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<u>Principal's Message</u> Aug-Sept, 2021

On behalf of the staff of Xenia High School, I want to say how very happy we are to be welcoming your student into our building this year.

Once again, the excitement of another school year is dampened by concerns for public health. Last year, our building took extraordinary measures to make sure that students and staff were as safe as possible. Those measures paid off, as not a single individual contracted the COVID virus through contact at the High School. While many students missed days of in-person instruction, students who attended Xenia High School in person or online were given access to outstanding educational opportunities — and almost every student was able to be successful.

While things have improved, the challenges of educating students are still significantly higher than they were in the days before the COVID virus. The District is committed to providing students with the best possible educational opportunities for its students, and the High School (like all schools in the District) will continue to strive to make every school day an enriching and successful one for your student. Regardless of what might happen, and regardless of the changes we may have to make, the staff at Xenia High School will do everything it can to make the 2021-22 school year a safe and successful one for your student.

Open House

On Tuesday evening, August 17, the High School will have an Open House from 4:00pm to 7:30pm for all students and families.

New Staff

XHS is welcoming to the building several new faces this year. Our "brand new" staff members include Assistant Principal Molly Corrado, Athletic Director Jeremy Greenleaf, Language Arts teacher Crystal Luce, Special Education teacher Joanie Payton, Intervention Specialist Christina Shelton, and Guidance Counselor Jasmine Tolbert.

We also would like to welcome individuals that are either returning to XHS or moving to XHS from within the District: Special Education paraprofessionals Kelli Fleckenstein and Dana Montgomery, Spanish teacher Alexandria Gillis, One to One paraprofessionals Rochelle Harding and Erica Snow, Cafeteria Manager Krystal Toner, and English teacher Tony Wassom.

Staggered Start Of School Year For XHS Students

On Tuesday, August 17, the High School will be open for **ONLY** ninth grade students. Students should report to their assigned homeroom at 7:30am. Homeroom assignments will be posted in the Main Lobby and in the Cafeteria on the first day of school. Student Council members will be available to assist students to find their homerooms. Prior to the first day of school, homeroom assignments will be posted in the Google Classroom for the class of 2025. Instructions to ninth grade students on how to access the Google Classroom for the class of 2025 will be sent via Final Forms email.

Grade 9 students will participate in our Freshman Orientation Program, after which students will go through their schedule for the remainder of the school day.

On Wednesday, August 18, the High School will be open for **ONLY** ninth and tenth grade students. Ninth and tenth grade students will start in their homeroom classes at 7:30am, and then go through their full schedule, being dismissed at 2:23pm.

On Thursday, August 19, the High School will be open for **ALL** students. All students will start in their homeroom classes at 7:30am, and then go through their full schedule, being dismissed at 2:23pm.

Parents & Students
Please complete your portions of
the beginning of the year Final
Forms documents online ASAP.
Please call 937-562-9901
if assistance is needed.

Immunization Requirement For 2021-22

Seniors

The Ohio Department of Health now requires that all students entering 12th grade have a second dose of meningococcal vaccine (MVC4) prior to the first day of the school year. If the first dose of the meningococcal vaccine was administered on or after the student's 16th birthday, a second dose is not required.

Please contact your child's physician, the Five Rivers Health Center (Xenia) (708-3400) or local pharmacies such as Walgreens (376-0631) or Walmart (376-3700) to schedule an immunization. If you have additional questions, please contact the Greene County Health Department or the Ohio Department of Health website and type "immunization" in the search engine box.

All XHS 2021-22 Grade 12 students must provide a record of this immunization (via a receipt or vaccination record) on or before August 17, 2021. Students will be excluded from attendance at school on September 7, 2021 if the immunization record has not been provided.

<u>Student Early Dismissals for 2021-22</u> School Year

For the 2021-22 school year, Xenia High School students will be released two hours early from school (at 12:24pm) on each of the following dates to accommodate professional development for staff members: Wednesday, September 22, 2021; Thursday, October 21, 2021; Tuesday, November 16, 2021; Thursday, January 13, 2022; Thursday, February 10, 2022; Tuesday, March 15, 2022; Wednesday, April 13, 2022; and Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

School Fees Reminder

All students will receive an updated fee invoice at OPEN HOUSE or during the first week of school. Fee balances and lunch accounts can be monitored and paid by logging onto your payschoolscentral.com account. Payments can also be made over the phone with credit card by calling Mrs. Daye directly at 937-562-9904 or in person by check, money order, credit card or cash in the XHS Bookkeeper's Office Monday through Friday. Checks and money orders can also be mailed to XHS (ATTN: Bookkeeper).

