



# KALIDA HIGH SCHOOL

*2023-2024 Best High School*

## #7 in OHIO

## #260 in the NATION

Ranking Factors		
How Kalida High School performed nationally and statewide out of 17,680 nationally ranked schools and 741 schools ranked in Ohio.		
RANKING FACTORS	NATIONAL	STATE
College Readiness Index Rank	#680	#14
College Curriculum Breadth Index Rank	#2,996 (tie)	#88
State Assessment Proficiency Rank	#73	#3
State Assessment Performance Rank	#396	#19
Graduation Rate Rank	#1 (tie)	#1 (tie)

SCORECARD	98.53
Took at Least One AP® Exam	79%
Passed at Least One AP® Exam	54%
Mathematics Proficiency	88%
Graduation Rate	> 95.0%

*"Wildcat PRIDE!"*

### Parent-Teacher Conferences Online Signup Available Nov. 6

The annual conference with your child's teacher is important. It is vital to keep communication lines open and know if a student is having issues. It's also reassuring to know when academic expectations are being mastered. Face-to-face meetings provide the best opportunity for those genuine discussions.

Kalida is using PTCFast.com to make Parent-Teacher Conference signups as convenient as possible. Please enter the following web address into your browser window:

<https://ptcfast.com/schools/KLS>

- ◆ Registration is on a first-come first-serve basis.

### Face to Face Conference Schedule

- ◆ Thursday, Nov. 16 from 5-8 p.m.
- ◆ Monday, Nov. 20 from 2-4 pm & 5-8 pm

*There will be no school for students the week of November 20.*

### \*POSITIVITY\*

On September 1, Kalida High School students' lockers were filled with positive affirmation notes. Students for Life members want to empower fellow students to do their personal best this year and to let them know that they have the encouragement and support of their fellow students!

The Middle School Student Council also gave each middle school student a magnet with encouraging phrases to start off the school year.

Kalida High School was ranked 260th out of nearly 18,000 school districts in the United States. The ranking is based on graduation rate, proficiency scores, and college readiness (as determined by number of students taking and passing our Advanced Placement courses). Better yet, Kalida High School was ranked 7th overall in Ohio (out of 1,011 high schools)!

This recognition confirms the commitment to excellence by our students, teachers, parents, support staff, board and administration. Thank you for your continued support of Kalida Local Schools.

### Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2024–2025 school year will begin online the first week of December. More information will follow.

# Class of 2036



# First Quarter Honor Roll

## Middle School All "A" Honors

**5th Grade**—Grayson Birkemeier, Kaley Dickman, Collin Grime, Owen Heitmeyer, Macy Kahle, Trenton Kahle, Juliana Kallay, Logan Klaus, Lilian (Lily) Krouse, Brynleigh Michel, Cooper Nienberg, Natalie Recker, Will Recker, Colt Schumaker, Zachary Simon, Jenna Unverferth, Kyla Unverferth

**6th Grade**—Makenzie Bendele, Avery Bruskotter, Lorelei Goedde, Jagger Klaus, Anna Kline, Evan Leis, Anna McVey, Ava Meyer, Ivan Schroeder, Nora Schumacher, Lawson Strauer, Melanie Wannemacher, Lillian Wehri

**7th Grade**—Avery Bockrath, Ethan Dickman, Sophia Fersch, Matthew (Matt) Foppe, Collin Horstman, Ava Huber, Emma Jerwers, Hunter Klausing, Katelin Knueve, Easton Michel, John Recker, Raelyn Schnipke, Jackson (Jack) Schulte, Lyla Siebeneck, Mallory Unverferth, Rylee Unverferth

**8th Grade**—Brant Bockrath, Corinne Brinkman, Isabelle Buss, Grady Houck, Olivia Landwehr, Taylor Nienberg, Charles (Leo) Parisi, Sophia Potts, Lucas Schroeder, Grace Verhoff, Madison Verhoff, Lincoln Warnecke

## Middle School "AB" Honors

**5th Grade**—Lyla Becker, Jacob Bockrath, Owen Bockrath, Kiersten Heitmeyer, Avery Kerner, Lauren Knueve, Ethan Langhals, Miley Schulte, Evelyn Slusser, Kensley Smith, Maddox Stennett, Adam Unverferth, Ayden Unverferth, Cohen Unverferth, Henry Wehri, Case Wortkoetter, Connor Young

