



Principal's Message **November, 2018**

Growing young men and women is what high school is all about. The growth mindset is about knowing every student can improve both academically and socio-emotionally. As I reflect on the past few months since school began, we have had so many opportunities to *GROW* our students, and they have accepted the challenge. Here are just a few -

On November 1st and 2nd we recognized 456 students in our building with a 3.25 GPA or higher for the 1st quarter. Including Greene County Career Center students, the total was 518 students. Honor Roll students received a certificate for Academic Excellence in their homeroom, and those with a 4.0 GPA or higher were recognized at an Awards Assembly, limited only by the size of the auditorium. On behalf of the entire staff, we are very proud of the students achieving both of these levels, and I was very excited to have 176 parents in attendance. This was the first ceremony of its kind, and I hope we have started a Buccaneer tradition that will serve to enhance students' academic experience at XHS and encourage them to continue to grow! Pictured are Maliah Huston-Newsom, Alexis Claybaugh, Alyssa Echols, and Kelli Hatfield.



With the growth of student leaders in mind, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Tate, and I took 16 students to the Anthony Munoz Youth Leadership Conference in Mason, Ohio on October 16. It was a tremendous experience that will help impact the community needs that these young leaders identified during the conference.

Our new Peer Facilitation class is reaching out to positively affect the social-emotional growth of the student body in a number of ways. They began with helping students get to know one another and will continue to add programs like *Peer Listening*, *Peer Mediation*, and elementary and middle school outreach through *Peer Mentoring*.

On November 27, we will host our next guest speaker, Terrence Talley, whose message is about defining oneself through life's struggles, suicide prevention and bullying prevention: *"I want students to know they matter, and because they matter, they can make a difference."*

You can help us grow as an organization as well, by being part of our XHS Focus Group that includes teachers, parents, and students. The Group will be meeting during lunch at 11:30am in the Library on December 4, 2018, January 8, 2019 and March 19, 2019.

Throughout this newsletter, you will see a number of programs, such as Baskets for Battle and the HOSA Blood Drive that *GROW* our students and help the community. However, these are just a few of the ways staff is working to impact student growth. Each and every day our staff is working hard to build relationships, improve test prep, better communicate with parents, and to keep your child safe. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions about any of the programs discussed above or other questions or concerns. Happy Thanksgiving!

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"It's a Great Day to Learn!"

Athletics

The fall sports season saw great success for our athletic teams. The varsity football team, girls' soccer team and boys' cross country team all captured GWOC South titles. The division title for the football team was its first since 2006 and its first outright title since 1969! Xenia leads the South Division in the all-sports trophy standings through the Fall season. The national signing period begins Wednesday, November 14th. Xenia will have two student athletes signing Division 1 National Letter Intent during this period to continue their academic and athletic futures. Girl's swimmer Carsyn Siefert will be signing with Youngstown State and boy's basketball player Samari Curtis will be signing with The University of Cincinnati.

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 website is a resource for rosters, schedules, news articles, and all sports related forms.

Student Chrome Book Information

Please review the insert included in this mailing for important information regarding student use of Chrome Books. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mrs. Kathy Patterson at 937-562-9971 or at kpatterson@xenia.k12.oh.us.

Baskets for Battle

Student Council is raising money for its winter service project Baskets for Battle, which is ongoing until December 7th. Baskets for Battle is an annual service project designed to encourage cancer patients in the local area undergoing treatment during the Holiday season. In addition, cash or supplies for the bags can be donated at Xenia High School. Supplies needed include blankets, socks, gloves, hand sanitizer, and lotion.

For more information please contact Ms. Charlese Rose at crose@xenia.k12.oh.us or Ms. Debb Dunteman at ddunteman@xenia.k12.oh.us or at 937-562-9972. Thank you for helping us encourage some of our local community members who are going through difficult times during this Holiday season!

Testing Schedule

Please note the following testing dates on your calendar to assure your child's availability for the following testing schedule:

- 12/3-12/7/18 - Ohio State Tests (Grades 11 & 12 End of Course Exams)
- 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)

HOSA Annual Fall And Spring Blood Drives

The XHS Chapter of HOSA will be sponsoring its Annual Fall and Spring Blood Drives (December 14, 2018 and April 12, 2019). Students must be at least 16 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good general health and submit a signed and completed Consent Form to participate. Consent Forms can be obtained in the Main Office, Guidance Office and outside

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Room C114. Completed Consent Forms must be returned to the same locations on or before December 7, 2018. For additional information, HOSA Advisor Mrs. Wavra can be contacted at mwavra@xenia.k12.oh.us.

HOSA is an international student organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Education (HSE) Division of ACTE.

Fundraiser for Good Behavior and Senior Picnics Held At End of School Year

Do your holiday shopping and support the XHS end of year student picnics! Orders can be placed with LTD Commodities using the following link through December 15, 2018: www.ltdcommodities.com/channels/school/xhs45385. This link must be used for XHS to receive credit for purchases. If you already have an account with LTD Commodities, please be certain to close your browser so when you open this link it gives XHS credit for your purchases. XHS will receive 5 percent of all purchases. All orders will be shipped directly to you at the address you request. Thank you for your support.

