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October 2024



Kalida Local Schools has been awarded a Teach Arts Ohio grant from the Ohio Arts Council

for the 24-25 school year to fund the Enhancing Curriculum and Creativity through Percussion program written by Mr. Litwiller. Through this grant, students in all grades at Kalida will participate in percussion activities designed to enhance their musical and core curricular experience and foster creativity. Current percussion students in grades 5-12 will receive comprehensive instruction where the teaching artist will provide lessons on proper technique and musicality. Performance opportunities will accompany the instruction. This award provides funding for 108 days spread out over the course of the academic year.

Shane Roney, active percussion performing artist in the Lima area, has agreed to implement this program in our district.

Enhancing Curriculum and Creativity through Percussion is made possible in part by an investment of public funds from the Ohio Arts Council (OAC). The OAC is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally, and economically.



Congratulations to KHS and Vantage student, Reese Miller, on his induction into

the Vantage Career Center National Technical Honor Society. NTHS membership is the highest award for excellence in career technical education and is a reliable indicator of performance and leadership in the workplace. Not only do NTHS inductees embody all the attributes and talents in demand today, they also embrace a clear vision for tomorrow's workforce and their role in it. Reese, son of Steve and Kelly Miller is a senior in the Culinary Arts program. He is shown with KHS Principal, Mr. Brinkman.



Teen Ambassador Board

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost has announced the selection of Kyla Grime and Alex Shiningar to the Teen Ambassador Board for the 2024-25 academic year. The board offers young people an opportunity to engage with state government officials and discuss issues affecting their lives. This program allows Ohio teenagers to gain firsthand experience in law and government. Yost said, "It's a chance for our future leaders to have their voices heard and to play an active role in shaping their communities." Board members serve a one-year term, during which they convene twice in Columbus to collaborate and advise the Attorney General's Office on matters relevant to teens. They participate in small group projects, attend presentations, meet with Attorney General Yost, and interact with assistant attorney generals and elected officials. The ideal applicant is a motivated, enthusiastic self-starter who has an interest in law and government, seeks to develop leadership skills, and wants to make a difference. Kyla and Alex fit these ideal applicant qualifications greatly. Kyla is the daughter of Beth and Jamie Grime. Alex is the son of Neil and Heather Shiningar.



Parent-Teacher Conferences Online Signup Available Nov. 4

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. 21 from 5-8 p.m.
- ◆ Monday, Nov. 25 from 3:30-8 pm

There will be no school for students the week of November 25.



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year will begin online the first week of December. More information will follow.

Class of 2037



HOBY YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to Amber Moore and Ruby Vandercook who were selected to represent the sophomore class at next summer's Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference at Ohio Northern University in early June. Amber is the daughter of Jeff and Lynn Moore. Ruby is the daughter of Don and Crystal Vandercook. Interested

sophomores submitted essays in October which were, then, anonymously judged by faculty members. A special thank you to the Kalida Lion's Club and Mr. Dean Brinkman (Kalida H.S. Principal) for funding the fee to attend the conference.

This past summer Camdyn Warnecke and Jason Luersman participated in the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership camp. Camdyn and Jason shared with us what this experience meant to them. Camdyn expressed that "The HOBY Youth Leadership Conference was unlike anything else I'd ever experienced. Ambassadors at the conference learn how to use their already existing skills to improve their leadership abilities. This is done through multiple workshops and activities. But arguably the most valuable takeaway of the conference, for me, was the practice of forming close relationships with strangers in such a short timeframe. The conference was four days long but throughout each activity and workshop, ambassadors had to talk to other ambassadors, most of which are total strangers. Overall, the conference taught valuable leadership and social skills."

"HOBY was an experience I highly recommend for upcoming sophomores" said Jason. "They taught a lot about what it takes to be a leader as well as finding out your personality type and how that effects how you can lead best. We went into the community to do service for the people of Ada, which was a great experience and was a nice things for these people. It was nice to see the reactions of the people we helped. I met many people from different parts of Ohio and made new friends. All in all, I highly recommend HOBY because it is an experience you will never forget."



