

# Report to Our Community

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# LANCER & LETTER

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## Graduation for Class of 2017 Caps School Year

The 2016-17 school year was capped off with the graduation of the Lancer class of 2017. While small in number, the class had some memorable successes.

"Given the size of this class, it is interesting all they accomplished," noted Cliff Bonner, FH Middle and High School Principal. "While the class numbered only 56 students, they collected almost half a million dollars in college scholarships and many walked off the stage straight into jobs that they had found while doing their internships."

Members of this class will be pursuing a wide range of interests and careers in their post-high school days. In addition to joining the Army and taking their places in the work force, graduates will be headed to a wide range of universities majoring in everything from Digital Animation to World Religions, Culinary Arts to Law Enforcement.

Bonner also noted that members of the class had art work recognized in the Governor's state art show, were selected as state

interns in the Business Professionals of America program, and were recruited into the Marching 110 at Ohio University. "Once again our students are off to make a difference in the world."

They made a difference while they were in our halls as well. "A small class, they knew each other well. And when tragedy struck, as it did with members of the class losing their lives, facing horrible diseases, or losing their homes, every one of these kids stepped in

to help one another," noted Guidance Counselor Amy Buchman. "I think Cliff best summed them up in his graduation speech when he said they were both resilient and resolved as a class."

Now that these graduates have departed, we look back on the 2016-17

school year and ask ourselves how we did on the goals the district set for itself. In the following pages you will find our annual Report to the Community, focused on Academic Achievement, Student Involvement, Buildings and Grounds, and Finances. You will also meet our new teachers for the coming year and read about some big plans for the future of your school district.

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# Report to Our Community

We are pleased to send all residents of our Federal Hocking community this 'local report card' on your schools. While the State of Ohio sends out such a report, it only includes student scores on state tests. But when we asked families and community members what they wanted to know about our schools we found out you wanted a broader picture of how we are doing.

From academics and athletics, to new facilities for our students, we've summarized the year and talk about plans to come.

Thank you for taking time to read this year's report. We always welcome suggestions on how to improve it. Is there something you'd like to see in future Lancer Letters? Share your ideas with Superintendent George Wood at [gwood@fhlanders.com](mailto:gwood@fhlanders.com).

## Report on Academic Achievement

Over the past several years the Federal Hocking district has been developing tools consistent across grade levels and schools to track student progress. Of particular importance to us has been student progress in reading, progress to graduation, and graduation rates. We also track student attendance, because we know it is hard to do well at school if you do not attend regularly. We believe these are the best indicators available to track student success both in school and in life after school.

In addition to local measures, we also receive a state report card that provides us with how our children scored on the state achievement tests. We use both sources of information to identify areas of academic strength and challenge, altering our programs to better meet any areas of weakness.

### Reading Levels

Our district uses a 'leveled' reader approach. Children are assessed throughout the year as to their progress in reading and instruction is geared to that progress.

- 53% of our elementary school children were reading at or above their expected grade level last year. Our target was 75% and we fell short of that. We are again setting a target of 75% of our elementary students being at or above their expected grade level at the end of the 2017-18 school year.
- In order to assist with improving reading skills, the district has created three 'reading specialist' positions to provide extra support to struggling readers, one in each elementary school and one at the middle school.

### Attendance Rate

Our attendance rate stayed high again this year, with one of the best rates in the region. We appreciate all the families that work hard to have their children come to school every day!

- Elementary School Attendance: 93.5%
- Middle School Attendance: 94.9%
- High School Attendance: 95.7%





MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AT GETTYSBURG

### Progress to Graduation

While it is necessary to hold students back at times, one of the best predictors of making it to graduation is progressing through each grade on time. We have a very high 'progress to graduation' rate, which probably also explains our high graduation rates.

- 98% of our elementary students advanced to the next grade on time.
- 100% of our middle and high school students advanced to the next grade on time.

### Graduation Rate

We believe that the best measure of our school system's success is our graduation rate. We continue to have a high graduation rate and we far exceed the graduation rate for the state of Ohio of 82%. Rates for the past years are as follows (the state does not release a graduation rate for the Class of 2017 until next spring). Our target will always be a 100% graduation rate.

