NHS member, shows one of the large boxes from the donation effort. Toys, diapers, blankets, and other needed items overfilled the donation boxes. It's a good feeling to know that someone will benefit from your kindness and generosity. Thanks to all who participated!



Announcing The Margaret Holtkamp-Pizzurro Foundation Scholarship Fund

Margaret Holtkamp-Pizzurro, who grew up and attended school in Kalida, Ohio, often shared fond memories of her school years. After accomplishing many impressive things, Margaret passed away in 2000 in New York. This award is the Holtkamp Board's way of conveying Margaret's family's gratitude to the community she was raised in and the school district responsible for her education.

The fund is established in the hope of ensuring a brighter future to promising students who have demonstrated academic excellence and expressed a desire to pursue their education beyond high school and who are in need of financial assistance. The goal of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance up to \$1500 to a student wishing to pursue post-secondary education at a 2 or 4 year college. To qualify for the scholarship, students must be a senior at Kalida High Schools and demonstrate:

- Academic excellence while maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Good character and community involvement.
- Financial need in order to assist with continued higher education.

Interested candidates should seek applications and additional information from KHS guidance counselor Mr. Jeff Clement.

A Successful Campaign

Recently the Foreign Language Club and the KHS Recycles Committee gathered new and used sports equipment donations for the Ecuador group *Club Deportivo*.

We collected: 10 pairs of new cleats, 74 pairs of used shoes and cleats, 135 shirts, 300 pairs of baseball sliding pants and soccer shorts, 100 pairs of socks, 40 baseball caps, 250 jerseys, 20 warm up jackets, 20 sports bags, soccer balls, bats, baseballs, softballs, waffle balls, shin guards, baseball gloves, batting helmets and catcher's equipment.

Over \$720 was also collected for the cause. The sports equipment will be put to good use and the money raised will go towards building baseball and soccer fields, putting up fences and dugouts and purchasing supplies and equipment for the kids in Ecuador.



"Thank you for your generous donations which will enable these communities to have the ability to participate in team sports with *Club Deportivo*," says Ms. Storey event coordinator. "This is beyond what we could have ever hoped. Thanks to all students, staff and community members for making this such a success!"

January is School Board Appreciation Month

The Kalida Board of Education held their annual organizational meeting on January 7, 2015. The Board of Education took care of a number of procedural issues, committee appointments, and election of officers. Gerry Vorst was elected board president for 2015 and Nicole Niemeyer was elected vice-president. Other board members are Sue Gerdeman, Emily Peck and Greg von der Embse. Superintendent Karl Lammers recognized the board for their dedication and thanked members for representing school district residents.

New Student At KHS—Welcome Pavel Stojka. Pavel, age 17, is the new foreign exchange student from Czech Republic. While attending classes at Kalida, he is living with Gery, Diane and Trevor Wurth.

Freshman Orientation—Freshmen orientation will be held the evening of Wednesday, February 4 at 6 PM in the high school auditoria for parents and students of this year's 8th grade class – the class of 2019. It is important that you and your child attend this event so that information can be given to you that is relevant for your child's academic future and success. New graduation requirements which will impact this class, course scheduling, and exciting programs for high school students will be discussed.

High School Scheduling—Registration for course scheduling for students entering grades 10-12 next year will take place on Thursday, February 5 during the school day. A parent signature is required on the student's scheduling form. Completed schedule forms must be given to each student's respective English teacher by Friday, February 13.

Kalida High School Second Quarter

All A Honor Roll

Freshmen-Brady Decker, Alecia Dunn, Kevin Hamburg, Jacob Kahle, Sarah Klausing, Taylor Lucke, Kierstan Siebeneck, Jaylen Vandemark. **Sophomores**-Bailey Eickholt, Brianna Good, Brooke Kimball, Jeffrey Knueve, Abby Langhals, Caleb Siebeneck, Jade Zeller. **Juniors**- Zach Chamberlin, Sarah Hovest, Brady Laudick, Brooke Lucke, Allison Recker, Allison Siebeneck, Katelyn Siebeneck, Grant Unverferth, Alex von der Embse, Kassie Warnecke. **Seniors**-Katey Buss, Mariah Doepker, Molly Ellerbrock, Brent Hovest, Erin Knueve, Luke Langhals, Nicole Recker, Logan Roebke, Derek Schroeder.

