

# INSIDE CANTON LOCAL SCHOOLS

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### Wildcat Wednesdays

Want to learn more about the district? Have ideas or topics you'd like to discuss with Superintendent Milano? Then join us for Wildcat

Wednesdays! Mr. Milano will reserve seating and provide coffee or soda at each local restaurant. Meals will be the responsibility of the participant.

**See page 20 for details.**

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## District Honors Service to Country and Community

The Canton Local School District was pleased to honor veterans, current military members and local servicemen and servicewomen at its annual Veteran's Day Program held at Faircrest Memorial Middle School in November. Seventh grade Social Studies teacher, Mr. Ben Palumbo, coordinated the meaningful tribute with support from arts instructors, teachers and support personnel. The school's hardworking cafeteria staff provided breakfast for all those attending.

Many attendees won prizes generously donated by local businesses and organizations.



## Upcoming CLSD Events

- **February 22, 23 & 24, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**  
***Footloose the Musical***  
Canton South HS Performing Arts Center  
See page 11 for details.
- **Friday, March 2, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**  
***Gospel Choir Festival***  
Canton South HS Performing Arts Center  
See page 10 for details.
- **Tuesday, March 6, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**  
***Music in Our Schools Month Concert***  
Canton South HS Performing Arts Center
- **Wednesday, March 7, 2018 7:00 p.m.**  
***Winter Sports Recognition Night***  
Canton South High School
- **Thursday, March 8, 2018, 1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.**  
***Wise and Wonderful kindergarten lunch***  
Walker Elementary School  
Call for reservations: 330-484-8020
- **Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 6:30 p.m.**  
***Kindergarten Musical***  
Walker Elementary School
- **Monday & Tuesday, April 9 & 10, 2018, 6:00 p.m.**  
***District Art Show***  
Canton South High School
- **Friday, April 20, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**  
***CSHS Talent Show (hosted by Tri-M)***  
Canton South HS Performing Arts Center
- **Saturday, April 21, 2018, 6:00 p.m.**  
***Senior Citizen Prom***  
Canton South High School
- **Thursday, May 3, 2018, 6:00 p.m.**  
***Night of Jazz***  
Canton South HS Performing Arts Center
- **Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**  
***Choir Pops Concert***  
Canton South HS Performing Arts Center
- **Thursday, May 10, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**  
***Canton South High School Band Concert***  
Canton South HS Performing Arts Center
- **Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**  
***Faircrest Middle School Band Concert***  
Canton South HS Performing Arts Center
- **Monday & Tuesday, May 22 & 23, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**  
***Walker Sings***  
Canton South HS Performing Arts Center



## Walking Track Opens

The Canton Local School District opened the indoor track to the public on Monday, January 22, 2018, to welcome its first walkers, Louise Matronia and Mary Jean Bowe, (pictured above). The track is open from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. during school days.

Those arriving at CSHS to use the track should park and enter using the event entrance door #4 on the east side of the building. Walkers must present a valid driver license or state ID when registering.

The district hopes to offer more hours during different times of the day in the future. Making the track available to the public requires personnel for check-in and security. Officials are considering different ways to accommodate these needs without incurring additional staffing costs. In the interest of safety for track participants and children/infants themselves, baby carriers and strollers are not permitted on the track. Food and beverages other than water are not allowed.



# Board of Education Upcoming Meetings

The Canton Local Board of Education conducts open meetings that are held at the Administration Center and school sites at 7:00 p.m., on the second Monday of each month (except as noted\*).

January 8*	Canton South High School
February 12	Canton South High School
March 12	Canton South High School
April 9	Faircrest Middle School
May 14	Canton South High School
June 11	Canton South High School
July 9	Canton South High School
August 20	Canton South High School
September 10	Canton South High School
October 15*	Multi County Juvenile Attention Center
November 19*	Walker Elementary
December 10	Canton South High School

## Building Contacts

Superintendent's Office	330-484-8010
Bus Garage/Transportation	330-484-8006
Administration Center	330-484-8019
Special Services	330-484-8022
Canton South High School	330-484-8000
Faircrest Middle School	330-484-8015
Harold R. Walker Elementary	330-484-8020

## School Calendar

### • February

19 Presidents' Day - No School

### • March

23 End of 9 weeks

26-30 Spring Break

### • May

25 Graduation at Canton South High School

28 Memorial Day - No School

30 Students Last Day

30 End of 9 Weeks, End of Semester

31 Teachers Last ½ Day

### • Calamity Day Make-Up Schedule:

1st Day: June 4, 2018 consecutive weekdays as needed



## Canton Local School Board Members Elected

The November 2017 election results confirmed that Mr. Dave Brothers (left) and Mr. Scott Hamilton (right) were re-elected and Mr. Scott Shaffer (middle) was newly elected to a four-year term on the board of education. The Canton Local Board of Education is responsible for overseeing the management of the school district and the board formally meets at least once a month to conduct business. In addition to the monthly meetings, the board members also serve the district in a number of other capacities.

### Board of Education Members

#### Rick Knight, President

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#### David Brothers, Vice President

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#### Chris Cole, Member

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#### Scott Hamilton, Member

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#### Scott Shaffer, Member

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## Bond Refinancing Saves District Nearly \$2 Million



**Jason Schatzel,**  
*Treasurer*

The Canton Local School District Board of Education has refinanced its 2014 School Improvement Bonds for the second time since their issuance, saving District taxpayers nearly

\$2 million.

The refinancing of the District's School Facilities Construction and Improvement Bonds Series 2014 Bonds was possible due to a favorable interest rate environment in the municipal bond market. The District also refinanced a portion of its Series 2014 Bonds in October 2016.

In aggregate, the two refinancings will save District taxpayers \$1,980,548 in gross debt service savings over the life of the combined issues.

Ross, Sinclair & Associates, LLC served as the District's municipal advisor and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. served as underwriter.