All school fees must be paid in full to receive credits to graduate, participate in the graduation ceremony, receive your diploma, or to forward transcripts to a new school or college. Approved Fee Waivers are only good for the current year and previous year fees cannot be waived.

All students must **qualify** to have their fees waived. To check for qualification, if you have a grade 9-12 student, an

Application for Free and Reduced Priced Lunches must be completed by the student's parent or guardian. (Note that for parents with younger students (K-8), the process is slightly different). This XHS Application is available online via Final Forms and can only be accessed by choosing "yes" on the Final Forms document entitled **Program Information Sharing** Agreement. After choosing "yes", you will be prompted to continue the process to complete the Application. Please follow the instructions provided to complete the Application. By choosing "yes" you are agreeing that school officials may share information from your Household Information Survey or Direct Certification Eligibility to qualify for a waiver of instructional fees and you will then be able to complete the Application for Free and Reduced Priced lunches. Parents can also come to the Board of Education, by appointment to meet with Shari Jones (sjones@xeniaschools.org), the District's Cafeteria Supervisor, to receive assistance with completing the Application online. All accepted Applications for Free and Reduced Priced Lunches are subject to a random verification audit, and if chosen for verification, parents will need to submit documentation verifying income.

Please complete the Application for Free and Reduced Priced lunches (to determine fee waiver eligibility) via Final Forms as soon as possible *if* a waiver of fees is desired. The suggested payment schedule is as follows: 25% of ALL FEES paid by 10/8/21; 50% of ALL FEES paid by 12/8/21; 75% of ALL FEES paid by 3/8/22 and 100% of ALL FEES paid in full by 5/6/22.

There is a \$5.00 fee to obtain a student on-campus parking permit. Applications are located in the Main Office.

Thank you in advance for making payments early and throughout the school year. If paying by cash, please have the exact change. The last day to make payment by check will be Friday, May 6, 2022. Any fee related questions can be directed to Mrs. Daye, XHS Bookkeeper at (937) 562-9904 or by email at bdaye@xeniaschools.org.

<u>Cafeteria Services/Breakfast and Lunch</u> Information

Due to an extension of the state meals program, every student in the District will be offered FREE breakfast and lunch again this year! Parents should note that during future school years, the District may be required to return to a program where only students who qualify will be eligible for free/reduced priced meals. For the 2021-22 school year, all students are eligible and there is no application required for students to participate in the free meals program. (Please, however, refer to the paragraph above entitled School Fees Reminder regarding information on completing the Application for Free and Reduced Price Lunches to check qualification for a fee waiver).

XHS Athletics

The first home regular season football game of the year will be Friday, August 20, 2021 at 7:00pm vs. Beavercreek. The 2021-22 homecoming game vs. Greenville is scheduled for September 17, 2021, with the dance being held on the following evening, September 18, 2021 at 8:00pm.

The 2021-22 All-Sports passes can now be purchased in the Athletic Office. Cost of the passes are as follows: Student Pass-\$50.00; Adult Pass-\$75.00; and Family Pass-\$225.00 (up to four persons per household). Additional family members in same household may be added for \$40.00 each. Senior Citizens (62 years and older) can receive a "Senior Citizen Pass" for free admission to all Middle and High School events. All Senior Citizen Passes can be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center located at the YMCA in Xenia. Order forms are available in the XHS Main Office and the Athletic Office. *Please note that All-Sports passes (including Senior Citizen Passes) DO NOT include entrance to post-season or tournament games.*

Please visit https://xeniaathletics.com/ for more information regarding Xenia Community Schools Athletics.

XHS 2021 Homecoming Dance Info

The XHS 2021 homecoming dance is scheduled for Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 8:00pm at XHS. Tickets for admission to the dance will be sold from September 1, 2021 through September 15, 2021. XHS students requesting to bring a guest to the dance who is NOT a XHS student must provide a completed and approved Dance Guest Form to the Main Office on or before September 13, 2021. Tickets for the student's guest cannot be purchased until the completed form has been approved by XHS Administration. XHS Dance Guest Forms can be found in the Main Office.

2021-22 School Supply List

A student school supply list is noted below. **Please note that additional supplies as determined by individual teachers and courses may be needed.

