

# The PawPrint

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## Notes from the Superintendent



KHS Student Council sponsored a toy drive during the first weeks in December. Seniors Jenna Kahle and Matt Warnecke show some of the treasured items that were collected for the *Toys for Tots* program in Putnam County.

### Calendar Notes

#### *Dec. 23*

Early Dismissal  
1:00 PM

#### *Dec. 24-Jan. 4*

Christmas  
Break

#### *January 19*

MLK Day  
No School

#### *Feb. 13-20*

JH Book Fair  
KHS Media Center

#### *Feb. 16*

Presidents' Day  
No School

**Kalida High School receives Bronze Medal!** - Congratulations to the students and staff at Kalida High School for receiving a bronze medal from U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT. Kalida High School was recognized on their second annual list of America's Best High Schools.

America's Best High School's recognizes schools based on standardized test performance, proficiency rates of all students and challenging college-ready curriculum. This award is a credit to all of the hard work our students and staff put in on a daily basis. This award is a reflection of the commitment from our staff as they continually look for cutting edge curriculum and programming. This award is also a result of the excellent instruction our students receive at all grade levels K-12 and the commitment to educational excellence from our parents and community.

**Elementary Levy Update** - The district will be on the ballot on February 3, 2009. The ballot language has been approved and we will be asking district residents to approve a bond issue to construct a new elementary building.

We are continuing to meet with local groups and organizations to discuss the elementary construction project and levy issue. At these meetings we have discussed the history of this issue and distributed the proposed floor plan of the new elementary building. The elementary building plan addresses our changing enrollment, curriculum needs, and programming. The building plan insert shows the new academic wing of the elementary in bold over the outline of the current St. Michael's building.

The February levy will allow the district to use money received as a credit from the Ohio School Facilities Commission to construct a new elementary building. We are simply asking the voters for permission to use money already approved in 2002 to finish the original building master plan. We are in the process of scheduling community meetings in January to update the district residents on the levy and answer any questions people may have regarding this issue.

We are also still working on a legislative and Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) solution to this issue. We have sent another round of letters to Senator Steve Buehrer and Representative Lynn Wachtmann, but unfortunately we received word on Friday, December 5, that the OSFC would not be able to help the district out in this situation. We have not heard back from Mr. Buehrer or Mr. Wachtmann regarding the latest letters we have sent to them.

**High School Construction Update-** The high school building project continues to progress very nicely. The weather has not been as nice to our contractors as it was during the fall, but they are still working hard to keep the project ahead of schedule. The exterior envelope of the building is almost complete and the contractors are weather proofing the building so work can continue through the winter. They have started to pour the floors inside the two-story portion of the building, have almost completed the roof installation on this portion of the building and almost have the vocational agriculture and industrial technology shop areas under roof. We will continue to update the construction photos area of the website so you can check on the progress.

~ *Don Horstman, Superintendent*

## Happy Reading!

A big "thank you" to everyone who supported the Kalida Elementary Library's Scholastic Book Fair this past November/December. The library will be able to purchase over **70 books** with the proceeds from the book fair!!

Thanks to the following people for helping at the book fair: Carol Bockrath, Doris Bockrath, Joyce Wurth, Connie Cleemput, Denise Ellerbrock, Cheryl Kromer, Kelly Wurth, Carol Ellerbrock, Joann Horstman, Lynn Schumaker, and Kathy Vorst. A special "thank you" to Jane Kleman for helping to set-up and take down the entire book fair.

Two contests for the elementary students were held the week before the book fair started. Winners received a \$5 gift certificate to spend at the book fair. Coloring contest winners were: Luke Erhart, Leia Verhoff and Lauren Langhals. Students winning the jar of animal crackers guessing game were: a tie \$2.50 each—Anna Berheide & Kiersten Siebeneck Layne Keefer, and Grant Unverferth.

~Mary L. Hoffman & Denise Scherer, Co-Chairpersons

**PTO Fund Raiser** - For a great gift, how about a Scrips card? Not only will this bring joy to the receiver, it will also help Kalida Elementary School and its Parent-Teacher Organization, as we receive a portion for each card purchased. Please check the Scrip website ([www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com)) for merchant updates and availability! New merchants are added often! There is also now a PTO link through the school website, under the Elementary section. You can find Scrips order forms, volunteer information and more! Be sure to check it out for all of the latest information regarding this newly-formed group! Thanks for helping to support the Kalida Elementary PTO!

