

**Gene Stechschulte Award**



Jill Zeller was selected as the 2024 recipient of the Gene Stechschulte Award.

Jill was selected from a fantastic group of nominees this year, including five new nominations. Mark and Marlene Kahle submitted their nomination of Jill back in early December and the Stechschulte family and committee members selected Jill from this great group of people.

Jill is the Youth Minister for St. Michael’s Church and spends countless hours planning activities for the youth of the parish to engage in whole-

some and fun gathering events. Over the years, Jill has organized many student trips to youth conferences and other religious experiences. Along with her involvement in planning vacation bible school each summer, Jill teaches religious education, and supports different groups of our students as they find the value in volunteering and standing up for their beliefs.

Mark and Marlene emphasized Jill’s consistent energy and that she shares her faith and truly cares for and enjoys being with kids, wanting the best for each and every one of them. Like Gene, Jill consistently interacts with our youth in an encouraging, enthusiastic and cheerful manner and provides that positive mentorship our youth crave.

Thank you, Jill, for all you continue to do!

**Calendar Notes**

- 4/2/24—Classes Resume
- 4/3/24—Kindergarten Screening
- 4/8/24—Professional Development Day —  
*No School for Students*
- 4/12, 13, 14—High School Musical— “Annie”
- 4/23/24—Spring Band Concert 8 p.m.
- 5/2/24—Spring Choir Concert 8 p.m.
- 5/4/24—Prom
- 5/15/24—Academic Awards Ceremony
- 5/22/24—Last Day for Students
- 5/23/24—Teacher Workday
- 5/26/24—Graduation—Class of 2024
- 5/27/24—Memorial Day
  
- 8/20/24—1st Day of Classes for 2024-25

**2024-25 School Calendar** is posted on the website at [www.kalidaschools.org](http://www.kalidaschools.org).



**ACT Prep Camp**

Kalida High School will again be offering an eleven day ACT prep camp for interested sophomores and juniors this May through June.

**Registration is due by Friday, April 12.**

*The tentative dates/locations of the camp are listed below.*

**At Kalida High School**

- Thursday, May 23 .... 7:45-9:45 a.m.
- Friday, May 24 ..... 7:45-9:45 a.m.
- Tuesday, May 28 ..... 7:45-9:45 a.m.

**At Ottoville High School**

- Wednesday, May 29 ..... 7:45-9:45 a.m.
- Thursday, May 30 ..... 7:45-9:45 a.m.
- Friday, May 31 ..... 7:45-9:45 a.m.
- Monday, June 3 ..... 7:45-9:45 a.m.

**At Ft. Jennings High School**

- Tuesday, June 4 ..... 7:45-9:45 a.m.
- Wednesday, June 5 ..... 7:45-9:45 a.m.
- Thursday, June 6 ..... 7:45-9:45 a.m.
- Friday, June 7 ..... 7:45-9:45 a.m.

# Third Quarter Honor Roll

## Middle School All "A" Honors

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**—Jacob Bockrath, Kaley Dickman, Collin Grime, Macy Kahle, Avery Kerner, Brynleigh Michel, Natalie Recker, Colt Schumaker, Evelyn Slusser, Kensley Smith, Jenna Unverferth, Kyla Unverferth

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**—Makenzie Bendele, Carley Birkemeier, Avery Bruskotter, Lorelei Goedde, Jagger Klaus, Anna Kline, Evan Leis, Zachary Lucke, Anna McVey, Ava Meyer, Andrew Potts, Ivan Schroeder, Melanie Wannemacher, Lillian Wehri

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**—Avery Bockrath, Ethan Dickman, Collin Horstman, Ava Huber, Emma Jerwers, Annaleice Maag, Easton Michel, John Recker, Lyla Siebeneck, Mallory Unverferth, Rylee Unverferth

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**—Corinne Brinkman, Isabelle Buss, Grady Houck, Kendal Klima, Taylor Nienberg, Charles (Leo) Parisi, Emma Shining, Grace Verhoff, Madison Verhoff, Olivia Verhoff, Lincoln Warnecke

