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Graduation 2023



Class of 2023 Graduated on May 28, 2023

Class Flower
Alstroemeria
'Fougere'
(Peruvian Lily)

Class Motto

"Chase your dreams, but always know the road that'll lead you home again" McGraw, Tim. "My Little Girl." August 2006

Class Song

"Unwritten" by Natasha Bedingfield

Class Officers

President: Grant Helmke V. President: Joel Horstman Secretary: Camille Hovest Treasurer:

Jordyn Vandemark

Presenting the Class of 2023

Nancy Beard, Dyllan M. Bendele, Kendal L. Bockrath, Dominic T. Bockrath, Paige M. Broussard, Andrew J. Buss, Garrett J. Decker, Brooke E. Erhart, Andrew D. Fersch, Ryan M. Fischnich, Nicholas D. Foppe, Regan E. Hanneman, Grant T. Helmke, Colin J. Hoffman, Ella M. Hoffman, Joel A. Horstman, Michael J. Horstman, Camille E. Hovest, Alayna F. Hundley, Chloe M. Jones, John R. Kaufman, Mariah R. Kerner, Carson J. Klausing, Evan W. Klausing, Jeret G. Landwehr, Wyatt L. Lehman, Haley A. Looser, Sean A. Maag, Heath C. Miller, Evan J. Miller, Malie S. Miller, Adam L. Moore, Kayla M. Nartker, Andrew E. Peck, Leonardo A. Rafaniello, Hanna R. Rampe, Livia R. Recker, Kierstan N. Remlinger, Dawson H. Schultz, Kevin J. Schumaker, Lillian E. Sheaks, Jaden L. Smith, Aric R. Snipes, Autumn M. Starbuck, Evan J. Stechschulte, Allison R. Stechschulte, Logan M. Travis, Jordyn M. Vandemark, Gabriel L. von der Embse, Ethan R. Warnecke, Madaline M. Webken, Kenzie N. White, Conner R. Wurth.

<u>Valedictorians:</u> Brooke Erhart, Nicholas Foppe, Grant Helmke, Joel Horstman, Heath Miller, Kayla Nartker, Kenzie White. <u>Salutatorian:</u> Camille Hovest

<u>Honor Graduates:</u> Kendal Bockrath, Garrett Decker, Brooke Erhart, Nicholas Foppe, Grant Helmke, Ella Hoffman, Joel Horstman, Michael Horstman, Camille Hovest, Jeret Landwehr, Wyatt Lehman, Haley Looser, Heath Miller, Malie Miller, Kayla Nartker, Hanna Rampe, Livia Recker, Dawson Schultz, Kevin Schumaker, Aric Snipes, Allison Stechschulte, Jordyn Vandemark, Gabriel von der Embse, Ethan Warnecke, Kenzie White.

<u>Ohio Department of Education Honors Diploma:</u> Kendal Bockrath, Garrett Decker, Brooke Erhart, Grant Helmke, Joel Horstman, Camille Hovest, Wyatt Lehman, Haley Looser, Heath Miller, Malie Miller, Kayla Nartker, Hanna Rampe, Livia Recker, Dawson Schultz, Allison Stechschulte, Jordyn Vandemark, Gabriel von der Embse, Kenzie White.

<u>Presidential Academic Excellence Award:</u> Kendal Bockrath, Garrett Decker, Brooke Erhart, Nicholas Foppe, Grant Helmke, Ella Hoffman, Joel Horstman, Camille Hovest, Wyatt Lehman, Haley Looser, Heath Miller, Malie Miller, Kayla Nartker, Livia Recker, Dawson Schultz, Kevin Schumaker, Jordyn Vandemark, Gabriel von der Embse, Kenzie White.