First Quarter Honor Roll

Middle School All "A" Honors

5th Grade—Kaylan Bendele, Ali Buss, Scarlett Hanneman, Kourtney Kline, Josie Leis, Maria Liebrecht, Adam Meyer, Harrison Miller, Afton Morman, Jon Parisi, Grace Sarka, Everly Schnipke, Ella Schroeder, Brynn Stechschulte, Adalynn Swyers, Brylee Unverferth, Kamdon Warnecke, Reed Warnecke, Carter Young

6th Grade—Jacob Bockrath, Kaley Dickman, Collin Grime, Owen Heitmeyer, Lexi Huber, Trenton Kahle, Natalie Recker, Will Recker, Evelyn Slusser, Jenna Unverferth

7th Grade—Erica Basinger, Makenzie Bendele, Carley Birkemeier, Avery Bruskotter, Lorelei Goedde, Anna Kline, Evan Leis, Zachary Lucke, Anna McVey, Ava Meyer, Ava Niemeyer, Andrew Potts, Nora Schumacher, Lawson Strauer, Kyla Unverferth, Melanie Wannemacher

8th Grade—Avery Bockrath, Ethan Dickman, Matthew Foppe, Collin Horstman, Ava Huber, Emma Jerwers, Katelin Knueve, Easton Michel, John Recker, Raelyn Schnipke, Lyla Siebeneck, Mallory Unverferth, Rylee Unverferth

Middle School "AB" Honors

5th Grade—Natalie Barnhart, Brody Bruskotter, Gabriella Buss, Grant Erhart, Briggs Fortman, BO Grime, Garrett Jerwers, Gage Klaus, Sheldon Kleman, Alayna Langhals, Kamree Miller, Brantley Powell, Chase Rellinger, Adria Schnipke, Connor Schnipke, Nolan Sizemore, Adlee Unverferth, Grady Unverferth, Addison Vorst, Emma Weber, Addisyn Wehri

6th Grade—Lyla Becker, Grayson Birkemeier, Owen Bockrath, Lawson Brinkman, Kiersten Heitmeyer, Macy Kahle, Juliana Kallay, Avery Kerner, Logan Klaus, Lauren Knueve, Lilian Krouse, Ethan Langhals, Brynleigh Michel, Cooper Nienberg, Miley Schulte, Colt Schumaker, Zachary Simon, Kensley Smith, Adam Unverferth, Ayden Unverferth, Cohen Unverferth, Kyla Unverferth

7th Grade—Claire Bockrath, Hayden Bockrath, Gabriella Burgei, Camryn Buss, Lucas Hammond, Spencer Horstman, Jagger Klaus, Shayla Krouse, Owen Langhals, Easton Meyers, Aurora Nichols, Ivy Patrick, Cooper Rampe, Riley Ricker, Owen Schnipke, Ivan Schroeder, Abby Stechschulte, Kobyn Unverferth, Emma Verhoff, Gavin Verhoff, Lillian Wehri

8th Grade—Rebekah Bendele, Hayden Birkemeier, Brock Bockrath, Griffin Dettrow, Sophia Fersch, Toby Goubeaux, Calvin Hovest, Charlie Hutchins, Alyssa Kahle, Hunter Klausing, Annaleice Maag, Madelyn Miller, Valarie Romes, Jackson Schulte, Grant Sehlhorst, Eli Selhorst, Gwen Stechschulte, Flynn Unverferth, Landon Unverferth, Quinn Unverferth, Braden Wagner, Mason Warnecke, Nolan Wurth

High School All "A" Honors

Freshmen—Corinne Brinkman, Grady Houck, Charles (Leo) Parisi, Emma Shininger, Aubrey Simon, Grace Verhoff, Madison Verhoff

Sophomores—Hannah Bendele, Morgan Bockrath, Addilyn Huber, Sophia Meyer, Amber Moore, Anna Schumacher, Nicole Siebeneck, Carlie Siefker, Isabelle Swyers, Maya Wehri

Juniors—Katelyn Foppe, Kyla Grime, Logan Kerner, Grady Kuhlman, Claire Nartker, Elijah Patrick, Annelise Price, Isabel Recker, Madison Ricker, Malia Romes, Grace Schroeder, Alexander Shininger

Seniors—Meredith Bockrath, Gabrielle Brinkman, Laura Doepker, Grant Fortman, Carson Kahle, Katherine Krouse, Allie Kuhlman, Drew Meyer, Olivia Meyer, Lane Rellinger, Jacob Siebeneck, Dylan Siefker, Braylon Smith, Madison Unverferth, Ryan Verhoff

High School "AB" Honors

Freshmen—Tobin Anspach, Payton Black, Brant Bockrath, Kallie Bockrath, Addelyn Brinkman, Madelyn Cattell, Chloe Chalklin, Owen Grime, Brylie Krouse, Griffon Langhals, Gavin Leis, Avery Miller, Taylor Nienberg, Sophia Potts, Lillian Schnipke, Lucas Schroeder, Luke Siefker, Paul Stechschulte, Brady Unverferth, Leah Unverferth, Penny Vandercook, Olivia Verhoff, Lincoln Warnecke, Ross Zeller