- Class of 2015 Graduation Rate: 91%
- Class of 2016 Graduation Rate: 91.4%

### State Achievement Tests

We were disappointed by the results in our state achievement tests this year. While these tests are not the best indicator of student success, they do provide one way of looking at student progress.

Given the results of the tests, our schools will be making several changes in the coming year. First, we are re-examining the curriculum at all grade levels to make sure students are being taught the content that is covered in the state standards and the state tests. Second, we have added reading specialist positions in both elementary schools and the middle school to assist with student reading skills that we know can affect testing. Finally, we are investing in new computers and computer programs so that students have experience taking tests on computers similar to the tests they take for the state evaluations.

We believe these steps will improve upon our state testing results. While for the past year we did not meet any of the state passing standards on any test, our goal is to reach 75% of the state standards in the coming year and 90% in 2018-19.

## REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

### New Programs Planned for 2017-18

- ✓ All students in grades 9 through 12 will be issued Chromebook computers to use at school and to take home with them so they can use them outside of school.
- ✓ Reading specialists have been put in place at Coolville and Amesville Elementary and the Middle School in order to enhance reading instruction.
- ✓ A third kindergarten classroom has been put in place at both elementary schools in order to lower class sizes for our youngest learners.

# Report on Student Involvement

## Studies show that when kids are involved in

extracurricular activities and sports they are more likely to succeed in school. We also know that children who are involved in these activities do better in college and in jobs than those who are not.

Last year our Report to the Community shared baseline information on how many of our students are in activities and our goal of moving to 100% student involvement. In order to meet this goal we added several new sports and activities for students and saw student participation climb at all schools.

## Sports and Clubs

It was our goal to grow the activity programs for FH students during the 2016-17 school year—and we did it!

New sports teams were added at the middle and high school: Archery, Sport Shooting, and we welcome the return of our Wrestling program.

With the help of some great parent volunteers, the elementary schools expanded the Biddy League Basketball and Cheerleading programs to include children in our youngest grades.

## Art and Music

We continue to support art and music with full-time teachers in these areas in all of our buildings. The range of opportunities for children include drama, marching band, concert band, elementary band, choir, and clubs that focus on the arts including art club and drama club.

- 100% of our elementary students have art and music as part of their academic program with full-time art and music teachers in both elementary schools.
- 43% of our middle and high school students took art or music during the past school year.
- 27% of our 5th and 6th graders participated in band.

Lancers make a big difference in the life of our communities.



Clubs for the arts and academics were made available. After School Choir and Destination Imagination were added at the elementary level, while the middle and high school now have the Math Club and Science Olympiad, where students compete in 'events' pertaining to biology, chemistry, physics and engineering.

- 100% of our children in elementary school have physical education as part of their academic schedule and we have full-time PE teachers in both elementary schools.
- 35% of our elementary students participated in one or more of the community sponsored athletic teams in our community.
- 78% of our middle and high school students were involved in one or more club or sporting team!





### Community Service

When we surveyed our community, one of the things that parents said they valued was having their children involved in community service. We agree! By engaging in community service activities students not only learn skills such as speaking, listening, and cooperation, they also see how they can make a difference in the world.

During the 2016-17 school year students from Federal Hocking made a big difference in the life of our communities:

- Provided Christmas for over 100 children through the Angel Tree project.
- Raised and donated over \$3,000 and hundreds of pounds of food for area food banks through a variety of projects at all grade levels.
- Cleaned and built parks, spruced up neighborhoods, engaged with senior citizens and more through the Middle and High School Day of Service.
- Visited nursing homes where they provided table decorations and entertained residents with their musical talents.
- Through fund raisers such as Pennies for Patients, Jump Rope for Heart Health, and Empty Bowls for Food Banks raised and donated nearly \$10,000 from our elementary schools.
- Helped shelve library books, provided peer mediation and tutoring help, coached Special Olympics teams and more!