Congratulations Class of 2023

On Sunday, May 28, the Class of 2023 graduated 53 students. This was another talented KHS class which included 7 valedictorians, 1 salutatorian, and 25 honor grads who earned a 3.5 or higher grade point average. The future endeavors of our KHS grads span a wide array of career interests as their selected majors in college and vocational training cover a great variety of fields and professions. Nine out of our ten KHS-Vantage students have secured full-time positions with various local companies and businesses. Thirty-nine of our 53 graduates will be attending colleges and universities not only in the Putnam County area, but also throughout all regions of Ohio as well as outside the state. Colleges and universities where our new alumni will be attending include:

University of Alabama – 1
Bluffton University – 1
Bowling Green State University – 4
Georgia Southern University – 1
Heidelberg University – 1
James A. Rhodes State College – 6
Ohio Northern University – 2
Ohio State University (Columbus Campus) – 3
Ohio State University (Lima Campus) – 2
Ohio University – 2
Owens Community College – 3
Ohio Wesleyan University – 1
University of Cincinnati – 3
University of Northwestern Ohio – 5
University of Toledo – 4

We are extremely proud of all our graduates for their accomplishments and wish them nothing but the best in their future endeavors as they represent their families, community, and our school.

Congratulations, Class of 2023 and as always – Wildcat Pride!!





Congratulations to Kyle Lammers and Nick Foppe for their awards at the Skills USA competition. Kyle placed 2nd in the Precision Machining Division and Nick placed 3rd in the CNC Technician Division.

Driving the "Big Rigs"

Leo Rafaniello, Jeret Landwehr and Andrew Peck were able to complete the CDL Training offered at Vantage. They passed their test and are ready to conquer the road with those 18 wheelers!



Putnam County League All Sports Championship

Congratulations to our Varsity teams who won the 2023-24 PCL title in five out of ten major sports area, including golf, boys soccer, boys basketball, girls track and baseball; with a runner up trophy in girls basketball and volleyball.

National Honor Society Seniors' "Called to Serve"



On Tuesday, May 9 the NHS Seniors joined forces with Ft. Jennings students to serve lunch at the Senior Citizen Day held at the Kalida Knights of Columbus Hall. Thank you for living out the pillars of the National Honor Society:

Scholarship—Leadership— Character—Service



Congratulations to the 2023 Prom Queen Kayla Nartker and King Jaden Smith

On May 6 the Juniors and Seniors, along with their dates, enjoyed an "Enchanted Forest" at the Kalida Knights of Columbus hall. Thank you to Mrs. Casey Kahle for being the Prom Advisor and Mrs. Kelly Webken for

assisting Mrs. Kahle in preparing the prom meal. After prom they enjoyed a fun-filled night of Post-Prom Activities sponsored by the Junior Class Parents at the Elementary gym.



Thank You!

Thank you to Wyatt Lehman who stepped up on a moment's notice to represent the Class of 2023 at the Memorial Day Celebrations in Ka-

lida. When asked to honor the lives of all who fought for our country by reciting the Gettysburg Address for the community, Wyatt immediately opened his cell phone to look up the words so he was best prepared for this great honor. Thank you, Wyatt!!



Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

Middle School All "A" Honors

5th Grade — Makenzie Bendele, Carley Birkemeier, Hayden Bockrath, Avery Bruskotter, Jagger Klaus, Anna Kline, Evan Leis, Zachary Lucke, Anna McVey, Ava Niemeyer, Lawson Strauer, Melanie Wannemacher

6th Grade — Rebekah Bendele, Hayden Birkemeier, Avery Bockrath, Ethan Dickman, Matthew Foppe, Collin Horstman, Katelin Knueve, Annaleice Maag, Easton Michel, John Recker, Raelyn Schnipke, Jack Schulte, Eli Selhorst, Lyla Siebeneck, Gwen Stechschulte, Mallory Unverferth, Rylee Unverferth, Mason Warnecke

7th Grade — Corinne Brinkman, Levi Grime, Grady Houck, Brylie Krouse, Olivia Landwehr, Taylor Nienberg, Leo Parisi, Lucas Schroeder, Emma Shininger, Grace Verhoff, Madison Verhoff, Lincoln Warnecke

