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## Principal's Message

**April**, 2019

Parents/Guardian:

It is now officially Spring, and with that comes the hustle and bustle of opportunity. At XHS, we will have a busy Spring, as we prepare for State Testing, course registration for classes next year, and of course, graduation.

The State Test, or End of Course (EOC) Exam, schedule is listed below, and these tests are the main factor in determining our school's State Report Card (SRC) grade. From the beginning of the year, we were well aware of the work that needed to be done, and teachers have had a laser-like focus on preparing students all year. I am confident that we will exceed the growth that occurred over the past two years. The 2017 report card showed a Performance Indicator (PI) of 60.7 pts, the 2018 report card showed a PI of 70.1. This year the goal is a PI of 80-90, which would "grow" us a letter grade better on the SRC and bounce us above approximately 80 to 100 high schools in the state. Keep in mind that the SRC grade is actually based on each *previous* year's State test scores, so we won't see how the upcoming tests impact our grade until this Fall.

We expect all students to show their academic pride by being here on time, well-rested, and ready for each of the test dates below. Other details that pertain to all 9-12 grade students are included in this newsletter as well, so please be sure to review it.

- 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)
- 5/1-5/15/19-Various Advanced Placement (AP) Tests

Following Spring Break, Grades 9, 10 & 11 students will receive a Course of Study and registration card to select classes for next year. Be sure to review their selections with them. Once the card is completed and checked, students will register for all classes online. Keep in mind that each department has developed new criteria for certain classes, such as honors, based upon previous grades, EOC scores, common assessment, and other data.

Finally, as we head toward graduation, we have high expectations for all students, especially Seniors. We want their graduation and high school memories to be the best ever. To help, we expect them to continue to dress appropriately as the weather warms, maintain their grades and behaviors, and take advantage of our Guidance Office for scholarship and post-secondary opportunities. We recently hosted the Xenia Job Fair, which is just one place students were able to take a glance at one possible future. We hope graduates continue to grow into successful, contributing citizens ready for life well after their time here.

Grades 9, 10 & 11 students that attend each day of End of Course Testing (4/23, 4/24, 4/30, 5/1 and 5/2), and have completed all State tests, may be dismissed after 11:15am on May 2, the final day of testing. Please see the enclosed Early Release Form for complete information regarding the early release procedure.

# Principal's Message (continued)

Attention Grade 12 students - On May 2, while our  $9^{\text{th}}$ ,  $10^{\text{th}}$ , and  $11^{\text{th}}$  grade students will be undergoing required end-of-course testing, Senior students will be permitted to select one of the activities on the enclosed sheet instead of attending school for this day. Please see the enclosed Alternative Attendance Form for complete information regarding this opportunity.

For parents' planning purposes, the 2019-20 Xenia Community Schools Academic Calendar is enclosed within this mailing.

Fall sports eligibility is based on fourth quarter grades. After school tutoring is held in the library Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday until 4:00pm.

#### Dr. Henry "Hank" Jackoby XHS Principal

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#### **Athletics**

Be sure to follow the Athletic Department on twitter to hear about all of the sports happenings and results @XeniaAthletics. Also note that the <u>xeniaathletics.com</u> website is a resource for rosters, schedules, news articles, and all sports related forms.

# Xenia Touchdown Club Spaghetti Dinner/ Auction Fundraiser

The Xenia Touchdown Club is hosting their 1st Annual Spaghetti Dinner/Auction Fundraiser. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019 @ 6:30pm at the Greene County Career Center. The cost is \$5.00 per person/\$20.00 per family. Join the 2018 GWOC Champions, coaches, families and friends for a night of spaghetti, live AND silent auctions, 50/50 raffle, and more! This will be a night of fun and fundraising for the 2019 XHS Football season, and a fun evening for the entire Xenia Community.

#### **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.

### Junior/Senior Prom

The Xenia High School Prom is scheduled for May 4th at the Assembly Hall at the Greene County Fairgrounds from 8:00pm to midnight. Tickets will be \$25 each and will go on sale Wednesday, April 17th through Wednesday, May 1st. More information will be shared as the date gets closer. Juniors and Seniors should expect an invitation with all necessary information after Spring Break. If you have any questions, please contact Debb Dunteman at ddunteman@xeniaschools.org or 937-562-9972

## Summer School Information

Please see the postcard enclosed with this mailing for important information regarding summer school dates & availability.

### School Fees Reminder

- All Senior fees must be paid In full to receive credits, walk at graduation, receive diploma, and/or have transcript requests processed.
- Regarding fees for 2018-19 Grades 9 through 11 students All outstanding fees must be paid in full (including lost library books or lost or damaged textbooks), to receive the final 2018-19 report card and/or have transcripts sent to new schools.
- Payments may be made online by credit card at www.payforit.net, by check, money order, cash (exact change please), or credit card at the XHS Bookkeeper's Office Monday through Friday from 8:00am-3:30pm. Checks or money orders may also be mailed to XHS (Attn Bookkeeper). Checks will not be accepted after May 1, 2019. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 562-9904 for assistance. Thank you!

### **Good News/Student Activities**

The XHS February Kid of Character was Junior Bristyl Dean. As stated by a XHS faculty member - Bristyl is a very mature, responsible, caring and helpful person. She gives great support and advice to a friend who is often difficult to get along with and who struggles to be successful academically. Bristyl is a quiet leader and a pleasure to have in class.