~ T.Klausing

## Yearbooks (2009) Still Available!!!

Both the High School and Elementary Yearbooks are still available for purchase. The High School book is available for \$50. The Elementary book is available for \$16. Order Forms may be downloaded from the Kalida Local Schools website under both the High School and Elementary sections of the website. Orders will be taken through the first of the year. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Knueve at the High School.

## SHOW YOUR SPIRIT BUTTONS!!!

The Yearbook Staff is currently selling Spirit Buttons for \$3 each. Each button is approximately 3" in diameter and features one of four designs—Varsity Boys' Basketball, Varsity Girls' Basketball, Varsity Cheerleading, or Winter Sports Seniors. You may place your order at any home basketball game throughout the season or by downloading an order form from the yearbook website on the Kalida High School homepage and dropping it off in the high school office.



The KHS 2008 Americanism and Government Test Winners are Alyssa Verhoff, Bethany Smith, Steph Kortokrax, Andrew Warnecke, Matt Warnecke, and Michael Turnwald. Mr. Dennis Hanneman and Mr. Dave Yoder represent the local American Legion Post 63.

**Voice of Democracy-** The Voice of Democracy is an audio-essay contest of high school students in grades 9-12. This program is designed to foster patriotism by allowing students the opportunity to voice their opinion in a three to five minute essay based on an annual theme. KHS senior Michelle Webken is our school representative for 2008-09. Her essay now goes on to the Ottawa VFW Post for further competition. The topic this year was *How Sacrifice and Service of America's Veterans Benefit Today's Youth*. Good Luck, Michelle!

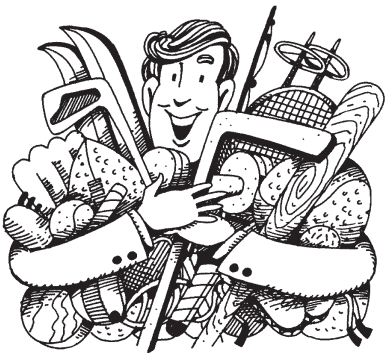
## Become a Member of the Kalida Athletic Boosters!!!

We are dedicated to helping our youth become better athletes. We have donated to EVERY sport that has asked for our help. Please complete the form below and mail to:

**Kalida Athletic Boosters, P. O. Box 556, Kalida OH 45853**

Name of each member: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Include \$5 per person.** Each paid member is eligible for a monthly drawing. If your name is drawn and you are present at the meeting you will receive \$50, if you are not present and your name is pulled you will receive \$10. We are also having an **EARLY BIRD DRAWING!!!** Anyone who has paid their dues prior to the drawing at 1/2 time of the boys home game on January 31 will be eligible for \$100.00.



## Congratulations Matt Erhart!

Kalida High School Senior Matt Erhart was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society on December 9, at Vantage Career Center. Matt is a senior in the Industrial Mechanics program at Vantage. In addition, he currently works second shift in the assembly department at Unverferth Manufacturing. After graduation, he plans to attend Rhodes State College majoring in Robotic or Mechanical Engineering. Because of Matt's leadership, academic, and organizational skills he has also been recognized as a GOALS student and is a Student Ambassador at the Career Center. Matt is the son of Gary and Nancy Erhart.



The main purpose of the National Technical Honor Society is to reward scholastic achievement in occupational and career technical education. The NTHS assists members in their pursuit of career and educational goals. Membership also encourages skill development, honesty, service, leadership, citizenship, and individual responsibility. In addition, students are selected for membership in NTHS as a reward for excellence in workforce education; to develop self-esteem, pride and encourage students to reach for higher levels of achievement; and to promote business and industry's critical work-place values - honesty, responsibility, initiative, teamwork, productivity, leadership, and citizenship.

NTHS membership is the highest award for excellence in career technical education and is one of the most reliable indicators of performance and leadership in the American workplace. Students who achieved a 3.5 grade point average or better, while maintaining a 95% attendance rate at Vantage, were eligible to apply for membership. In addition to submitting a resume and writing an essay stating why they would like to be a part of the NTHS, the students also were required to obtain three teacher recommendations.

~ Mr. Chris Pfahler, KHS Principal

## Vantage Open House January 12

Vantage Career Center is celebrating Career Technical Education with an Open House and Scholarship Dinner on January 12 from 5:00 – 7:30 PM.

***Vantage Open House***  
**January 12**  
**5:00 -7:30 PM**

### Tour the Vantage building – meet

teachers and students and enjoy demonstrations and activities in each lab from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Check out our computer labs and Media Center. Want to find out about an Adult Education class or Wright State University course? Adult Education staff members will also be available to answer your questions.

The Vantage Scholarship Dinner will be served from 4:30 - 7:00 PM.

