



XENIA

HIGH SCHOOL

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Principal's Message **September, 2018**

September and October are months full of activities! Included in those activities are the FFA Tractor Drive In, Homecoming, Spirit week, Report Card Fair (FAFSA assistance will be available), and the Anthony Munoz Leadership Conference in Mason, OH on October 17, where staff and I will be taking 15 student leaders to be inspired to learn more about leadership.

Thank you to parents who submitted responses to the Fall Parent Survey. Results of the survey suggested that communication is an item we must focus on as a building, and we will absolutely do that, as it is a part of our Building Improvement Plan. We also encourage parents to reach out to our administrators and teachers whenever needed. We are here to help.

The State Report Card was recently released and can be found on the Ohio Department of Education website (<https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/district/overview/045153>). I am in multiple classrooms every day, and I see great things happening. I am confident that we have some of the most knowledgeable, dedicated, caring, teachers in the State. While I strongly feel there are many areas where the report card is not an accurate depiction of what goes on inside the XHS walls each day, we already have a focus on the areas of weakness it reveals. Academic rigor is the number one goal of our Building Improvement Plan. Please remember that the State Report Card is based on last school year's data. We have already made many adjustments for this school year, which I am confident will have a very positive impact on future State Report Cards. For example, in attendance we have already put many interventions in place, and the interventions are working. Please help us make sure your child is in attendance every day possible. The State of Ohio has clear expectations, laws, and policies on attendance, which we are required to follow, but there are many rewards for good attendance through Renaissance, etc. The real reward, however, is a solid connection to learning and their classmates.

As a reminder, the end of the first grading period is October 18. Now is the perfect time to discuss ways with your child to improve grades before the end of the quarter if needed. You will be hearing from teachers and other staff on ways to support your child as well.

Finally, I want to touch base on safety. We held our first evacuation and fire drills for the year in September. I want to compliment students on taking these seriously and performing the drills more efficiently than ever before. Please talk to your child about the importance of reporting anything out of the ordinary, as well as online bullying or threats, to ensure the safety of all students.

I hope to see you at one of our many upcoming events: the Report Card Fair (October 24), the exciting football game where R & L Carriers will award a \$1000 Scholarship (October 25); or the Fall Play (November 8, 9 & 10).

Dr. Henry Jackoby, XHS Principal

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"It's a Great Day to Learn!"

Athletics

The Athletic Department has partnered with "Final Forms". This is an online platform that will streamline the paperwork and physical process for all of our athletes and families signing up to participate in sports at Xenia High School

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and Warner Middle School. Parents will no longer have to worry about packets of paperwork and getting every form signed and turned in on time. Final forms takes care of this for each parent and student online. The Athletic Department will begin using this online platform starting this winter. Also, this month kicks off the start of our Buccaneer Buddies Program, where different athletes go read to elementary classes each week.

Report Card Fair/Date Change

The 2018-19 XHS Report Card Fair has been **rescheduled** for Wednesday, October 24, 2018 (original date was October 25) from 4:00pm to 7:30pm, due to a conflict in the XHS Athletic schedule. Please plan on attending this event to secure a copy of your child's first grading period progress report.

Representatives from the following colleges will be available to meet with parents and students: Cedarville University, Wright State University, Sinclair Community College, Wilberforce University, Clark State University, University of Dayton and Wilmington College. Michelle Dixon from Wright State University will also be available to assist parents and students with completion of the FAFSA application.

XHS Homecoming

Xenia High School Homecoming festivities will begin the week of October 1st with Spirit Week! The week will end with a pep rally on Friday, October 5th. The crowning of the Homecoming Queen will take place before the Varsity Football Game on Friday. The Homecoming Dance will be from 8:00pm to 11:00pm on Saturday in the XHS gym. Tickets will be on sale from September 17th through October 2nd. Tickets are \$10. Xenia students wishing to bring a guest from a different school need an approved guest form, which can be picked up in the XHS Main Office. Any questions regarding Homecoming can be directed to Debb Dunteman at Xenia High School.

