



2022 - 2023

LEARNING CARING **SUCCESS**

A Report to the Community from Lancaster City Schools



A LETTER FROM

Nathan Hale, LCS Superintendent

Hello Gale Nation!

It hardly seems possible that we've wrapped up another academic year at Lancaster City Schools. We have experienced so much growth and change in the past 12 months, and the progress will continue throughout the summer.

But first, let me congratulate the Lancaster High School Class of 2023! Your class has been in a unique position throughout the years of watching many new school buildings be constructed without having the benefit of occupying them. I'm afraid this continued to be the case as you graduated from the existing high school while we began constructing the new one in your line of vision. However, you have proved to be a resilient group of leaders who, no doubt, will continue to thrive in your new endeavors. We all appreciate the excellent role models you have been for the classes behind you, and we wish you the best of luck.

Growth has been the theme of the 2022-2023 school year. In Education Valley, we have opened and begun using the new athletic ball fields while construction continues on the new high school. Our administration officially moved into its new home on Coonpath Road, and transportation and food services are also thriving there.

Our connections in the community also grew this year – from the record participation in LHS Key Club and the formation of Thomas Ewing's Builder Club to the numerous volunteer opportunities students and staff partook in such as United Way Care Day, Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign, food pantry donations, and the Ghoulish Gales Trunk or Treat Night.

We were honored to receive Destination Downtown Lancaster's Community Partner Award and are always pleased to welcome programming from Lancaster Parks & Recreation, Fairfield County Sheriff's Department, Lancaster Police Department, and Lancaster Fire Department into our schools.

Our career-focused curriculum also brought together community professionals and students for mock-interview and networking events and our students at the Fairfield County Workforce Center even had the opportunity to work out in the community for local businesses.

It pleases me and the administration that Lancaster City Schools continues to think outside of the walls of our buildings through partnerships with local colleges, increased participation in the community, and exciting new programming in art and technology. The future looks brighter than ever.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." – Nelson Mandela

Thank you for supporting our students.



LANCASTER CITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Left to right:

Jay Nauman, Board Member
Kathy Kittredge, Board Member
Amy Eyman, Vice President
Dianne Garlinger, President
A. Lise Ricketts, Board Member





Lancaster City Schools successfully moved its administrative and central office staff to a new facility, 2780 Coonpath Road NE, Lancaster. The district purchased the property formerly belonging to South Central Power on Coonpath Road NE and State Route 188 last year as part of the master facilities plan, allowing staff to relocate without the extra cost of building a new facility.

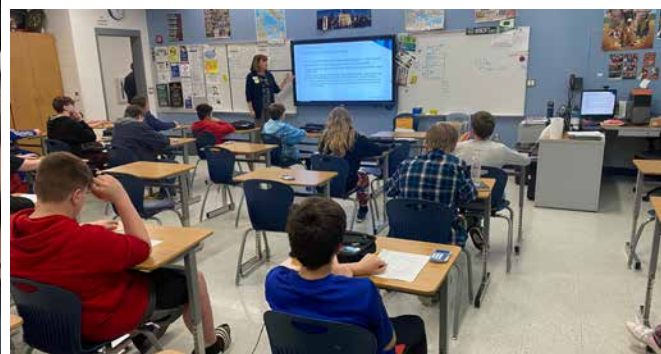
In addition, the Transportation and Food Service departments also relocated to the Coonpath Road facility, allowing for increased storage and working space, benefiting both areas. The entire fleet of school buses are also housed at this secure location which features an on-site maintenance garage.

All departments can be reached at the new location utilizing their existing phone numbers. All contact information for Lancaster City Schools can be found on the website at www.lancaster.k12.oh.us.

Financial Information Found Online

The Lancaster City School District's Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the year ending June 30, 2022 is available to the public online. This report makes our District's finances easier to understand and communicates our financial situation in an open and accountable manner.

The Lancaster City School District is proud of this report and the support offered by the Board of Education in its creation. Questions, comments and feedback regarding this report are encouraged, so please do not hesitate to contact the Treasurer's office at (740) 687-7315.