Vantage Career Center is a public high school open to any 11th or 12th grade student living in the participating districts. Vantage Career Center students

***Vantage Scholarship Dinner-***  
**January 12 4:30-7:00 PM**  
**Adults \$7 Chicken Dinner**  
**Children \$2 Hot Dog/Mac & Cheese**

explore, experience and excel in high school while preparing for immediate employment and further education. There are seventeen different career technical labs where students develop the skills and positive attitude needed for success. Students make the most of high school academics because they apply what they learn to real world projects and hands-on experiences.

Need more info? Please call Vantage @ 1-800-686-3944 ext.169 or visit the website at [www.vantagecareercenter.com](http://www.vantagecareercenter.com)

**Voting at KHS** - The Kalida High School Government class sponsored an election day mock election for students in grades 9-12 on Nov. 4. Students had to register for the election and then participate on voting day. Over 180 students took part. Here are some of the results:

<b>President</b>	<b>McCain 61%</b>	<b>Obama 39%</b>
<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Jerwers 51%</b>	<b>Ripenhoff 40%</b>
<b>Issue 6</b>	<b>For 39%</b>	<b>Oppose 61%</b>

The students were also asked to rate our current President. Sixty-Seven percent rated President Bush at below average or poor. Favorite candidates for the 2012 election were Sarah Palin, Mike Huckabee and Mitt Romney.

Students were also asked to vote on the current February Kalida School Bond Issue and 89% voted in favor of its passage.

**We will be dismissing school at 1:00 PM on Dec. 23.**

***Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at Kalida Local School!!!***

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Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

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Dennis Turnwald-President  
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**School Board Meetings**  
Second Wednesday  
8:00 PM - High School - Media Center

**PawPrint Editor: Nancy Grote**



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**Music Booster Dec. Drawing**

\$150	Mark Warnecke
\$125	Carol Bockrath
\$100	Ken & Gale Bellman
\$100	Andy Wehri
\$75	Roger & Becky Brinkman
\$75	Brad & Pat Unverferth
\$50	Luke & Janice Brinkman
\$50	Clayton Maag
\$50	Scott & Kathy Lammers
\$50	Ruth Hermiller (Wilfred)

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Kalida, OH 45853

## Guidance Notes ~ Mr. Clement

### Juniors: Don't Forget the ACT!!

Parents of juniors are encouraged to remind their students to register and take the ACT at least 2 – 3 times before their senior year. The ACT is one of the two college entrance exams – the other being the SAT - required by most schools for admission. The ACT is the more dominant of the two for schools in Ohio and the Midwest. Colleges will accept either test. The ACT is offered 5 times a year - next year 6 as Ohio will be adding a test for September. Remaining tests for this school year are in February, April, and June. The deadline to register for the test in February is Jan. 6th. Students can pick up packets in the guidance office or register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

### Seniors: Don't Forget the FAFSA!!

Parents of seniors who will be attending college next fall are reminded to complete the Free Application for Student Assistance (FAFSA). The FAFSA is the governmental form which must be filled out by the student and his/her parent(s) in order to determine the student's eligibility for financial aid. Many colleges and universities also require that it be filled out if a student wishes to be considered for funds or scholarships that the respective schools distribute. Beginning January 1 for this year's seniors, parents and students can access the application at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

What can you do right now? Parents and students can apply for a pin number which will be your electronic signature for the FAFSA. The student and at least one parent need a pin. You can obtain this at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) A good goal for completion of the FAFSA is mid-February. Most schools have certain deadlines for completion of the FAFSA - some as early as the end of February.

### Freshmen To Do Career Exploration

During January, freshmen will be doing career research with Mrs. Mary Gerding, and myself, in their English classes for a period. During this time, students will examine



their own personalities and the relationship of these traits with potential careers. As part of the activities, students will take personality and career assessments to isolate an occupation upon which they will do research using ECOS – a college and career computer program.

**PSAT Results** - Results have arrived for the PSAT which many juniors and a few sophomores took in October. These results will be shared with students on Wednesday, December 17.

**ASVAB**-All sophomores will be taking the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test on Jan. 13. This test is an excellent assessment tool that helps to isolate a student's strengths for possible career choices. The ASVAB is also used by all US military branches as an entrance exam. If a student becomes interested in the military as a junior or senior, he ,or she, would have to take the ASVAB again in order to enlist.

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## Sports Shorts~ Mr. McBride

**Schedule Change** - Due to construction and football conflicts the Varsity Boys' basketball game with Ada, Dec. 5, has been re-scheduled to January 5, at 6:00 PM at Ada.

