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Tuesday, August 23

Notes from the Superintendent

As we rapidly approach the middle of August, many students have already begun preparing themselves for the upcoming school year. Both buildings have office personnel who are back to work and they are now open during normal school hours. The golf team, soccer teams, volleyball teams, band, and cheerleaders have begun practicing and their seasons will start as soon as next week.

Bus Drivers: Ken Erhart has resigned as route bus driver. We thank him for his many years of service to the Kalida School District. Jan Schroeder will be taking over that route with bus #7. Our other regular drivers include Chris Schroeder (bus #1), Ellen Niemeyer (#2), Mary Lou Merschman (#5), Judy Bendele (#6), Marilyn Hall (#8), and Brenda Verhoff for Kindergarten and Vantage (#9). Please review the safety rules with your children concerning their behavior on the bus to and from school and on all bus trips.

Retirements: We also have several staff members who have officially announced their retirements effective at the completion of the 2005-06 school year. Mrs. Beth Myers will be retiring from her position as 7-12 guidance counselor, Mr. Bob Gerdeman will be retiring from his position as science teacher and athletic director, and Mrs. Tammy Schroeder will be retiring from her position as Kindergarten teacher. These staff members will all be greatly missed!

Building News: The new building is scheduled to be completed on October 3. The 7-12 staff and the athletic department are quite busy planning for a smooth transition into the new facility. School board members recently completed a walkthrough of the new project and many community members have stopped by for a quick tour during the construction process. The enhancement committee is still working hard to make the building a top notch educational facility. I am confident that Kalida residents will be quite proud of the finished project.

Pilot Program: Kalida High School has been chosen to participate in a pilot program for a new software program called Progress Book. Mr. Horstman will be providing further information on this parent-friendly software which will eventually allow parents to access student information from home via the internet. The district is also currently in the process of evaluating software and vendors to automate our lunch payment system in both cafeterias. This system will eventually provide parents with an easier and more convenient way to pay for student lunches.

Cafeteria Prices: Cafeteria prices will remain the same in our lunch rooms.
Elementary lunches-\$1.60, milk-40¢; High school lunches-\$1.90, milk-40¢; Adult lunches are \$2.75.

We are looking forward to having the students back on a daily basis as this school year promises to be an exciting opportunity for the Kalida School District.

Mark K. Neal, Superintendent

Calendar Notes	August 15	August 22	August 23
	7th grade Parent Meeting at 7 PM-Kalida High School	Teacher Work Day	Back to School
	2005-2006 School Year		First Day of School

Wildcat Tailgate Party & Back to School Blast

Thursday, August 25, 2005

Meal served from 5:15 - 6:30 p.m. in Kalida Elementary Cafeteria.
Cost: \$3.00. Make checks payable to: Kalida Athletic Boosters.

The Wildcat Back to School Blast will follow at 7:00 PM in the St. Michael's gym.

Sponsored by the Kalida Athletic Boosters & Music Boosters

What is the Wildcat Back to School Blast & Tailgate Party?

The Wildcat Back to School Blast is an event to showcase our high school fall sports' athletes and the high school band. The coaches will take this opportunity to introduce the players on their teams and share a few words on the upcoming season. The KHS Marching Band will perform as will the Competition Cheerleaders and the participants from the Kalida Mini Cheer Camp. The showcase will be held at 7:00 p.m. on August 25 in the St. Michael's gym. This event is free and the public is invited to come out and show support for our high school students.

Prior to the showcase the KHS Athletic Boosters and Music Boosters invite you to attend a Tailgate Party in the Kalida Elementary Cafeteria from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. They will be serving a meal consisting of a hamburger or hot dog sandwich, cookie, pretzels or chips and a drink for a \$3.00 donation/ticket. Student athletes and band members will receive tickets to sell during the week of August 8 and tickets will be on sale in the high school office August 15-19. We look forward to kicking off our fall season and hope to see many of you there.

Scholarship update

Congratulations to 2005 KHS graduate Jenna Siefker who recently learned that she received a state wide scholarship from the Elks fraternal organization.

Welcome Mrs. Beth Grime

The junior high science teaching position vacated by Mrs. Bonnie Brooks has been filled by Mrs. Beth (Duling) Grime of Kalida. We welcome the 1999 KHS graduate back to Kalida as she returns now as teacher to our young men and women.

Happy Retirement, Bonnie!

Since June, 1976, Mrs. Bonnie Loehrke has been instructing students of all ages from Kalida High School to explore and enjoy their domestic talents. Kudos



also to Bonnie who was instrumental in starting a recycling program within our school system. She was able to get students and staff involved in saving and recycling useable goods for the environment. With her retirement at the end of this last school year, Bonnie now has time to bake, cook and sew and let her creative side flourish. Our best wishes go out to her as she seeks out a new, less traveled road.

Passes Now on Sale

Remember, family sports passes are on sale in the Treasurer's office.

Prices are as follows:

Individual Student Pass - \$65

Individual Adult Pass - \$90

Senior Citizen Pass (Age 65 or older) - \$65

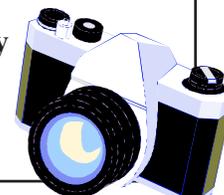
Family Pass - \$250

Call 419-532-3534 for more information.

SAY Cheese!

High School Photo Day
September 1 - Grades 7-11

Elementary Photo Day
October 5



High School Update

This should be an exciting and memorable year for Kalida High School. While the year will begin with all classes being held in the existing high school, we will move into the new facilities sometime in October. Students will see one room change right away, however. All **Art** classes will be held this year in the former Home Economics classroom.