The \$9,054,972 Series 2017 Refunding Bonds will save District taxpayers approximately \$626,834 in gross debt service savings over the life of the issue, reducing the District's cost of funds from 4.23 percent to 3.29 percent, a reduction of 22 percent.

The previous \$8,399,600 Series 2016 Refunding Bonds saved District taxpayers approximately \$1,353,714 in gross debt service savings over the life of the issue, reducing the District's cost of funds from 4.96 percent to 3.26 percent, a 34 percent reduction.

The Board of Education, Superintendent Milano, and Treasurer Schatzel want to take every opportunity to reduce taxes to the District's constituents. The two refinancings provided a great opportunity to save money for the community.

## Weekend Backpack Program Extended

Canton Local Schools is now offering weekend backpack meals every Friday to qualifying students throughout the district. The Wildcat Backpack program provides two breakfasts, two lunches and snacks each weekend for children who might not otherwise receive meals when they are not at school. Several area churches, community members and organizations are supporting the effort by providing food and monetary donations. The district is also using resources available through the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank.

Organizers are accepting monetary donations and food items such as fruit cups, granola bars, ready-made pastas and soup. If interested, please contact one of the people listed below. Donation checks must be payable to NICC-Wildcat Backpack Program.

### Wildcat Backpacks Donations

Checks payable to:  
NICC-Wildcat Backpack Program  
c/o Jeff Franks  
425 45th St. SW, Canton, Ohio 44706

### District Contacts:

Ashley Ritz, Food Service Director  
(District Representative)  
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Jennifer Waidman  
(Canton South Program Coordinator)  
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or 330-309-7793

Denise Carter (Faircrest Program Coordinator)  
denise.carter@cantonlocal.org  
or 330-484-8015



## District Teachers Explore New Student Resources

The district continues its investigation of new resources with a look at available materials for science and English language arts. Teachers will evaluate materials using Ohio's Learning Standards and other recommended criteria from the Ohio Department of Education as well as guidance from each content area's professional organization. Selected materials will be approved by the Board of Education for use beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. Staff will also be provided with professional development in the use of these new materials prior to and during the 2018-2019 school year. All staff appreciate the continued support of the school board and community as we strive to provide Canton Local students with an exemplary education.

## Free Preschool Screening and Registration Days Set

The Canton Local School District will sponsor an early childhood screening for 3 and 4 year-olds on April 13, 2018 from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and April 14, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at Walker Elementary School. This free screening is designed to provide parents with information about their child's development and to identify his or her strengths and weaknesses. Parents will receive an individual profile of their child's results along with resources and information on developmentally appropriate strategies/interventions for preparing their child for school.

The Canton Local Preschool program serves typically developing children and children with special needs who live in the District. Children need to be at least four years of age by September 30, 2018 to apply. The program includes free breakfast, lunch, and transportation to and from preschool. Class sizes are limited. Call 330-484-8022 for more information on qualification and registration.

## Staff Continues Learning During In-service Days



**Tricia Coutts-Everett,**  
**Director of Curriculum**  
**& Instruction**

All certified staff continued their professional learning at the district's January 12 in-service day. Career Technical Education (CTE), math, English language arts, science and social studies departments spent time on a variety of topics including looking at item analyses of Ohio's State Tests; developing and revising curriculum maps; improving student career readiness goals; continued learning about Safari Montage (a digital resource for all content areas); and best practices in literacy instruction.

The PE/Health department planned for health curriculum implementation that includes opioid awareness and prevention. Guidance counselors, CommQuest support, and school psychologists worked with Carole Vessely from the Stark County Crisis Intervention & Recovery Center to review and edit the district's plan for Suicide Awareness and Prevention. While each building is already doing great work in educating both staff and students on this important issue, the goal of this team is to further improve services by aligning the delivery of information about suicide awareness and prevention across the district. Overall, January 12 was a productive day that allowed time for staff to work on issues relevant to both their course work and community concerns.

## PRESCHOOL

### Screening and Enrollment

at Walker Elementary School

April 13 - 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

April 14 - 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Call 330-484-8022 to register







## Walker Students Deliver Winter Service Projects

Walker Elementary is committed to teaching our students to be good stewards of the Canton Local community. Students from the Discoverland neighborhood along with the support of fellow first-grade teachers worked together to deliver socks and blankets to the Bethany Nursing Home before winter break. Walker staff and administration would like to thank the Sisters of Charity for their generosity in awarding the grant money to supply the materials. We also want to thank the teachers and students listed below for their participation in making this a successful service project again this year.

**Kindergarten** - Mrs. VanVoorhis and Mrs. Urban's classes made reindeer bags and Christmas cards.

**First and third grade** - Mrs. Leahy, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Steinke, Mrs. McClaskey, Mr. Travis, Mrs. Russ, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Koveski, and Mrs. Ellsworth helped students make more than 20 blankets.

**Second and fourth grade** - Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Beitko, and Mrs. Fox Johnson made "Sock Sundae's."



## Wildcats of the Month

Walker Elementary is pleased to recognize students who go above and beyond to show the character traits of a Canton Local Wildcat. This initiative is in collaboration with Athletic Director Andy Harms and the athletic coaches at Canton South High School. Students recognized as a Wildcat of the Week receive a complimentary ticket to the game for themselves and two guests, an invitation to the team dinner, if one is scheduled that week, a spirit shirt, and school-wide recognition as a super star. Pictured are (front) Mason Cline, Lela Russell and Abigail Lewis, (back) Cameron Shanower, Cecelia Snyder, Zane Zwick and Payton Brown.