**While it is difficult to compute, it looks like over 10,000 hours of community service activities were undertaken by Federal Hocking students and staff.**



## REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

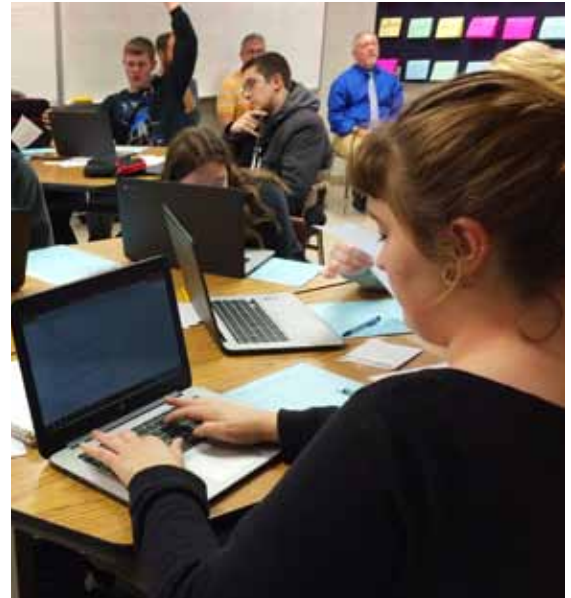
### New student activity programs during the 2016-17 school year: At the middle and high school...

- ✓ Lancer Wrestling, Archery, and Sport Shooting Team (State Champions!)
- ✓ Math Club and Science Olympiad

### At the elementary schools...

- ✓ Destination Imagination and After School Choir began at Amesville.
- ✓ Bidy League Basketball and Cheerleading at Coolville and Amesville.

# Report on Buildings, Grounds & Transportation



IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE A NEW ATHLETIC TRAINING FACILITY, ADDITIONAL CHROMEBOOKS, WIFI, AND MORE

## Facilities

Federal Hocking School District is continuing to carry out a multiple year plan to upgrade and enhance all of our facilities as well as our bus fleet.

Last year and over the summer a number of upgrades were completed or undertaken that we believe will enhance the learning opportunities for all children.

- Construction of a new storage building at Amesville.
- Replacing carpet with tile in classrooms at Coolville.
- The purchase of two new school buses.

## Technology

The purchase of over 700 new Chromebook computers deployed to students in all grades. At the high school juniors and seniors were issued their own Chromebook to use both at school and at home. This program will be expanded in 2017-18 to include all high school students.

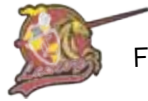
The installation of a new WiFi system that allows all computers in the district to operate without a corded connection.

The development of a new student information system that will allow us to better track student progress.

## REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

### These special projects will provide new services and opportunities to our community:

- ✓ The Lancer Care Clinic opened in the Middle School building that provides medical services to all members of our community. Additionally, when medical needs arise for students at our schools there will be full-time medical professionals available to provide assistance!
- ✓ The Danny and Pat Hall Field House is under construction and will soon be providing locker and training facilities for our athletes at the high school. The facility will be used by all Lancer athletes and will provide a large workout facility that teams have been lacking in the past.



FEDERAL HOCKING LOCAL SCHOOLS



# LITTLE LANCERS FAMILY OUTREACH



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Mindey Durst, CNP  
Rebecca Smart, LPN

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# Report on District Finances

Despite the fact that the Ohio Legislature has done little to raise support for public schools, your district's finances remain healthy. This past year we were able to give all employees a 3% raise as well as set aside funds for building projects, technology, and athletics.

Over the year we were able to use reserve funds to upgrade technology and facilities while still ending the year with a \$530,000 budget surplus. Our careful use of funds has allowed us to add six teaching positions and an additional cook at the middle and high school for 2017-18.

The pie charts below illustrate where our funds come from and how they are spent, both last year and our projections into the future.

## Permanent Improvement Funds

Annually nearly \$600,000 in local tax dollars goes into a **Permanent Improvement (PI) Fund**. This fund is set aside to purchase items that have a life

of more than five years including things like school buses, textbooks, computers, classroom materials, etc. Additionally, we have a reserve fund within the PI Fund so that if an emergency arises we can cover it. Currently we have \$200,000 in this reserve fund.