## Middle School "AB" Honors

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**—Lyla Becker, Grayson Birkemeier, Owen Bockrath, Lawson Brinkman, Mason Gerding, Kiersten Heitmeyer, Owen Heitmeyer, Trenton Kahle, Juliana Kallay, Logan Klaus, Lauren Knueve, Lily Krouse, Ethan Langhals, Cooper Nienberg, Will Recker, Miley Schulte, Zachary Simon, Maddox Stennett, Adam Unverferth, Ayden Unverferth, Cohen Unverferth, Bristol Vorst, Henry Wehri, Case Wortkoetter

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**—Erica Basinger, Hayden Bockrath, Gabriella Burgei, Camryn Buss, Gavin Gehres, Lucas Hammond, Owen Langhals, Aurora Nichols, Ava Niemeyer, Cooper Rampe, Riley Ricker, Owen Schnipke, Nora Schumacher, Abby Stechschulte, Lawson Strauer, Kobyn Unverferth, Kyla Unverferth

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**—Aydin Askins, Rebekah Bendele, Hayden Birkemeier, Brock Bockrath, Matthew Foppe, Toby Goubeaux, Charlie Hutchins, Alyssa Kahle, Hunter Klaus, Katelin Knueve, Madelyn Miller, Valarie Romes, Tyler Rosenbauer, Raelyn Schnipke, Jackson Schulte, Grant Sehlhorst, Eli Selhorst, Gwen Stechschulte, Flynn Unverferth, Landon Unverferth, Quinn Unverferth, Mason Warnecke

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**—Tobin Anspach, Brant Bockrath, Kallie Bockrath, Emerson Burgei, Madelyn Cattell, Chloe Chalklin, Levi Grime, Owen Grime, Brylie Krouse, Olivia Landwehr, Avery Miller, Christopher Rall, Logan Rampe, Lillian Schnipke, Lucas Schroeder, Luke Siefker, Aubrey Simon, Paul Stechschulte, Brady Unverferth, Leah Unverferth, Penny Vandercook, Ross Zeller

## High School All "A" Honors

**Freshmen**—Hannah Bendele, Adam Bockrath, Morgan Bockrath, Addilyn Huber, Mallory Kerner, Enna Meyers, Nicole Siebeneck, Carlie Siefker, Zachary Unverferth, Maya Wehri

**Sophomores**—Lauren Bockrath, Faith Feldman, Katelyn Foppe, Kyla Grime, Lana Grime, Logan Kerner, Grady Kuhlman, Kara Lammers, Claire Nartker, Annelise Price, Isabel Recker, Malia Romes, Grace Schroeder, Alexander Shining, Landon Verhoff

**Juniors**—Kaylyn Bockrath, Meredith Bockrath, Gabrielle Brinkman, Laura Doepker, Grant Fortman, Katherine Krouse, Allie Kuhlman, Ethan Langhals, Drew Meyer, Olivia Meyer, Robert (Connor) Nartker, Grace Rall, Lane Rellinger, Jacob Siebeneck, Braylon Smith, Madison Unverferth

**Seniors**—Hannah Basinger, Katherine Bendele, Andrea Burgei, Maria Gerding, Collin Heitmeyer, Riley Nienberg, Noah Recker, Emerson Schnipke, Sara Siebeneck, Ethan Wehri

## High School "AB" Honors

**Freshmen**—Cody Decker, Cooper Horstman, Riley Horstman, Shelby Jerwers, Max Langhals, Sophia Meyer, Amber Moore, Kylie Peck, Zoe Pothast, Carson Price, Cody Recker, Blake Remlinger, Bryce Remlinger, Makenzie Remlinger, Josh Schulte, Anna Schumacher, Aubree Sickles, Kennedy Simon, Isabelle Swyers, Ruby Vandercook, Nathan Wannemacher

**Sophomores**—Karlie Heitmeyer, Jaxon Hoffman, Ethan Hundley, Nathan Kahle, Griffin Klaus, Kendal Krouse, Lauren Laudick, Caden Looser, Jason Luersman, Elijah Patrick, Mylie Rampe, Madison Ricker, Ryan Schnipke, Isabella Schroeder, Owen Siebeneck, Camdyn Warnecke