Sophomores—Adam Bockrath, Cody Decker, Cooper Horstman, Jax Horstman, Riley Horstman, Shelby Jerwers, Oliver Kahle, Mallory Kerner, Max Langhals, Enna Meyers, Kylie Peck, Zoe Pothast, Cody Recker, Bryce Remlinger, Makenzie Remlinger, Beatriz Sarteschi Hortas, Josh Schulte, Aubree Sickles, Kennedy Simon, Macy Unverferth, Zachary Unverferth, Ruby Vandercook, Sophie Vorst

Juniors—Lauren Bockrath, Jamie Bowers, Cole Goubeaux, Gage Hammond, Karlie Heitmeyer, Jaxon Hoffman, Ethan Hundley, Kendal Krouse, Kara Lammers, Caden Looser, Jason Luersman, Mylie Rampe, Ryan Schnipke, Isabella Schroeder, Owen Siebeneck, Landon Verhoff, Parker Vorst, Camdyn Warnecke

Seniors—Evan Fischnich, Alexandria Gardner, Madelyn Houck, Alison Landwehr, Ethan Langhals, Reese Miller, Makenna Peck, Grace Rall, Jackson Schroeder, Lauren Schulte, Reese Strauer

District News

Gene Stechschulte Award

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

What are we looking for:

- ◆ Someone who promotes positive morale through a friendly, supportive attitude.
- ◆ Interacts with others in a positive, enthusiastic and cheerful manner.
- ◆ Puts forth an effort to encourage teamwork and to give individuals confidence in themselves.
- ◆ Acts as a positive mentor for others.
- ◆ Promotes and supports the youth of Kalida in athletics, arts and academics.
- ◆ Has performed work as leader or volunteer to bring positive results to the youth of Kalida.
- ◆ Promotes citizenship, quality student learning, integrity, respect of individual differences.

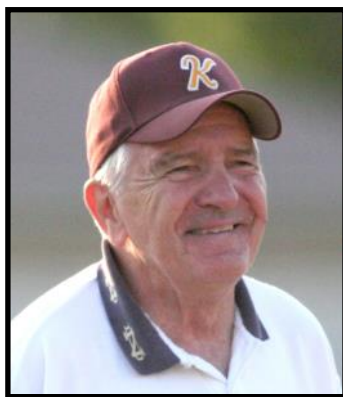
This award is presented annually to individuals who have made a positive contribution and demonstrated continued support to the youth of Kalida. All persons considered for this award show a passion for supporting youth in athletics, arts, academics and life.

Past recipients have been Kenny Buss, Annette Gerding, Mary Grote, Roger Hanneman, Fr. Mark Hoying, Greg Knueve, Dick Kortokrax, Roger Luersman and Jill Zeller. 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, 2025.

2024 Homecoming Court

On October 4 Kalida High School had their first Fall Homecoming Crowning at the Boys Soccer Game. Braylon Smith and Meredith Bockrath were named King and Queen. The court pictured below include: Sophomores: Alex Calvelage and Nicole Siebeneck; Seniors: Jackson Schroeder and Madison Unverferth; 2024 Winter King & Queen Ethan Wehri and Audra Hovest; 2024 Fall King Braylon Smith, 2024 Fall Queen Meredith Bockrath; Seniors: Grant Fortman and Adyson Miller, Juniors: Logan Kerner and Mylie Rampe and Freshmen: Lincoln Warnecke and Olivia Landwehr. Kalida boys soccer went on to win the game against Ottoville 2-0.



Junior Class Fruit Sales



The junior class is selling fruit as a fundraiser for prom. **Orders are due November 12** with delivery expected the week of December 3. You can order from a Junior or contact the high school office at 419-532-3529.

School Safety

Kalida Local Schools have upgraded the security at the Elementary and High School buildings. They system contains a camera. Before entering either building please locate the security system panel outside each buildings main entrance (Pictured to the right) and press the button to notify the office.



Once they see who is at the door they will release the lock to allow you to enter. Kalida Local Schools strive to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for our students and staff each and every day.

District Transportation News

Kirstie Rafaniello earned her Bus License and will join our team of extra-curricular and substitute drivers.



NEW DATE!