School Highlights



GORSUCH WEST ELEMENTARY

Congratulations, Patty Pillar! You have been selected as the 2023 Ohio D.A.R.E Educator of the Year.

Gorsuch West Elementary partnered with the Lancaster Rotary this school year to develop the GW Peace Project. Fifth grade students worked building-wide to spread peace and implement conflict resolution strategies for all students.

Gorsuch West were Bowl 4 Kids' Sake Champions (4th year in a row!) raising over \$5,000 dollars for Big Brothers & Big Sisters.



MEDILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Medill Elementary School was recognized for its success with Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) at the December 2022 Ohio PBIS Showcase. Medill received the Silver Level. The students focused on living above the line by being safe, respectful, responsible, and caring.



MOUNT PLEASANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mount Pleasant Elementary School was once again recognized for its success with Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) at the 2022 Ohio PBIS Showcase. For the second year in a row they were honored with the Gold award from the state. Their work in developing student leaders is evident throughout the day from 2nd and 7 (Second Step Curriculum and 7 Habits Implementation) time in the morning to their Leadership Clubs in the afternoon. Our teachers believe that student leadership can be found in all areas of school

from the classroom to the cafeteria. Mount Pleasant implemented 17 leadership clubs this year: Arts and Crafts Club, Beautify Our School Club, Coloring Club, Dance Club, Games Club, Kind Kids Club, Morning Announcements Club, Nature Club, Rbik's Cube Club, Spanish Club, Student Lighthouse Team, Ukulele Club, Untold History Club, Yearbook Club, Yoga Club, Young Author's Club and ROX (Ruling our eXperiences).



GENERAL SHERMAN JUNIOR HIGH

The National Civics Bee was held at Ohio University-Lancaster on April 26th. Of the top 20 participants, 15 of the finalists were from General Sherman. The students that participated were: Bailey Bennett, Kylan Bowers, Logan Cathey, Mollee Jarrett, Eleanor Meyer, Madelynn Booze, Coleton Holbrook, Charlee McKisson, Arik Brandt, Elizaveta Maliugina, Keelynn Blind, Xochitl Cruz-Rosas, Bethany Garrabrant, Natalie Renz, and Riley Doty.



TALLMADGE ELEMENTARY

Tallmadge had a unique opportunity to create a space for students to learn through hands-on, small-group activities. In this engaging space called "The Lab," students learn within both skills-based and mixed-level groupings. Classroom teachers accompany students and lead skill groups focusing on reading and writing. There are four lab stations: Imagine, Engineer/Explore, Create, and Grow (classroom teacher-led). Students are given learning opportunities within each station that engage all types of learners. Each grade level has a specific topic/theme from the EL curriculum.

The Lab has allowed Tallmadge students many opportunities for learning that they may not have otherwise experienced. We have had an excellent year and enjoyed learning together in this exciting and unique learning environment.



THOMAS EWING JUNIOR HIGH



This school year was the first year for a Builders Club at Thomas Ewing and it was well-received by students and parents. Builders Club is the middle school branch under Kiwanis International. In Builders Club, members learn to work together and develop servant-leadership skills as they serve our school and community. Members met most the year on every 3rd Wednesday and consisted of 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Meeting attendance varied as there were 20-46 members per meeting throughout the year. The first service project was

to create dog and cat toys out of old t-shirts members brought in for the animals at the Fairfield Area Humane Society. Students later painted "Kindness Rocks." The members were inspired to paint kind or encouraging words on rocks and place them around their community. During the holiday season, members and families donated items and created care packages intended for the community. There were enough donations to give to the Foundation Dinners and two local nursing homes. Some members met on a Saturday to present items to PrimRose Nursing Home and help serve refreshments to the residents for their Christmas Party. In the New Year the members enjoyed helping the Community Action Recycling Center cut reusable material for their education program as well as learning and devising a plan to start recycling at Thomas Ewing. The dedicated members arrived early to school to hand out suckers and hold posters to bring smiles to the students and staff. Finally to wrap up the year the club held a Bottoms Up Diaper Drive, to collect diapers for local babies in need, and Habitat for Humanity presented at the final meeting. The Builders Club has enlightened the students and families of Thomas Ewing. They see and experience first hand that serving the community leads to more opportunities to change the world to a better place.