**Juniors**—Bailey Basinger, Evelyn Cattell, Maddix Calvelage, Alexandria Gardner, Madelyn Houck, Alison Landwehr, Bray Lehman, Reese Miller, Jackson Schroeder, Lauren Schulte, Dylan Siefker, Ella Stechschulte, Reese Strauer, Ryan Verhoff, Drake Zeller

**Seniors**—Rebekah Bowers, Brady Fersch, Raegan Gerdeman, Kadon Gray, Cassidy Hipsher, Kyle Lammers, Maddalyn Nienberg, Olivia Olzak, Camryn Recker, Ethan Remlinger, Elyse Romes, Katelyn Roof, Ella Schumacher, Whitney Unverferth

# Academics

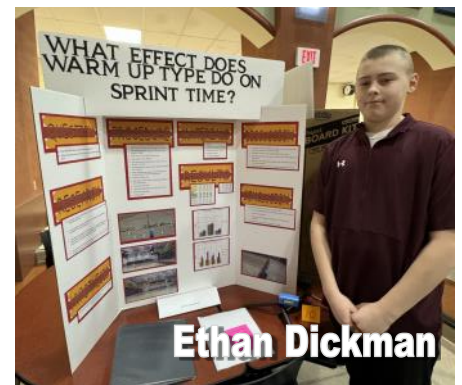
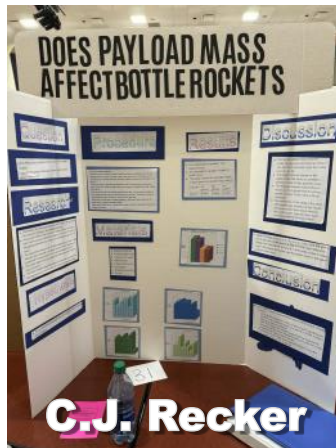
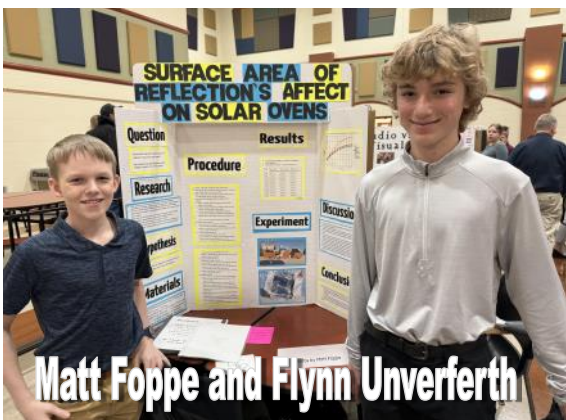
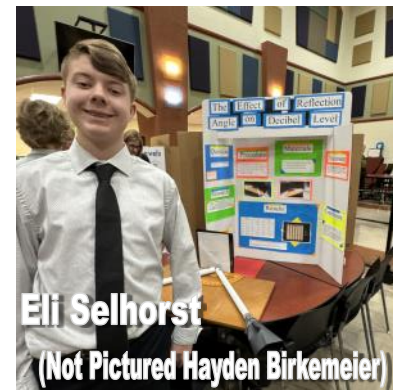
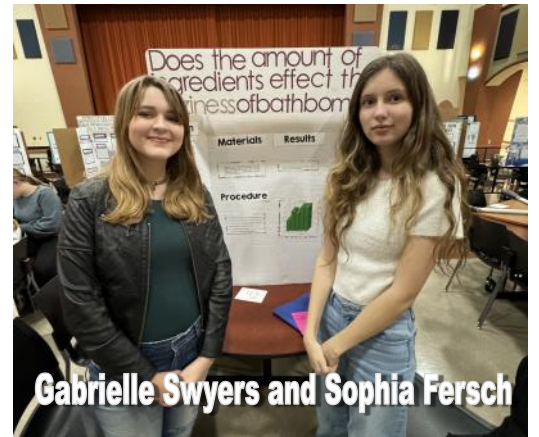
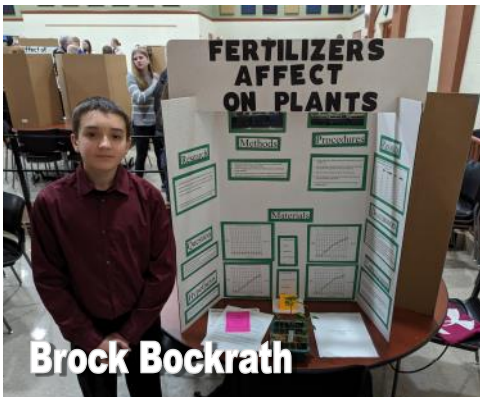
## JUNIOR HIGH SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS

### Putnam County Science Fair Awards—February 3

Congratulations to the following junior high students who participated in the Putnam County Science Fair. Superior Awards went to Ethan Dickman, Daphne Recker, Chad (C.J.) Recker, Sophia Fersch & Gabrielle Swyers, Flynn Unverferth & Matt Foppe, and Brock Bockrath. Receiving Excellent Ratings: Tyler Rosenbauer, Eli Selhorst & Hayden Birkemeier, Oliva Landwehr & Rebekah Bendele, and Alyssa Kahle. Daphne Recker earned a perfect score for her project. Special awards were earned by Ethan Dickman for Medical (Plaque and \$50 Scholarship); Eli Selhorst & Hayden Birkemeier for Outstanding Group Project (\$100 and Plaque); and Chad (C.J.) Recker for Young Scientist Challenge Award (\$100 and Plaque).

### Northwest Ohio Science & Engineering Fair—February 24

The Regional Science Fair took place on Saturday, February 24 at Northwest State Community College. Sophia Fersch & Gabrielle Swyers, Daphne Recker, Alyssa Kahle, Rebekah Bendele & Olivia Landwehr, Tyler Rosenbauer, Brock Bockrath, and Chad (C.J.) Recker participated with their projects and earned multiple awards. Daphne Recker earned a Superior rating and was a Super-Judging participant, meaning she had one of the top 8 junior high projects at the regional level.





# Academics

## Ryan Verhoff Represented Ohio

Ryan Verhoff was chosen by the state judging panel of the American Legion Americanism and Government Test program to represent Ohio at the national level. Ryan attended a five day conference in Washington D.C. at the end of February.



Since 1936, the Department of Ohio American Legion has taken a group of high school students to the nation's capital for an opportunity to visit some of the nation's finest museums and memorials. Students are chosen for the trip based upon their performance on the department's Americanism and Government Tests, which are administered through local American Legion posts. The top three male and three female students in Ohio from grades 10, 11 and 12 are selected annually. Typically, more than 60,000 students take the test each year.

During the course of the week the students were able to visit such sites as the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Kennedy Center, the State Department and the White House. Congratulations, Ryan, on this great honor!



**Jace Karhoff** participated in the Regional Business Professionals of America competition. He earned 2nd place in the Computer Modeling Division and will move on to compete at the state level.



### Skills USA

**Griffin Nienberg** placed 1st Place in CNC Technician at the Northwest Ohio Skills USA Regional competition. He will be moving on to the State Competition.



### Sophomore Day

In February, Vantage celebrated Career Technical Education Month. Dylan Siefker, pictured to the right, assisted with the Sophomore Day in the Industrial Mechanics Program.

### Music Day

On March 19, Vantage staff and students were able to show off their musical talents during their annual Music Day held in the Media Center during lunch. Pictured below is Evan Fischnich, far left, singing with a group of Vantage students.



## FFA Public Speaking Results

Congratulations to Alison Landwehr, for placing first in the Public Speaking Career Development Event at Hardin Northern on February 13. She prepared and memorized a six minute speech on raising goats for market.



## Putnam County Scholastic League Tournament



On March 13 the Varsity Academic Club team participated in the Putnam County Scholastic Bowl Tournament. The team finished with a 9-4-3 regular season record and was runner-up at the tournament.

Congratulations to the academic club team and their advisor Dale Liebrecht. Members include: Front Row:

Gabby Brinkman, Maddie Houck, Conner Nartker, Emerson Schnipke, Noah Recker, Camdyn Warnecke,

Kyla Grime, Makenna Peck, Grace Schroeder. Back Row: Drew Meyer, Ryan Schnipke, Grant Fortman, Grady Kuhlman, Ryan Verhoff. Absent from picture: Emma von der Embse.