**20 Years Ago!** - There will be a ceremony to honor the players and coaches of the 1989 Girls State Basketball Champions on Saturday, Dec. 27, following the Girls' JV game versus Wapakoneta. All are invited to pay tribute to Coach Schroeder, Coach Trenkamp and the members of the team!!

**Coaches Recognized**- Congratulations to the following coaches: Coach Mark Czubik has been named 2008 PCL Soccer Coach of the Year. Coach Stober has been selected by the Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association to receive the assistant coach of the year in the entire state of Ohio for 2008! He will receive the award Jan. 23, 2009, at the state baseball clinic.



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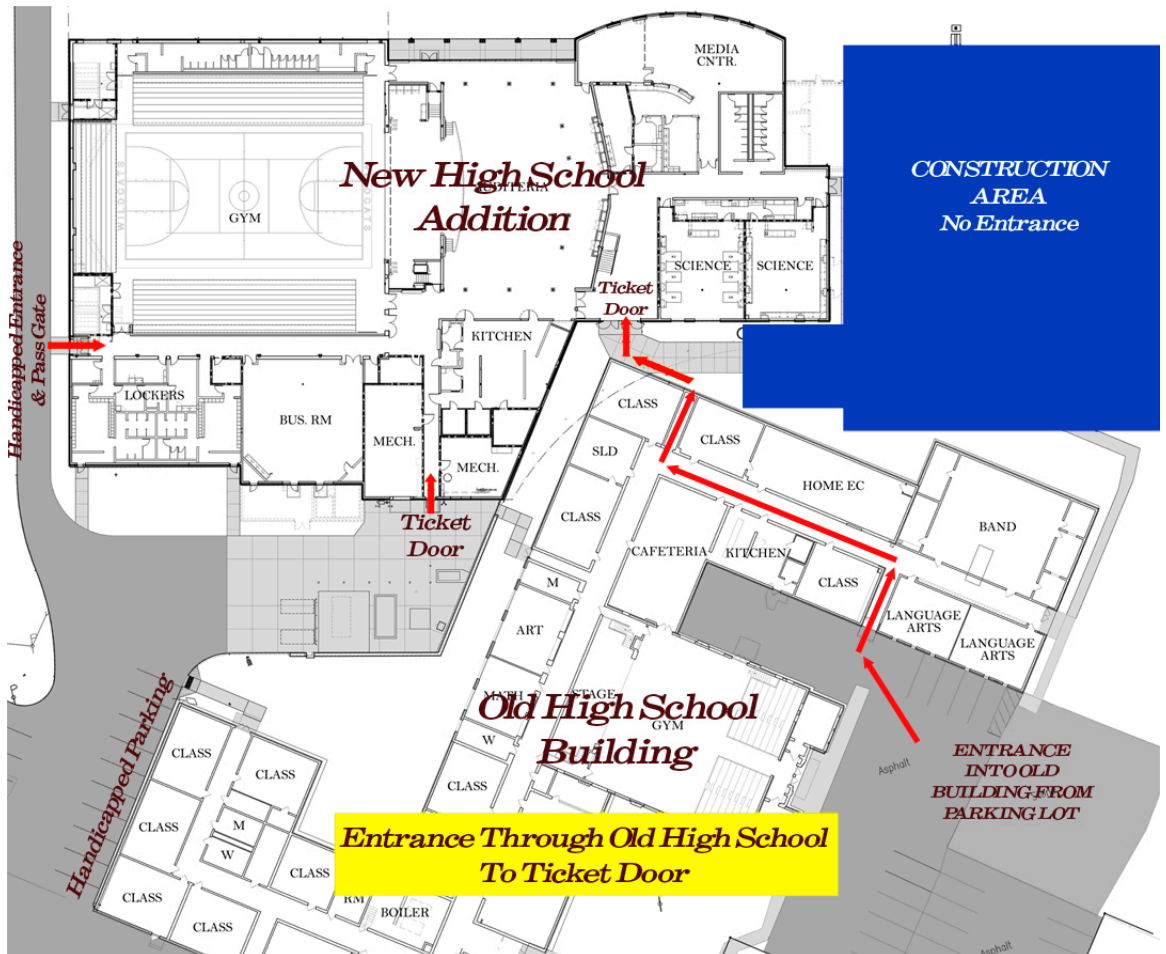
Jim McBride  
Athletic Director

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## PARKING FOR ATHLETIC CONTESTS IN NEW GYMNASIUM DURING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

*"Please excuse our mess, while we make our student's future brighter..."*

Please refer to the two figures while attending athletic contest at Kalida High School's new gymnasium. You must enter through the old school building where marked and continue through the building to the ticket door entrance.