**6th Grade**—Erica Basinger, Carley Birkemeier, Hayden Bockrath, Gabriella Burgei, Camryn Buss, Gavin Gehres, Lucas Hammond, Spencer Horstman, Shayla Krouse, Owen Langhals, Zachary Lucke, Ava Niemeyer, Ivy Patrick, Andrew Potts, Cooper Rampe, Riley Ricker, Owen Schnipke, Kayden Sickles, Abby Stechschulte, Kobyn Unverferth, Kyla Unverferth, Gavin Verhoff

**7th Grade**—Rebekah Bendele, Hayden Birkemeier, Aiden Bockrath, Brock Bockrath, Griffin Dettrow, Toby Goubeaux, Calvin Hovest, Charlie Hutchins, Alyssa Kahle, Annaleice Maag, Madelyn Miller, Chad (CJ) Recker, Valarie Romes, Grant Sehlhorst, Eli Selhorst, Zachary Siefker, Gwen Stechschulte, Flynn Unverferth, Landon Unverferth, Braden Wagner, Mason Warnecke, Nolan Wurth

**8th Grade**—Tobin Anspach, Kallie Bockrath, Addelyn Brinkman, Emerson Burgei, Madelyn (Maddie) Cattell, Chloe Chalklin, Levi Grime, Owen Grime, Trevor Killion, Kendyl Klima, Brylie Krouse, Griffon Langhals, Avery Miller, Christopher Rall, Logan Rampe, Lillian Schnipke, Emma Shininger, Aubrey Simon, Paul Stechschulte, Brady Unverferth, Leah Unverferth, Penny Vandercook, Olivia Verhoff, Ross Zeller

## High School All "A" Honors

**Freshmen**—Hannah Bendele, Adam Bockrath, Morgan Bockrath, Addilyn Huber, Sophia Meyer, Amber Moore, Anna Schumacher, Nicole Siebeneck, Carlie Siefker, Maya Wehri

**Sophomores**—Lauren Bockrath, Katelyn (Kate) Foppe, Kyla Grime, Lana Grime, Logan Kerner, Claire Nartker, Isabel Recker, Malia Romes, Grace Schroeder, Alexander Shininger, Camdyn Warnecke

**Juniors**—Kaylyn Bockrath, Meredith Bockrath, Gabrielle Brinkman, Laura Doepker, Grant Fortman, Alexandria Gardner, Katherine Krouse, Allie Kuhlman, Olivia Meyer, Reese Miller, Robert (Connor) Nartker, Grace Rall, Lane Rellinger, Jackson Schroeder, Lauren Schulte, Jacob Siebeneck, Braylon Smith, Madison Unverferth

**Seniors**—Hannah Basinger, Katherine Bendele, Andrea Burgei, Maria Gerding, Kadon Gray, Collin Heitmeyer, Jace Karhoff, Olivia Olzak, Noah Recker, Sara Siebeneck, Ethan Wehri

## High School "AB" Honors

**Freshmen**—Emily Burgei, Cooper Horstman, Jax Horstman, Riley Horstman, Mallory Kerner, Max Langhals, Enna Meyers, Kylie Peck, Zoe Pothast, Cody Recker, Blake Remlinger, Bryce Remlinger, Makenzie (Kenzie) Remlinger, Josh Schulte, Aubree Sickles, Kennedy Simon, Isabelle Swyers, Zachary Unverferth, Ruby Vandercook

**Sophomores**—Owen Askins, Mia Burgei, Faith Feldman, Cole Goubeaux, Gage Hammond, Karlie Heitmeyer, Jaxon Hoffman, Aiden Hundley, Ethan Hundley, Griffin Klausing, Kendal Krouse, Grady Kuhlman, Kara Lammers, Lauren Laudick, Caden Looser, Jason Luersman, Elijah Patrick, Annelise Price, Mylie Rampe, Madison Ricker, Ryan Schnipke, Isabella (Bella) Schroeder, Owen Siebeneck, Landon Verhoff

**Juniors**—Bailey Basinger, Kayla Brinkman, Maddix Calvelage, Madelyn Houck, Carson Kahle, Alison Landwehr, Ethan Langhals, Brady Lehman, Drew Meyer, Adyson Miller, Haley Miller, Makenna Peck, Dylan Siefker, Ella Stechschulte, Jack Stechschulte, Reese Strauer, Ryan Verhoff, Ava Vorst