8th Grade — Hannah Bendele, Adam Bockrath, Morgan Bockrath, Bryn Casper, Enna Meyers, Amber Moore, Zoe Pothast, Cody Recker, Nicole Siebeneck, Carlie Siefker, Kennedy Simon, Zachary Unverferth, Nate Wannemacher, Maya Wehri

Middle School "AB" Honors

5th Grade — Erica Basinger, Claire Bockrath, Gabriella Burgei, Kellen Ellerbrock, Loralei Goedde, Lucas Hammond, Sawyer Hoffman, Spencer Horstman, Shayla Krouse, Owen Langhals, Ava Meyer, Easton Meyers, Eyon Miehls, Andrew Potts, Cooper Rampe, Riley Ricker, Owen Schnipke, Ivan Schroeder, Nora Schumacher, Charity Siefer, Abby Stechschulte, Kyla Unverferth, Gavin Verhoff, Jackson Vorst, Lillian Wehri

6th Grade — Sophia Fersch, Toby Goubeaux, Kalvin Hovest, Charlie Hutchins, Emma Jerwers, Alyssa Kahle, Hunter Klausing, Madelyn Miller, Valarie Romes, Grant Sehlhorst, Flynn Unverferth, Landon Unverferth, Quinn Unverferth, Braden Wagner

7th Grade — Tobin Anspach, Payton Black, Brant Bockrath, Addelyn Brinkman, Ella Brinkman, Emerson Burgei, Isabelle Buss, Maddie Cattell, Chloe Chalklin, Owen Grime, Kendyl Klima, Griffon Langhals, Gavin Leis, Avery Miller, Sophia Potts, Christopher Rall, Logan Rampe, Lillian Schnipke, Luke Siefker, Aubrey Simon, Paul Stechschulte, Brady Unverferth, Leah Unverferth, Penny Vandercook, Olivia Verhoff, Ross Zeller

8th Grade — Cody Decker, Cooper Horstman, Riley Horstman, Mallory Kerner, Max Langhals, Sophia Meyer, Jagger Miller, Kylie Peck, Carson Price, Blake Remlinger, Bryce Remlinger, Kenzie Remlinger, Josh Schulte, Kendall Schultz, Anna Schumacher, Aubree Sickles, Isabelle Swyers, Brooke Tucker, Ruby Vandercook

High School All "A" Honors

Freshmen — Faith Feldman, Katelyn Foppe, Kyla Grime, Lana Grime, Karlie Heitmeyer, Logan Kerner, Grady Kuhlman, Claire Nartker, Isabel Recker, Grace Schroeder, Alexander Shininger

Sophomores — Kaylyn Bockrath, Meredith Bockrath, Gabrielle Brinkman, Laura Doepker, Grant Fortman, Alexandria Gardner, Katherine Krouse, Allie Kuhlman, Alison Landwehr, Ethan Langhals, Drew Meyer, Olivia Meyer, Connor Nartker, Grace Rall, Emerson Schnipke, Jacob Siebeneck, Braylon Smith, Reese Strauer, Madison Unverferth, Ryan Verhoff

Juniors — Hannah Basinger, Katherine Bendele, Andrea Burgei, Maria Gerding, Kadon Gray, Collin Heitmeyer, Riley Nienberg, Olivia Olzak, Noah Recker, Sara Siebeneck, Ethan Wehri

Seniors—Kendal Bockrath, Brooke Erhart, Grant Helmke, Ella Hoffman, Heath Miller, Kayla Nartker, Hanna Rampe, Kenzie White

High School "AB" Honors

Freshmen — Lauren Bockrath, Cole Goubeaux, Gage Hammond, Jaxon Hoffman, Kendal Krouse, Kara Lammers, Caden Looser, Jason Luersman, Elijah Patrick, Mylie Rampe, Madison Ricker, Malia Romes, Ryan Schnipke, Owen Siebeneck, Landon Verhoff, Camdyn Warnecke

Sophomores — Madelyn Houck, Carson Kahle, Adyson Miller, Makenna Peck, Lane Rellinger, Lauren Schulte, Ella Stechschulte, Jack Stechschulte, Avrie Unverferth, Drake Zeller