This year before every big break, the day ended with an activity period. Staff provided over 30 different activities that the students could choose from, such as: disc golf, origami, puzzles, arts and crafts, Club 304 and many more. What a great way to connect to students. Staff and students had a great time! #senatarnation



LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL

This year at Lancaster High School, 147 students completed recognized Pre-Apprenticeships! These included Welding, Culinary Occupations, Construction Trades (including Electrical and HVAC), and Water /Waste Water Treatment. These students now have Industry Credentials and skills that demonstrate they are ready for the workforce and future training in their desired career pathway. LHS was also recognized as one of 17 Project Lead The Way Distinguished High Schools in Ohio.

The Golden Gales athletic teams won seven OCC Championships including repeating in Boys' Cross Country, Wrestling, Boys' Swimming, Softball, and Boys' Track and Field. The Lady Gales Soccer team won their first title in school history, while the Lady Gales' Track and Field team won their first title since 2006. Participation also jumped from 715 to 826 student athletes participating in a sport from 2022 to 2023.



TARHE TRAILS ELEMENTARY

Connecting with families is important at Tarhe Trails Elementary. Our school provided many activities to support experiences for families and students to increase engagement this past school year. We had a great Literacy Night and Math Night, where we partnered with Ohio University to support interventions and tips for families in reading and math. We also had our Enchanted Evening Dance, Splash of Fun, Kids Invite Someone Special Breakfast, and Harvest

Festival to support families connecting with their children and having fun! Health and Fitness was supported with our Walk a Thon, as well as Field Day. Throughout the year, we had daily opportunities for families to assist with career presentations, serve as a guest reader, and support classroom activities. One of our biggest student engagement experiences was the Cincinnati Reds baseball team coming to our building. The kids and staff had a blast! We are A TEAM at Tarhe Trails and worked together to have an amazing year!

LANCASTER CITY SCHOOLS

Graduates and Retirees

GRADUATES**Career Tech****Student of the Year:**

Adriana Marie
Rodriguez-Denner

Allison D. Allen
Brianna N. Allman
Evan C. Alspach
Faith C. Anderson
Noah R. Anderson
Aaron M. Ashbaugh
Aiden Z. Bach
Shauna M. Bailey
Kimberly L. Baker
Marshall L. Ballou
Alexandra Battles
Abigail L. Beadling
Camren R. Bennett*
Zyon N. Bennett
Aydan W. Benson
Ryan J. Black
Caitlyn R. Blackburn
Mikylee R. Blair
Addison D. Blume
Brooklyn D. Boch
Cameron R. Boch
Kalynn M. Boice
Madison D. Borah
Jack M. Borchers
Blake H. Boring
Brodie G. Bosworth
Daytona C. Boyer
John A. Brandenburger
Caleb M. Broeckel
Austin M. Brown
Xavier A. Brown
Alayna R. Buckley
Emma G. Burge
Rafe J. Burwell
Makena D. Butcher
Addison R. Caperton
Zoe M. Carpenter
Isaiah R. Carr
Zahkia M. Carr

Dylan M. Carsey
Brendan S. Carter
Jacob A. Cassandra
Michael A. Casto
Isaiah C. Chaffin
Angel M. Chamberlain
Kayleen E. Christian
Caleb A. Chrysler
Kali J. Chrysler
Matthew P. Cihan
Jada C. Clay
Levi D. Coe
Mary A. Coen
Parker V. Cohen*
Bryce J. Coler
Isaiah I. Collier
Jeremy S. Collins
Vega J. Colon
Caroline S. Conklin
Carlie J. Conrad
Marin A. Cooper
Isaac K. Cooperrider
Alysa S. Cordle
Ariana M. Cottrill
Noah A. Courtright
Alexander W. Cox
Kendall J. Cox
Leah M. Craig
Alzeah N. Crist
Lillian N. Crist
Madison K. Crist
Hailey G. Culbertson*
Adasyn R. Curry
Caden R. Dalton
Makayla M. Daniels
Brendon P. Davis
Gavin D. Davis
Ian A. Davis
Shelby M. Davis
Roma C. DeLeon
Logan J. DeLong
Mackenzie J. Dennis
Alexis D. DeWitt
Ashtin M. Dexter
Micah A. Dexter