Kalida Elementary Annual Book Fair

APRIL 7—11, 2025



We are trying this change of date for this year. Look for exciting school wide events to accompany our book fair week!

FFA News

FFA Students and [Ottawa True Value Hardware](#) teamed up to show their appreciation to Farmers and their customers!! Together, they cooked lunch, set up a maze, had pumpkin painting, tractor pulls, and delivered hand-made signs to farmers to thank them for all that they do! -FFA Reporter Brooke Tucker



Manufacturing Day

In conjunction with the Workforce Partnership of Putnam County (WPPC), Sophomores' toured Endura Mfg. Industries in Ottawa 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.



Donor Brick Information

A brick donor wall at both buildings was constructed with our new building construction in 2009. We are continually adding bricks to both buildings. In the high school, we have completed the panels in the auditoria by the trophy cases and have created an additional donor brick area in the entrance way by the high school office. There are also bricks available in the entrance way by the elementary office. Please, if you haven't had the chance to see the brick donor walls at both buildings, stop in any time and check them out!

If you are interested in purchasing a brick (perhaps as an excellent Christmas present), please pick up a form at the school office or off the school websites homepage: <http://kalidaschools.org/cms/>. The proceeds for each brick can be gifted to the area of your choice: Academics, Arts or Athletics. All funds will be placed in a separate fund for the sole use of enhancing the area selected for each brick. Thank you for your continued support of Kalida Local Schools!

Academics

Two Kalida High School Seniors named Semifinalists for National Merit Scholarships

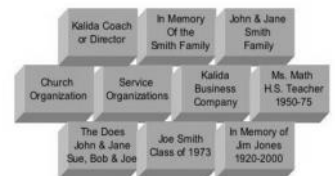


Two Kalida seniors, Grant Fortman and Robert "Connor" Nartker, are among 16,000 students nationwide that qualified as National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists for the 2025 Scholarship Program. Grant, son of Chris and Karen Fortman, and Robert, son of Keith and Beth Nartker, are among just 582 Ohioans that qualified as semifinalists. They can now compete for \$26 million in National Merit Scholarships provided by businesses, higher education institutions and individual donors.

The nonprofit National Merit Scholarship Corporation explains how the semifinalists made the cut:

- ◆ Over 1.3 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2023 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSOT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants.
- ◆ The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of US high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.
- ◆ The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduation seniors.
- ◆ Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition.
- ◆ A Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT or ACT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test.
- ◆ In the end, 6,870 high school seniors will be awarded college scholarships totaling more than \$26 million.

Congratulations to Grant and Robert on this wonderful accomplishment. Good luck to both of them as they proceed to the next phase of the National Merit Scholarship program.





December 9—Elementary Christmas Program at 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary Gym. This will include the 5th and 6th Grades Band and Music Classes.

December 19—Junior High and High School Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. at the High School Auditoria.

Music & Sport News

Congratulations to the Fall Sports Programs on their Successful Season

Boys Golf—Scholar Athlete: Robert “Connor” Nartker
 1st Team PCL: Robert “Connor” Nartker
 2nd Team PCL: Adam Bockrath, Jack Stechschulte, Paul Stechschulte
 PCL Honorable Mention: Carson Buss, Chris Rall
 District Player of the Year: Robert “Connor” Nartker
 2nd Team District: Paul Stechschulte
 District Honorable Mention: Jack Stechschulte

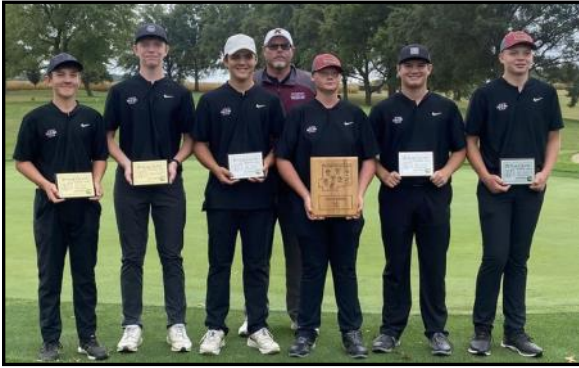
Girls Golf—Scholar Athlete: Ella Stechschulte
 2nd Team District: Grace Schroeder

Volleyball—Scholar Athlete: Katherine Krouse, Olivia Meyer, Reese Strauer, Madison Unverferth
 1st Team PCL: Malia Romes
 2nd Team PCL: Addilyn Huber
 PCL Honorable Mention: Olivia Meyer, Carlie Siefker

