



## **Principal's Message**    **Oct-Nov-Dec, 2019**

We suffered a great shock on Thursday, October 16, when two of our students attending the Greene County Career Center were killed in an automobile accident. This tragic event reminds us that life can change in a moment. We owe it to ourselves and to those people we care for to make sure we express our affection and care for the people in our lives that matter to us.

It's never too late to say "thank you" or "I care about you and what happens to you". If nothing else, the least we can do in the wake of this great loss is to use it to inspire us to express our care and support of the people in our lives who mean so much to us. We need to remember to be kind, to be thoughtful, and to be purposeful in the way we act toward others. We need to embrace one another, support one another, and help one another. It's the best way we can pay tribute to those people we have lost in our lives.

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### **Testing**

We will be offering students who need or want to re-take any of the State End Of Course (EOC) tests the opportunity to do so between December 2 and December 13, 2019. We will be contacting students who would benefit from re-taking the test, and providing these students with the opportunity to participate in pre-test study sessions before the tests are offered.

### **College Credit Plus - Student & Guardian Meeting**

The Guidance Department will be meeting with parents and students interested in taking College Credit Plus classes for the 2020-21 school year on January 9, 2020 at 6:00pm in the XHS Auditorium. Additional details for this meeting will be provided as soon as we finalize them.

### **Athletics**

The fall sports season has nearly concluded for all of our sports teams. Girls' golf and football teams claimed Miami Valley League titles this fall. The girls' golf team also qualified for the district golf tournament for the first time in school history. Congratulations to all of our athletes and coaches on a fine fall season.

Senior kicker Hayden Falvey was 3 for 3 in extra points at the Xenia vs. Piqua football game on Friday, October 11, 2019. The three extra points moved him to #1 all time in extra points made with 64, passing former Buccaneer and Capital University Hall of Famer Matt Spitz. Congratulations Hayden!

### **2019-20 Yearbook**

It feels good to get things done! Get ahead of the game and order a book full of awesome memories! Order forms can be found in the Main Office or visit the Xenia High School website for the link to order online.

### **Baskets for Battle Winter Service Project**

Student Council is raising money for its winter service project Baskets for Battle, which is ongoing through December 7, 2019. Baskets for Battle is an annual service project designed to encourage cancer patients in the local area undergoing

### **Baskets for Battle Winter Service Project (continued)**

treatment during the holiday season. In addition, cash or supplies for the bags can be donated at Xenia High School. Supplies needed include blankets, socks, gloves, hand sanitizer and lotion.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Kari Petraiulo at [kpetraiulo@xeniaschools.org](mailto:kpetraiulo@xeniaschools.org) or at 937-562-9972. Thank you for helping us encourage some of our local community members who are going through difficult times during the upcoming holiday season!

### **XHS 2019-20 Powder Puff Football Game**

The Powder Puff Football Game is scheduled for November 7, 2019 at Doug Adams Field (Freshmen-Sophomores-6:00pm; Juniors-Seniors-7:00pm). Tickets will be sold at the gate at the time of the game. Admission price is \$5.00. All proceeds will go to the Student Council's Basket for Battle fundraiser.

### **HOSA Annual Fall and Spring Blood Drives**

The XHS Chapter of HOSA will be sponsoring its Annual Fall and Spring Blood Drives (November 20, 2019 and April 6, 2020). Students must be at least 16 years of age, weigh at least 100 pounds, be in good general health and submit a signed and completed consent form to participate. Consent forms can be obtained in the Main Office, Guidance Office and outside Room C114. Completed consent forms must be returned to the same locations on or before November 13, 2019. For additional information, HOSA Advisor Mrs. Wavra can be contacted at [mwara@xeniaschools.org](mailto:mwara@xeniaschools.org).

HOSA-Future Health Professionals is an international student organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Education (HSE) Division of Association for Career & Technical Education (ACTE).

### **Xenia Lacrosse**

Xenia Lacrosse is currently looking for players in Grades 9 through 12 for the upcoming 2020 season. Xenia has been a club sport since 2016 and plays games against other school and club teams. The team plays their home games at Xenia High School and does travel for away games. Transportation is not provided to away games; however, we are trying to work out transportation for our two longer commutes this season. Practices are nightly at the high school. Lacrosse has become increasingly popular in this area and we are looking forward to expanding our roster this year. Off season workouts will begin soon. See Coach Matt Bartley at Xenia High School for more information ([mbartley@xeniaschools.org](mailto:mbartley@xeniaschools.org)).

### **School Fees Reminder**

Payment of school fees can be made:

- Online at [www.payforit.net](http://www.payforit.net) (fee is charged);
- At the XHS Bookkeeper's office by check, money order, credit card or cash Monday through Friday from 8:00am-3:00pm;
- By mailing a check or money order to XHS (attention XHS Bookkeeper);
- Or by calling the XHS Bookkeeper at 937-562-9904 to make a payment via credit card.