Alexandra A. Diamond
Ethan M. Dickson
Ryan A. Dighton
Braydin I. DiYanni
Amber L. Dozier
Lindsay G. Dozier
Samuel J. Duncan
Christian L. Dusing-Haislett
Dale R. Dutchess Jr.
Charles E. Duvall Jr.
Avery E. Ebbrecht
Abbie R. Ebert*
Gabriel A. Ebert
Gabriel R. Edgington
Jace O. Edmonds
Scott J. Edmonds
Daniel W. Edwards
Brody H. Ehorn*
Brooke E. Ehorn*
Dawson J. English
Emilee L. Enmen
Emily B. Evans
Hutch C. Evans
Brice X. Fahrer
Leanna L. Fetherolf
Toby J. Ficheria
Cameron R. Figueroa
Aiden B. Finefrock
Jordan B. Finn
Fredricka L. Fosnaugh
Andrew N. Franchini
Brianna L. Frank
Jordan S. Frazier
Emily R. French
Mariana E. Fuentes
Asa N. Gamman
Noah J. Gardner
Sarah E. Garlinger*
Maya E. Gatten
Keegan A. Gerber
Cyrus K. Goad
Landon A. Graley
Kara P. Gray
Riley G. Gray
Olivia B. Griffith

Rebecca E. Grove
Izu C. Guerrero
Taylor S. Haberle
McKenzie L. Hagans
Jenna N. Hainer
Nathan M. Hall
Heath H. Hallas
Jaiden J. Halle
Grant A. Hampson*
Gwendolyn M. Hann
Ashton C. Harper
Damien J. Hartman
Eli J. Hawkins
Austin L. Hedges
Joseph M. Herold
Blaine J. Hettinger
Nevaeh R. Hewitt
Haley D. Hildinger
Sydney R. Hill
Cassandra D. Hinkofer
Layton G. Hoch
Ava M. Hoffman
Emily N. Hoffman
Kody K. Hoffman
Owen J. Holbrook
Tyler J. Holland
Destiny I. Hollyfield
Ethan J. Hoover
Carmen Y. Hoskins
Christopher T. Householder
Hope H. Huerte
Mikaela N. Hug
Haley J. Hughes
Avery G. Hullinger
Sydney J. Humbert*
Donaven P. Husband
Kaylee M. Husband
Toby L. Hutsler
Kyrell K. Jackson
Tyler K. James
Benjamin B. Jasper
Alexis M. Johnson
Brady A. Johnson
Joseph A. Johnson
Madison E. Johnson

Tamron S. Johnson Jr.
Lauren E. Johnston
Alexandria L. Jurecki
Riley L. Karns
Kaden T. Keefer
Brianna K. Kemp
Logan W. Keyser
Alex J. Kiger
William C. Kiger
Makynze A. Kiphart
Jada J. Kish
Nikolas J. Kistler
Savanah G. Knight
Taylor B. Knott
Madelyn G. Kovacek
Alec D. Lamascola*
Lindsey N. Landrum
Hailey D. Lane
Lukas K. Lang*
Isaiah J. Lanoy
Kaiden A. Lanoy
Trevor M. Lanoy
Braden R. Larson
Morgan M. Latchford
Josiah M. Lauderbaugh*
Karina L. Leach
Brayden A. Lewis
Daiton J. Lewis
Trent E. Lindsey
Grace A. Lloyd
Jadiva D. Lopez
Kendra N. Lortz
William H. Loudon
Brandon A. Lowe
Aubrey M. Mallory
Mckenna N. Manning
Makayla C. Mathis
Malachi T. McCann
Lance M. McClellan
Bon A. McCray
Isabell M. McDaniel
Audrey E. McFarland
Lauren M. McGinty
Jessica M. McIntire
Conner M. McLaren



