

Report to Our Community

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Share Our Pride: Class of 2016!

Federal Hocking's Class of 2016 leaves behind a legacy of service and success. "This class really led the way when it comes to being committed to their community," noted Principal Cliff Bonner.

One memorable event organized by this class called "Day of Service" had all students, grades 7th through 12th, heading out into the community. They visited with our area's senior citizens to talk and sing, helped build park equipment, clean cemeteries, plant trees and tend gardens.

All this, just to make our community a better place to be. All this, made possible by the Class of 2016.

"Members of the senior class took the lead on planning and designing the day, and it was a great success with nearly 400 young people pitching in to help our community," said Bonner.

The Class of 2016 also was successful in preparing for what comes next. According to middle and high school Guidance Counselor Amy Buchman "100% of this year's class have plans for next year." Many graduates left the ceremonial stage on Memorial Day weekend with job offers in hand, or enlistment papers for the armed

services. Over 80% of graduates had plans for college after graduation. "This class looked far and wide for colleges that would fit their needs," added Buchman. This year Lancers will arrive at the University of Oregon, Ohio State, Capital University, Kent State and others ready for the next chapter of their education.

College is expensive, so many seniors sought out and landed significant amounts of financial aide. They were granted over \$950,000

in scholarships from the colleges they'll be attending. Additionally, local organizations gave graduates over \$31,000 in scholarships. Quite a haul for a class that numbered only 65 members—this averages over \$15,000 per graduate! College majors for the

class are as diverse as the class itself: pre-medical, pre-veterinary, education, ecotourism, criminal justice, and more.

For the past thirteen years the Class of 2016 has left its mark on Amesville and Coolville Elementary, as well as the middle and high school. While we are sad to see them go, we know they are on their way to making their mark in the world. There is no doubt they will continue to serve well the communities in which they settle.

100% of this class has planned for college, military enlistment or employment after graduation



Report to Our Community

Every year the State of Ohio puts out a “report card” on schools. For the most part, this report consists of only test scores. While important, we know that tests are just part of the equation.

We wanted to give you a look at our school system that is more than just test scores. So we asked you, our parents and community, “What do you want to know about your schools?”, and here is what you asked:

- How are children doing academically?
- How do our schools provide opportunities in the arts, athletics, and extra course offerings?
- How are the district finances and facilities?
- What future plans are there for the district?



In response to these questions and more, we have decided to issue our own district report card. We will put this out annually so residents can judge for themselves the quality of the education your schools provide. In these pages you will find reports on student achievement, engagement, and educational opportunities. We will also share our finances and improvements on facilities, as well as our plans for the future.

Thank you for reading this year’s report. If you have suggestions for more areas we should cover, please send them to us. We look forward to addressing your concerns and we appreciate your honest feedback.

Email your suggestions directly to Superintendent George Wood: gwood@fhlanders.com



Report on Academic Achievement

This year the Federal Hocking Local School district focused on three areas to judge the academic achievement of our students—reading levels, progress to graduation, and graduation rates.

Each of these are reported on below. Overall, our students demonstrated significant learning gains in many areas and we were pleased to receive the state “Momentum Award” indicating we were one of the leading districts in the state in terms of student learning gains over the past year (see the next page for the letter from the State Board of Education). In coming years we will have additional information on mathematics and writing achievement as well as comparisons of academic achievement over time.



Reading Levels

Our district uses a ‘leveled’ reader approach. Children are assessed throughout the year as to their progress through reading levels.

- 46% of our elementary school students were reading at or above their expected grade level. Our target for next year is that 75% of elementary students are at or above grade level.
- 50% of middle school students were reading at an advanced level by the end of the year. Our target for next year is for 60% of students to be at this level.

Attendance Rate

We are pleased that our schools have one of the highest daily attendance rates in the region. If you come to school, you have a better chance of doing well than if you don’t! Our goal for next year is to maintain this positive trend.

- Elementary School Attendance Rate: 95%
- Middle School Attendance Rate: 95%
- High School Attendance Rate: 95.86%



Progress to Graduation

One of the best predictors of success after school is whether or not students graduate on time. While it is at times necessary to retain a student, retention does increase the chance a student will drop out.