Please contact the XHS Bookkeeper's Office to make payment arrangements. All payment amounts will be accepted regardless of how small or how frequent. A receipt will be issued for ALL payments received. Payment of all school fees should be paid in full by May 8, 2020.

## **School Fees Reminder (continued)**

Please note that fees follow students year after year and only current year fees can be waived if family is qualified. If your child qualifies for **FREE LUNCH**, a portion (**NOT ALL**) of this year's school fees **MAY** be waived **IF** the correct forms are completed. All received, processed and approved fee waivers, payment and schedule change adjustments have been applied as of October 11, 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact XHS Bookkeeper Mrs. Daye directly at 937-562-9904.

## **2019-20 Xenia Players Fall Play**



Robin Hood by Larry Blamire has synthesized the conflicting legends and ballads about the outlaw folk hero into a hysterical, sprawling, action-packed drama. This includes a wise-cracking, superior swordsperson in Marian and a Robin who only by chance finds himself a hero. But true to the legend, of course, all ends well; the Sheriff's scheme to wed young Ellen fizzles, King John's vicious taxes are rescinded, the Sherwood Foresters are finally legitimized, and Justin descends on England's green and pleasant land.

Performances are scheduled for Thursday, November 14 at 7:00pm, Friday, November 15 at 7:00pm and Saturday, November 16 at 2:30pm and 7:00pm. Ticket prices are as follows: Adults-\$8.00 middle/back seating-\$12.00 front seating; Students and Seniors-\$5.00 middle/back seating-\$12.00 front seating.

Doors will open one-half hour before the start of each show. Tickets will be sold only at door for that night's performance. Pre-sale tickets will not be sold. Only cash or checks made payable to "Xenia High School" will be accepted as payment. There is no limit for number of tickets that can be purchased per family.

## **Good News & Student Activities**

XHS student Rebecca Copeland was selected as the XHS October Kid of Character. She is a Senior who is new to XHS. Mr. Frank nominated Becca and said "Becca has taken an initiative to provide creative and powerful suggestions for both BUXTV and the yearbook. She also is first to volunteer for opportunities to expand her own experiences such as BPA or PBIS initiatives. When other students struggle to complete assignments, she expertly jumps in to assist them without being asked. Her general demeanor is calm and pleasant which translates nicely to other students, having a calming effect on the classroom as a whole. In addition to her positive attitude and helpful nature at school, Becca volunteers at SICSA in her free time and hopes to pursue a career in education."

XHS Sophomore Gracie Norris has been selected as the XHS November Kid of Character. Mrs. Finkes nominated Gracie and said "Gracie is well known for her work on BUXTV, but that is not why I am nominating her. She is most importantly an ambassador of kindness--she always will reach out to help and support others. She is a talented, hardworking, trusted student with a high level of integrity."



The 2019-20 Homecoming Court was as follows: 9th Grade-Hashim Tucker, Chloe Riegel, Tremell Wright and Janell Tarver; 10th Grade-Treyshawn Hoskins, Jada McAvene, Malik Thomas and Cayce Jones; 11th Grade-Cole English, Gracie Oberschlake, Isaiah Hoyt and Grace Bond; 12th Grade-Ronald Wakefield, Alyssia Echols, Desmond Diggs, Kelli Hatfield, Nathan Saner and Olivia Wakefield. Nathan Saner and Alyssia Echols were crowned Homecoming King and Queen. Congratulations to everyone!

## **Good News & Student Activities (continued)**

The Xenia High School PBIS Committee has been committed to its mission of teaching and reinforcing positive and appropriate behaviors on campus as well as the community. XHS utilized our Pillars of Success which focuses on Responsibility, Integrity, and Respect. Last year, we received a Walmart Community Grant for \$1,000 and this year we received a Cox Family Legacy Grant for \$600 to support our endeavors. We are very excited that our Main Lobby now includes a PBIS display case that highlights our expectations and rewards for our students!

For the seventh consecutive year the family of XHS teacher Mrs. Napper will be providing Thanksgiving Baskets to families in the Xenia Community Schools in need. Each basket will contain the "fixings" for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Last year 145 families received such a basket. Thank you to Mrs. Napper and her family for organizing this for our community.

XHS 2019 Band Alumnus Amanda Tolle designed the marching band drill for this year's last home varsity football game scheduled for Friday, October 25, 2019.

Four XHS Symphonic Band members were selected for membership in the High School Honor Band meeting at Bowling Green State University on November 21-23, 2019. They are Seniors Jacob Wynn and Katie Holmes and Junior Faith Cornett. Also, Freshman Ashlyn Anderson was chosen for membership in the special Freshman Honor Band meeting on the same dates.

The XHS Marching Band earned second place honors in the Jackson Apple Festival Parade of Bands on Saturday, September 21, 2019 in the Class B category. Also, the XHS Color Guard earned 1<sup>st</sup> place honors in the Class B category for the second consecutive year.. Congratulations to all!