Murphy K. McLaren
 Peyton W. McMillen*
 Lillian G. McNally
 Anthony M. McNichols
 Casey A. Meadows
 McKenzie M. Meier
 Destiny L. Mickens
 Elias D. Milbaugh*
 Alexander B. Miller*
 Dakota R. Miller
 Drew A. Miller
 Hayley M. Miller
 Raphael A. Milliron
 Brenden Mills-Monohon
 Madalyn R. Miskell
 Brooke E. Mitchell
 Dylan T. Mitchell
 Reeanna A. Mitchell
 Blaine J. Mohler
 Arcadian S. Mongold
 Wyatt P. Morehart
 Gabriel M. Morgan
 Makayla E. Morin
 Jacob A. Mowder*
 Olivia J. Muck
 Zaylor R. Muck
 David I. Mueller
 Adaline L. Myers
 Kaelyn R. Nagle
 Emily A. Neal
 Evelyn M. Neeley*
 Benjamin D. Nestor
 Morgan N. Nettles
 Cabot D. Newman-Stemle
 Jay C. Niceswanger
 Tyler E. Olson
 Laura M. Overby
 Hailey N. Packer
 Jaevon A. Palladino
 Ella M. Palmer
 Sarah M. Parker
 Adam J. Parsley
 Emma M. Parsley
 John S. Pennington III
 Hunter P. Peters

Marissa N. Peters
 Jaelynn L. Pickett
 Te'Jon E. Purdue
 Michael D. Quinlan
 Aimee M. Radcliff
 Harley J. Rager
 Amy N. Redding
 Ripley S. Reese
 Ava D. Reid*
 Jayd R. Reid
 Grace A. Reynolds
 William W. Richardson*
 Alexis M. Riehl
 Rachel A. Riggs
 Adisyn P. Rings
 Hayden P. Robertson
 Lillian J. Robinson
 Patricia L. Robinson
 David H. Roby III
 Kaiden S. Roby
 Alexander W. Rodenbaugh
 Adriana M. Rodriguez-Denner
 Camron J. Rose
 Carter M. Ross
 Kennedy N. Ross
 Jordan M. Ruff
 Carlee E. Runyon
 Blake A. Russell
 Ryan V. Russo
 John M. Rutter
 Benicio S. Saldierna
 Braeden A. Sark
 Briana S. Saunders
 Gabriel R. Scheffler
 Michael D. Scheffler
 Parker D. Schenk
 Chloe P. Scott
 Owen L. Scott
 Luke D. Searfoss
 Jaron E. Seeger-Filio
 Bailey L. Senften
 Riley A. Senften*
 Emmie G. Seymour*
 Kaden D. Shahan
 Hannah G. Sheets*

Caleb L. Sheets-McCreary
 Keaton A. Shephard
 Xander J. Sherman
 Kayla A. Shumaker
 Sierra L. Sims
 Aliyah F. Smith
 Casey A. Smith*
 Colin A. Smith
 Eli T. Smith
 Emily N. Smith
 Karma L. Smith
 Lillian G. Smith
 Christian A. Smith-Brown
 Avery D. Snead
 Blake J. Snyder
 Daizze J. Snyder
 Alexis K. Sollee
 Avelyn L. Solt*
 Emma M. South
 Kaylie M. Sowers
 Riley G. Spangler*
 Koston D. Speakman
 Mackenzie N. Spencer
 Austin W. Spires
 Alexis M. Spray
 Jessie L. Spurling
 Molly A. Stebelton
 Journey N. Steele
 Tristan N. Stevens
 Cameron L. Stine
 Madelyn B. Stoneburner
 Hannah R. Stratton
 Samuel P. Strigle
 Gracie I. Stuart*
 Vincent W. Swanson
 Alexis M. Taylor
 Hannah N. Taylor
 Raeanna L. Temple
 Cameron K. Thacker
 Samantha J. Thacker
 Trent A. Tharp
 Bryce A. Thaxton
 Brooke A. Thompson
 William M. Thornton
 Colton E. Thress