- Loose Leaf Paper
- #2 Pencils
- Blue and Black Ink Pens
- Pocket Folders (one for each class, each semester)
- Spiral notebook(s)
- 3 Ring Binder
- Highlighters
- Pencil Pouch
- TI83 or TI84 Calculator (loaners are available for check-out)

School Pictures

Underclassmen pictures will be taken at the high school on Thursday, September 9, 2021 from 7:30am to 11:00am (students with last names of A through K) and Friday, September 10, 2021 from 7:30am to 11:00am (students with last names of L through Z). Picture order forms will be distributed to students in first period classes on September 7, 2021 and will also be available in the Main Office.

Senior Parent Planning Night

The Guidance Department will host a Senior Planning Night on Thursday, September 23, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the High School Auditorium. This meeting, for Seniors and their parents or guardians, will help students in their preparations for life after graduation.

Parent Teacher Conference Night(s)

On Thursday, October 28, from 4:00pm to 7:30pm the High School will host the first Parent Teacher Conference night of the 2021-22 school year. Parents and/or guardians will have an opportunity to talk with teachers about the performance of their student during the first grading period. Additional Parent Teacher Conference nights will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2022 and Thursday, April 7, 2022.

Interim Reports and Report Cards

Because guardians have access to an up-to-the minute look at their student's grades, the High School will not be generating paper Interim Reports for students. And, we will only send home a printed report card at the end of each semester. We encourage students and their guardians to take advantage of the Parent Viewer function in Progress Book, and check regularly to check student grades in all classes. If you have any questions regarding a student's progress in any of your student's classes, you can call or e-mail your student's teacher for further information.

<u>2021-22 XHS Yearbooks – Order Yours</u> Today!!

Orders are now being accepted for the XHS 2021-22 yearbook. Orders can be placed online at <u>Jostens.com</u>, at the XHS fee office, or with Mr. Frank (<u>pfrank@xeniaschools.org</u>). The price depends on when the yearbook is ordered. The sooner the better! If ordered **by** October 15 the cost is \$64.00; if ordered **by** December 17, the cost is \$68.00; if ordered **after** December 17, the cost is \$70.00. Please contact Mr. Frank at <u>pfrank@xeniaschools.org</u> with any questions.

Senior Information for 2021-22 XHS Yearbook

YEARBOOK: This Is YOUR Yearbook. Be In it!!

<u>Headshots</u>: Senior headshots must be scheduled for your photo to appear in the yearbook. Headshots are different than your Senior portraits which include several outfits and poses.

• Seniors Attending In Building:

Option 1 - Schedule with Mr. Frank's Interactive Media students from September 13, 2021 through October 8, 2021. The cost is \$20.00, and you will receive a print of your headshot. Scheduling will be announced in September.

Option 2 - Have your headshot taken by BetterImages Portrait Studio by scheduling with them online at http://www.betterimagesonline.com/ or by calling (937) 562-3205.

• Seniors Enrolled in Online Edge:

Option 1 - Schedule with Mr. Frank's Interactive Media students on October 6, 2021 from 4pm to 7pm. The cost is \$20.00, and you will be sent a digital copy of your headshot. To schedule, e-mail pfrank@xeniaschools.org and you will be given further instructions.

Option 2 - Have your headshot taken by BetterImages by scheduling with them online at http://www.betterimagesonline.com/ or by calling (937) 562-3205.

NOTE: This is a portrait on a blue studio background that will be used in the Senior section of the yearbook. You must go to one of the photographers listed above for your picture to be placed in the yearbook. Please dress nicely. No hats or t-shirts. Dress to show that you are proud to be a graduating Senior.

<u>Senior Baby Pictures</u>: These will be collected digitally or as a printed photograph. There is no charge for this, but it's fun to have a baby picture included in the Senior section. E-mail pictures to <u>pfrank@xeniaschools.org</u> or bring them to XHS Room C119.

<u>Senior Ads</u>: Show your love by buying a space in the yearbook to recognize a Senior. Design and pay for your ad at <u>jostens.com</u> or by contacting Mr. Frank at <u>pfrank@xeniaschools.org</u>.

<u>Candid Photos</u>: Students can submit photos for the yearbook throughout the year in person, via email, or through our app called ReplayIT by Jostens. The password for the app is gobucs.