**Seniors**—Rebekah Bowers, Brady Fersch, Raegan Gerdeman, Cassidy Hipsher, Meredyth Horstman, Erica Kahle, Kyle Lammers, Jonathan Luersman, Griffin Nienberg, Maddalyn Nienberg, Riley Nienberg, Camryn Recker, Ethan Remlinger, Elyse Romes, Katelyn Roof, Austin Schnipke, Ella Schumacher, Whitney Unverferth

# District News

Join us for the

## Kalida Elementary Book Fair!

### Meet the Kalida School Board of Education Candidates up for Election

On November 7, we have the opportunity to vote for two candidates to serve for the Kalida Local School Board of Education. Take time to get to know the candidates before casting your vote.

#### **Brent Helmke**

Mr. Helmke is married to Jennifer (Giesige) Helmke and has two children; Paige and Grant. Brent is President of Affinity Mutual Insurance Company and he was previously the Treasurer of the company.

Brent is currently a Kalida School Board member and is Chairperson of the Ohio Association of Mutual Insurance Companies. He is a member of the Kalida Fish & Game Club, Kalida Lions Club (Past President) and St. Michael's Church.

Brent: "One of the reasons I wanted to become a school board member is that my two children had different experiences in the school. I believe that the combination of my family, community and work experiences allows me to have an open mind concerning school matters and assists me in community conversations concerning the school. I appreciate working with a school system that strives for improvement and I would like the opportunity to continue to serve."



#### **Nicole Pothast**

Dr. Pothast is married to Craig Pothast and lives in Kalida with their three children; Zoe, Jackson and Louis. Nicole is an Advanced Practice Nurse and Certified Nurse Midwife with a Doctorate in Nursing.

Nicole: "In the words of the great Whitney Houston, 'I believe the children are our future'. We, as a community, hold the responsibility of teaching our children so they may lead the way. As a board member, I promise to be a positive and responsible liaison between the school district and the community to ensure that our children have a safe and supportive learning environment. I believe that flexibility and diversity would make a positive impact to the current school board roster, which is why I believe I will make an excellent addition to the board."



#### **Craig Schmenk**

Mr. Schmenk is married to Linda and has four children; Erica, Connor, Olivia and Ethan; plus four grandchildren and one on the way. Craig is the owner/agent for Erhart Stechschulte Insurance.

Craig: "I have been a part of the Kalida community for over 30 years. I see the benefits of having a strong education system. We have been very lucky to have the support from the community in the past. I want to make sure that the school system continues to maintain its leadership and standards through any and all future transitions."



The annual Book Fair is November 13-20. Funds raised will help purchase books for the elementary library. This **family** event is open to the community during Parent-Teacher Conferences. Book Fair hours are Thursday, November 16 - 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Monday, November 20 from 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm. The fair will also be open to students the week of November 13-17 during school hours. Parents: create an eWallet and load funds onto an account to avoid sending cash in with your child. Any unused funds can be used on future scholastic purchases! Sign up with the link below. **\*\*Recommended, but not required.\*\***

If you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/kalidaelementaryschool>.


You can also scan the QR code. Thank you for your continued support of our annual book fair.



**KES MOTTO**

Wildcats come to school with a Purpose and show Respect, Integrity, & Determination while following the school Expectations.

**#WILDCATPRIDE**



Kalida Elementary had a PRIDE assembly to wrap up the end of the first nine weeks. The Houses of Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Determination and Expectations

were assigned buddies from different grade levels within their house groups to get to know each other better by asking each other some basic questions. The assembly concluded with the announcement of the House that earned the most points this quarter and the winning house was the House of Respect!



*Wildcat Pride!*



## FFA News

The Ag Business students made plaques to give to a farmer of their choice for farmer appreciation month. The students also helped to put forth a meal at Ottawa True Value Hardware for their “Farmer Appreciation Day”. The students thank all the farmers for their hard work and time in putting food on our tables!!