Boys Soccer—Scholar Athlete: Grant Fortman, Drew Meyer, Jacob Siebeneck, Braylon Smith
 1st Team PCL: Logan Kerner, Jackson Schroeder, Jacob Siebeneck, Braylon Smith
 2nd Team PCL: Owen Grime, Caden Looser
 PCL Honorable Mention: Grant Fortman, Landon Verhoff, Parker Vorst

Girls Soccer—Scholar Athlete: Kaylyn Bockrath, Gabrielle Brinkman, Alex Gardner, Allie Kuhlman, Lauren Schulte
 1st Team PCL: Allie Kuhlman, Nicole Siebeneck
 2nd Team PCL: Kaylyn Bockrath, Alex Gardner, Lauren Laudick
 PCL Honorable Mention: Gabrielle Brinkman, Mallory Kerner, Ady Miller

State Golf Tournament

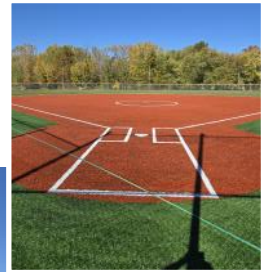


On October 11 & 12 the Varsity Golf team competed at the State Golf Tournament. Congratulations to a successful season.

(l-r) Chris Rall, Conner Nartker, Adam Bockrath, Carson Buss, Jack Stechschulte and Paul Stechschulte. Coach Kevin Stechschulte is pictured behind the team.

Kalida High School Softball Field Improvement

Work in underway on the softball field. The turf is in place and grass seed has been planted.



KHS Marching Band Qualifies for State

The Kalida High School Wildcat Marching Band will be performing their show titled “The 2nd Law” at the State Marching Band Competition at Piqua High school stadium on Sunday, November 3 at 3:15 p.m.



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

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



Music Booster Drawings

September Winners

\$200 Cindy Rieman
\$150 Chloe Miller
\$100 Diana Warnecke
\$100 Kelly von der Embse
\$100 Kelsey Bennett

\$75 Winners

Linda Unvererth Noah Miller
 Charlie Schnipke Jeret Landwehr

\$50 Winners

Olivia Burgei Rita Siebeneck
 Julie Kahle Jaxsyn Unverferth
 Ella Wehri

October Winners

\$200 Heather Bockrath
\$150 Rose & Duane Lammers
\$100 Sheryl Krouse
\$100 Dale Hanneman
\$100 Theresa Knueve

\$75 Winners

Chuck Warnecke Mike Erhart

\$50 Winners

Jerry Hoffman Joyce Myers
 Dawn Ellerbrock Nate Klaus

Basketball Season Ticket Sales

Monday, November 4 and Tuesday, November 5

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 Boys' and Girls' Basketball HOME GAMES Gate Price:

Adult/College \$7

Elementary/HS Student \$5

Senior Citizen age 60+ \$5

Freshman & JH Gate Price: Adult \$5, Students \$4

***NO PRESALE for any HOME VARSITY BASKETBALL GAMES.
 ALL tickets available AT THE DOOR.***

2024-25 School Calendar

11/21/24—Parent Teacher Conferences 5-8 p.m.
 11/25/24—Professional Development
 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—*No School*
 11/25/24—Parent Teacher Conferences
 3:30-8 p.m.—*No School*
 11/26/24 through 11/29/24—Thanksgiving Break
 —*No School*
 12/20/24—2-Hour Early Dismissal
 —*Christmas Break Begins*
 1/2/25—Classes Resume
 1/10/25—End of Second Nine Weeks
 1/20/25—Martin Luther King Day—*No School*
 2/17/25—Presidents' Day—*No School*
 3/14/25—End of Third Nine Weeks
 3/21/25—Break—*No School*
 4/18/25—Spring Break Begins—*No School*
 4/22/25—Classes Resume
 5/21/25—Last Day for Students
 —*2 Hour Early Dismissal*
 5/22/25—Teacher Workday
 5/25/25—Graduation—Class of 2025
 5/26/25—Memorial Day

Possible Make-Up Days: Friday, March 21 and Monday, April 21



Pioneer Queen and Court

Congratulations to Allie Kuhlman who was crowned the 152nd Pioneer Days Queen on September 7. Evelyn Cattell and Madelyn Houck 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>



Scan to schedule an appointment.



KHS Blood Drive October 31

The next blood drive is Thursday, October 31 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
- ◆ Scan the QR code

- ◆ go to redcrossblood.org
- ◆ call 1-800-REDCROSS