Juniors — Brady Fersch, Kassidy Hipsher, Audra Hovest, Jace Karhoff, Aiden Killion, Kyle Lammers, Griffin Nienberg, Maddalyn Nienberg, Camryn Recker, Carson Remlinger, Ethan Remlinger, Emerson Ricker, Elyse Romes, Katelyn Roof, Austin Schnipke, Ella Schumacher, Whitney Unverferth

2023-24 Information

7th & 12th Grade Vaccination Requirements

Prior to August 22, 2023, 7th graders are required to have both the Tdap and Meningitis (MCV4) vaccine and 12th graders are required to have two doses of the Meningitis vaccine. Upload the shot record into FinalForms OR drop off a copy at the school. Schedule an appointment at the Putnam County Health Department (419-523-5608) or with your family physician.

FINALF VRMS

Kalida Local Schools FinalForms link is open for the 2023-24 school year. There are a few changes and additions from last year. <u>Parents please review all information and sign all forms prior to AUGUST 1st.</u> Students in grades 7 through 12 will also log into final forms with their <u>school email address</u> and the password they created to complete and sign their forms. Additional information is located on the school district's website, under the Resources Tab: http://kalidaschools.org

Remind



It is time to review your Remind App preferences for the

upcoming school year. You can access the information from the Remind app on your cell phone or visit our **Remind App link** on the school district's website under the Resources Tab:

http://kalidaschools.org/cms/index.php? page=remind-notifications



The Bloodmobile on March 28th was very successful. We collected 71 units at this drive to meet

our goal for the year. Kalida High School earned scholarship money for our graduating seniors from the American Red Cross. Thanks to all who donated this year at our school sponsored blood drives.

KHS Summer blood drive is Wednesday, July 19 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Kalida High School. Appointments are highly recommended. To schedule an appointment: (below are scheduling options)

- log into your American Red Cross app
- go to redcrossblood.org
- call 1-800-REDCROSS
- contact Mrs. Beth Grime at 419-532-2750

2023-24 Calendar Notes

8/17/23—Teacher Workday

8/22/23—First Day for Students

9/4/23—Labor Day—No School

9/11/23—Staff Development—2 hour delay

10/20/23—End of First Nine Weeks

10/27/23—Fall Break—No School

11/16/23—Parent Teacher Conferences 5-8 p.m.

11/20/23—Parent Teacher Conferences 2-8 p.m.—No School

11/21/23 through 11/24/23—Thanksgiving Break—No School

12/22/23—2-Hour Early Dismissal—Christmas Break Begins

1/3/24—Classes Resume

1/10/24— End of Second Nine Weeks

1/15/24—Martin Luther King Day—No School

2/19/24—Presidents' Day—No School

3/15/24—End of Third Nine Weeks

3/28/24—Spring Break Begins—No School

4/2/24—Classes Resume

5/22/24—Last Day for Students

5/23/24—Teacher Workday

5/26/24—Graduation—Class of 2024

5/27/24—Memorial Day

Possible Make-Up Days: March 28, April 1



In May we implemented PaySchools Central payment portal for lunch accounts. This program allows you to monitor the student's lunch purchases & balance, limit spending, add money to their lunch account, transfer money between siblings, sign up for low account text alerts and enter an online Free & Reduced-Price Meal Application (open after July 1st). If you have not already created an account with www.payschoolscentral.com, we encourage you to create your account.

Convenience and Processing Fees —The following fees will be incurred for each PaySchools Central Transaction:

- Paid with Checking-account transfer: \$1.75
- Paid with debit or credit card: 4.50%

You may continue to send <u>cash or check</u> to the school in an envelope with the student's name, ID/lunch account number and amount enclosed for your child's lunch account to avoid

Summer Lunch Program For Children

Summer lunch program for children age 1-18 years. The <u>free lunches</u> will be served 11:00 AM -12:30 PM at these Lima sites: Heritage Elementary, Unity Elementary, Liberty Arts Magnet, and Independence Elementary. Call 419-999-3418 for more information.