- 97.5% 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 schools’ success is our graduation rate. We continue to have one of the highest graduation rates in the area and far exceed the Ohio average graduation rate of 82%. Rates for the past years are as follows, our target for future years is 100%:

- Class of 2015 Graduation Rate: 90%
- Class of 2014 Graduation Rate: 94%

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John R. Kasich, *Governor*
Tom Gunlock, *President*, State Board of Education
Dr. Lonny J. Rivera, *Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction*

May 16, 2016

George H. Wood, Superintendent
Federal Hocking Local
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Dear Superintendent Wood:

Congratulations! It's my honor to inform you that Ohio's State Board of Education has granted Federal Hocking Local one of its first annual Momentum Awards. The Momentum Award recognizes districts that have received A's on every value-added measure included on Ohio's school and district report cards. For your students, you are keeping the learning momentum high.

As one of the first winners of this award, you are part of an elite group of districts that are supporting the academic growth of students from every background and ability level. Your report card for the 2014-2015 school year showed that your district ensured that its pupils received a year's worth of academic growth in reading and mathematics. This is especially commendable when you are operating many different schools that undoubtedly have different student populations with different needs.

Members of the State Board congratulate you on recruiting and motivating the high-quality school leaders and school staffs that are necessary to achieve what your district has. Please convey our thanks to your teachers, support staff and parents for believing that every child can be academically successful and committing to make sure that every child is.

Your district is a wonderful example for all Ohio school districts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Gunlock".

Thomas Gunlock
President
State Board of Education



State Test Scores

While we do not believe that the best measure of a student's success are the standardized tests the Ohio Department of Education gives, we do pay attention to them to see what we can learn about our children's progress as compared to the State. We were disappointed by some of our results and the principal of each school will be providing a plan to improve these scores this year. A summary of scores shows that:

- On 12 of the tests our students scored **higher** than the state average.
- On 22 of the tests our students scored **lower** than the state average.
- Coolville Elementary test scores were **higher** than the state average at every grade level and in all subjects.

ACT Test Scores

The ACT is a national test that students take if they are applying to college. Scores on this test can be used to compare Federal Hocking students to students across Ohio that are going to college. We are pleased to see that our students score slightly above the state average as follows:

- Overall ACT Score for Federal Hocking Students: 22.2
- Overall ACT Score for all students in Ohio: 22.0



We continue to have one of the highest graduation rates in the area, and far exceed the Ohio average graduation rate.



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What extra courses and supports are available Federal Hocking?

- ✓ Over 43 elective courses are offered at the high school! Areas of study include: Spanish, Agriculture, Technology Sciences, Band, Chorus, Art, Drama, Journalism, Law, and Internships. Advanced courses are available in Science, Math, Literature, Social Studies, as well as Advanced Placement (AP) courses in Math.
- ✓ We have full-time art, music, and physical education teachers in all of our schools. Additionally, each school has its own full-time guidance counselor.
- ✓ New courses added for 2016-17 at the middle school include Spanish, Robotics, and Technology Sciences.

Report on Student Involvement

Studies show that when kids are involved in activities such as sports, bands and clubs, they're more likely to succeed in both school and life.

We place great importance on these activities and are including as part of this report information on student participation.

Art and Music

We have full-time art and music teachers at all three of our buildings providing children with a wide range of opportunities in these areas.

- 100% of our elementary students have art and music as part of their academic program.
- 45% of our middle and high school students took art or music during the past school year.
- 25% of our 5th and 6th graders participated in band.
- Our middle and high school bands had 65 students in them and our secondary school choir had 20 voices.



Sports and Athletics

This year we continued to focus on improving opportunities for students in sports and athletics. Participation numbers reported here are a baseline and our goal is to increase participation at all grade levels next year.

- 100% of our elementary students have physical education as part of their academic schedule and we have full-time physical education teachers at all three schools.
- 33% of our middle and high school students were on an athletic team.
- Over 190 elementary school students played on community football, basketball, volleyball, or softball teams or cheerleading squads.

Community is Important

Community service plays a large part in the educational agenda at Federal Hocking Schools. Not only do students learn valuable skills such as research, resource development, and cooperation while doing service projects, they also learn to be active, engaged members of their communities.

Federal Hocking provides service opportunities in all our schools, ranging from Peer Mediators and Tutoring in elementary school to the Day of Service held last year at our middle and high school. Due to the work of our students over 120 children in Athens County received Christmas presents through the Angel Tree project, area food banks took in over \$4,000 worth of food and donations, and numerous parks and recreation areas were rehabilitated.

Bottom line, during the 2015-16 school year over 7,200 hours of service projects and activities were performed by our students.

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What activities can students be involved in at Federal Hocking?