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## Giving Back Gratefully

The holiday season is the most magical time of year because it reminds us to be grateful and kind to others. Thank you to Susan Wanner and the many staff and families who helped support the Bridgepoint Christmas Mart. Mrs. Wanner's diligence and work to make this a school-sponsored event made it possible for Bridgepoint to provide toys, clothing, gift cards, and similar items to more than 200 children in the Canton Local community. Pictured above are Alison Long, Bailey Richards, Danny Datkuliak, and Daniel Bonnell collecting gifts from the Giving Tree to be sent to the Christmas Mart.

## Counting Snow Days by the Hour

Instead of requiring schools to complete a minimum number of days per school year, the state now requires schools to fulfill a minimum number of hours per school year. Schools may schedule "excess" hours above the minimum number. Hours missed above the minimum do not have to be made up.

According to information from the Ohio Department of Education, if a school closes enough that it will fall below the minimum number of hours, the school must extend its scheduled year. Like Canton Local, school districts plan their year longer than the minimum amount of time, so it builds in a cushion of hours in the event of a particularly harsh winter.

The Canton Local School District scheduled well over 1,000 school hours (see graph), and under the state rules, Ohio requires a minimum 910 hours for students in kindergarten through 6th grade and 1,000 hours for students in grades 7-12. The district would only have to make up hours missed beyond the state minimum.



## Register For Kindergarten

Children who are 5 years of age or older by September 30 living in the Canton Local School District are invited to register for kindergarten at Walker Elementary School on Thursday, March 1, 2018 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Children need not be present for registration. It will take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete the necessary paperwork. Appointments are not necessary.

To complete registration, parents must bring:

1. Child's birth certificate
2. Child's social security card
3. Immunization record
4. Proof of residency (utility bill, rental/purchase agreement, etc)
5. Custody papers (if applicable)
6. Home, cell, work, emergency phone numbers

If you have questions, call 330-484-8020.

Walker Elementary School is located at 3525 Sandy Ave SE, Canton, OH 44707.

### Canton Local School Hours

The district has 178 student days on the 2017-2018 school calendar. The state requires a minimum of 910 hours K-6 and 1,000 hours 7-12.

CSHS - 1,000 HOURS MINIMUM

1,118.43 HOURS SCHEDULED

FMMS - 950 MIN. (5-6) - 1,000 MIN. (7-8)

1,097.66 HOURS SCHEDULED

Walker - 950 HOURS MINIMUM

1,068 HOURS SCHEDULED





## FMMS Stages Annual Holiday Variety Show

The students and staff of Faircrest Memorial Middle School had the opportunity to take part in a new Holiday Variety Show in mid-December. Students were invited to perform and many staff members lent their talents to our journey through “holidays around the world” with singing, dancing, and even a special song by Queen Elsa (Dan Lawver) and Princess Anna (Craig Lieser)! What a fun way to get in the holiday spirit and have some laughs! FMMS 5th grade teacher Amber Hershberger and FMMS/CSHS Theatre teacher Stefanie Fatzinger organized the show.



## 4.0 Students Recognized

Faircrest students and their families enjoyed breakfast and recognition for achieving a perfect 4.0 the first semester. Recognized were:

Front row - Kaylynn Egan (6), Caitlyn Wilkinson (6), Natalie Smith (5)

Middle row - Avery Rupert (6), Abby Bryan (6), Delaney Kruger (6), Gracie Haddad (5), Emma Bourquin (6)

Back row - Abby Moore (5), Polly Murphy (6), Amber Dedmon (6), Amour Khalid (8), Brady Noll (8)

Not pictured: MaKenna Daniels (8).



## Middle Schoolers Organize Successful Food Drive

Faircrest students collected a total of 2,222 food items during its holiday food drive. The school's Emerging Leaders group helped to count and sort the items before delivery.



## Spellers Place In Bee

Congratulations to 8th grade student, Amour Khalid, our Faircrest Memorial Middle School Spelling Bee champion! He successfully spelled the word marmalade for the win in the 11th round.

Our Spelling Bee runner-up is 6th grade student Caitlyn Wilkinson. Well done to all Spelling Bee participants.



## Compact For Success 8th Graders Visit KSU

Compact for Success 8th graders traveled to Kent State Stark to visit the college on December 13, 2017. The field trip supports the monthly meetings that encourage 8th graders to explore information regarding future college and career opportunities.

## Drama Class Explores Canton Arts Scene

Eighth-grade students in Faircrest Memorial Middle School's drama program went on a field trip to the Players Guild for a backstage preview of "A Christmas Carol." They also visited downtown Canton to enjoy many of the art and sculptures featured throughout the area.



## TechFit! Club Competes

The FMMS TechFit! Club was selected to compete along with seven other clubs in the nation at Purdue University on December 1, 2017. TechFit! stands for Teaching Engineering Concepts to Harness Future Innovators and Technologists! In the program, students learn to design and implement technology-based fitness games.

**Canton South Soccer Club**  
PRESENTS

**A Night At  
The Races**

**Saturday, March 24 • 7-11 p.m.**  
**Springwood Campground Lodge**

*Price includes dinner and beverages*

To purchase tickets or sponsor a horse visit  
**[www.cantonsouthsoccerclub.com](http://www.cantonsouthsoccerclub.com)**

Tickets also available at Canton South Dairy Queen

CANTON SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL IN COOPERATION WITH ALLIANCE HIGH SCHOOL AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT UNION