## Holding Funds in Reserve

In order to plan for the future, the Federal Hocking School Board has created a variety of special and reserve funds. These funds allow us to protect the district from an unforeseen expense and provide resources to our schools on a regular basis. Here is a list of those funds:

### Capital Improvement Reserve Fund:

An annual allocation of \$200,000 with a planned expenditure of \$1,100,000 in 2018 to replace the middle school roof.

**Budget Reserve:** This \$500,000 fund is under the control of the School Board and may only be used with Board approval for unexpected expenses or short falls.

**Technology Fund:** This will be the third year for our \$500,000 Technology Fund which has paid for new computers and devices as well as the new WiFi technology. This year additional expenditures will include digital projectors and screens in all schools.

**Permanent Improvement Reserve:** We set aside \$20,000 annually for projects such as the new storage buildings.

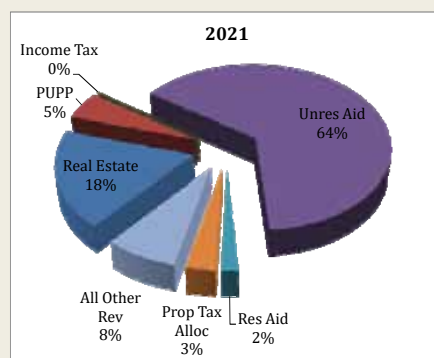
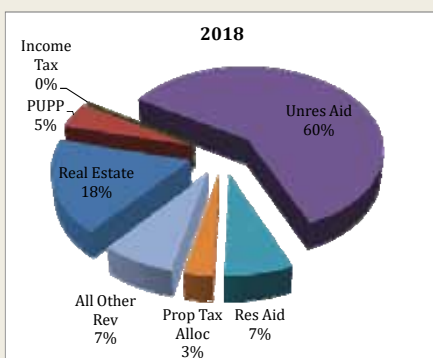
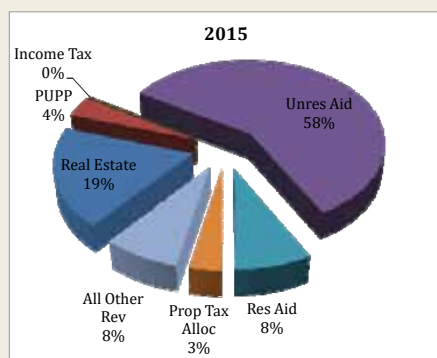
**Athletic Fund:** New this year will be an Athletic Fund with an initial investment of \$50,000 and annual investments of \$20,000 to purchase large scale athletic equipment (such as wrestling mats) and to improve locker rooms and personal equipment.

**Professional Development Fund:** An annual allocation of \$35,000 that is divided between the schools to be used by the principal in providing professional development for staff.

## REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

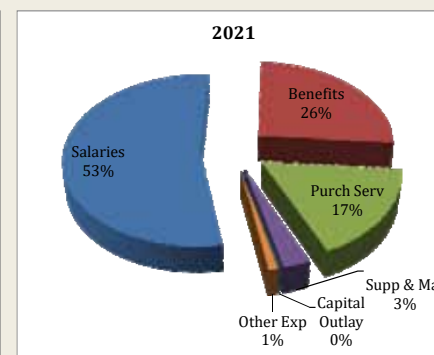
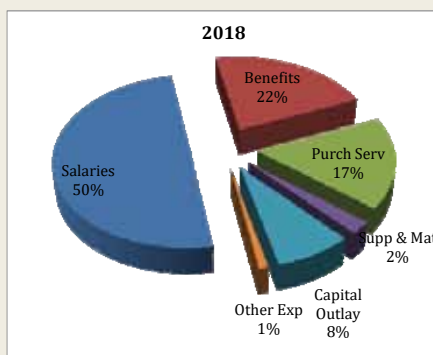
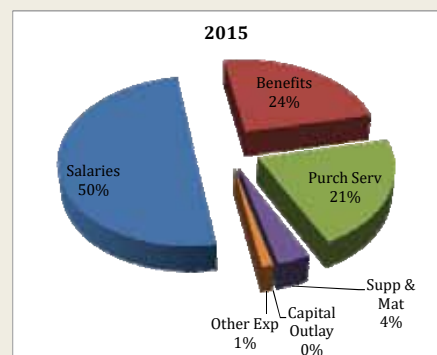
### Operating Revenue Summary

### FEDERAL HOCKING LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT -- ATHENS COUNTY



### Operating Expenditure Summary

### FEDERAL HOCKING LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT -- ATHENS COUNTY





# FH SPORT SHOOTING TEAM IS STATE CHAMPION!

The all-rookie team claimed the first team state championship in school history!