# Senior Art Awards of Merit

# Putnam County Art Show News

Thirty-three Kalida High School students and nine sixth grade students had their artwork entered into the Putnam County Art Show in Ottoville. Students that received "Awards of Merit" in the high school include: Hannah Basinger, Audra Hovest, Paige Verhoff, Whitney Unverferth, Ethan Wehri, Erica Kahle, Laura Doepker, Deacon Unverferth, Faith Feldman, Madelynn Myers, Reagan Kerner, Kyla Grime, Nicole Siebeneck, Morgan Bockrath, and Nathan Wannemacher.

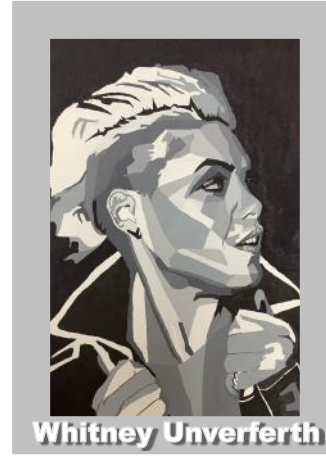
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students receiving "Awards of Merit" were: Jagger Klaus, Melanie Wannemacher, and Nora Schumacher. Congratulations to all who participated and a big THANK YOU to all who came and showed your support for the arts!



Paige Verhoff



Hannah Basinger



Whitney Unverferth



Erica Kahle



Hannah Basinger



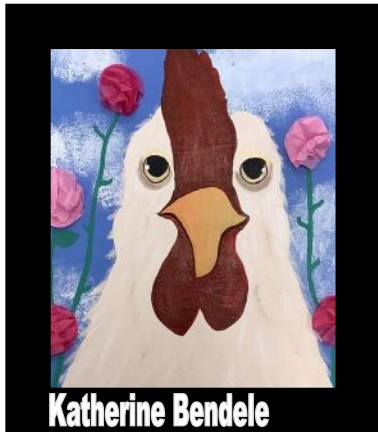
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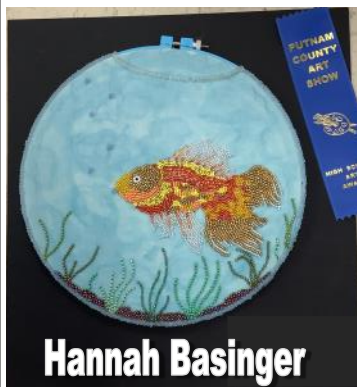
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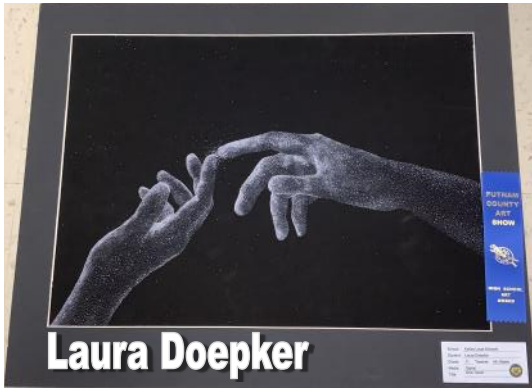