Austin S. Tiller
 Jhiana M. Tingler
 Shayla E. Tirado
 Carlyne E. Todd
 Kaydence J. Valentine
 Aeron M. Vamos
 Trace E. VanGundy
 Tyler G. VanHorn
 Mya M. Vasko-Bennett*
 Mia E. Villa-Barbour
 David M. Wachenschwanz Jr.
 Jakob R. Waddell
 Micah A. Walker
 Michelle A. Walker
 Ryan C. Walker
 Abigail J. Wardell
 Lea A. Waugh
 Kara J. Weaver*
 Isaiah H. Wehrle
 Avery A. Westbrook
 Matthew D. Whalen
 Aaliyah N. White
 Alexis K. White
 Audrey R. Williams
 Hannah N. Williams
 Jaylah S. Williams
 Terry V. Williams III
 Jase T. Wilson
 Peyton M. Wilson*
 Samuel E. Winegardner
 Eme P. Woken
 Nickolas J. Wolfe
 Kendall L. Woltz
 Jalynn E. Wright*
 Maxwell S. Yenchar

* Summa Cum Laude

RETIREES

- **Patty Bitler**
Grade 2 Teacher, Tarhe Trails
- **Sam Blanchard**
Office Assistant, Mt. Pleasant
- **Kimberly Canale**
Custodian, LHS
- **Robin Cathers**
Assistant Principal, Tarhe Trails
- **Jana DiDomenico**
Intervention Specialist,
Gorsuch West
- **Joe DiDomenico**
Chemistry Teacher, LHS
- **Dorothy Drake**
Bus Driver
- **Gary Elick**
RTI Teacher, Medill
- **Kim Elkins**
Office Manager, Student Services
- **Luann Ellis**
Title I Teacher, Gorsuch West
- **Jamie Ghiloni**
Title I Teacher, Mt. Pleasant
- **Angela Hill**
Office Assistant, Gorsuch West
- **Jan Kilbarger**
Office Assistant, Tarhe Trails
- **Carol Koksai**
Music Teacher, Medill/Tallmadge
- **Holly Lavender**
Science/Math/PLTW Engineer
Teacher, LHS
- **Cynthia Lavere**
Educational Assistant-Study Hall, LHS
- **Stephen Mathias**
Social Studies Teacher, LHS
- **Karen Northup**
Custodian, Tarhe Preschool
Cook/Cashier, Tarhe Trails
- **Virginia Quay**
Intervention Specialist,
Thomas Ewing
- **Molly Saheli**
RTI Teacher, Gorsuch West
- **Melodi Slater**
RTI Teacher, Tallmadge
- **Tamara Stevens**
Bus Driver
- **Gilbert Stoneburner**
Custodian, Tarhe Trails
- **Brenda Swyers**
Custodian, Tallmadge
- **Sheila Thompson**
Office Manager,
Instructional Services
- **Mary Jo Wooten**
School Counselor, LHS

Portrait of a Graduate

LEARNING (Knowledge):

A Lancaster City Schools graduate is prepared to:

- Succeed in postsecondary education, military service, and/or obtain gainful employment
- Work independently and collaboratively in a team environment
- Demonstrate competency in the core curriculum for the State of Ohio
- Think about information creatively and critically to solve problems

CARING (Attitude):

A Lancaster City Schools graduate demonstrates:

- A high level of social, emotional and interpersonal skills
- Empathy and respect towards others
- Confidence in their abilities
- Pride in our community

SUCCEEDING (Skills):

A Lancaster City Schools graduate demonstrates:

- Resilience, grit and a strong work ethic
- Effective leadership skills
- Ability and desire to meet individual goals
- Integrity, reliability, and a healthy lifestyle
- Effective and professional communication skills

LEARNING

Independence

I can work on my own. I know how to ask for help and how to ask questions.

Collaborative

I can work with others.
I can contribute to group tasks.

Creative Thinker

I can use my abilities to solve problems with unique solutions.

Critical Thinker

I can observe, analyze, draw inferences, and communicate to solve a problem.

Goal Setting

I can set goals and create a plan to achieve them.





CARING

Social Emotional Regulation

I can monitor and control my own thoughts and actions and ask for help when needed.