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# Academics

## Manufacturing Day

In conjunction with the Workforce Partnership of Putnam County (WPPC), Kalida’s eighth grade class and Mr. Liebrecht’s Principles of Engineering class toured Miller Precision Mfg. Industries in Ottoville to Celebrate National Manufacturing Day. Students were able to see the high-tech and clean manufacturing facility; learn about the products and processes they use; and see what skills they look for in employees.



## Mercy Health Healthcare Futures Day



Kalida High School Anatomy and Human Body Systems students attend Healthcare Futures Day at Mercy Health St. Rita’s. On Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, thirty-seven students participated in an event at the Graduate Medical Education Center on the campus of St. Rita’s. Students visited five different stations during the event. They worked on High Fidelity Patient Simulators, alongside physicians, while a variety of cardiovascular conditions were simulated. Another station allowed students to learn about the uses of ultrasound technologies and gave one KHS student a hands on experience using an ultrasound to view the bladder of a patient volunteer. Other hands on learning experiences during this event included suturing, visiting the Advanced Anatomy Lab and explore diseased pathology lab samples. During the day, Kalida students had opportunities to talk with medical professionals about education required, job responsibilities and other topics related to health and medical careers.

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## Student Council Leadership Conference

On Tuesday, September 26, Mr. Clement and Mrs. Maag took the KHS Student Council and Class Officers to a leadership conference sponsored by Jostens to hear Mr. Chris Bowers. Mr. Bowers gave leadership pointers on enhancing school climate, including all peers, and handling types of anxiety. The student council will be incorporating these messages into the school year.

*Wildcat Pride!*



## State Golf Tournament



Robert “Connor” Nartker advanced to play at the State Golf Tournament on October 13 and 14. He scored 80 his first round, and 76 his second round for a total of 156, earning him 14 place finish. Congratulations Connor!

## BGSU Falcon Choral Festival

Erica Kahle, Maddie Houck and Hannah Basinger were accepted to participate in the Bowling Green State University Falcon Choral Festival.

On November 20 their day will include rehearsals, sectionals, and workshops with Dr. Brown, the Collegiate Chorale and other members of the BGSU College of Musical Arts Faculty. Their day will conclude with a concert where they join the BGSU Collegiate Chorale in Concert at 7 p.m.



## Christmas Programs

December 4—Junior High and High School Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. at the High School Auditoria

December 11—Elementary Christmas Program at 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary Gym.

# Music & Sport News

## Congratulations to the Fall Sports Programs on their Successful Season

**Golf**—1st Team PCL: Robert “Connor” Nartker, Jack Stechshulte  
**Volleyball**—Scholar Athlete: Riley Nienberg, Whitney Unverferth, Maria Gerding, Katelyn Roof

1st Team PCL: Malia Romes  
 2nd Team PCL: Maria Gerding, Riley Nienberg  
 Honorable Mention: Whitney Unverferth, Madison Unverferth

**Boys Soccer**—Scholar Athlete: Noah Recker, Brady Fersch  
 1st Team PCL: Braylon Smith, Brady Fersch, Jacob Siebeneck  
 2nd Team PCL: Logan Kerner

Honorable Mention: Jackson Schroeder, Caden Looser, Grady Kuhlman

**Girls Soccer**—Scholar Athlete: Hannah Basinger, Katherine Bendele  
 Audra Hovest, Camryn Recker

1st Team PCL: Audra Hovest, Allie Kuhlman

2nd Team PCL: Camryn Recker, Ady Miller

Honorable Mention: Nicole Siebeneck, Alex Gardner, Cassidy Hipsher

## Basketball Season Ticket Sales

**Monday, November 6 and Tuesday, November 7**  
 High School Event Entrance from 4:00 pm until 6:30 pm  
*After these dates, tickets are available at the High School Office during regular school hours.*

### Winter Season Passes (For ALL home HS & JH boys & girls)

Student—\$50

Adult—\$80 (preferred seat additional \$20 per)

Sr. Citizen—\$50 (preferred seat additional \$10 per)

**HS Gate Price:** Adult/College \$7  
 Elementary/HS Student \$5  
 Senior Citizen age 60+ \$5

**Freshman & JH Gate Price:** All tickets \$5

### Boys’ Basketball HOME GAMES PRE-SALE:

Adults \$7 and Students \$5

**ALL TICKETS AT THE DOOR: \$7**

### Girls’ Basketball HOME GAMES—NO PRE-SALE TICKETS:

Tickets at the door — \$7 Adult and \$5 Students

## KHS Marching Band Qualifies for State

The Kalida High School Wildcat Marching Band will be performing their show titled “Woodland Voices” at the State Marching Band Competition at Piqua High school stadium on Sunday, October 29 at 4:30 p.m.