XHS Chemistry teacher Bill Richey will take learning outside the classroom when he takes his honors and College Credit Plus/AP Chemistry students on a fantastic, fun-filled and educational trip to Florida May 15 through 20, 2020. Students will be visiting Kennedy Space Center, where they will have the opportunity to explore the wonders of space and interact with many exhibits that review the history of the space program, including the new space shuttle Atlantis exhibit. While on the East coast, the students will visit Canaveral National Seashore, part of America's National Park System. The National Seashore has been dubbed by park rangers as the one of the most scenic and beautiful beaches in America. While at Canaveral, students will work with National Park Rangers on a sea turtle project and do seining in the Indian River Lagoon. Students will also kayak near Kennedy Space Center on the Indian River where hundreds of manatees can be found. They will also visit Wekiwa Springs, a State Park that features the largest natural springs (putting millions of gallons per hour into the state's aquifer) in the State of Florida that students can swim in and canoe down the alligator-infested river. Along with canoeing with alligators and other wildlife, students will conduct water testing to discover the purity of natural spring water. One of the greatest learning experiences of the trip will be when students visit Walt Disney World where they will participate in one of Disney's Youth Educational Services programs. These highly structured and Common Core-aligned programs have students going behind the scenes to learn the secrets behind many of the attractions in a program called Properties of Motion Physics Lab. Students will learn how properties of force, motion and gravity bring their favorite attractions to life. For many students, this trip will be their first experience flying on an airplane. For over half of the students on the trip, it will be their first time out of Ohio and will be their first trip to Florida. One thing is certain for all who will be attending-this will be an educational trip of a lifetime!



# XHS 2019-20

## IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

10/30	Underclassmen Picture Retake Day	02/13	Interim Reports to Students
11/01	Marching Buccaneers Concert-7:00pm-Aud	02/14	No School for K-8 (Conference Day) <b>(XHS IS IN SESSION)</b>
11/01	Beginning of Student Council's Baskets For Battle Campaign	02/17	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> -President's Day
11/02	Marching Buccaneers TAG day (Fundraiser)- In Community-12:00pm-3:00pm	02/28	XHS Science Fair
11/04	Board of Education Meeting-6:30pm	03/04	Local Scholarship Apps Due to Guidance Office
11/07	XHS Powder Puff Football Game-Freshmen- Sophomores-6:00pm; Juniors-Seniors- 7:00pm-Doug Adams Field	03/10	Symphonic & Jazz Band Concert-7:00pm-Aud
11/13	Fall Blood Drive Consent Forms Due	03/20	End of Third Grading Period
11/14	Fall Play Performance-7:00pm-Aud	3/23-27	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> -Spring Break
11/15	Interim Reports to Students	03/30	Spring Blood Drive Consent Forms Due
11/15	Fall Play Performance-7:00pm-Aud	04/03	Report Cards to Students
11/16	Fall Play Performances-2:30pm & 7:00pm Aud	04/04	ACT @ XHS-8:00am
11/20	HOSA Sponsored Fall Blood Drive	04/06	HOSA Sponsored Spring Blood Drive
11/25	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> -K-12 Conferences	04/10	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> -Good Friday
11/26-29	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> -Thanksgiving Break	04/25	XHS Prom-8:00pm-11:00pm
12/2-13	EOC Test Retakes	05/01	Interim Reports to Students
12/07	End of Student Council's Baskets For Battle Campaign	05/01	Last Day To Pay Fees By Check (Cash Only)
12/09	Board of Education Meeting-6:30pm	05/04	Florida Trip Parent Meeting-7:00pm-Cafe
12/10	Symphonic & Jazz Band Concert- 7:00pm-Aud	05/07	Symphonic & Jazz Band Concert-7:00pm-Aud
12/14	ACT @ XHS-8:00am	05/08	All School Fees Should Be Paid To Assure Graduation, Graduation Participation, and Release of Records and Transcripts
12/17	Choral Holiday Concert-7:00pm	05/08	FFA Banquet
12/20	End of Second Grading Period	05/14	Scholarship Awards Assembly-10:00am-Aud
12/23-1/3	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> -Winter Break	05/14	HOSA Banquet-7:00pm-Cafe
01/06	Return from Winter Break	05/15	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> -Staff Professional Dev Day
01/09	CCP Parent Meeting-6:00pm-Aud	05/19	GCCC Senior Recognition Ceremony- Nutter Center-7:00pm
01/10	Report Cards to Students	5/19-20	Senior Exams
01/16	GCCC Open House @ GCCC- 5:00pm-7:00pm	05/25	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> -Memorial Day
01/20	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> -Dr. M.L. King Day	05/26	Graduation Rehearsal-7:40am-XHS Gym
02/07	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> -Staff Professional Dev Day	05/27	Graduation-Nutter Center-7:00pm
02/08	ACT @ XHS-8:00am	05/28	End of Fourth Grading Period
		05/29	Teacher Work Day
		06/05	Final Report Cards Mailed
		06/13	ACT @ XHS-8:00am

