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HIGH SCHOOL

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Please note that effective February 1, 2019, all Faculty and Staff email addresses will change. Only the last portion of the email address will change to [xeniaschools.org](mailto:xeniaschools.org). (i.e. from [hjackoby@xenia.k12.oh.us](mailto:hjackoby@xenia.k12.oh.us) to [hjackoby@xeniaschools.org](mailto:hjackoby@xeniaschools.org))

## Principal's Message

Jan-Feb, 2019

We are off to the new semester! I hope everyone had a great holiday season with friends and family. With winter sports season still in full gear and our teachers preparing students for the State Tests (or End of Course exams), Advanced Placement tests, and graduation, it is now back to business at XHS! Encourage your child to be here every day possible prepared to do their best.

To help you plan ahead, the State Tests (End of Course Exams or EOC) will take place in April and May. This may seem like a long way off, but proper prior planning begins now. Each of the seven required tests is scored 1-5 points. Students must accumulate a minimum of 18 points on all tests in order to graduate. It is important that all students aim for 4's and 5's on the tests because not only are they used for graduation points, but the scores are also part of the criteria teachers use, along with grades and common assessments, for recommending course placement during scheduling.

The State Tests also have the biggest effect of all indicators on our school report card, which is important for kids, our school, and our community. Last year we beat the state average in US Government for the first time since the EOC's began, and we increased in other areas, such as Biology, by double digits. However, we have a long way to go. Our goal is to keep this trend going and achieve A's on the State Report Card as a matter of academic growth of students and Xenia pride, so teachers are working hard to get students ready. See the testing insert with more details that apply specifically to your child and their grade level.

Please note the following testing dates on your calendar:

- 2/26/19 - Free ACT (Juniors)
- 4/23-4/24/19 - Ohio State Tests (Grades 9 & 10 ENG End of Course Exams)
- 4/30/19 - Ohio State Tests (End of Course ALG Exam)
- 5/1/19 - Ohio State Tests (End of Course GEOM Exam)
- 5/2/19 - Ohio State Tests (Grades 9, 10 & 11 End of Course US HIST, BIO & GOVT Exams)
- 5/2-5/13/19 - Various Advanced Placement (AP) Tests.

**Please note that on 5/2/19, due to Grades 9 through 11 End of Course testing, Grade 12 students ONLY will have an alternative schedule. With a parent-signed note, it can be an opportunity for Seniors to job shadow or make one last college visit. More details will follow.**

Scheduling for next year will begin soon. Guidance Counselors will be visiting students' English classes to explain course selection for next year. When students bring home the Course of Studies, please take an active role in looking at course options.

## Principal's Message (Continued)

We want students to challenge themselves, and there are many courses to choose from, including some new academic electives. Students and parents will have about a week to look over the 2019-2020 Course Catalogue before registering for classes.

This is also a reminder that after school tutoring is available for students who need help or simply want to take that C to a B or A. Tutoring is held in the library Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday until 4:00pm.

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"It's a Great Day to Learn!"

## Athletics

The spring sports mandatory parent meeting will be Feb 13, 2019 at 6:00pm in the Auditorium. Be sure to follow the Athletic Department on twitter to hear about all of the sports happenings and results @XeniaAthletics. Also note that the [xeniaathletics.com](http://xeniaathletics.com) website is a resource for rosters, schedules, news articles, and all sports related forms.

## College Credit Plus (CCP)

All students interested in taking CCP courses must submit their Letters of Intent to the Guidance Office by Friday, March 22, 2019. This is a state mandated due date and no exceptions can be granted. Please call either Mrs. Biggs at 562-9924 or Ms. McGee at 562-9923 with any questions or concerns.

## Xenia Job Fair

The City of Xenia and XHS are co-sponsoring a Job Fair on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm in the XHS Gymnasium. More than 40 employers will be represented. The event will be available to XHS students ONLY from 1:00pm-2:00pm and open to the Public from 2:15pm-5:00pm.

## Spring Musical - Footloose

This Spring, the Xenia High School Players will be presenting Footloose, by Tom Snow, Dean Pitchford and Walter Bobbie. Footloose is the story of Ren McCormack, a teenage boy from Chicago. He and his mother move to the small town of Bomont, where dancing is outlawed. Performances will be on Thursday and Friday, April 11 & 12, 2019 at 7:00pm and Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 3:00pm & 7:00pm.

## Good News/Student Activities

Grade 9 student Annunziata Palmer was chosen as the Xenia High School December Kid of Character. The following was said of Nancy: "When I think of someone deserving of praise, I immediately think of Nancy. Nancy is one of the most accepting and understanding students I have ever met. She is welcoming to all kinds of people, and she shows kindness to others. When I brought in cookies for my 5th period class, she took it upon herself to make special cookies for one of my students who was allergic to eggs. She didn't ask for praise, and she didn't make a big deal about it. She just quietly made the cookies and then gave them to my student because she didn't want him to feel left out. Nancy offers insightful comments to our class

## Good News/Student Activities (Continued)

discussion, and she demonstrates what it means to be tolerant and respectful of all walks of life. Her heart and love for others makes me smile!"