The Ohio State High School Clay Target League Championship is a competition in trap shooting—a 100 target contest where the scores of each team's top five shooters combine for a team score. Lancer marksmen scored a total of 436, besting second place finisher Alexander by 9 targets and third place finisher North Ridge High School by 18.

Scott Pfeiffer, FH Agricultural Science teacher, started and coached the team and was joined by Superintendent George Wood as an assistant coach. The biggest challenge, according to Pfeiffer, was getting kids to practice in Albany where the county's only trap shooting facility is located. "We really appreciate the Hocking Valley Sportsmen's Club letting us use their facilities for practice."



Great things lie ahead for the team, as most of its members are middle school students. "We hope to see more students participate in year two, boys and girls," noted Pfeiffer.

## Lancers Love to Lunch

With the school year starting we wanted to share with families that again this year we will have free breakfast and lunch available for all students. Students who pack their lunches can have free milk too.

Also, we are again not charging any school fees. Plus all FH students will be admitted to all FH sporting events free of charge. We hope this helps all families enjoy the benefits of a free, public education. **If you would like to help support our efforts to reduce financial burdens on parents, please feel free to contact any of our schools to make donations.**



## Lancer Laptops!

Here are two proud Lancers with their laptop computers. All students, grades 9 through 12, have been issued a laptop for their use this year. We appreciate the support of the FH School Board in making this possible.

# Welcome New Members to Our Lancer Family

This year we've introduced 17 new staff members to the Federal Hocking Local School District. If you see them in the halls or on the field, don't be shy—say "Hi!" Let them know we appreciate what they do for our kids.



## New Staff At Amesville

**Andrew Arnold** will be teaching sixth grade social studies and language arts this year replacing **Jadey Gilmore** who has moved to the middle school. He lives in the Little Hocking area and is a 2017 graduate of Ohio University.

In fifth grade **Virginia Ferrell** will join the Amesville staff. She is also a 2017 graduate of Ohio University and is a native of McConnelsville, Ohio.

FH alum **Beth Simpson** (Elasky), Class of 1998, takes over teaching physical education. Beth went to Ohio Northern and is the proud mom of four FH students.

**Allison Lane** is the new intervention specialist replacing **Annie Pepper** who is moving to the new Reading Specialist position. Allison holds degrees from both Ohio University and Muskingum University.

**Ashley Ditty** will be teaching in the Low Incidence program housed at Amesville. Ashley and her husband live in the Amesville area and have two children who attend Federal Hocking.

While **Katie Pearce** is at home with her new baby for a year, **Diane Wiktorowski** will be teaching art. She has formerly taught in the Bahamas.

## New Staff At Coolville

Taking on the new Reading Specialist position at Coolville is **Michael Fox**. She has a Master's Degree in reading and reading assessment from Ohio University.

**Whitney Putman** takes over the counselor role at Coolville replacing **Angela Myers** who will be teaching kindergarten. Whitney has degrees in both psychology and counseling from OU and did her internship at Federal Hocking.

**Emily Wolfe** will join the Coolville staff at first grade while **Mallory Mazzola** moves over to Amesville to teach kindergarten. Emily grew up in Athens and is a graduate of Ohio University.

**Larissa Riddle**, a graduate of OU who did her field experience in our schools, will be teaching math and science in sixth grade. And when she is not doing that, she will be instructing on high ropes and adventure courses.

## New Staff at the Middle and High School

Another FH Alum, **Sarah Jeffers** (FH Class of 2010) joins the secondary school as an intervention specialist. She graduated from Marietta College and taught for two years in Marietta before coming home.

**Hanna Vorisek** comes back to our community from New York to take over the Americorps program at the middle and high school. A resident of Amesville, she has three children in our schools.