*Presents*  
**Gospel  
Choir  
Festival**

**Friday, March 2, 2018 • 7:00 p.m.**

**Canton South High School - Performing Arts Center**

600 Faircrest St SE, Canton, OH 44707

*Donations gladly accepted*

*Featuring*

**Alliance HS Concert Choir and Choralaires**

*Carrie Chumat, Director*

**Canton South HS Symphonic Choir and Sound of South**

*Amy Bush, Director*

**University of Mount Union Inspirational Voices of Praise (IVOP)**

**Emmanuel Christian Academy**

*Reverend Jonathon Turner, Director*





# Footloose

the musical

Music by  
**TOM  
SNOW**

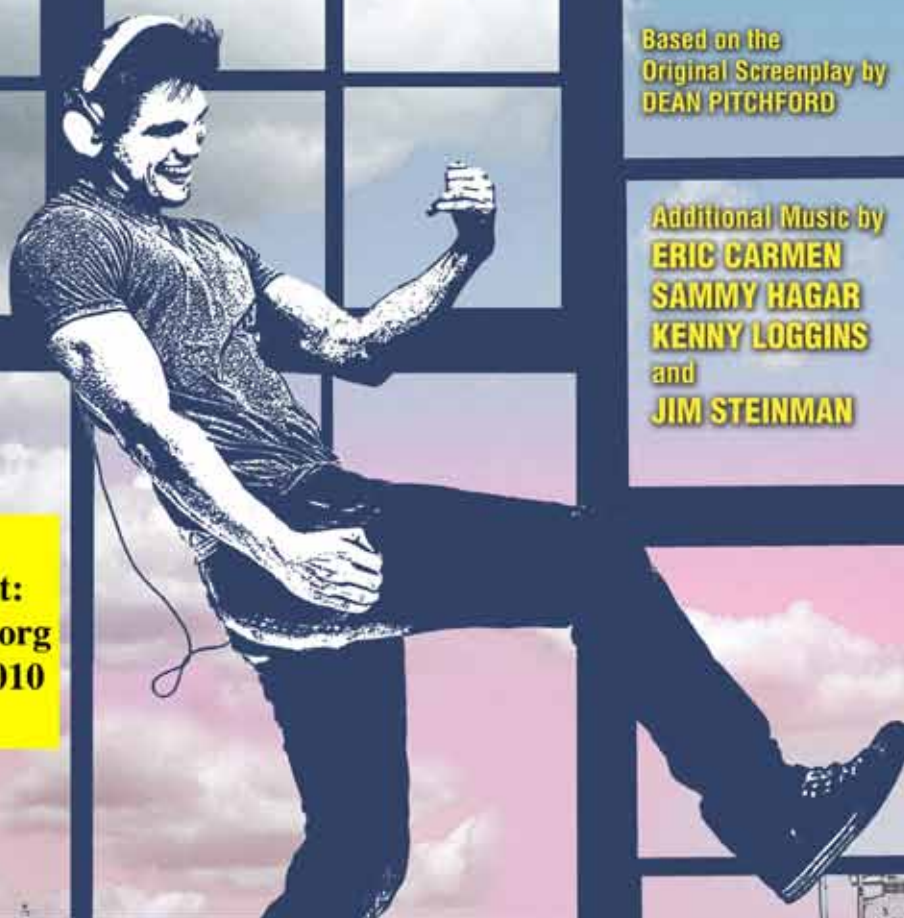
Lyrics by  
**DEAN  
PITCHFORD**

Stage adaptation by  
**DEAN PITCHFORD  
and WALTER BOBBIE**

Based on the  
Original Screenplay by  
**DEAN PITCHFORD**

Additional Music by  
**ERIC CARMEN  
SAMMY HAGAR  
KENNY LOGGINS  
and  
JIM STEINMAN**

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or call 330-484-8010



**Canton South High School**  
**February 22, 23, & 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

# Students Awarded in Scholastic Art Competition

## Faircrest Memorial Middle School

Name Grade Project Title

### Gold Key Winners

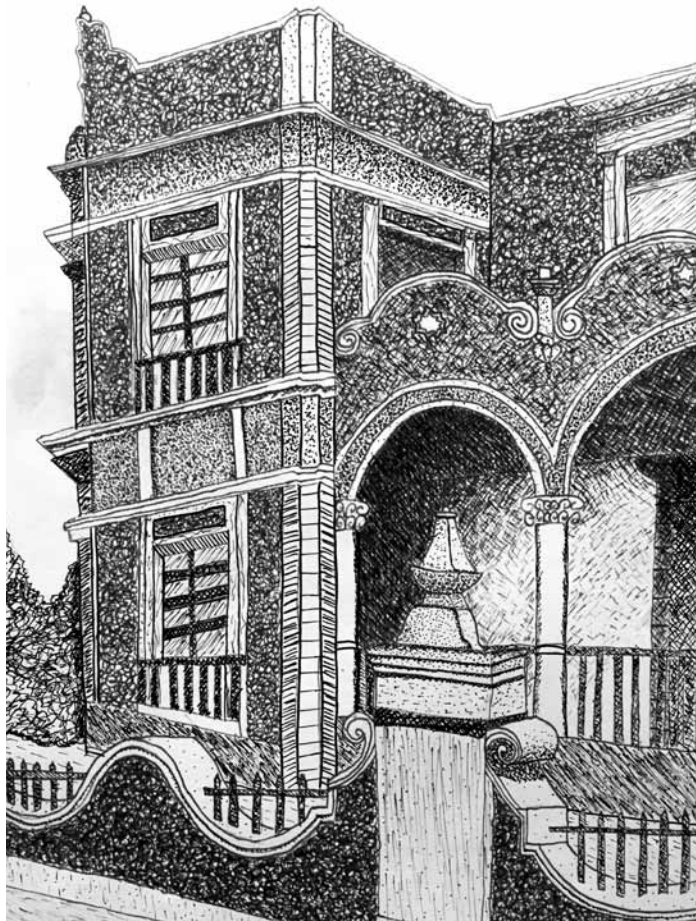
Abbie Bergert 8 Untitled  
Darlene Cuellar 8 Rock Ledges

### Silver Key Winners

Ashley Dedmon 8 Ice Cave  
Chloe Jeffries 8 Layers in Unity  
Veronica Reibenstein 8 Pineapple and Bananas  
Raine Rueschman 8 Contradictions  
Ashley Zwick 8 Stone Staircase