GREASE

Hats off to Mrs. Gracyn Schwieterman on her KHS Musical Director debut of GREASE on April 14, 15 and 16. Mrs. Schwieterman, along with Assistant Director, Mrs. Wendy Stechschulte and Ms. Allie Morrow worked with over 55 youth to make this years musical a huge success. Thank you to all the parents and staff that helped with setup, tickets, costumes and all the little things that contributed to a great production! Thank you to the Kalida Community for your support of the Arts!

2023-24 Marching Band Members

The Marching Band will perform at the Putnam County Fair Band show on June 19. The bands perform in front of the grandstand beginning at 7:15 p.m. Members include:



<u>Juniors:</u> Evelyn Cattell, Madelyn Houck, Alison Landwehr, Ethan Langhals, Reese Miller, Conner Nartker, Emerson Schnipke. <u>Sophomores:</u> Katelyn Foppe, Gage Hammond, Aiden Hundley, Raegan Kerner, Kara Lammers, Annelise Price, Alex Shininger. <u>Freshmen:</u> Addison Brokamp, Cody Decker, Max Langhals, Henry Maag, Amber Moore, Kylie Peck, Zoe Pothast, Anna Schumacher, Aubree Sickles, Carlie Siefker, Isabelle Swyers, Ruby Vandercook, Maya Wehri.

<u>8th Grade:</u> Andrew Bowers, Maddie Cattell, Grady Houck, Leo Parisi, Christopher Rall, Lillian Schnipke, Emma Shininger, Luke Siefker.

Spring Putnam County League Honors

Softball

First Team—Kassidy Hipsher

Baseball—*PCL League Champions*

Scholar Athlete—Michael Horstman

PCL Player of the year—Carson Klausing

First Team—Carson Klausing, Braylon Smith, Jaden Smith

Second Team—Drew Buss, Colin Hoffman

Honorable Mention—Dyllan Bendele, Evan Klausing, EJ Miller

Coach of the Year— Chad Ehrnsberger

Track Results

Girls—PCL Champions & Division III Regional Champions Boys—PCL 3rd Overall

State Track Results

Girls 4x800 Relay Team 14th Place—Andrea Burgei, Lauren Laudick, Ady Miller, Allie Kuhlman Girls Shot Put—Camille Hovest 5th Place Girls Discus—Camille Hovest 5th Place

Library Donations

A sincere "thank you" to the following people for their generous donations to the Kalida Local Schools' libraries for 2022-23 school year.

Kalida High School Library

In Memory of Neil Schnipke

from Ryan & Sara Brinkman, Brad & Kayla Rieman, Kevin & Wendy Stechschulte, Logan & Stephanie Hanneman, and Erick & Kenzie Eickholt.

In Memory of Gerry Vorst

from KHS Faculty & Staff, Class of 2030.

In Memory of Melissa Selhorst

from KHS Faculty & Staff.

In Memory of Brian Schroeder

from KHS Faculty & Staff.

Kalida Elementary Library

In memory of Marilyn Hamburg

from Lammers Addition Neighborhood.

In memory of Marilyn Hamburg

from Kay Heringhaus.

In memory of Mary Kay Unverferth

from Brittney Morrison.

In memory of Mary Kay Unverferth

from the Kalida Board of Education.

In memory of Mary Jane Averesch

from the KES Staff.

In memory of Mary Kay Unverferth

from the KES Staff.

In memory of Mary Jane Stechschulte

from the KES Staff.

In memory of Brian K. Schroeder

from Brent and Carole Schroeder.

In memory of Mary Kay Unverferth

from Jerwers LLC.

In memory of Dorothy von der Embse

from her neighbors.

In memory of Dorothy von der Embse

from Tammy Schroeder.

In memory of Dorothy von der Embse

from Kelly and Beth's book club friends.

In honor of Mary Lou Merschman's 90 th birthday

from Tim and Deb Schnipke, Scott and Lori Recker, Chad and Tina Cattell, Ace and Amy Unverferth,

and Chris and Linda Hoffman.