There are new faces this year. Mrs. Beth Grime will be teaching 7th and 8th grade science classes and Mrs. Blyth Turnwald will be moving from the elementary to the high school to teach the junior high math classes. Mr. Kent Vandock will take over the vocal and general music classes. He has been assisting with the marching band since June so many students have already met him.

Many seniors signed up to take Psychology this year and we were uncertain last spring as to whether or not we could offer it. We have made special arrangements with Rhodes State College to offer this class. It will begin Monday, September 7, and conclude in early March. It will be taught by Mrs. Erin Recker who is a member of the Rhodes faculty. The class will meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in Room 9. Students will be able to earn both high school and college credit for this class; however, they must apply to Rhodes in order to take this class.

All students in grades 7-12 will be able to enjoy the new kitchen and cafeteria facilities when the changeover takes place in October. There may also be a change in the payment method at that time. If reasonable plans can be finalized, there will be a method for students to have a lunch account that they can use rather than paying cash each day. This should help out parents and students alike as they can pay ahead for lunches rather than by the day or week.

Teachers will be using a new grading and lesson plan software package that is being piloted here at Kalida. This is the second phase of a software pilot program that began last year. As the year gets underway, parents will be given a password which will enable them to log in and check their student's progress from home and also find out any missing assignments and topics when a student has been absent. We are grateful to have the opportunity to be a part of this program!

Let's hope this is a wonderful, positive year for all involved with Kalida High School.

PSAT & PLAN TESTING FOR SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS

On Wednesday, October 12, sophomores and juniors at Kalida will be able to participate in the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). This step is also the first step in qualifying for the National Merit Scholarship program. The only way to enter the scholarship program is through this test.

Traditionally, only juniors had been eligible to take this test to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship. Last year, interested KHS sophomores took the test for practice. However, scores earned as a sophomore cannot be used to qualify for the test—a student must be officially a junior at the time he or she takes the test in order to enter the scholarship program. More information about signing up for this test will be given to students in early September.

In September, all sophomores will also participate in field testing for the PLAN or Practice ACT test. The ACT Corporation has asked Kalida High School to participate in this special program for research purposes. We have never had this opportunity in the past and believe it will be a good experience for all members of the Class of 2008. Unlike the other version of the PLAN test, this field test will focus only on one of the areas of the test.

In mid-November sophomores may take the “real” PLAN test. There is a \$9 fee associated with this test. This is an optional test.

Both the PSAT and PLAN tests are offered during a school day and are less expensive than the regular SAT or ACT tests. This arrangement gives the students a chance to experience these test formats in a familiar setting rather than taking them in an unfamiliar building. Also, many students have hectic extra-curricular and work schedules that make taking a test on a Saturday a struggle. We do believe that it is important that our students have an opportunity to take these tests in a practice situation so they are better prepared when they take the real ACT or SAT. Students will receive more information about these tests (and related fees for PSAT and PLAN) shortly after school resumes.

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Elementary Teaching Staff List

Kindergarten	Mrs. Tamara Schroeder
First Grade	Ms. Jean Cupp Mrs. Cheryl Koch Ms. Patricia Broecker
Second Grade	Mrs. Darlene Imm Mrs. Joan Vennekotter Mrs. Jill Laudick
Third Grade	Ms. Mary Grote Ms. Marsha Courtright Mrs. Lori Erhart
Fourth Grade	Mrs. Joyce Brokamp Mrs. Sarah Stewart Mrs. Nancy Kaufman
Fifth Grade	Mrs. Debra Eickholt Mrs. Judy Birkemeier Mrs. Beth Birkemeier
Sixth Grade	Mr. Roger Luersman Mrs. Mary Smith Mrs. Michele Niese
Physical Ed.	Mrs. Sherry Luebrecht
Music	Mr. Kent Vandock
Special Education	Mrs. Lori Fischer
Special Education	Ms. Ann Vorst

High School Teaching Staff

English 11 & 12, Honors English 11	Mrs. Janice Gasser
US Studies, Government, World Studies II	Mr. Robert Gasser
Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology, Practical Biology, Integrated Science	Mr. Robert Gerdeman
English 9 & 10, AP English 12	Mrs. Mary Gerding
Art	Mrs. Michelle Fry
JH Science, PEC Science	Mrs. Beth Grime
Computer Classes, Yearbook	Mrs. Stacy Knueve
JH Math	Mrs. Blyth Turnwald
High School Math & Computer Programming	Mrs. Brenda Burgei
Industrial Tech.	Mr. Dale Liebrecht
Physical Education, Health	Mr. Jim McBride
Band Grades 5-12	Mrs. Lori Klausing
Chorale, Junior High Chorus	Mr. Kent Vandock
Spanish I, II, III, IV	Mr. Kevin Deitering
Typing, Accounting, Business Classes	Mrs. Doris Noffsinger
Biology, Physics, PEC Science	Mr. Ken Pothast
Librarian	Mrs. Denise Scherer
Ag. Science, Ag. Business	Mr. Robert Schnippel
JH World Studies, History	Mr. Frank Schroeder
8th Grade Language Arts	Mrs. Deb Kahle
Algebra I, II, Math I	Mrs. Roxanne Schumacher
JH Health, Science, 7th Grade History	Mrs. Charlotte Streets
Specific Learning Disabilities	Mrs. Melanie Thorbahn
7th Grade Language Arts	Mrs. Pam Schroeder
Guidance Counselor	Mrs. Elizabeth Myers
Tech. Coordinator, HS Math	Mr. Jeremy Stober



Music Boosters'
August
\$50 Drawing

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 Dave/Cindy Erhart
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