### Honorable Mention

Cheyenne Comer 8 River Mill  
MaKenna Daniels 8 English Cottage  
Abigail Franks 8 Split Wood Axedent  
Luke Hattery 8 Serene Wilderness  
Carrigan Horning 8 Concentric  
Braydon Noll 8 Contemporary Ranch  
Calista Ring 8 Which Path To Take?  
Taylor Smith 8 Spring Ivy  
Ashley Zwick 8 Autumn Artifacts



Gold Key winner, 8th grader, Abbie Bergert, "Untitled"



Raine Rueschman,  
"Contradictions"



Gold Key winner, Junior, Samantha Conley,  
"Gateway to the Soul"

## Canton South High School

Name Grade Project Title

### Gold Key Winners

Samantha Conley 11 Gateway to the Soul

### Silver Key Winners

Dylan Beadle 12 Mirror Mirror on the Ground  
Brylee Beck 11 RGB Light  
Kimberly Bennett 11 Comic Page  
Noah Britton 11 Lights  
Arianna Carpenter 9 Chalk  
Zakkary Heath 11 Toy Soldier in the Snow  
Rachel Koller 12 Grid  
Jocelynn Mohler 11 Thoughts  
Brooke Noll 12 Back in the Day  
RaeAnna Snyder 11 Cereal Box

### Honorable Mention

Dylan Beadle 12 Objects in the Mirror/Look Out Below  
Brylee Beck 11 OSR  
Arianna Carpenter 9 Origami, Little People, Self Portrait  
Elizabeth Charnetzky 10 Nature Reclaiming & Dark Room  
Rachel Koller 12 Motif  
Myles Martin 11 Word Art  
Bri Salyers 11 "Remission" When will my time be up?  
Lydia Tucke 11 Steampunk Warfare  
Kaitlyn White 12 Book it



FMMS Silver Key winner, Raine Rueschman, and Gold Key winner, Abbie Bergert, with art teacher, Amy Eibel.



Gold key winner, Samantha Conley.



## Scholastic Writing Awards

Congratulations to Sadie Owens (11) for earning a Gold Key for her critical essay "Abstract Conditions: The Fault In Human Nature," and Honorable Mention for both of her critical essays "Answers For The Unanswerable," and "Blinded By The Light: How False Hope Distracts from True Heroism."

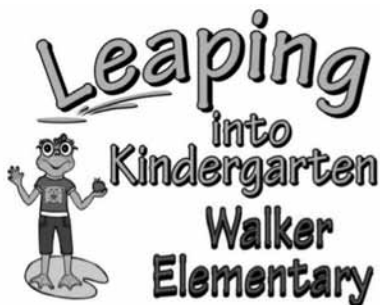


At the competition, Cammie Ferguson (12) earned a Silver Key for her critical essay "This Is Not A Moment, It's The Movement," and Honorable Mention for her critical essay "Special Communications."



## Arts Teachers Excellence Recognized

Congratulations Walker Elementary teacher Terri Bradshaw, 2017 East Central Outstanding Primary Art Teacher Award winner and to Canton South High School Visual Graphic Arts teacher Chris Bergert, 2017 recipient of the Secondary Division Outstanding Art Teacher award.



Register for Kindergarten on March 1 from 4-6 pm

## Bridge Point Offers Community Services

Bridge Point Community Services offers many services to the community. One of the ways that funds are raised for programs is through THE STORE @ Bridge Point.



Clothing, household items, kitchen utensils, small appliances and sporting goods are just some of the things available. THE STORE @ Bridge Point is a "thrift store with a purpose." Open during the first three days of the week (Mon, Tues, Wed.) to client families, the store is open to the public Thurs. to Sat. to come in and shop the great selections of clothing, household items and more for very low prices. In addition to gently used items, the store has a selection of new items including; shirts from Little Chicago Clothing Co., decals from Wildcat Vinyl and handmade cards from Abundant Grace Designs, with more new items coming soon! All proceeds go to helping client families.

### A HAND UP MINISTRY

Many people in our community need a little hand up not a hand out when it comes to basic supplies and household items. The ministry is in immediate need of: laundry detergent, antiperspirant/deodorant, dish soap, teen and young adult clothing, new towels and linens.

### THE STORE @ Bridge Point Hours

Thursday & Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Located in the former Canton South YMCA building at 309 45th St. SW.



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309 45th Street SW, Canton, Ohio 44706

## Footloose the Musical Dances Across The Stage

Canton South High School will present, Footloose the Musical on February 22, 23 and 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school Performing Arts Center. Tickets are on sale now online at [cantonlocalschoolspac.eventbrite.com](http://cantonlocalschoolspac.eventbrite.com) and at Canton South High School (District Admin Office) from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

One of the most explosive movie musicals in recent memory bursts onto the live stage with exhilarating results. When Ren and his mother move from Chicago to a small farming town, Ren is prepared for the inevitable adjustment period at his new high school. What he isn't prepared for are the rigorous local laws, including a ban on dancing instituted by the local preacher, determined to exercise the control over the town's youth that he cannot command in his own home. When the reverend's rebellious daughter sets her sights on Ren, her roughneck boyfriend tries to sabotage Ren's reputation, with many of the locals eager to believe the worst about the new kid.

The heartfelt story that emerges is of a father longing for the son he lost and of a young man aching for the father who walked out on him. Set to the rockin' rhythm of its Oscar and Tony-nominated top 40 score (the soundtrack album reached number one on the Billboard charts and has sold over 15 million copies!) and augmented with dynamic new songs for the stage musical, Footloose celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people, guiding them with a warm heart and an open mind.



## Wildcats Support Panthers

Canton South students gathered with teachers and staff members in January to discuss recent events, "Speak Life," and show their support for the Perry community.