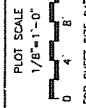


Kalida Local Schools will make accommodations for our visitors who may need assistance.

Please contact the office in advance of the game, so that special arrangements can be made.



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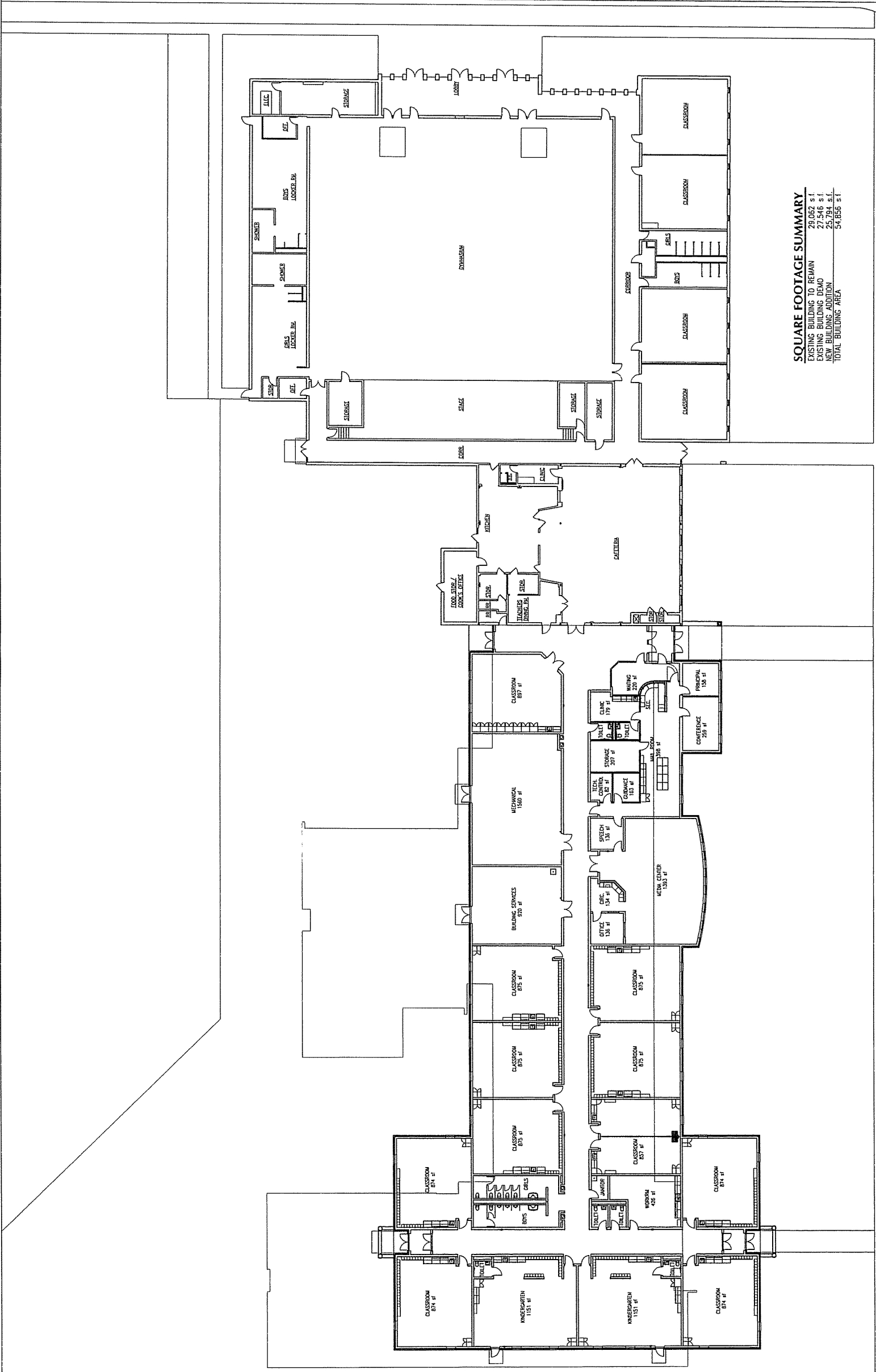
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 KALIDA, OHIO

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**SQUARE FOOTAGE SUMMARY**

EXISTING BUILDING TO REMAIN	29,062 s.f.
EXISTING BUILDING DEMO	27,546 s.f.
NEW BUILDING ADDITION	25,784 s.f.
<b>TOTAL BUILDING AREA</b>	<b>54,856 s.f.</b>

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