Important Jostens Dates

- 09/09 Ring Order Night for Classes of 2022, 2023 & 2024-3:00pm-6:00pm-XHS Main Lobby;
- 09/09 Ring Order Days for Classes of 2022, & 09/10 2023 & 2024-@ lunch-XHS Café;
- 09/30 Senior Graduation Orders & Ring Order
 Night for Classes of 2022, 2023 & 2024-2:30pm-5:00pm-XHS Main Lobby;
- 10/01 Senior Graduation Orders & Ring Order Day for Classes of 2022, 2023 & 2024-@ lunch-XHS Café;
- 10/01 GCCC (XHS) Senior Graduation Orders
 & Ring Order Day for Classes of 2022 & 2023-@ lunch-GCCC Café;
- 12/02 Ring Delivery Day for Classes of 2022, 2023 & 2024-@ lunch-XHS Café;
- 03/17 XHS Senior Graduation Orders (Excluding Caps & Gowns) Delivery Day-7:00am-7:45am-XHS Main Lobby;
- 03/17 GCCC (XHS) Senior Graduation Orders (Excluding Caps & Gowns) Delivery Daylunch-GCCC Café;
- TBA Delivery of Caps & Gowns for Graduation for GCCC (XHS) Seniors
- 05/24 Delivery of Caps & Gowns For XHS Seniors-After Graduation Rehearsal-XHS Gym;

<u>Informational Meeting For Possible</u> Mexico Trip For XHS Students

Hola amigos! Would your child want to spend Spring Break 2023 in sunny Mexico, practicing Spanish or learning about pre-Columbian civilizations? There will be a meeting in late August to determine if there is enough interest to organize such a trip. Interested students should speak with Mr. Hartigan or email him at ahartigan@xeniaschools.org.

Parents

Please call 937-372-6983 if you are unable to log onto your Parent Progress Book account to view your XHS student's grades and attendance.

Air Force JROTC

We are excited to announce the official start of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program at Xenia High School, which will commence operations in the 2021-22 school year. The primary goal of the JROTC program is to help students develop decision-making and communications skills while building individual self-confidence and leadership skills. This leadership program will offer students the chance to improve interpersonal skills as well as introduce them to the study of Aerospace Science, where flight and space operations will be taught. We are excited about making history here at Xenia High School! Please visit AFJROTC.com to learn more about this program.

XHS Academic Team

What's the powerhouse of the cell? Which legendary king wielded Excalibur? On what river was the Aswan Dam built? If your child knows the answers to any of these questions, the Xenia High School Academic Team is the team for him/her!

The Academic Team is looking for new members from ALL GRADES! Academic Team is like team Jeopardy where we compete against other MVL schools. No previous experience is required. Practices are on Tuesdays and one other day of the week (depending on what works for your child's grade level) while matches start in February! Questions? Contact Mr. Hartigan (ahartigan@xeniaschools.org) or Mr. McComb (amccomb@xeniaschools.org).



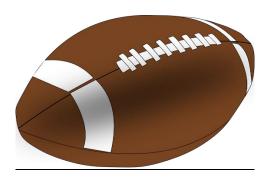
XHS Wellness & Intervention

Scan to visit the "Take a Mindful Minute"