## Academic Challenge Airs March 3



The Canton South HS Academic Challenge team will be featured on News Channel 5 Saturday, March 3 at 7 p.m. Each week, students representing schools from all around Northern Ohio use their brains to battle toward the season championship. At the end of season, the three highest scoring teams return for the Championship match. The Wildcat team (pictured below left to right) includes Peter Babik, Viktor Piero, Andrew Ricketts, Brady Slates and Abigail Franks.



## Order CSHS Yearbooks

Order Canton South HS 2017-2018 Yearbooks before February 28 for \$50 or \$56 with nameplate. Price increases to \$60 after Feb. 28. Order online at <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/> use code 3612.



# Canton South Holds Mental Health Day

***Lynn Rudd, Literacy Coach, Canton South High School***

This has been a tragic year for Stark County teenagers. While many area teens have struggled with their own mental health concerns, in addition to those of their families, this year we have witnessed teens taking their own lives.

Two student groups, Canton South Social Justice group and the Aultman Ambassadors, along with two senior Sports Med students, took on the challenge of addressing mental health awareness with their peers. On Friday, December 15, 2017, these students organized a day dedicated to opening discussion and conversation about methods to address mental health.

There were two main components of the day. First, during the lunch periods, students were invited to browse the Mental Health Fair, which presented information connecting to essential oils, healthy snacks, yoga, and even therapy dogs. Kayla Haynam and Hunter Jepsen invited many organizations and people to contribute to educating students on strategies that could potentially improve an individual's mental health.

There were also representatives from students groups such as Wildcat Christian

Athletes to showcase opportunities for students to make connections to one another. Second, the social justice students invited a panel to discuss their experiences in dealing with stress, anxiety, and other mental health issues.

Throughout the day, English teachers brought their classes to the auditorium to hear Sadie Owens, Jenna Wilson, and Mrs. Kara Wines as they shared their own insights and some of their family experiences with mental health. This panel was moderated and organized by Aultman Ambassadors, Nina Treacher and Dinah Ward, and Student Social Justice member, Sadie Owens. Their stories were painful, honest, and hopeful. The panel reiterated that students are never alone when they enter the doors of Canton South High School. There are teachers and other peers who want to connect and build bridges to networks of support.

All the students and teachers involved desire that the conversation continues and some preventive, positive habits were built from this educational day. Most of all, we hope that students "Only Connect" with each other and with a caring adult in order to navigate these complex adolescent times.



As part of the senior capstone project, Hunter Jepsen and Kayla Haynam organized many aspects of the Mental Health Fair that was held during the lunch periods.



Nina Treacher, Jenna Wilson, Mrs. Kara Wines, and Sadie Owens were all key participants in the "Only Connect" presentations throughout the day. They shared many insights from their own experiences.

# CSHS Wildcats of the Month

## November

### Brooklyn Tucke



**Parents:** Daniel and Melissa Tucke

**Activities and Clubs:** Student Leadership (3 years), 6th Man Mentoring (2 years),

Aultman Ambassadors (2 years), NTHS and NHS (1 year), I-Team (5 years)

**Sports:** Cheerleading, Track, Dance

**Medical Science Competitions:** Biomedical Engineering, Best Medicine Engineering Conference, HOSA

**Community Involvement:** Senior Citizen's Prom, Run Canton Volunteer, Mini Cheer

**Plans after graduation:** Aultman College of Nursing's BSN program

**What is the coolest thing that ever**

**happened at school?** During my sophomore year, I was chosen as the female representative for CSHS at the HOBY conference. Being chosen to represent my school was such an honor and I felt proud to be among such an amazing group of peers.

### Silas Snyder



**Parents:** Jack and Renae Snyder

**Activities and Clubs:** Student Leadership, 6th Man Mentoring, Wildcat Christian Athletes, 21st

Century Business

**Sports:** Football, Basketball, Baseball

**Fine Arts:** Design Communications

**Community Involvement:** St. Anthony's Youth Group, Reading at Walker, Hammer and Nails

**Plans after graduation:** Attend Kent State University, major in Accounting in hopes of getting my CPA and minor in business marketing

**What is the most important part of**

**school?** Learning how to deal with success and failure, this can come in all aspects of high school.

## December

### Kaytlynn Price



**Parents:** Karen and Pete Calac

**Activities and Clubs:** Student Leadership (4 years), Executive board (2 years), Tri-M

(2 years - Vice President 2017-18), Band (4 years - Band President 2017-18), 6th Man (2 years), NTHS (Treasurer), NHS

**Fine Arts:** Marching Band, Concert Band

**Community Involvement:** North Industry Senior High Youth Group, Safety World, Safety Burg

**Plans after graduation:** I plan to attend either Northern Arizona University or Mount Saint Joseph University for Early Childhood Education, or Archeology.

**If you could sit on a park bench for an hour with anyone, who would it be?**

Definitely John Williams. I would thank him for his music because it got me through many hours of studying throughout high school.

### Micah Barnes



**Parents:** Edward and Deborah Barnes

**Activities and Clubs:** Tri-M (2 years), NHS Sports: Track (2 years)

**Fine Arts:** Marching Band

(4 years), SOS (2 years)

**Community Involvement:** Teaching youth at NICC, Safety Burg, Safety World, Walker Food Drive

**Plans after graduation:** Citadel in South Carolina

**What is the best thing about being a**

**teen?** The best part of being a teen is being given the chance to surprise older people about what you know about the world as it is today and having the optimism to want to change it.

## January

### Ashley Broucker



**Parents:** Alison Clark and Bill Broucker

**Activities and Clubs:** NHS (2 years), Tri-M (2 years), 6th Man Mentoring (2 years),

Student Leadership (1 year)

**Fine Arts:** Marching and Concert Band (4 years), Assistant Squad Leader, Squad Leader

**Community Involvement:** ABC Quarter Auction, Flags for NHS, Open Mic Night, Lemonade Stand at Balloon Festival at Kent Stark, Walker Mother & Son Dance, Track and Field Concessions, Usher for John Trapani Concert

**Plans after graduation:** I plan to major in either Digital Film/Media Arts and Studies or Linguistics.

**What is the most important part of**

**school?** Definitely the experiences, because obviously one's education is extremely important, but what one experiences while or because of their education, can shape one into the person they happen to be long after school. My experiences with classes and peers have shaped me into the person I am currently, and without these experiences, I'm not entirely sure as to what my aspirations or dreams would be.