AB Honor Roll

Freshmen- Anna Berheide, Nick Cleemput, Chandler, Hopkins, Josh Klausing, Connor Niese, Tori Niese, Kara Siefker, Taylor Zeller. **Sophomores** - Bryce Brinkman, Derek Buss, Kelly Doepker, Erica Edwards, Ryan Ellerbrock, Kristen Fortman, Layne Keefer, Noah Lambert, Samantha Langhals, Tyler Lehman, Corey Miller, Collin Nartker, Griffin Recker, Alexis Schroeder, Sierra Schroeder, Trent Siebeneck, Jenna Siefker, Adam von der Embse. **Juniors**- Cathy Basinger, Kylie Buss, Alexa Ellerbrock, Brandon Erhart, Trent Gerding, Drew Hovest, Brittany Kahle, Joni Kaufman, Angelea Kimmel, Christian Laukhuf, Danni Maag, Trevor Maag, Kylie Osterhage, Andrea Rall, Paige Roller, Kaleb Selhorst, Taylor Siefker, Renee Vorst, Trey Webken, Allison Wurth. **Seniors**-Rebecca Brinkman, Ben Burkhart, Jacob Dunn, Lindsey Erhart, Jacquelyn Gardner, Tori Gerding, Kennedy Hoffman, Trevor Holtkamp, Melissa Jorrey, Ericka Kimball, Devin Kortokrax, Morgan Niese, Olivia Schmenk, Austin Schulte, Brad Siebeneck, Aaron Tenwalde, Noah Verhoff, Megan Vine, Austin Vorst, Makenna Vorst, Casey Wehri, Grant Zeller.

Junior High All A's

6th Grade - Hannah Berheide, Olivia Decker, Luke Erhart, Jayce Horstman, Katelyn Kahle, Kevin Lammers, Mitch Langhals, Brandon Miller, Kathryn Siebeneck, Tyler Unverferth, Jasmine Vorst, Will Zeller. **7th Grade** - McKenna Bockrath, Danielle Buss, Clara Elkins, Kyla Fortman, Kaylee Heitmeyer, Kaitlyn Keefer, Tyler Klausing, Madison Langhals, Abby Maag, McKayla Maag, Grace Miller, Charlie Rampe, Evan Roebke, Kamryn Wurth, Sydney Wurth. **8th Grade**-Tara Gerding, Grant Laudick, Cameron Siebeneck, Josh Verhoff, Trevor Vorst, Maidge Westrick, Allison Wurth, Jack Zeller.

Junior High AB Honors

6th Grade - Emily Buss, Ben Doepker, Connor Erhart, Paige Helmke, Stephanie Kahle, Grace Klausing, Reagan Klausing, Jillian Knueve, Marcy Landwehr, Dara Lewis, Ryan Lucke, Melanie Meyers, Jennifer Rall, Dayna Schimmoeller, Morgan Schroeder, Jada Siebeneck, Brenna Smith, Ayden Warnecke. **7th Grade**-Clay Bellmann, Colin Erhart, Rieley Hanneman, Claudia Hopkins, Gabe Hovest, Evan Meyers, David Peck, Brayden Recker, Lydia Remlinger, Trevor Siefker, Tori Travis, Zachary von der Embse. **8th grade**-Sami Backus, Cassidy Decker, Keith Doepker, Adam Fitzgerald, Collin Fortman, Nicole Fortman, Camryn Hoffman, Halie Kaufman, Connor Krouse, Trevor Lambert, Lauren Langhals, Treyton Martin, Christian Nartker, Owen Niemeyer, Makenna Niese, Owen Recker, Ethan Schmenk, Megan Schulte.

5th Grade All A Honor Roll -Brandt Brinkman, Blake Eickholt, Kenzie Fortman, Madison Kahle, Ryan Klausing, Cole Nienberg, Brooke Vennekotter, Peyton Wurth. **5th Grade AB Honor Roll** -Logan Bockrath, Grant Knapke, Landyn Knott, Grace Niemeyer, Gabe Roof, Justin Siebeneck, Adam Siefker, Jakob Swyers, Amanda Unverferth, Grant Vorst, Molly Westrick, Samantha Westrick, Zoey Westrick.