In memory of Mary Kay Unverferth

from BURN Cycle and Fitness.

In memory of Allen Schroeder

from Crystal and Terry Horstman, Scott and Kellie Birkemeier, Shawn and Angie Birkemeier, and Craig and Emily Birkemeier. Superintendent Karl Lammers419-532-3534High School Principal Dean Brinkman419-532-3529Elementary Principal Kayla Stechschulte419-532-3845Treasurer Michelle Buss419-532-3556

School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday 7:00 PM Kalida School Board Room

School Board Members

Emily Peck, President

Brad Niemeyer, Vice President

Brent Helmke, Craig Schmenk, Greg von der Embse

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Music Booster Drawings

April Winners

\$200 Winner—Don & Cindy Rall **\$150 Winner**—Steve & Mary Smith

\$100 Winner—Sharon Smith,

Ron & Lori Erhart, Amy Unverferth

\$75 Winner— Tracy Looser, Sam Decker

\$50 Winner

Ruth Smith Allison Hellman Chris Miller Char Shininger

May Winners

\$200 Winner—Brian Goubeaux **\$150 Winner**—Garrett Hovest

\$100 Winner—Amy Jo Schumaker, Amy Burgei

\$75 Winner— Jerry & Mary Hoffman, Rose Recker

\$50 Winner

Mary Duling
Heather Shininger
Rita Siebeneck
Roger von der Embse
Tammy & Scott Royer
Ron & Dorothy Kerner

June Winners \$50 Winner

Joey Calvelage Griffin Nienberg
Jeff Bockrath Jason Schumacher
Andy Hasch Keith Brinkman

Griffin Klausing

Welcome Baby



Kayla and Adam Stechschulte welcomed baby Vallie Shay on April 14 to their family. Kayla is the Elementary Principal.

Jessica and Kyle Recker welcomed John Stephen to their family on April 12. Jessica teaches 3rd grade.



Bus Driver

Kalida Local Schools is looking to hire a full-time bus driver for the 2023-2024 school year to transport students to and from school and/or school sponsored events and activities in a safe and timely manner.



Qualified candidates must hold or be eligible for valid and appropriate licensure with the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). Beginning August 1, this position pays \$27.00 an hour for route pay and possibly more with experience. The district will reimburse drivers for most of the training and related expenses required to obtain bus licensure. Kalida School District drivers are eligible for full time benefits, similar to those of any full time employee of the district, including health care insurance, personal days, sick days and retirement. The daily route of this driver is approximately 1.5 hours in the morning and 1.5 hours in the afternoon.

Additional information can be found at www.kalidaschools.org If interested please contact Karl Lammers, Superintendent, at <u>ka supt@kalidaschools.org</u> or <u>Cheryl.Simon@kalidaschools.org</u> or call 419-532-3534 to inquire about the application process or for additional information.

School Nurse

Kalida Local Schools is looking to hire a school nurse to fill our open position on our school nursing team for the 2023-2024 school year.

Hours: 8-10 hours per week with 2 partial days of school each week (10 am - 2pm), with the possibility of filling in for other members of the team on other days.

<u>Wages:</u> \$31.00 per hour and STRS retirement. There are no other benefits associated with this position.

Additional information can be found at www.kalidaschools.org

If interested please contact Karl Lammers, Superintendent, at ka supt@kalidaschools.org or

Cheryl.Simon@kalidaschools.org or call 419-532-3534 to inquire about the application process or for additional information.

Best of Luck to Mrs. Jessica Wischmeyer

Jessica Wischmeyer accepted a position at the Allen Co ESC as a psychologist assistant while she finishes her Doctorate of School Psychology at the University of Findlay. Jessica taught for 7 years at Kalida Elementary. She says, "I've enjoyed working in this close-knit community. The families, students, and the community are all so supportive of quality education. That's made my experience at Kalida especially enjoyable."

Thank you, Jessica, for all you have brought to Kalida Local Schools in preparing our students for success in the class room and beyond. We wish Jessica success on her new adventure!