School Fees Reminder

All school fees must be paid in full to receive credits to graduate, participate in the graduation ceremony or to forward transcripts to a new school or college. The suggested payment schedule is as follows:

- 1/4 of ALL FEES is due by September 28, 2018.
- 1/2 of ALL FEES is due by November 26, 2018.
- 3/4 of ALL FEES is due by January 25, 2019.
- 100% of ALL FEES is due by April 25, 2019.

Thank you for making payments early and throughout the school year. When possible, please try to send exact change. The last day to make payment by checks will be May 1, 2019.

Payments can be made online by credit card at www.payforit.net and by check, money order, credit card or cash at the XHS Bookkeeper's Office Monday through Friday 8:00am-3:30pm. You may also mail a check or money order to XHS (ATTN: Bookkeeper). If you have any questions, please feel free to call 937-562-9904 for assistance. Thank you!

Senior Photograph Info For Yearbook

For your Senior's photograph to be included in the 2018-19 yearbook, a senior portrait must be taken at one of the following studios:

- Ashley Lynn Photography - (937) 581-7779;
ashleylynnphoto.com

Senior Photograph Info (continued)

- Easterling Photography – 937-222-8410; easterlingstudios.com
- Heart and Light Seniors – htrnight@aol.com; heartandlightseniors.com
- Interactive Media Lab - XHS Room C119; Contact Mr. Frank at XHS at pfrank@xenia.k12.oh.us
- Stump Photography – (937) 708-8222; stumpphotos.com
- Lorena Lowe Photography – (937) 903-8308; lorenalowe.com
- Moments to Treasure Photography – (937) 681-2275; momentstotreasure.net
- Muskopf Photography – (937) 760-7969; muskopf.org
- Renee Photography – (937) 657-0866
- Shelly Rae Photography – (937) 302-9210; www.stroudlifeart.com
- Stylin Photos – (937) 974-4197; stylinphotos.com

The appointment for the photograph must be made prior to October 31, 2018. These photographers will submit your child's photograph to the XHS Yearbook Staff. **Students should dress nicely (no hats or t-shirts) and be dressed to show that they are proud to be a grading Senior!**

One senior **Baby Picture** per Senior can be included in the yearbook for a cost of \$3.00. Baby Pictures and payment must be submitted to the Main Office by February 28, 2019. **Senior Ads** (ads submitted by the Senior student, friends of Seniors, or family members to show their love by buying a space in the yearbook to recognize the Senior) may also be included and are also due to the Main Office by February 28, 2019. Cost for the Senior Ads will be made available in January, 2019. **Candid Photos** of Seniors (pictures of an event, outing or something that would like to be shared and have in the yearbook) may also be submitted to Mr. Frank by February 28, 2019 for consideration for inclusion in the yearbook.

Xenia FFA Chapter

The Xenia FFA Chapter is proud to announce its Officers for the 2018-19 school year: President-Isabela Martin; Vice President-Makaya Simons; Secretary-Gracie Oberschlake; Sentinel-Wade Hutchison; Reporter-Isabel Wickline; Treasurer-Hannah Lewis; and Student Advisor-Anonya Setty. The advisor is Mr. Jacob Wuebben. This year's Ag Business class is creating a business of building and selling farm and address signs. Orders will be accepted after October 1, 2018. Please email jwuebben@xenia.k12.oh.us if you are interested in placing an order.

Xenia FFA Chapter (continued)

The Annual FFA fruit sale is the largest fundraiser for the group each year. The profits allow the Chapter to have funds available for many events, including the annual awards banquet. The fruit sale starts October 11.