Post-secondary/Dual Enrollment/AP Meetings Scheduled—On February 11 at 6:30 PM there will be a meeting in the auditoria for the parents of high school students who may be interested in taking a college level course during next school year. There are two options at Kalida High School for students to take college level courses. One option is the College Credit Plus Program in which students can take college level courses while in high school. These courses are either taught by a college instructor or members of our KHS staff who have been approved by a local college to teach respective courses. Finally, college credit can be earned by scoring a high enough score on AP exams which are administered at the conclusion of AP courses in May. Various AP courses are offered at Kalida High School. A representative from James A. Rhodes State College will be present to explain the College Credit Plus program and answer questions. **The following courses at Kalida High School are high school courses which can be taken for college credit from Rhodes State College or Wright State University: Psychology, Computer Applications, Introduction to Engineering, Principles of Engineering, Digital Electronics and AP Biology. Thus, it is important for parents of students planning to take any of these courses for college credit attend the meeting at 6:30. If parents have attended this session in previous years, then there is no need to attend again.**

AP Course Sessions—There will be meetings on Wednesday, February 11 at Kalida High School for students and parents of the students who will be taking any advanced placement (AP) courses next year. These are courses which can also earn students college credit upon completion of the AP exams. AP courses offered at Kalida include the following with the grade level required for participation in parenthesis: American History (10, 11, 12), Government (12), Biology (11 or 12), and English (12). *For convenience, these meetings will begin at approximately 7:15 PM and will follow the above mentioned PSEOP/ Dual Enrollment session since many parents may need to attend both.* The schedule for the meetings is as follows:

AP American History & AP Government (7:15 PM)	Mr. Gasser's room #106
AP English Literature and Composition (7:30 PM)	Mrs. Gerding's room #108
AP Biology (7:45 PM)	Mrs. Grime's room #103

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School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday 7:00 PM
Kalida School Board Room

Music Booster December Winners

\$200 Brian & Erin Recker
\$150 Rita Miller
\$100 Larry & Marie Buss
\$75 Morggan Edelbrock
\$75 Ron Knueve
\$75 Mel & Pat Hanneman
\$50 Ed & Marge Verhoff
\$50 Scott & Kathy Lammers
\$50 Dave & Brenda Warnecke
\$50 Shelly Knueve
\$50 Marilyn Leopold

January \$50 Winners

Ken & Gale Bellmann
Ally Ferris
Mary Lou Merschman
Gary Maag

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Congratulations to Derek Schroeder, son of Annette and Glen, for being inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. Derek is a senior at KHS and Vantage where he is studying precision machining.

OPEN HOUSE & TASTE OF VANTAGE

It's almost time for the annual Vantage Open House! Mark your calendars for Monday, February 9, 2015 from 5:00 – 7:30 PM. If you haven't seen the new school yet, this is your chance! Tour the building, see the labs, check out the new equipment, meet the staff and students. Do you have a sophomore who's interested in attending Vantage? There will be a Parent Information Session in the Community Room @ 6 PM to help answer questions you may have. Interested in going back to school yourself? Adult Education representatives will also be there to answer questions about Vantage Adult Ed classes. No time to cook? Help support school-wide student activities by enjoying tasty food samples from several local restaurants – all in the comfort of the Vantage Commons. Tickets will be available at the door for just \$5. For more information, call 419.238.5411



Fire Pit Raffle

KHS Vantage Senior Blaine Warnimont displays the fire pit with grill top he created for the raffle on February 6. Tickets (sold only at that game) are \$1 each, 6 for \$5 or 15 for \$10. The drawing will take place during the halftime activities of the Kalida vs. Ottoville game. You must be present to win. Proceeds benefit the Kalida National Honor Society.

Vantage Information for Sophomores—On Monday, February 4 all sophomores will take a field trip to the Vantage Career Center to obtain information on two programs of their choice. Any sophomore who wishes to be considered for enrollment at Vantage for the 2015-2016 school year should, then, complete the application by the end of February. Applications must be completed online this year after February 4.