

Mark Your Calendar



February 8, March 15, April 12, May 10
Two-Hour Early Dismissal for Staff Professional Development

February 17 - 20

President's Day Weekend — NO SCHOOL
on Friday, February 17 and Monday, February 20.

March 20 - 24

Spring Break — NO SCHOOL

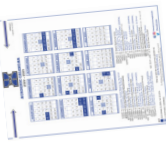
April 7 - 10

Easter Weekend — NO SCHOOL
on Friday, April 7 and Monday, April 10.



May 2

Election Day — Don't forget that XCS is on the
ballot with an operating levy RENEWAL.



**Looking for more
important dates?
Find the most current
calendar at XeniaSchools.org.**

PHOTO: XHS Student Council members pack care packages for the annual Baskets for Battle service project. This year, students delivered 250 care packages to cancer treatment centers across the region.

Photo credit: Hilba Loukessi



Members of IMPACT, Warner's service and spirit club, read stories and worked with Kindergarten students at Arrowood.



WMS leadership students capped off their fall food drive when they delivered 2,351 pounds of food to the Xenia Food Pantry.



The newest members of the XHS Chapter of the National Honor Society have been inducted. Find the complete list of students online.



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WMS theatre students staged a production of Alice in Wonderland to wrap up their semester-long class, with stage design completed by 1st semester art students.

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XCS SET TO TACKLE RENOVATION FOR DOUG ADAMS STADIUM



A view of Doug Adams Stadium from above.

The district's newest construction project is one that has been on the minds of parents and student-athletes, a renovation at Doug Adams Stadium to include lighting, bleachers, press box, and parking.

Planned improvements for phase one:

- **Lighting** – Replace all four light poles with energy-efficient LEDs; includes all new electrical wiring for those structures.
- **Stands** – Switch home and away sides. Replace fan seating with ADA-compliant options, increasing seating for the home team from 3,500 to 4,000 seats. Away stands will increase from 1,500 to 2,000 seats.
- **Press Box** – Replace structure at the top of the home bleachers with a single-story 10' x 54' structure that will include an open observation deck above.
- **Parking** – Add 110 parking spaces adjacent to the stadium.

Current lighting and electrical systems have become unreliable, and the bleachers are showing the wear and tear of hundreds of thousands of guests over many decades. Both the lights and the center section of the home bleachers were installed in the mid-1950s, when they were moved from what was then Central High School.

The renovation process will necessitate the demolition of the current locker room facilities located beneath the bleachers. Mobile units will be in place for the 2023-24 school year, with the goal to use them for only one year.

Once the initial phase of renovation is complete, a second phase would include other major areas in need of renovation, largely focused on locker rooms and other site structures.

Previous improvements to the facility included replacing the track in 2017, and the turf field in 2015.

A BIRDS-EYE VIEW OF WARNER



This view of Warner showcases the early site work that was completed in the fall. Construction will begin in earnest as soon as the weather turns this spring, and concrete can be safely poured.

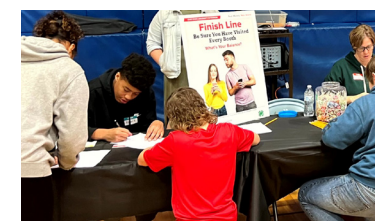
Find the most recent project updates, including additional aerial photos, at XeniaSchools.org.

Photo courtesy Peterson Construction.

XCS SPOTLIGHT: FINANCIAL LITERACY



7th and 8th grade students at Warner Middle School participate in the Real Money, Real World experience as part of the XCS financial literacy learning program.



Early financial literacy learning is key to helping students be successful. Understanding concepts such as budgeting, investing, managing credit, and more will give them the tools they need to plan for life after high school.

For the 2023 – 2024 school year, the district will be incorporating more extensive financial literacy learning at the high school — but financial literacy is not necessarily new for Xenia students! For many years, seventh and eighth grade students at WMS have had the chance to learn more about personal finance, focusing on how their choices now and in the next few years can impact their life.

As part of the *Real Money, Real World* program, students participate in classroom learning sessions followed by an interactive simulation where they make important decisions based on their income and lifestyle.

Through financial literacy programs like this one, students explore how decisions about their education and occupation affect their income and how to make sound decisions about their financial future as they navigate these tricky life choices in a supportive environment.

The RMRW program is coordinated by the Office of Curriculum and Instruction in partnership with the OSU Extension Office. The next session will be in May 2023.

RENEWAL LEVY APPROVED FOR MAY 2023 BALLOT

In January, the Xenia Board of Education approved a resolution to put the income tax levy renewal back to voters for consideration in May 2023.

This operating levy, which failed by the slimmest of margins — one vote! — in November, provides critical funding to support day-to-day learning in our classrooms and has a significant impact on the services the district can offer to students. It contributes more than \$5 million to the district's annual budget, and represents 10.5% of the district's annual revenue.

LIFE-READY STUDENTS

Helping students chart their path forward through high school and beyond includes creating opportunities for career exploration.

The Office of Curriculum and Instruction is currently planning both a Career Expo on March 17, as well as job shadowing opportunities for students this winter and spring.

Opportunities for local businesses to participate may still be available. Interested partners should reach out to jhollander@xeniaschools.org.