Grade 12 student Samari Curtis was chosen as the Xenia High School January Kid of Character. The following was said about Samari: "Samari is someone who has become a leader to several of our underclassmen." As stated by a faculty member "He has taken on this responsibility in a very good way. As a person many of our students look up to, I appreciate that he is willing to talk into the lives of younger students. We have heard him giving advice to help students make better decisions as far as academics, relationships, and choices. Outside of athletics, I am very thankful to see how the best traits I have recognized in Samari begin to surface for others to see as well".

On November 27, 2018, we hosted Guest Speak Terrence Talley, whose message was about defining oneself through life's struggles, suicide prevention, and bullying prevention. His message that "I want students to know that they matter, and because they matter, they can make a difference" was well delivered, as evidenced by the photographs shown below.



The National Honor Society Induction ceremony was held on Thursday, December 13, 2018. The new inductees are as follows: Seth Bedrowsky, Sarah Bogan, Molly Brown, Erin Burns, Lillian Calhoun, Alexis Claybaugh, Dianna Cooper, Allison Dabe, Alyssia Echols, Bethany Groeschel, Shyanne Hall, Kelli Hatfield, Maliah Huston-Newsom, Logann Jackson, Brianna Johnson, Mark Johnson, Calli Jones, Kyle Lane, Sam Lockwood, Grace Martin, Claire Marotta, Ahmi' Moore, Cameron

McFarland, Makayla Poplin, William Robinson, Nathan Saner, Allison Shaw, Grant Smith, Mikenna Walker and Eric Wilson. Selection in the National Honor Society is based on scholarship, leadership, service and character.



The XHS Chapter of HOSA sponsored a blood drive on Friday, December 14, 2018 at XHS. The following was received from Cora Johnson, Account Representative from the Dayton, Ohio Center for Blood Control "Thank you for sponsoring the blood drive at Xenia High School on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, the results were great. A total of 93 donors registered to donate, 54 were first time donors. This is wonderful, that means we introduced over half of these first time donors to the world of blood donation! The goal was 84 units, we collected 80, achieving 95% of the goal. Awesome job!" Pictured L to R are as follows: Cora Johnson (CBC Employee), Andrea Shaw (Grade 9 Student), Serena Campbell (Grade 9 Student), and Molly Wavra (GCCC Biotechnology Instructor – Xenia High School Satellite).

The XHS National Honor Society (NHS) conducted its annual Fight the Frost service project in December. Donations of new hats, scarves, and gloves were collected and delivered to the District's Homeless Liaison for distribution to those in need. Pictured from Left to Right are Carsyn Siefert, Alexandra Fellie and Emily Crossley.



## Important Dates & Other Information

2/01	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> -Professional Dev Day	4/12	Spring Play Performance-7:00pm
2/09	ACT @ XHS-8:00am	4/13	ACT @ XHS-8:00am
2/11	Board of Education Meeting-6:30pm	4/13	Spring Play Performances-3:00pm & 7:00pm
2/13	Mandatory Spring Sports Parent Meeting-6:00pm	4/19	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> -Good Friday
2/14	Interim Reports to Students	4/23-4/24	Grades 9 & 10 ENG End of Course Exam
2/15	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> for K-8 (Conference Day) <b>(XHS IS IN SESSION)</b>	4/30	ALG End of Course Exam
2/17-2/24	National FFA Week	4/30	Mock Crash-9:00am
2/18	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> -Presidents' Day	5/01	GEOM End of Course Exam
2/22	Science Fair	5/01	All School Fees Due
2/26	Free ACT (Juniors)	5/02	Grades 9, 10 & 11 US HIST, BIO & GOVT End of Course Exams
3/11	Board of Education Meeting-6:30pm	5/03	Interim Reports to Students
3/12	Winter Band Concert-7:00pm	5/04	XHS Prom-8pm-Midnight
3/13	Xenia Job Fair-1:00pm-5:00pm-XHS Gym Open to XHS Students Only-1:00pm-2:00pm Open to Public-2:15pm to 5:00pm	5/07	Band Spring Concert
3/19	XHS Focus Group-11:30am-Library	5/10	FFA Banquet-6:00pm
3/22	End of Third Grading Period	5/13	Board of Education Meeting-6:30pm
3/22	CCP Letters of Intent Due To Guidance Office	5/16	Scholarship Awards Ceremony-10:00am
3/25-3/29	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> -Spring Break	5/17	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> -Professional Dev Day
4/05	Progress Reports to Students	5/21-5/22	Senior Exams
4/05	Completed Blood Drive Consent Forms Due	5/23	Last Day for Seniors
4/08	Board of Education Meeting-6:30pm	5/28	Graduation Rehearsal-XHS Gym-7:40am-9:00am
4/11	Spring Play Performance-7:00pm	5/29	XHS Graduation @ Nutter Center-7:00pm
4/12	HOSA Sponsored Spring Blood Drive	5/30	End of Fourth Grading Period
		5/31	Teacher Work Day
		6/07	Progress Reports Mailed Home