Hannah Basinger



Erica Kahle

# Junior Art - Award of Merit



**Laura Doepker**

# Sophomore Art - Awards of Merit



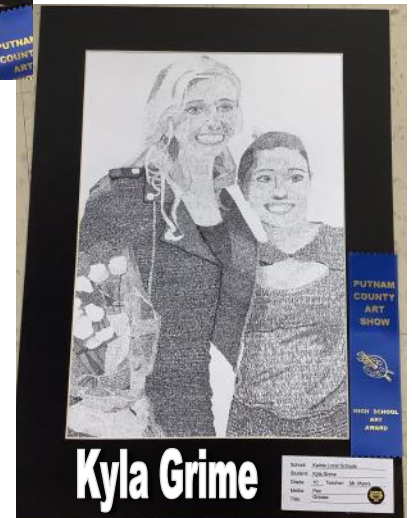
**Kyla Grime**



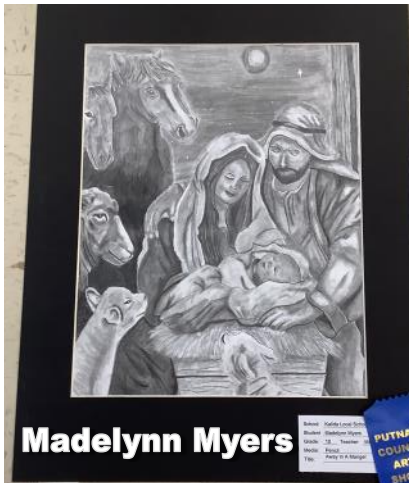
**Raegan Kerner**



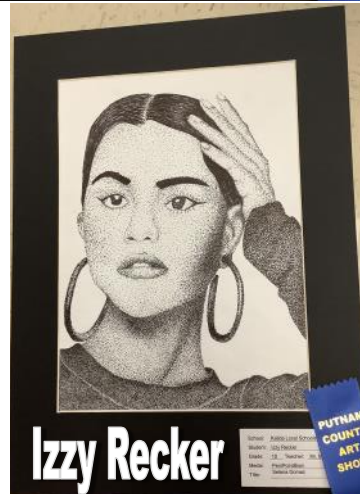
**Faith Feldman**



**Kyla Grime**



**Madelynn Myers**



**Izzy Recker**

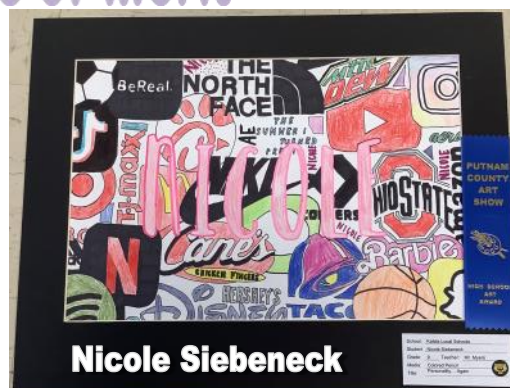


**Deacon Unverferth**

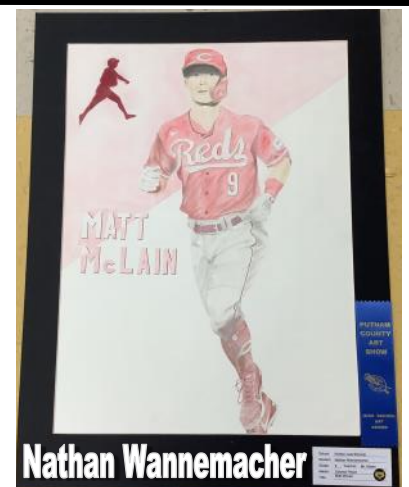
# Freshmen Art - Awards of Merit



**Morgan Bockrath**



**Nicole Siebeneck**



**Nathan Wannemacher**



# Fine Arts

## Spring Musical April 12, 13, & 14

Director, Mrs. Gracyn Schwieterman, and Assistant Director, Mrs. Wendy Stechschulte, have been working with a cast of 71 actors and actresses to present to you the musical, Annie.

*Friday, April 12 7:00 p.m.*  
*Saturday, April 13 7:00 p.m.*  
*Sunday, April 14 2:30 p.m.*

\$ 7.00 for general admission  
\$ 9.00 for reserved seating

Tickets can be purchased at the Kalida School Administrative Office (419-532-3534) April 2-5 and April 8-12 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets will also be sold prior to each show while supplies last.

### Music Booster Drawings

#### February Winners

##### **\$50 Winners**

Dennis Cattell                      Griffin Dettrow  
Richard Schroeder                Kelley Recker  
Bob & Annette Meyer  
Jim & Diane Recker

#### March Winners

##### **\$50 Winners**

Anna Schumacher                Brian Anspach  
Katy Potts                            Eric Hanneman  
Chuck Warnecke                 Kathy Ehrnsberger



### High School OMEA Solo & Ensemble Results

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in OMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest on Saturday, January 27 at St. Mary's Memorial High School.