The XHS March Kid of Character is Sophomore Jackson Baker. As stated by a XHS faculty member - Jack exudes school spirit. He is involved in several clubs and organizations. Jack is eager to volunteer to help others. He is incredibly compassionate. Jack is very bright and brings a smile to my face every day.



Xenia High School students Isabel Tettau and Jon Shepherd competed the **Business** at Professionals of America's State Competition on

March 14, 2019 and placed Third in the State of Ohio against 18 other teams in Video Production Team. Congratulations Isabel and Jon!

Xenia High School meets goal of raising \$3,500 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society during the month of February. Part of the money raised was during a heated class competition in 5th period with the winner Mrs. Misamore's class earning an Olive Garden lunch after Spring Break. The second and third place classes of Mrs. Tate and Mr. Marrinan will earn an ice cream party for their impressive participation. In addition to the class competition, school wide fundraisers included hat day, PJ day, music day, and the Student Staff Basketball game. Student Council wants to thank everyone who participated and helped reach our goal of \$3,500 towards the cure of blood cancers.

### **Good News/Student Activities (continued)**

Student Council held the annual Student Staff Basketball game on Friday March 8th. The game earned over \$1,200 helping Student Council reach their fundraising goal of \$3,500 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The staff put up a fight but ended up falling to the Seniors 24 - 21. Student Council would like to thank all of the staff participants, Senior coaches and

players, and a special thank you to our amazing referees Mr. Earley and Dr. Lofton. In addition to the basketball festivities, during half-time the students got to see the award winning Winter Guard perform.



The following students were recently recognized for their excellent attendance for the current school year: Ella Andreassen, Nicole Andreassen, Dailyn Arnold, Zaida Artis, Jackson Baker, Lacey Bice, Sean Bilbrey, Jenna Casey, Aleea Chaffin, Michael Channels, Brylee Dixon, Jordan Dyamond, Monica Finklea, Alaigha Gore, Cooper Greensage, Alexandra Horton, Treyshawn Hoskins, Jahnyse Jefferson, Ross Matthews, Andrew McCray, Connor Miller, Gillian Miller, Kaylee Moore, Jade Murphy, Bailey Oliver, Annunziata Palmer, Jonathon Patterson, Gavin Perry, Mylee Perry, Caroline Prindle, Owen Robinson, Jayden Rodriguez, Adam Searls, Allison Shaw, Sydney Shuttleworth, Corey Steiger, Jacob Stickle, Ann Swartz, Jared Szwec, Abbie Vandyke, Lorraine Vellia, Kylan Wagner, and Kenji Ward-Sims.



Mrs. Evans' French 1 Class studied Mardi Gras, as it is a French Holiday, and celebrated in class. Students made masks and brought in French food. Students in that class are as follows: Matt Furman, Madilyn Holcomb, Javas McNair, Josh Hawes, Brianna Maloney, Tristin Fernandes, Jada McAvene, Adrianna Nooks, Leah Pagett and Marissa Quillen. The

impressive cake shown was made by Adrianna Nooks.

The Xenia Winter Guard continues to win accolades. They won first place at the Mid-East Performance Association guard competitions held at Centerville High School and Northmont High School. These outright wins occurred after they



took second place at the guard competition held at Butler High School. The color guard is directed by Ms. Monique Satchell. Pictured are Winter Guard Members Back Row L to R - Jaylynn Bowermaster, Sidney Wiliams, Treyshawn Hoskins, Breeanne McKinley, and Caisa Webb; and Front Row L to R - Amethyst Jones, Xavier Feathers, Caroline Prindle, Lanah Whiteman and Faith Drazek.

## <u>Important Dates & Other Information</u>

4/05	Progress Reports to Students	5/2-5/3	FFA State Convention
4/05	Completed Blood Drive Consent Forms Due	5/03	Interim Reports to Students
4/08	Board of Education Meeting-6:30pm	5/04	XHS Prom-8pm-Midnight
4/11	Spring Play Performance-7:00pm	5/07	Band Spring Concert-7:00pm-Aud
4/12	HOSA Sponsored Spring Blood Drive	05/9	HOSA Banquet-6:00pm-Cafe
4/12	Spring Play Performance-7:00pm	5/10	FFA Banquet-6:00pm-Cafe
4/13	ACT @ XHS-8:00am	5/13	Board of Education Meeting-6:30pm
4/13	Spring Play Performances-3:00pm & 7:00pm	5/15	FFA Adopt A Highway-2:30pm
4/19	NO SCHOOL-Good Friday	5/16	Scholarship Awards Ceremony-10:00am
4/23-4/24	Grades 9 & 10 ENG End of Course Exam	5/16	Senior Picnic-11:30am-1:00pm
4/27	Xenia Touchdown Club Spaghetti Dinner/	5/17	NO SCHOOL-Professional Dev Day
	Auction Fundraiser-6:30pm-GCCC	5/21-5/22	Senior Exams
4/29	Mock Crash-9:00am	5/23	Last Day for Seniors
4/30	ALG End of Course Exam	5/28	Graduation Rehearsal-XHS Gym-7:40am
5/01	GEOM End of Course Exam	5/29	XHS Graduation @ Nutter Center-7:00pm
5/01	All School Fees Due	5/30	End of Fourth Grading Period
5/1-5/15	AP Testing	5/31	Teacher Work Day
5/02	Grades 9, 10 & 11 US HIST/BIO/GOVT EOC Exams	6/07	Progress Reports Mailed Home