

Xenia Community Schools

Xenia High School

Principal's Message

The economy and financial situation continue to impact many parents and businesses in the community, staff members working at Xenia Community Schools, and the district's financial situation, but it will not become a crutch for lower achievement by our students, lower expectations for students and staff, or less opportunities for them to grow. While XHS has shared in the responsibility to keep the district solvent by cutting eight faculty positions and three classified positions for the upcoming school year, we will have:

- Enthusiastic, skilled classroom teachers.
- Rigorous curriculum offerings.
- A focus on the low functioning, at-risk, average, and gifted students.
- Safety of students and staff as a priority each day.
- More communication opportunities with parents.
- High expectations for students, staff, and administration to do the best they can everyday.

Xenia High School has the best students in the state of Ohio and it is the responsibility of myself and the team of great, dedicated staff members to prepare the students each and every moment in school for the opportunities that await them after they graduate. XHS teachers are the X-Factor. They greatly im-

act how your child evolves academically and to some extent with their maturity, values, and beliefs.

We look forward to seeing each parent and student on August 22, during freshmen orientation and 10-12 grade open house. Students will receive their schedules and locker assignments at open house. It will be a great year for the students and staff of Xenia High School.

Mr. Ted Holop
Xenia High School Principal

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XHS property shut down August 5th

On August 5, a helicopter will be air lifting heating and cooling units throughout the day to the high school roof. The building, parking lots, and grounds will be off limits to employees, students, and community members. Coaches and directors will notify students of this event and any potential changes. The rain-out date for the airlift will be Monday, August 8th.

The east half of the student parking lot will be closed from August 1st through August 11th. It will be set up as a temporary work site.

Spring OGT Results Look Promising

These days, for better or worse, a district is measured publically by the state report card the Ohio Department of Education publishes each summer. Ten of the 26 indicators on the district report card are generated at the high school level from the achievement our students had on the prior Spring OGT. I am optimistically encouraged and impressed by our preliminary results data that show an improvement in most of the 10th grade testing areas. Our Reading, Writing, Science, and Social Studies scores increased approximately 5%, 7%, 2%, and 2%, respectively. The effort of our students and faculty is commendable! We look forward to the data from the other indicators later this summer.

Industrial Technology Transformation @ XHS

The Industrial Arts “C” wing at the high school continues to transform into a powerful, advanced educational setting for students. The vision of career pathway programs along with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) offerings has replaced the old woods and metal classes.

Xenia High School is a Project Lead the Way school. STEM education programs like the one offered by PLTW engage students in activities-, projects-, and problem-based (APPB) learning, which provides hands-on classroom experiences. Students create, design, build, discover, collaborate and solve problems while applying what they learn in math and science. They're also exposed to STEM fields through professionals from local industries who supplement the real-world aspect of the curriculum through mentorships and workplace experiences.

This school year, Xenia High School students will pursue

offerings in robotics, biotechnology, agricultural science, engineering, and construction technology. Several of these programs offer scholarships to colleges to continue pursuit of degrees in these fields.

The newest addition to XHS will be the GCCC Biotechnology program. The program focuses on the different aspects of this cutting edge, rapidly-emerging and developing science. The format of the program will be discovery-based with an emphasis on the most current technology and developments. It will focus on the modern field usage of this technology as it is used in pharmaceuticals, medicine, environmental science and agriculture.

The program will be housed here at XHS similar to the GCCC program for Agricultural Science. Molly Wavra will be the instructor for the program.



Mrs. Molly Wavra
GCCC Biotechnology Instructor



“FREE” Tutoring at XHS

National Honor Society students provide **FREE** tutoring before and after school in the Guidance Office. *No Appointment Needed! Drop-Ins Welcome!* Tutor times will be established at the start of the school year.

New Staff Members to Xenia High School

We welcome the following individuals to Xenia High School for the 2011-12 school year:

- Mr. Don Avery Band teacher and Marching Band Director.
- Mr. Kevin Bowman Math teacher.
- Mrs. Theresa Hargrave Math teacher.
- Mr. Jeff Keadle Assistant Principal
- Mrs. Lynorra Stivers Theater and Public Presentation teacher.
- Ms. Shalie Terrill Agricultural Science teacher (GCCC).
- Mrs. Molly Wavra Biotechnology teacher (GCCC).
- Ms. Karen Williamson Administrative Assistant (Main Office).