You often see **Luke Richards** pacing the sidelines of the football field or the baseball dugout and now he will also be an aide at the high school. Luke was a member of the FH Class of 1995.

Whipping up great meals in the secondary school cafeteria will be our new cook **Lisa Keiffer**. Lisa has two children that attend Federal Hocking schools.

## New Staff in the District

**April Fields**, FH Class of 2012, joins us filling our new Early Childhood Outreach Teacher position. A graduate of Bowling Green University, she makes her home in Amesville.

**Molly Nishimura** is joining us as a Speech and Language Pathologist and will serve both Amesville and Coolville. She has previously taught in Hawaii and Colorado.

**Lavonna Laughlin** replaces Joy Quinn as the Assistant to the Superintendent in the Central Office. She lives in the Stewart area and has two children that attend Federal Hocking Schools.

Retiring after a combined 113.5 years of service last year were teachers **Linda Lavelle** and **Leslie Lawrence**, aides **Sandy Williams** and **Patti McKibben**, and Assistant to the Superintendent **Joy Quinn**.

We wish them well in their future endeavors and thank them for their years of service to the children of the Federal Hocking Community.

# LANCERS

## 2017 FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Schedule changes due to weather will be posted at:

[www.fedhock.com](http://www.fedhock.com)

### JV/VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

				GAME TIME	BUS DEPARTS
Tues	Aug 22	Alexander	Home	6:00 PM	
Wed	Aug 23	Wellston	Home	6:00 PM	
Wed	Aug 30	Meigs	Home	6:00 PM	
Thur	Aug 31	Miller	Home	6:00 PM	
Tues	Sept 5	Eastern	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Wed	Sept 6	River Valley	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Thur	Sept 7	Wahama	Home	6:00 PM	
Mon	Sept 11	South Gallia	Away	6:00 PM	3:30 PM
Tues	Sept 12	Waterford	Home	6:00 PM	
Thur	Sept 14	Trimble	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Mon	Sept 18	Alexander	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tues	Sept 19	Belpre	Home	6:00 PM	
Thur	Sept 21	Southern	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Sat	Sept 23	River Valley	Home	1:00 PM	
Mon	Sept 25	Miller	Away	6:00 PM	4:00 PM
Tues	Sept 26	Eastern	Home	6:00 PM	
Thur	Sept 28	Wahama	Away	6:00 PM	4:00 PM
Mon	Oct 2	South Gallia	Home	6:00 PM	
Tues	Oct 3	Waterford	Away	6:00 PM	4:00 PM
Thur	Oct 5	Trimble	Home	6:00 PM	
Tues	Oct 10	Belpre	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Thur	Oct 12	Southern - Senior Night	Home	6:00 PM	

### 7/8<sup>TH</sup> VOLLEYBALL

				GAME TIME	BUS DEPARTS
Tues	Aug 22	Alexander	Home	6:00 PM	
Thur	Aug 31	Miller	Home	6:00 PM	
Tues	Sept 5	Eastern	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Thur	Sept 7	Wahama	Home	6:00 PM	
Mon	Sept 11	South Gallia	Away	6:00 PM	3:30 PM
Thur	Sept 14	Trimble	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Mon	Sept 18	Alexander	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tues	Sept 19	Belpre	Home	6:00 PM	
Thur	Sept 21	Southern	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Mon	Sept 25	Miller	Away	6:00 PM	4:00 PM
Tues	Sept 26	Eastern	Home	6:00 PM	
Thur	Sept 28	Wahama	Away	6:00 PM	4:00 PM
Mon	Oct 2	South Gallia	Home	6:00 PM	
Thur	Oct 5	Trimble	Home	6:00 PM	
Tues	Oct 10	Belpre	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Thur	Oct 12	Southern	Home	6:00 PM	