- ✓ FH Local has sports teams in the following areas: Football, Cross Country, Volleyball, Indoor Track, Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Track, Baseball, Softball, and Golf.
- ✓ We offer over 17 clubs and organizations for student involvement including: Drama and Theater, Art, Music (both instrumental and choir) Interactive Technology and Business, School Newspaper and Yearbook, Mock Trial, FFA, Spanish, Student Government, and more.
- ✓ Our goal for 2016-17 is to add at least 10 more clubs and activities to increase opportunities for students at all levels.

Report on Buildings, Grounds & Transportation

Our goal is to give our children a safe, secure, and comfortable learning environment.

The district operates three buildings: the middle/high school in Stewart and two elementary schools in Amesville and Coolville. Multiple investments were made to upgrade all of our school facilities during the 2015-16 school year:

- Completed the installation of a new roof on the entire high school including the gym.
- Completed the installation of new air-conditioning plants at all three schools.
- Built a new 2,000 square foot storage building on the middle/high school grounds.
- Constructed a new fitness room in the middle/high school.
- Resurfaced the track facility.
- Put in a new baseball practice facility.
- Installed new public address systems at the high school gym and football field.
- Resurfaced the middle/high school parking lot.



REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

What you wanted to know about transportation at Federal Hocking

- ✓ Given the large size of the district our bus fleet gets a work out. Every day 795 students are transported a total of 2,337 miles! That works out to 420,660 miles a year. Don't forget the trips for sports and extracurricular activities, that's another 16,964 miles.
- ✓ Here is the most important part—that is 437,624 accident free miles for the 2015-16 school year. We want to applaud our bus drivers for another excellent year.
- ✓ We buy new buses every year and for 2016-17 we will be bringing two new buses onto our fleet.

Report on District Finances

We are pleased to report that the district finances are healthy. This past year we were able to give all of our employees a 6% raise and set aside funds for technology and building repair.

We created several reserve funds while still ending the year with a budget carry over of \$350,000. While the projected surplus for future years is much lower, the current budget allows us to keep a healthy cash reserve for emergencies and unforeseen circumstances.

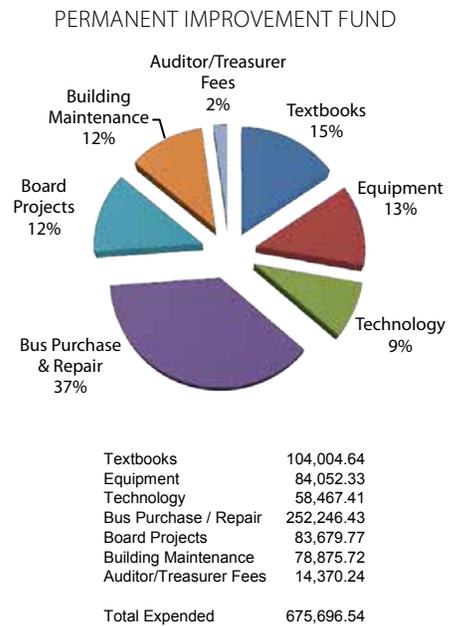
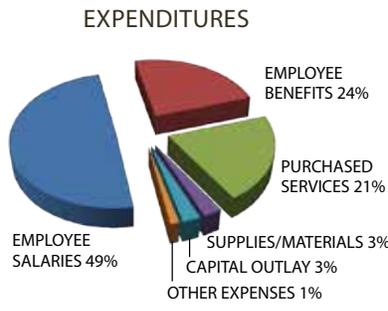
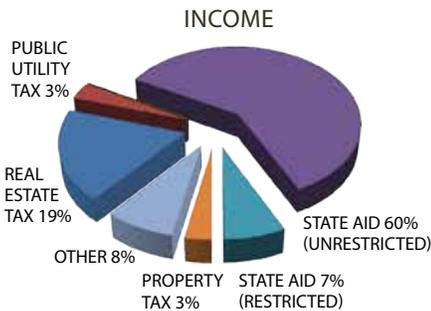
Additionally, we are setting aside \$200,000 annually as we plan on replacing the middle school roof in four years. Finally, there is also a board reserve for emergencies of \$500,000. As you can see, your district is in great financial health. Our full five-year forecast is available at our website: www.fedhock.com

Annually nearly \$600,000 in local tax dollars go into a **Permanent Improvement Fund**, or PI fund. This fund is set aside to purchase items that have a life of more than five years. Included in this are things like school buses, textbooks, computers, classroom materials, and projects like the

new storage building. Additionally, we have a reserve fund within the PI fund so that if an emergency arises we can cover it. Currently there is over \$65,000 in the reserve fund.