### Diondre Downing



**Parent:** Deon Downing

**Sports:** Basketball, Football, Track

**Community Involvement:** coach basketball and mentor

the youth at The Coach G Complex, Fellowship Baptist Church bus ministry

**Plans after graduation:** The University of Akron, Civil Engineering

**What is the best thing about being a**

**teen?** We get to enjoy life and, for the most part, we have nothing to worry about. Our only responsibility is to learn in school and to get a good education so we can be prepared for the next step in life.



## Township Trustees Present Good Neighbor Awards



On December 26, 2017, the Canton Township community officially learned the Canton South Community Men's Club would cease to operate at the end of 2017 due to a decline in membership. Therefore, the Canton Township Board of Trustees felt it immediately necessary to present the Good Neighbor Award to their organization. For almost 52 years, the Men's Club has provided books to Canton Local students, financial assistance to many worthy school district causes, volunteer labor and financial support to the Stark County Wilderness Center, helped stock the local church food cupboard effort, and much more.



The Board also awarded a Canton Township Good Neighbor Award to Mr. and Mrs. Claus (Charlie and Sherry Tubbs) for bringing 33 years of joy and happiness to the neighborhoods of Canton Township. Their selfless contribution to the community has built an enduring reputation of pride.



## New Training Burn Building Completed

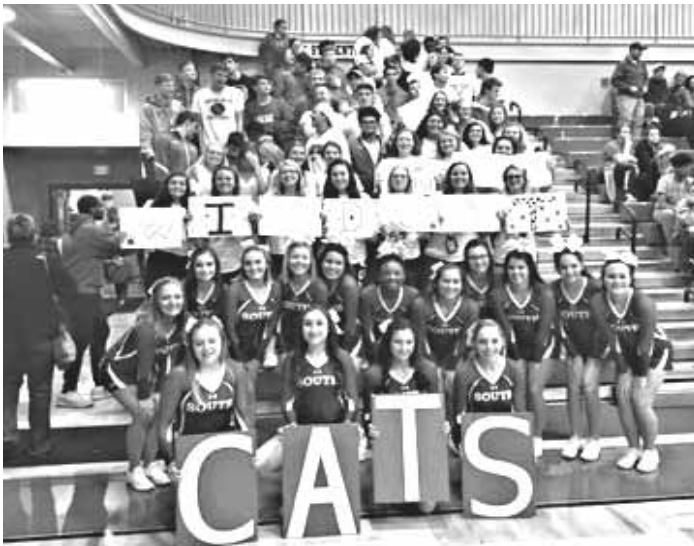
In 2017, the fire department was awarded a grant by FEMA under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program to purchase a live fire tactical training building. The grant covered 95% of the cost up to \$290,993. The fire department was responsible for the remaining 5%.

The building was constructed in Phoenix, Arizona by Fire Training Buildings LLC and was shipped to the administration/training facility on 38th Street in December on five flatbed semi-trailers. The structure was assembled on site over a four-day period.

The department is currently setting up various training and safety programs and will begin utilizing the facility once the winter weather breaks.

The training building is available to all area departments to train with their members. This building will allow firefighters to train with "live fire" while practicing fire extinguishment techniques as well as ventilation and confined space scenarios.

# Winter Sports Updates



The Boys Varsity Basketball team opened the new Red Ash Gymnasium on Friday, December 1st with a 49-41 victory over the Manchester Panthers in front of a great crowd. Jared Perez scored the first points in the gym for the Wildcats.

The Girls Varsity Basketball team opened their season in Red Ash Gymnasium on Saturday, November 25 with a 61-25 victory over Crestwood in the Turkey Tip-Off. Brooke Noll scored the first basket in the new gym for the Lady Wildcats.



The Canton South Wrestling team opened their season with a second place finish at the Madison Comprehensive Tournament in Mansfield among the 15 other teams in the tournament. The Wildcats had four first place

finishers: Jaxon Frey, Jabril Muhammad, De'ontae Williams, and Hunter Miller. Hunter Miller, (pictured left) also won his weight class last year earning him back to back titles his freshman and sophomore years.

The Canton South Wrestling team travelled to Beaver Local High School to compete in the Everett Hoppel Memorial Wrestling tournament against a very strong field of wrestlers. The team finished 5th out of 15 teams. Hunter Miller won his weight class, while Jaxon Frey and Kevin Gulling finished 3rd and Jabril Muhammad took 4th at the tournament.



## All League, Fall Athletic Honors Awarded

Congratulations to the Wildcat Athletes for earning First Team All League honors at the Northeastern Buckeye Conference Awards banquet held in December.

Receiving awards were Sophia Sessions, Mackenzie Rush, Abigail Franks, Gracie Andrews, Destiny Winans, Jared Perez, Nick Blackmer, De'ontae Williams, and Hunter Jepsen.