Resources & Supports for students, staff & parents of XHS





XENIA HIGH SCHOOL 2021-22 IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

08/06	Last Day to Register for 9/11/21 ACT	10/23	ACT-XHS-8:00am
08/09	Board of Education Meeting-6:30pm	10/24	ACT-XHS-8:00am
08/09-13	Second Band Camp-9:00am-9:00pm	10/28	Parent Teacher Conferences-
08/17	First Day of School-Grade 9 Only		4:00pm-7:30pm
08/17	Open House for All Grades-4:00pm-7:30pm	11/01	Board of Education Meeting-6:30pm
08/17	Senior Proof of MVCR Vaccination Due	11/04-06	Fall Play-Times TBA
08/18	Second Day of School-Grades 9 & 10 Only	11/05	Last Day to Register for 12/11/21 ACT
08/19	Third Day of School-ALL Students Attend	11/16	2 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL-12:24pm-Staff
09/01	Ticket Sales For Homecoming Dance Start		Development
09/06	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day	11/22	NO SCHOOL – K-12 Conferences
09/07	Seniors Without Proof of MVCR	11/23-26	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
	Vaccination will be Excluded From	12/02	Ring Delivery Day for Classes of 2022, 2023
	Attendance at School		& 2024-@ lunch-XHS Café
09/09	Underclassmen Picture Day - Students with	12/11	ACT-XHS-8:00am
	last names of A thru K-7:30am-11:00am	12/13	Board of Education Meeting-6:30pm
09/10	Underclassmen Picture Day - Students with	12/17	End of Second Grading Period
	last names of <i>L thru Z</i> -7:30am-11:00am	12/17	Choir Winter (Alumni) Concert-7:00pm
09/09 & 09/10	Ring Order Days for Classes of 2022, 2023	12/20-31	NO SCHOOL – Winter Break
	& 2024-@ lunch-XHS Café	01/03	Return from Winter Break
09/09	Ring Order Night for Classes of 2022, 2023	01/06	CCP Meeting With Parents-6:00pm-
	& 2024-3:00pm-6:00pm-XHS Main Lobby		XHS Aud
09/11	ACT-XHS-8:00am	01/07	Last Day to Register for 2/12/22 ACT
09/13	Completed Dance Guest Forms for	01/11	2 nd Quarter/First Semester Report Cards
	Homecoming Dance Due to XHS Main		Go Home
	Office-by 2:30pm	01/13	2 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL-12:24pm-Staff
09/13	Board of Education Meeting-6:30pm	24/47	Development
09/15	Tickets Sales For Homecoming Dance End	01/17	NO SCHOOL – Dr. Martin Luther King Day
09/17	Last Day to Register for 10/23/21 &	01/20	Parent Teacher Conferences
/	10/24/21 ACT	02/40	4:00pm-7:30pm
09/17	Homecoming Football Game vs. Greenville	02/10	2 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL-12:24pm-Staff
09/18	Homecoming Dance-8:00pm-11:00pm-	02/12	Development
	XHS Gym	02/12	ACT-XHS-8:00am NO SCHOOL – K-8 Conferences (All Grades)
09/22	2 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL-12:24pm-Staff	02/18	NO SCHOOL – R-8 Conjerences (All Grades) NO SCHOOL – Presidents' Day
00/22	Development Nicker 6 00	02/21 02/25	Last Day to Register for 4/2/22 ACT
09/23	Senior Parent Planning Night-6:00pm-	03/02	Local Scholarship Applications Due To
00/20	7:00pm-XHS Aud	05/02	Guidance Office
09/30	Senior Graduation Orders & Ring Order	03/15	2 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL-12:24pm-Staff
	Night for Classes of 2022, 2023 & 2024- 2:30pm-5:00pm-XHS Main Lobby	03/13	Development
10/01	Senior Graduation Orders & Ring Order Day	03/17	XHS Senior Graduation Orders (Excluding
10/01	for Classes of 2022, 2023 & 2024-@ lunch-	03/17	Caps & Gowns) Delivery Day-7:00am-
	XHS Café		7:45am-XHS Main Lobby
10/01	GCCC (XHS) Senior Graduation Orders &	03/17	GCCC (XHS) Senior Graduation Orders
10/01	Ring Order Day for Classes of 2022 & 2023-	00/ = /	(Excluding Caps & Gowns) Delivery Day-
	@ lunch-GCCC Café		lunch- GCCC Café
10/11	Board of Education Meeting-6:30pm	03/18	End of Third Grading Period
10/14	Choir Fall Concert – 7:00pm	03/21-25	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
10/15	End of First Grading Period	04/02	ACT-XHS-8:00am
10/21	2 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL-12:24pm-Staff	04/07	Parent-Teacher Conferences-
- , -	Development		4:00pm-7:30pm
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XENIA HIGH SCHOOL 2021-22 IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Spring Musical-7:00pm-XHS Aud	05/24	Graduation Rehearsal-7:40am-XHS Gym
2 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL-12:24pm-Staff	TBA	Delivery of Caps & Gowns for Graduation
Development		for <i>GCCC</i> (XHS) Seniors
Spring Musical-Times TBA	05/24	Delivery of Caps & Gowns for XHS Seniors-
NO SCHOOL – Good Friday		After Graduation Rehearsal-XHS Gym
XHS Prom-8:00pm	TBA	Delivery of Caps & Gowns for Graduation
Last Day to Pay Fees by Check		for GCCC (XHS) Seniors
All School Fees Should Be Paid To Assure	05/25	Graduation-7:00pm-Nutter Center
Graduation, Graduation Participation &	05/26	End of Fourth Grading Period
Release of Records/Transcripts	05/26	Last Day of School
Last Day to Register for 6/11/22 ACT	05/31, 6/1-6/6	Make-Up School Days, if Needed
2 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL-12:24pmStaff		(Weekdays Only)
Development	06/03	Final Report Cards Mailed Home
Scholarship Awards Assembly-Time to TBA	06/10	Final Transcripts Mailed to Colleges
Senior Exam Days	06/11	ACT-XHS-8:00am
Last Day For Seniors	06/17	Last Day to Register for 7/16/22 ACT
NO SCHOOL – Staff Development	07/16	ACT-XHS-8:00am
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