The pie chart (below) demonstrates where the funds from the PI account went last year. Note: We spent more than we took in last year due to spending carry over funds.

Where Our Funds Come From, Where They Are Spent



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What you should know about reserve funds at Federal Hocking

In order to plan for the future, the FH School Board has established several 'reserve' funds. These funds allow us to make upgrades to district facilities, provide more resources for students, and prevent emergency staff reductions in the case of a state funding cut. Here is a list of those reserve funds:

- ✓ **Capital Improvement Reserve Fund:** An annual allocation of \$200,000 with a planned expenditure of \$1,000,000 in 2020 for replacing the middle school roof.
- ✓ **Budget Reserve:** This \$500,000 fund is under control of the Board and may only be used with Board approval for unexpected expenses or short falls.

- ✓ **Technology Fund:** At the request of the administration and teaching staff, a \$500,000 fund was set aside to upgrade district technology. During the 2016-17 school year these upgrades will include wireless internet in all schools, new computers for students, and multiple technology tools for classrooms.
- ✓ **Permanent Improvement Reserve Fund:** \$20,000 annually set aside in the PI Fund for projects such as the new storage facility, resurfacing the track, and the public address systems in the gym and at the football field.

Lookin' Good for FH 2016-17 School Year

We have some big plans for the Federal Hocking District 2016-17 school year. Here are the highlights, beginning with introductions of our new staff:

New Staff at Amesville

Tera Amlin will join Amesville as a 1st grade teacher. Tera received her teaching degree from Ohio University and has taught in both Piqua and Cincinnati public schools. Tera's entire family is joining the Lancer family (more on her husband Jonathan on the next page).

Jenna Henry was a Teaching Fellow at The Plains Elementary last year and will be taking over the newly created 3rd grade classroom at Amesville. She is a graduate of Ohio University and hails from Martinsville, Ohio.

From Beaver Creek, Ohio, **Edwin Waskiewicz** will be the new music teacher at Amesville. E.J.'s degree is from Wright State University and he has taught children music in a variety of settings from ages five to thirteen.

New Staff at Coolville

In 1st grade, **Mallory Mazolla** joins the Coolville staff. Mallory completed her Teaching Fellowship at Trimble and graduated from Ohio University. She did her student teaching in The Netherlands.

Jerri Bentley moves in at 3rd grade at Coolville. A graduate of Rio Grande she has experience in Meigs County and worked with Help Me Grow as an Americorps volunteer in Middleport.

At 6th grade Coolville welcomes **Elisa Kreiman** a graduate of Ohio University who hails from New Albany, Ohio. Ms. Kreiman was a rower for the Bobcat Crew Team!

Local resident **Christine Hatcher** joins the Coolville staff as an intervention specialist. She comes to us from teaching in Belpre and has degrees from Ohio State and DePaul University. She also studied in Budapest, Hungary.



This year we've introduced 15 new staff members. Welcome them to the Federal Hocking Family!

New Staff at the Middle & High School

While **Austin Carr** is not new to the district, this is our first chance to introduce him as he joined the district mid-year last year at Coolville. This year he will be an intervention specialist at the middle school and will also be coaching. Austin is a graduate of Ohio University.

Tessa Molina joins the staff teaching math. Tessa took her degree at Ohio University in the CARE program which is a cooperative teacher education program involving OU and Federal Hocking. She will also be working with our cheerleaders.

Tessa's older sister, **Toni Seeger**, also a graduate of the CARE program, will be taking the newly created Humanities position at the middle school. Toni did her field experiences and student teaching in Federal Hocking and taught in Logan before returning to the school she loves the most! With Tessa, Toni will be working with the cheerleading squad.

Kirby Seeger will be taking on the newly created position of Assistant Principal/Assistant Athletic Director; and yes, he is married to Toni. Kirby is also from the CARE program, did field

experiences and his Teaching Fellowship at FH, and is returning to us after teaching in Logan. (Note: This position was created in order to focus more efforts on our athletic programs throughout the district. After the 2016-17, school year Kirby will move into the roll of Head Athletic Director.)

Other Staff Updates

Janelle Cogar moves from Coolville to Amesville Elementary.

Jim Limbaugh retires from teaching at Coolville.

Sue Collins has retired, but she'll still be around teaching calculus part-time at the high school.