**Superintendent Karl Lammers** 419-532-3534  
 High School Principal Dean Brinkman 419-532-3529  
 Elementary Principal Kayla Stechschulte 419-532-3845  
 Treasurer Michelle Buss 419-532-3556

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**School Board Meetings**  
 Second Wednesday 7:00 PM  
 Kalida School Board Room

**School Board Members**  
 Emily Peck, President  
 Brad Niemeyer, Vice President  
 Brent Helmke, Craig Schmenk, Greg von der Embse

## Music Booster Drawings

### September Winners

**\$200** Abby Warnecke  
**\$150** Denise Decker  
**\$100** Ron Rampe  
**\$100** Cooper Nienberg  
**\$100** Samantha Rohrs

### \$75 Winners

Dan Bellmann Dennis Cattell  
 Jackie Basinger Jeremy Jerwers

### \$50 Winners

Loralei Goedde Caren Scarbrough  
 Dave Miehl Trevor Ferris  
 Kelsey Bennett

### October Winners

**\$200** Reese Miller  
**\$150** Lori Klausung  
**\$100** Jane Kahle (Dave)  
**\$100** Amy Brinkman  
**\$100** Carol Bockrath

### \$75 Winners

Tim Verhoff Sharon Stechschulte

### \$50 Winners

Scott Bennett Cami Buss  
 Griffin Dettrow Ben Ridinger

## Junior Class Fruit Sales



The junior class is selling fruit as a fundraiser for prom. **Orders are due November 3** with delivery expected the week of December 4. You can order from a Junior or contact the high school office at 419-532-3529.



## Gene Stechschulte Award

Kalida Local Schools established the Gene Stechschulte Award eight years ago to honor Gene's lifetime contributions to youth and to recognize those who have made a positive impact on our children.

Past recipients have been Kenny Buss, Annette Gerding, Mary Grote, Roger Hanneman, Fr. Mark Hoying, Greg Knueve, Dick Kortokrax, and Roger Luersman. We are again seeking nominations for the next presentation of the award. Information on the qualifications and the nomination process can be found on the district's webpage or picked up in any of the school offices.

**The nomination deadline is January 1, 2023.**

## 2023-24 Calendar Notes

10/27/23—Fall Break—*No School*  
 11/16/23—Parent Teacher Conferences 5-8 p.m.  
 11/20/23—Parent Teacher Conferences  
 2-8 p.m.—*No School*  
 11/21/23 through 11/24/23—Thanksgiving  
 Break—*No School*  
 12/22/23—2-Hour Early Dismissal—*Christmas  
 Break Begins*  
 1/3/24—Classes Resume  
 1/10/24—End of Second Nine Weeks  
 1/15/24—Martin Luther King Day—*No School*  
 2/19/24—Presidents' Day—*No School*  
 3/15/24—End of Third Nine Weeks  
 3/28/24—Spring Break Begins—*No School*  
 4/2/24—Classes Resume  
 5/22/24—Last Day for Students  
 5/23/24—Teacher Workday  
 5/26/24—Graduation—Class of 2024  
 5/27/24—Memorial Day

*Possible Make-Up Days: March 28, April 1*

## Pioneer Queen and Court



Congratulations to Raegan Gerdeman who was crowned the 151<sup>st</sup> Pioneer Days Queen on September 9. Meredith Horstman, Katelyn Roof and Elyse Romes were members of the court.

## Putnam County Community Resource Guide

Visit the website below for information on upcoming community events, educational opportunities, child care, infant and child services, clothing, churches, food assistance, financial assistance, and many more services available in Putnam County and the surrounding counties.

<https://sites.google.com/putnamcountyesc.org/putnamresourcedirectory>



## KHS Blood Drive November 2

The next blood drive is Thursday, November 2, 2023 from 12-6 p.m. in the Kalida High School Gymnasium. Appointments are highly recommended. To schedule an appointment:

- ◆ log into your American Red Cross app
- ◆ go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)
- ◆ Scan the QR code
- ◆ call 1-800-REDCROSS