School Nurse Information

EMERGENCY CARDS

The safety and care of your student begins with preparation from home. The first step is to **complete and turn in the emergency medical and info. card ASAP** with accurate telephone numbers and current contacts. If information changes during the year, please call XHS immediately to help us update the emergency information for your student.

MEDICATION

By law, no student is permitted to have any form of medication, including over-the-counter medications (i.e. Tylenol, cough drops...). Please do not send medications to school with your student! Students who need medication during school (prescribed by doctor or allowed by parent) must have an "Oral Medications" form completed by a doctor and parent. Submit the form to the school clinic. The Oral Medications form may be obtained in the Clinic or online at: www.xenia.k12.oh.us/parent_resources.htm

Medications are dispensed only at the clinic—never by teachers or staff members.

XHS CLINIC

Students who become sick during school must ask to go to the Clinic with a Yellow Clinic Pass issued by their teacher. Students are **NOT** to make any phone calls on any building or cell phone for medical needs. If parents are to be notified, clinic staff will see the child and make calls as listed on the student emergency card. XHS staff reserves the right to call the emergency squad as reasonable and necessary to provide appropriate urgent

August 22 - Open House 10-12/9th Grade Orientation

On August 22, XHS will host open house for grades 10-12 from 4:15 until 5:45. Schedules and locker assignments will be available in the gym and parents and students can travel the school to listen to teachers discuss their class offerings, grading rationale, and expectations.

Beginning at 6:00, 9th grade students and students new to XHS are invited to attend two 35-40 minute presentations to prepare students for life at Xenia High School. Ninth grade students with last name A-L will report to the auditorium by 6:00 p.m., while students M-Z will report to the gym. At 6:40, we will switch groups.

We look forward to a great turnout to prepare students for the 2011-12 school year.

EXAM EXEMPTIONS

In order to exempt one semester exam during first semester (1st and 2nd qtrs.), all students in grades 9-12 must meet the following criteria:

- **1)** Be a member of Renaissance beginning 1st quarter;
- **2)** Have an "A" or a "B" grade in the class for each of the 1st and 2nd quarters;
- **3)** Have 4 or less absences and 4 or less tardies to school for the semester;
- **4)** Have no Saturday School or Out of School Suspensions.
- *Remember, teachers and departments always have the right to NOT allow exam exemptions.*

The same 4 criteria apply for grades 9-11 to exempt one exam in second semester (quarters 3 and 4).

Second semester seniors (3rd and 4th qtr.) may exempt **all** exams if the same 4 criteria are met and the teacher allows exemptions.

Bus Schedules

Bus schedules and routes will be posted in the door windows of buildings, online, and in the newspaper.

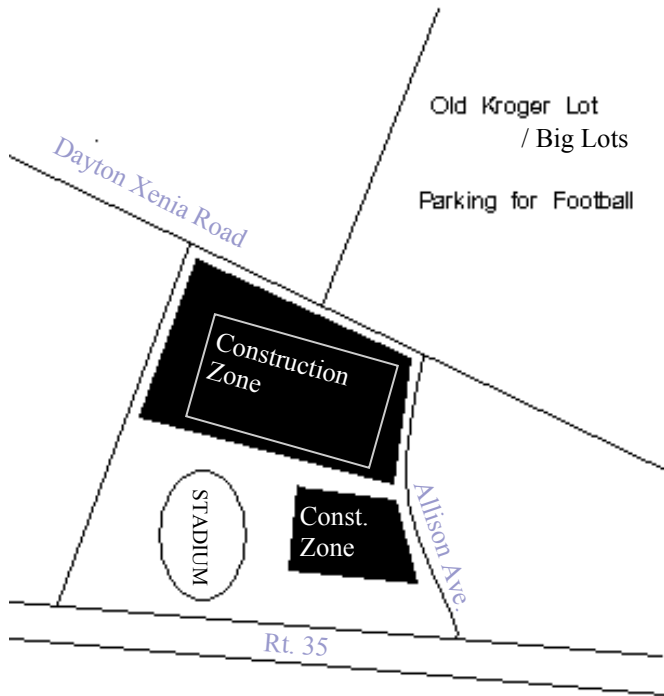
Cell Phones

While cell phones are allowed at extra-curricular events, all personal electronic devices are to be shut off and put away safely during the school day. Lock your phones, iPods, and other devices in your locker. XHS is not responsible for lost/stolen items. See the student handbook for disciplinary actions or questions.