Bertha Stone has transferred her cooking skills to Coolville.

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Christy Zimmerman will join the custodial staff at the middle and high school. A district resident and 1990 FH alum, she is also the mother of two Federal Hocking graduates. It will not seem as if Christy is new as she has been working summers and subbing in the school and doing a great job.

Becky Mansfield is coming to the middle and high school as a cook. She is a district resident and the mother of five FH graduates. Many of us have had great meals prepared by Becky and family at the Lackey Party Barn and now our students will benefit as well.

Also joining the middle and high school custodial staff is **Kendall Singer**. Kendall hails from Cutler and has previously worked for Warren Schools and for FH on a part-time basis. He and his wife, Billie, have a son, Kendall, Jr., who is a sophomore at the high school.

Brian White, Class of 2015, will be joining the secondary school kitchen, running the dishwashing operation and assisting with students who work in that area.

Central Office

Returning to the district from an absence during which he was superintendent in both Danville and Johnstown, Ohio is **Damien Bawn** as our Director of Technology. This position was created this year to facilitate all the new technology coming into the district. He began his teaching career as an English teacher at the high school in 1993.

Jonathan Amlin will take the newly created Assistant Superintendent position where he will be in charge of Special, Gifted, and Early Childhood Education. He is coming from being a principal in Piqua as well as having taught in Cincinnati. Joining him will be his wife, Tera (see previous page) and five daughters who will be students at Amesville Elementary.

Teacher Development

With the approval and funding of a three-year staff development plan, the Federal Hocking School Board and Administration are committed to supporting the teaching staff in improving their

skills. This year several full day sessions will be held, led both by FH teachers and outside experts, in the following areas:

- The use of inquiry and project-based teaching to teach content and literacy skills.
- Using the new Chromebook technology in classrooms.
- Teaching touch-typing and word processing skills to students beginning in 2nd grade.
- The importance of play for children in the early grades.
- Using the district approved leveled reading program.
- Implementing the new district handwriting standards.



New Computers & Wireless Technology

With the \$500,000 Technology Fund that the Board has established, we will be launching a technology initiative in all of our schools. Improvements you will see include:

- All 11th and 12th grade students will be issued their own Chromebook computer to use for school and at home.
- All 9th and 10th grade students will have access to their own Chromebook computer while at school.
- New mobile and fixed computer labs in the middle school and at both elementary schools.
- Additional Chromebooks and iPads in elementary school classrooms for student and teacher use.
- New wireless connections in all of our schools allowing for improved, secure access to the Internet.

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What improvements will we see this year at Federal Hocking?

- ✓ A health center staffed by medical professionals from Hopewell Health in the middle/high school and open to the public.
- ✓ Upgrades in elementary school kitchens facilitated by an additional cook in each school.
- ✓ Two new 72 passenger buses.
- ✓ A partnership with Ohio Health that will support our athletic trainers and give our students access to a wide range of medical, nutritional, and health care options.



LANCERS

2016 FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Schedule changes due to weather will be posted at:
www.fedhock.com

JV/VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

				GAME TIME	BUS DEPARTS
Wed	8/24	River Valley	Home	6:00 PM	
Fri	8/26	Alexander	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tues	8/30	Meigs	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Thur	9/1	South Gallia	Away	6:00 PM	3:30 PM
Wed	9/7	Wahama	Home	6:00 PM	
Thur	9/8	Waterford	Away	6:00 PM	4:00 PM
Mon	9/12	Trimble	Home	6:00 PM	
Tues	9/13	Southern	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Wed	9/14	Wellston	Away	6:00 PM	4:00 PM
Thur	9/15	Miller	Home	6:00 PM	
Tues	9/20	Eastern	Home	6:00 PM	
Wed	9/21	River Valley	Away	6:00 PM	3:30 PM
Thur	9/22	Belpre	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Mon	9/26	South Gallia	Home	6:00 PM	
Tues	9/27	Wahama	Away	6:00 PM	4:00 PM
Thur	9/29	Waterford	Home	6:00 PM	
Mon	10/3	Trimble	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tues	10/4	Southern	Home	6:00 PM	
Thur	10/6	Miller	Away	6:00 PM	4:00 PM
Mon	10/10	Meigs	Home	6:00 PM	
Tues	10/11	Eastern	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Thur	10/13	Belpre (Senior Night)	Home	6:00 PM	