#### **Superior (I) Ratings:**

Women's Vocal Ensemble:

Olivia Olzak, Emma von der Embse, Maddie Myers,  
Maddie Houck, Kyla Grime, Aubree Sickles,  
Riley Horstman, Amber Moore

Vocal Soloist Maddie Houck

Vocal Soloist Kara Lammers

Vocal Soloist Erica Kahle

Instrumental Soloist Henry Maag

Instrumental Soloist Riley Horstman

Instrumental Soloist Erica Kahle

#### **Excellent (II) Ratings:**

Women's Vocal Ensemble:

Erica Kahle, Rebekah Bowers, Katie Bendele,  
Faith Feldman, Kara Lammers, Hannah Basinger,  
Maya Wehri, Ruby Vandercook

Vocal Soloist Hannah Basinger

Instrumental Soloist Cody Decker



### Kalida Band 4 Miler

Registrations are open for the Marching Band 4 Miler on May 11 held at the Kalida 4 Seasons Park.

Pre-Registration papers can be found at the High School office or online at the Kalida Band 4 Miler website. Fee is \$20. If registered by April 26, participants will receive a free t-shirt. Refreshments will be served along with water stops on the course. Walkers are welcome. Placing awards given for overall and age groups .

[https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Cloverdale/  
KalidaBand4Miler](https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Cloverdale/KalidaBand4Miler)

Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The race starts at 9:00 a.m.

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Elementary Principal Kayla Stechschulte 419-532-3845  
Treasurer Michelle Buss 419-532-3556

**School Board Meetings**  
Second Wednesday 7:00 PM  
Kalida School Board Room

**School Board Members**  
Brad Niemeyer, President  
Brent Helmke, Vice President  
Craig Schmenk, Emily Peck, Greg von der Embse

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## Greenhouse Floriculture Project

The Plant & Animal Science; Ag, Food and Natural Resources; and 8th and 7th grade Agricultural Science classes are growing and maintaining a variety of flowers in the greenhouse. A portion of the plants will be sold to Ottawa True Value. The FFA students will hold a sale for the remaining plants in early May. Follow “Kalida FFA Chapter” on Facebook for up-to-date details.



## KES PTO Spring Flower Sale

Kalida Elementary students are selling vouchers for 10” hanging baskets from March 26 to April 9.

**There will be no cash and carry sale this year.**

Vouchers are \$20 each and can be purchased through any elementary student or in the elementary office. Hanging baskets can be picked up at: The Greenhouse on Main, 300 N. Main St., Columbus Grove from May 1 to May 31.



## Attention Parents of Current 6th and 11th Grade Students

Vaccinations need to be up-to-date in order for your child to attend the public school next year. Certificate of proof of these vaccinations must be submitted to the high school office or uploaded to your child’s 2024-2025 FinalForms Immunization Requirements Tab after July 1. Students not in compliance will not be able to attend school until the immunizations are completed.

Incoming 7th graders (24-25 school year) are required to have one dose of both the Tdap and Meningitis (MCV4) vaccine for entry into the 7th grade. Incoming 12th graders (24-25 school year) are required to have two doses of the Meningitis vaccine for entry into their senior year.

Please consider scheduling an appointment early at the Putnam County Health Department (419-523-5608) or with your family physician. A letter from the Putnam County Health Department will be sent home soon outlining these mandates.

## Winter Sports News

**7th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament Runners-up**  
**8th Grade Boys Basketball PCL Champions and PCL Tournament Champion**

**Freshman Boys Basketball Tournament Runners-up**  
**Varsity Girls Basketball - PCL Champions and Sectional Champions**

Andrea Burgei – PCL Scholar Athlete  
Whitney Unverferth – PCL Scholar Athlete  
Honorable Mention PCL  
Meredith Bockrath—2nd Team PCL  
Avrie Unverferth—Honorable Mention PCL

### Varsity Boys Basketball

Carson Remlinger—PCL Scholar Athlete  
Braylon Smith – Honorable Mention  
Jacob Siebeneck – Honorable Mention

### Swimming

Haley Miller - District Qualifier—100 meter backstroke