Empathy

I can be aware of how someone else is feeling and respond appropriately to their feelings.

Respect

I can show consideration the differences of others by the way I speak, listen and treat others and their belongings.



Confidence

I can identify my abilities and strengths that help me take risks and understand that growth and learning are a part of my journey towards success.

Pride in my Community

I can make my community and school a better place through my positive involvements.



SUCCEEDING



Resilience

I can successfully respond and recover when I experience a challenging event.

Grit

I can consistently work hard and persevere.

Work Ethic

I can show up and diligently complete tasks.

Leadership

I can be a role model by engaging and encouraging others to succeed.

Integrity

I can do the right thing even when no one is watching.



Reliable

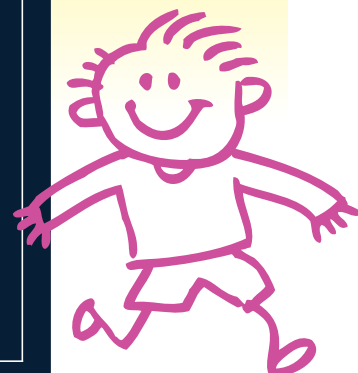
I can be counted on to get the job done.

Healthy

I can make choices that positively affect my mind and physical well being.

Effective Communication

I can be knowledgeable, clear and respectful when expressing myself in writing, speaking or on social media.



LANCASTER CITY SCHOOLS

The Place To Be



NUMBER OF STUDENTS (avg. 22-23)

6,237



NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATORS,
TEACHERS AND STAFF

806

← Certified Teachers
← Administrators
← Classified Staff



NUMBER OF STUDENTS
ENROLLED IN CAREER TECH

448

← 176 Seniors

← 272 Juniors

419 CT Students are in Co-Curricular Activities



NUMBER OF PROGRAMS
OFFERED BY CAREER TECH

13



NUMBER OF STUDENTS GRADUATED
FROM CAREER READINESS PROGRAM

130



NUMBER OF CHARITABLE DONATIONS LCS WORKS WITH DURING TIME OF GIVING

Activities consist of various projects, including:
food drives, adopting families, penny wars
and non-profit agencies.

36



NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN THE MARCHING BAND

Number of awards: 10. This year marks the 41st
consecutive appearance at OMEA State Finals.

90



NUMBER OF STUDENT ATHLETES

549 (grades 7-8)

826 (grades 9-12)

> 1,375



NUMBER OF SPORTS PROVIDED BY LCS

16 (grades 7-8)

22 (grades 9-12)

> 38



NUMBER OF EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

27



NUMBER OF STUDENTS INVOLVED IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1,229



Construction Update



By now, you are probably accustomed to seeing the construction taking place in Education Valley, the aptly named area from Fair Avenue to Fisher Catholic High School, as the walls to the new Lancaster High School begin to go up.

While the students are on a break for the summer, thankfully, our construction is not. In fact, we continue to meet every other week for updates and an on-site walk-thru, ensuring that the objectives are met, and the timing is on track. Construction updates will be posted regularly throughout the remainder of the project on our website and via Facebook.

We are currently still on track to open the school in August of 2026. At approximately 365,000 square feet, the new school will allow us to educate nearly 2,000 students – several hundred more than we currently host. As the community grows, this will be essential. Further, keeping almost all our students on one campus, without having them leave for other educational opportunities, will be advantageous for all.

Our current high school was built in 1963, and the needs of students were different then. The new school will have the technological capabilities required by us, as well as more restrooms, ADA-compliant facilities and yes, air conditioning.

Our new, state-of-the-art ball fields are open and were enjoyed by both our baseball and softball athletes, as well as their competitors, this spring. Opening dedication ceremonies for both took place, and we had the opportunity to thank those players and coaches who came before us while giving them a chance to step out onto the fields themselves. It was quite memorable.

Meanwhile, improvements to some elementary school playgrounds took place, making them more accessible to all with the addition of sensory-friendly communication boards.

We are incredibly grateful for the fantastic facilities Lancaster City Schools can offer our students and staff, providing the very best learning environments possible for every student.



ART PROGRAMMING

More **VIBRANT** than ever!