Important 1st Semester Dates

- Aug. 22 Freshman Orientation / 10-12 Open House / 4:00-7:30 p.m.
 24 Students' First Day Back to School
- Sept. 05 Labor Day / NO SCHOOL
 08 Underclass Photos
 10 ACT Testing / 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 15 Senior Parent Planning Night / Cafeteria / 7:00-9:00 p.m.
 15 Jostens Ring Information Family Night / Main Lobby / 3:30-7:00 p.m.
 30 Interim Reports to Students
- Oct. 07 Homecoming / Pre-game / Cox Field / 7:00 p.m.
 08 Homecoming Dance / Gym / 8:00-11:00 p.m.
 14 WOEa Day / NO SCHOOL
 15 PSAT Testing / Cafeteria / 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 22 ACT Testing / 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 22 Fall Vocal Concert / Auditorium / 7:30 p.m.
 24-28 OGT Testing / Juniors & Seniors
 27 National Honor Society Bonfire / Cox Field / 7:30 p.m.
 28 End of 1st Grading Period
- Nov. 02 2-Hour Late Start for Students / Teacher In-Service; School begins 9:30 a.m.
 03 Report Card Fair / 4:00-7:30 p.m.
 06 Daylight Saving Time / Fall Back 1 hour
 10 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony / Auditorium / 7:00 p.m.
 23-25 Thanksgiving Break / NO SCHOOL
- Dec. 02 Interim Reports to Students
 10 ACT Testing / 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 10 XHS Book Fair @ Barnes & Noble; Beavercreek / 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
 12 Parent/Student Financial Aid Night / Cafeteria / 7:00-9:00 p.m.
 18 Community Holiday Vocal Concert / 3:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. performances / Off Site
- Dec. 22-
 Jan. 02 Winter Break / NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 03 First Day Back from Winter Break
 11-13 Semester Exams
 13 End of 2nd Grading Period
 16 Dr. Martin Luther King Day / NO SCHOOL
 17 Waiver Day / NO SCHOOL for Students / Teacher In-Service
 20 Report Cards to Students

Construction and Parking for Football and Soccer



During the Fall sports season, construction on the Cox Elementary site will hinder stadium parking. Parking will be available in the old Kroger lot. There will be portable lighting for football games and a hired officer to help patrons cross the street safely. Handicap parking will remain where it has been in the past. Stadium ticket booths will also remain in their prior locations. Updates on the parking situation will be on the athletic website throughout the fall.

www.bucsports.info

For questions or concerns, contact:

Athletic Director Kevin Kerr 562-9672



Football/Soccer/Band Home Schedules impacted by Constr.

The Xenia Marching Band will have Band Camp parents' night August 18, 7:30 p.m. at the stadium.

Varsity Football

8/26 Carroll HS
 9/16 Beavercreek HS
 10/7 Trotwood HS
 10/21 Springboro HS
 10/28 Miamisburg HS

JV Football

9/3 Bellbrook HS
 9/10 Piqua HS
 9/24 Wayne HS
 10/1 Lebanon HS
 10/15 Fairborn HS

Varsity Soccer (Boys)

8/30 Shawnee HS
 9/1 Centerville HS
 9/8 Trotwood HS
 9/13 Piqua HS
 9/17 W. Carrollton HS
 9/22 Butler HS
 9/29 Lebanon HS
 10/13 Fairborn HS

Varsity Soccer (Girls)

8/22 Hamilton HS
 8/24 Beavercreek HS
 9/7 Springfield HS
 9/19 Wayne HS
 9/21 Troy HS
 9/28 Sidney HS
 10/6 Springboro HS
 10/12 Miamisburg HS

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Renaissance Rewards Excellence

*Renaissance encourages students to strive for **excellence** by working hard in their classes and having great school attendance. This excellence and recognition is then celebrated in a variety of ways. Students may earn one of three privilege cards – gold, blue, or white. The cards entitle students to special school privileges and prizes, as well as discounts offered by local businesses. In the process of earning these concrete benefits, students also win community-wide recognition for excellence. The scholar card thus provides strong incentives for **hard work, responsibility, and discipline**, reinforcing these incentives frequently and in a very visible and tangible way. Another desirable outcome of the program is community support for schools and students. Besides the new Renaissance cards and brochure, the students will also be given the new 2011 Renaissance T-shirt. For the 4th Quarter reward celebration, more than 350 Renaissance students will be released for a special motivational speaker on the morning of October 7th. If you have questions about the Renaissance program, you may call Bill Richey at 562-9995 or email Mr. Richey at brichey@xenia.k12.oh.us.*

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