### VARSITY FOOTBALL

				GAME TIME	BUS DEPARTS
Tues	Aug 8	Millersport - Scrim	Home	6:00 PM	
Fri	Aug 11	FrankFurnace - Scrim	Away	11:00 AM	8:00 AM
Fri	Aug 18	Newcomerstown - Scrim	Away	7:00 PM	4:00 PM
Thur	Aug 24	Alexander	Home	7:30 PM	
Fri	Sept 1	South Gallia	Away	7:30 PM	4:00 PM
Fri	Sept 8	Belpre	Home	7:30 PM	
Fri	Sept 15	Eastern	Away	7:30 PM	5:00 PM
Fri	Sept 22	Wahama	Away	7:30 PM	4:30 PM
Fri	Sept 29	Southern	Home	7:30 PM	
Fri	Oct 6	Vinton County	Away	7:30 PM	4:30 PM
Fri	Oct 13	Miller - Homecoming	Home	7:30 PM	
Fri	Oct 20	Waterford	Away	7:30 PM	4:30 PM
Fri	Oct 27	Trimble - Senior Night	Home	7:30 PM	

### 7/8<sup>TH</sup> FOOTBALL

				GAME TIME	BUS DEPARTS
Tue	Aug 22	Alexander	Home	6:00 PM	
Sat	Sept 2	South Gallia	Home	10:00 AM	
Thur	Sept 7	Belpre	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Thur	Sept 14	Eastern	Home	6:00 PM	
Thur	Sept 28	Southern	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Thur	Oct 12	Miller	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Thur	Oct 19	Waterford	Home	6:00 PM	
Thur	Oct 26	Trimble	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM

### CROSS COUNTRY

				GAME TIME	BUS DEPARTS
Sat	Aug 26	Wellston	Away	9:00 AM	7:00 AM
Sat	Sept 2	Vinton County	Away	9:00 AM	7:00 AM
Wed	Sept 6	River Valley	Away	4:30 PM	3:00 PM
Thur	Sept 7	Trimble	Away	4:30 PM	3:00 PM
Wed	Sept 13	Nelsonville-York	Away	4:30 PM	3:30 PM
Sat	Sept 16	Fort Frye	Away	9:00 AM	7:00 AM
Wed	Sept 20	Lancer Invitational	Home	4:30 PM	
Wed	Sept 27	Meigs	Away	4:30 PM	3:00 PM
Wed	Oct 4	Alexander	Away	4:30 PM	3:00 PM
Sat	Oct 7	Waterford	Away	9:00 AM	7:00 AM

### GOLF

			COURSE	TIME	BUS DEPARTS
Mon	Aug 7	Eastern	Meigs	1:00 PM	
Thur	Aug 10	Miller	For.Hills	1:00 PM	
Thur	Aug 17	Waterford	Lakeside	4:30 PM	
Tues	Aug 22	Wahama	Riverside	4:30 PM	
Wed	Aug 30	Belpre	Oxbow	4:30 PM	
Thur	Aug 31	South Gallia	Cliffside	4:30 PM	
Wed	Sept 6	Southern	Riverside	4:30 PM	
Thur	Sept 7	Trimble	OU	4:30 PM	
Tues	Sept 12	Federal Hocking	Oxbow	4:30 PM	
Thur	Sept 14	Federal Hocking	Oxbow	4:30 PM	
TBA		TVC Championships	TBA	TBA	
Sept 25-30		Sectionals	Chillicothe	TBA	

## Big Plans for the 50th Year of the Federal Hocking District



This year we will send the 50th class of Lancers into our community. For fifty years our school district has been educating the children of Rome, Bern, Ames, Carthage, Troy, and Canaan Townships. As we enter this landmark year, look for some more changes as we keep trying to improve and enhance our educational programs and facilities.

- ❖ We will open the Danny and Pat Hall Field House.
- ❖ A solar array will be installed on the high school and begin providing clean, less expensive energy to our school.
- ❖ New reading specialists will launch programs in the elementary and middle schools to provide more help to struggling readers.
- ❖ Our early childhood program that serves children from birth to age four will be expanded with the addition of a full-time teacher and new programs.
- ❖ The Lancer Care Clinic will begin its first full year of providing services to our students and community.



Just like in last year's report, we featured our graduating class on the front page of this issue of the Lancer Letter and photos of our youngest students on this page. It is a reminder of what the main focus of our school district is and should always be—our children.

George Wood, Superintendent  
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