7/8TH VOLLEYBALL

				GAME TIME	BUS DEPARTS
Thur	9/1	South Gallia	Away	6:00 PM	3:30 PM
Wed	9/7	Wahama	Home	6:00 PM	
Mon	9/12	Trimble	Home	6:00 PM	
Tues	9/13	Southern	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Thur	9/15	Miller	Home	6:00 PM	
Tues	9/20	Eastern	Home	6:00 PM	
Thur	9/22	Belpre	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Mon	9/26	South Gallia	Home	6:00 PM	
Tues	9/27	Wahama	Away	6:00 PM	4:00 PM
Mon	10/3	Trimble	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tues	10/4	Southern	Home	6:00 PM	
Thur	10/6	Miller	Away	6:00 PM	4:00 PM
Tues	10/11	Eastern	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Thur	10/13	Belpre	Home	6:00 PM	

VARSITY FOOTBALL

				GAME TIME	BUS DEPARTS
Sat	8/13	Scrimm-Green	Home	6:00 PM	
Fri	8/19	Fort Frye *Jamboree*	Away	7:00 PM	5:00 PM
Thu	8/25	Alexander	Away	7:00 PM	4:00 PM
Fri	9/2	South Gallia	Home	7:00 PM	
Fri	9/9	Belpre	Away	7:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sat	9/17	Eastern *Youth Night*	Home	7:00 PM	
Fri	9/23	Wahama *Homecoming*	Home	7:00 PM	
Fri	9/30	Southern	Away	7:00 PM	4:00 PM
Fri	10/7	Vinton County	Home	7:00 PM	
Fri	10/14	Miller	Away	7:00 PM	4:00 PM
Fri	10/21	Waterford *Senior Night*	Home	7:00 PM	
Fri	10/28	Trimble	Away	7:00 PM	4:00 PM

CROSS COUNTRY

				GAME TIME	BUS DEPARTS
Sat	8/27	Belpre Inv't'l	Away	10:00 AM	7:00 AM
Sat	9/3	Vinton Co. Invitational	Away	9:00 AM	7:00 AM
Wed	9/7	River Valley	Away	4:30 PM	3:00 PM
Tues	9/13	Nelsonville-York	Away	4:30 PM	3:00 PM
Sat	9/17	Fort Frye	Away	10:00 AM	7:30 AM
Tues	9/20	Lancer Invitational	Home	4:45 PM	
Wed	9/28	Meigs Invitational	Away	4:30 PM	3:00 PM
Wed	10/5	Alexander Invitational	Away	4:30 PM	3:00 PM
Sat	10/8	Unioto	Away	10:00 AM	7:00 PM
Tues	10/18	Marietta Jr. High	Away	4:30 PM	3:00 PM

7/8TH TRACK & FIELD

				GAME TIME	BUS DEPARTS
Thur	8/18	Nelsonville Scrimmage	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tue	8/23	Alexander	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Thur	9/1	South Gallia	Away	6:00 PM	3:30 PM
Thur	9/8	Belpre	Home	6:00 PM	
Thur	9/15	Eastern	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM
Thur	9/29	Southern	Home	6:00 PM	
Thur	10/13	Miller	Home	6:00 PM	
Thur	10/20	Waterford	Away	6:00 PM	4:00 PM
Thur	10/27	Trimble	Home	6:00 PM	

Some Final Thoughts

Reflecting on the past year I believe the residents of the Federal Hocking School District have every reason to be very proud of their schools.

The vast majority of our students are making solid academic progress and our graduates have exciting futures in front of them. We offer a wide range of extracurricular activities in sports, clubs, the arts, and performing groups. Our schools are well staffed with full-time guidance counselors and art, music, and physical education teachers. We have made important improvements to our buildings, added new school buses, and secured state of the art technology for our children. And our school budget is in very good shape with funds set aside for emergencies and future projects.

One challenge that we do face is improving our state test scores and we will be addressing that during the 2016-17 school year.

We want to improve in every measure we can. To help you track our progress, each September the Lancer Letter will include a Report to Our Community. If you ever have any questions about the district, I encourage you to contact me directly at gwood@fhlanders.com or call my office at 740-662-2141. And please, if you can, find a way to help our schools through volunteering, fund raising, or simply helping a child read a book every night.

The front page of this Lancer Letter featured the graduating class of 2016. On this page you see some photos of some of our youngest students. Who knows what awaits these children? But what we can be sure of is that this community will provide them the education they will need to become productive, engaged, and contributing members of our community.

George Wood, Superintendent
Federal Hocking Local
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