Good News/Student Activities

Grade 10 student Rebecca West is the Xenia High School November Kid of Character. She reads voraciously and is always looking for book recommendations. She is in Renaissance and HOSA. She is an active member at her church and participates in many activities. She is always smiling in the hallway. Mrs. Evans says "Rebecca is always willing to do an extra task and never has a cross word for anyone. She is always positive".

The Powder Puff game was held Sunday, November 2 at 2pm! Seniors won 6-0. It was a very well organized game. Thanks to all the students, athletes, parents and staff members for making this activity a success. All proceeds will benefit the XHS Baskets for Battle service project.

XHS hosted the R & L Carriers Hometown Event on Thursday, October 25, 2018. We have partnered with this local employer to expose students to opportunities and careers available through such a company. R & L brought their event vehicle to the staff parking lot so that students could visit the truck each period. After school the truck was moved to the stadium and

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provided tailgating games for students and community members. By the end of the football game, XHS was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to be provided to a XHS student. The scholarship will be awarded to a Senior by application at the end of the school year.

The XHS Peer Facilitation Student Group spearheaded the following anti-bullying activities during the last week of National Bullying Month (October).

- Hey Day-This day was meant to help students who feel isolated at Xenia High School and was an introduction to anti-bullying week;
- Pay It Forward Day. Students were given cards to spread kindness throughout the school;
- Posters were made reflecting the following message "All Hands on Deck to Stop Bullying"; and
- Peer Facilitators went into fifth period classes in pairs and led an activity called "Who You Really Are". This activity was to help students focus on their positive characteristics.

XHS will be participating in a program called *We the People*. This program is intended to help students understand government through an authentic learning experience. The students will eventually participate in a simulated congressional hearing. To prepare students for the program, guest speakers are encouraged to share their knowledge of government.

Students from the Greene County FFA Chapter, including XHS Students Wade Hutchison, Isabel Martin, Jacob Martin, Jhett Peck and Isabel Wickline recently attended the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. At the National Convention students toured Lincoln College of Technology and the Indianapolis Zoo. Students also attended two general sessions, hearing from keynote speakers such as Kyle Scheele (a motivational youth speaker), the Chairman and CEO of John Deere Samuel R. Allen, as well from retiring FFA's Eastern Region Vice President Gracie Furnish. Three Xenia High School graduates (Allison Rapp, Sarah Harner, and Cheyenne Kendrick) earned their American FFA Degree, the highest honor in the organization. Less than one half of one percent of FFA members earn this degree.

Important Dates & Other Information

11/16	Interim Reports to Students	2/26	Free ACT (Juniors)
11/19	NO SCHOOL -K-12 Conference Day	3/19	XHS Focus Group -11:30am-Library
11/20-23	NO SCHOOL -Thanksgiving Break	3/22	End of Third Grading Period
11/27	Guest Speaker Terrence Talley at XHS	3/25-3/29	NO SCHOOL -Spring Break
12/03-07	Grades 11 & 12 End of Course Exams	4/05	Progress Reports to Students
12/04	XHS Focus Group-11:30am-Library	4/05	Completed Blood Drive Consent Forms Due
12/07	Completed Blood Drive Consent Forms Due	4/12	HOSA Sponsored Spring Blood Drive
12/08	ACT @ XHS-8:00am	4/13	ACT @ XHS-8:00am
12/11	Holiday Band Concert-7:00pm	4/19	NO SCHOOL -Good Friday
12/13	National Honor Society Induction-7:00pm	4/23-4/24	Grades 9 & 10 ENG End of Course Exams
12/14	HOSA Sponsored Fall Blood Drive	4/30	ALG End of Course Exam
12/20	Holiday Choir Concert-7:00pm	5/01	GEOM End of Course Exam
12/21	End of Second Grading Period	5/01	Last Day To Pay Fees By Check-Cash Only
12/24-1/04	NO SCHOOL -Winter Break	5/02	Grades 9, 10 & 11 US HIST, BIO & GOVT End of Course Exams
1/07	Return from Winter Break	5/03	Interim Reports to Students
1/08	XHS Focus Group -11:30am-Library	5/04	XHS Prom-8pm-Midnight
1/11	Progress Reports to Students	5/16	Scholarship Awards Ceremony-10:00am
1/21	NO SCHOOL -Dr. M.L. King Day	5/17	NO SCHOOL -Professional Dev Day
2/01	NO SCHOOL -Professional Dev Day	5/23	Last Day for Seniors
2/09	ACT @ XHS-8:00am	5/29	XHS Graduation @ Nutter Center-7:00pm
2/14	Interim Reports to Students	5/30	End of Fourth Grading Period
2/15	NO SCHOOL for K-8 (Conference Day) (XHS IS IN SESSION)	5/31	Teacher Work Day
2/18	NO SCHOOL -Presidents' Day	6/07	Progress Reports Mailed Home

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