Good News/Student Activities

X-Out Hunger now serves approximately 350 students in the Xenia Community Schools. The program began serving only the elementary buildings, but has expanded to include WMS and XHS. As the students get older, the problem of not having food on the weekends doesn't go away. All students at XHS need to be aware that the pantry is open and available for them. The food drive held by XHS students and staff helped to fill the pantry. We encourage all students to confide in any staff member when they are in need of food. A few hygiene products are also available. Mrs. Simmons' and Miss Reeder's classrooms have been assisting in the bagging of food.

Carpool Pedagogy is an educational initiative launched by Interactive Media Instructor, P.R. Frank, a satellite instructor for the Greene County Career Center. He is inspired by the very popular Carpool Karaoke and his mission to mentor young people. So far, he has created three episodes dealing with a range of topics including mental health, diversity, self-confidence, and respect. To view the most recent episode, the link is as follows: <https://youtu.be/XbWx4XDKdc0>.

The XHS Peer Facilitation Group is making a positive impact on students. Recently one of our new elective classes, Peer Facilitation, spread some positive messages to Xenia High School. The Peer Facilitators are a group of students who had to interview for the class; their goal is to make a positive impact on as many students in the high school and throughout the District as they can. To introduce themselves to the high school and brighten the students' day, they spent a morning passing out compliment cards and candy to students as they entered the building. It was a very positive experience for all involved. One peer facilitator reflected saying they saw a freshman they noticed this year staying to himself and always looking like he is not excited to be here. When the peer facilitator handed the student the card, candy, and told the student she was happy he was here, the student's face brightened up with a big smile, and even put the compliment card in the back of his phone to keep. This group will continue to do things like this throughout the year, and will continue to have a positive impact on the overall environment throughout the District.

Important Dates & Other Information

9/28	Homecoming Dance Guest Forms Due	12/08	ACT @ XHS-8:00am
9/28	Last Day to Register for 10/27 ACT Test	12/20	Holiday Choir Concert-7:00pm
9/29	Marching Buccaneers @ Kenton-Ridge Marching Band Festival @ Wittenberg University-6:30pm	12/21	End of Second Grading Period
10/05	Homecoming Football Game	12/24-1/4	NO SCHOOL -Winter Break
10/06	Homecoming Dance-8:00pm	1/07	Return from Winter Break
10/11	Xenia FFA Fruit Sale Begins	1/11	Progress Reports to Students
10/18	End of First Grading Period	1/21	NO SCHOOL -Dr. M.L. King Day
10/19	NO SCHOOL -Professional Dev Day	2/01	NO SCHOOL -Professional Dev Day
10/20	Marching Buccaneers @ Little Miami Band Festival-6:30pm	2/14	Interim Reports to Students
10/24	Report Card Fair-4:00pm-7:30pm-Café	2/15	NO SCHOOL for K-8 (Conference Day)
10/26	Fall Choir Concert-7:00pm		(XHS IS IN SESSION)
10/27	ACT @ XHS-8:00am	2/18	NO SCHOOL -Presidents' Day
10/30	Symphonic & Concert Band Concert-7:00pm	3/22	End of Third Grading Period
11/01	Powder Puff Football Game-3:30pm @ Doug Adams Stadium	3/25-3/29	NO SCHOOL -Spring Break
11/02	Marching Band Concert-7:00pm	4/05	Progress Reports to Students
11/03	Marching Buccaneers TAG Day (Fundraiser)-In Community-12:00pm-3:00pm	4/19	NO SCHOOL -Good Friday
11/8-11/9	Fall Play – 7:00pm	5/03	Interim Reports to Students
11/10	Fall Play – 3:00pm & 7:00pm	5/04	XHS Prom-8pm-Midnight
11/16	Interim Reports to Students	5/17	NO SCHOOL -Professional Dev Day
11/19	NO SCHOOL -K-12 Conference Day	5/23	Last Day for Seniors
11/20-23	NO SCHOOL -Thanksgiving Break	5/29	XHS Graduation @ Nutter Center-7:00pm
		5/30	End of Fourth Grading Period
		5/31	Teacher Work Day
		6/07	Progress Reports Mailed Home

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