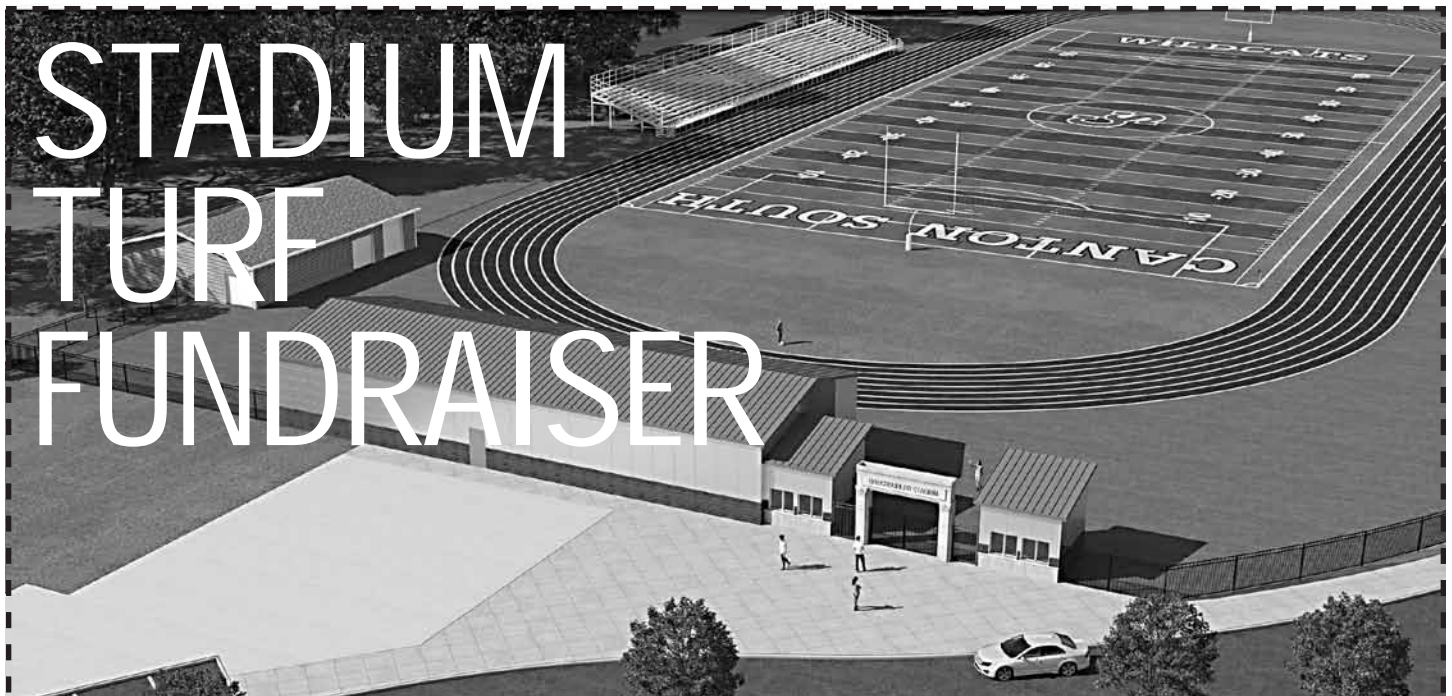
Destiny Winans was named the NBC Tennis Player of the Year, while Coach Rob Doerschuk was named Coach of the Year.

Canton South has over 145 students who participated in a sport, 58 of those student-athletes were recognized as NBC Scholar Athletes. To qualify as an NBC Scholar Athlete, students must earn a varsity letter in their sport and have a 3.4 GPA or higher for the 1st 9 weeks of the school year. Among the 58 students earning NBC Scholar status, 34 of them had a GPA of 4.0 or higher the 1st 9 weeks this school year.

## 2018 Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

The Canton South Athletic Hall of Fame selection committee is pleased to announce this year's inductees. Congratulations to: Jeremy Richards (2003), Jerald Robinson (2010) Mike McKinney (2009), Skip Laughlin (Coach), Katie Laughlin-Elliott (2008), Mike Talkington (1985), and Imani Bush (2013). The group will be recognized during the Tuesday, February 13, 2018 Canton South boys basketball game. A reception for the Hall of Fame Inductees and their families will take place following the ceremony.





The Canton South Stadium fundraising committee has set a goal to raise \$600,000 for synthetic turf and other improvements and upgrades to Brechbuhler Stadium that are outside of the district's budget and are not funded by community tax dollars.

Those interested in donating or making a pledge toward a 10 yard line sponsorship are encouraged to fill out and return the form below or contact committee chair Rocky Bourquin at (330) 705-4456.



**Yes!**

I am interested in donating to the Canton South Stadium Turf Fund. Please see my sponsorship level below.

**Donor levels:**

☐ Patron- up to \$100

☐ All-State- \$1,000-\$2,499

☐ Bronze- \$100-\$249

☐ All-League- \$250-\$499

☐ Silver- \$500-\$999

☐ National Champ- \$5,000 and up

☐ 10yd sponsor- \$5,000/year for 8 years (12 available)

☐ Please contact me; I am interested in joining the committee/ helping with the fundraising efforts.

**Donor Information:**

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Checks must be made payable to the Canton South Athletic Booster Club, a 501c3 organization, and sent to the attention of: Joe Franks, 600 Faircrest St. S.E. Canton, Ohio, 44707.

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## New Brechbuhler Stadium Dreams

The 8.0 mill levy Canton Local voters generously approved in November of 2013 included funds to construct an entrance, concession stand, visitor locker room, spirit store and restrooms at Brechbuhler Stadium. The district has hired GPD Group out of Akron, Ohio to assist with the design of the stadium upgrades. At right is an artist's rendering of the project.



# CANTON LOCAL SCHOOLS Wildcat Wednesdays!

Join Canton Local Schools' Superintendent, Steve Milano, for an informal monthly get-together to discuss important issues affecting your school district.

Bring your questions, suggestions and appetite for friendly conversation!

Choose one or choose them all!

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|-------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|
| • Mary Ann Donuts | Breakfast | January 31  | 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.   |
| • Dairy Queen     | Lunch     | February 28 | 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. |
| • McDonalds       | Breakfast | March 21    | 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.   |
| • McCall's        | Dinner    | April 25    | 16:00 - 7:00 p.m.  |
| • Pizza Oven      | Lunch     | May 23      | 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. |

More details at 330-484-8019 or at [cantonlocal.org](http://cantonlocal.org)