Lancaster City Schools' Arts Education curriculum flourished this year as student and faculty artists received recognition from statewide organizations. Opportunities to exhibit art throughout the region allowed students to share their creations, thoughts, ideas, and rationales behind them, with their communities.

LCS continues to place emphasis on art education, recognizing that it is empowering and sets students up with many skills needed in life after high school and post-graduate education. More importantly, the administration recognizes that art education can also be a springboard to increased participation in academics, inspiring students through connections between art and many other disciplines. Students interested in art will realize that it overlaps with history, literature, science, and every other topic under the sun.



Lychees, by Ben Custer, grade 11

Last fall, the Ohio Art Education Association accepted artwork from five Lancaster High School students into the annual Emerging Artist Exhibition: Noah Chanthanhohirath, Benjamin Custer, Kendra Lortz, Alexia Nelson, and Carlee Runyon. The exhibit, featuring less than 200 pieces of art from students around the state, was sponsored by the Ohio Art Education Association (OAEA). It was created for Ohio students in grades 9-11 and was displayed at The King Arts Complex in Columbus.

In addition to the high school students, Lancaster City School teachers Jennifer Appelfeller and Shannon Fish were the recipients of awards at the 2022 Ohio Art Education Association (OAEA) Award Ceremony in November. Jennifer Appelfeller was a recipient of the OAEA Middle Division Award, and Shannon Fish was a recipient of the OAEA Secondary Division Award. Also LCS elementary art teacher Kerri Rodenbaugh was honored by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation for her commitment to students after being nominated by fellow teacher Jeff Wells.

Later in the year, Gabriel Heetland, a junior at Lancaster High School, received National honors after his square linoleum relief print, titled *The Hand of Fate*, was selected in the top 127 works of the 2,410 submissions for the 2023 National Art Honor Society exhibition.

March was Youth Art Month (YAM), and there were several student artistic achievements. Representing Lancaster in the Youth Art Month Show were General Sherman students Reine Dennison and Madison Petty. Reine's work received the Overall YAM exhibit honors for 2023. Showcased in the Young People's Art Exhibit were Bailey Bennett, General Sherman; Eve Roberts, Mt. Pleasant; and Abigail Simeon, Thomas Ewing.

Freshman Kamron Griffith won second place in both the Ohio YAM Flag Design Competition, and for grades 9-12. Sophomore Abigail Grover won first place in the Ohio YAM Graphic Design Competition. This spring Lancaster High School had ten artworks from seven student artists accepted into the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition. Winning artists were Hannah Hansen, Leah Craig, Shelby Davis, Alexis DeWitt, Damien Welch, Olivia Elkins, and Caroline Conklin. Most recently, sophomore Aubrey Garber was named an Artsonia.com Artist of the Week.

The LCS' Art Department also is committed to giving students the opportunity to share their creations with the community by continuing to participate in the Lancaster Festival ArtWalk and by hosting a Senior Art Exhibit at the Decorative Arts Center of Ohio. Learn more about art in the schools at www.lancaster.k12.oh.us/content/art.

LCS Honored by DDL

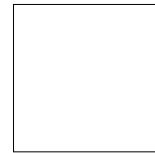
An exceptional award was given to Lancaster City Schools this winter when Destination Downtown Lancaster named them the Strategic Partner of the Year at its annual meeting.

"Lancaster City Schools' employees love their downtown," said Amanda Everitt of Destination Downtown Lancaster (DDL). "Their support of and involvement in historic downtown Lancaster continues to grow, and we are very appreciative."

Lancaster City Schools makes a concerted effort to help new teachers acclimate to the community. For the second year in a row, LCS introduced new teachers to downtown Lancaster as an element of their training before classes were in session. In coordination with DDL, this made for a memorable experience that helped teachers feel connected to the town.

Additionally, the LHS Culinary Arts program took on the massive job of preparing over 300 desserts for the Fairfield County Foundation's 250 Plates event. Many other student groups volunteered at the event as well. And on United Way Community Care Day, LHS sent over 100 student volunteers and dozens of staff to engage in downtown cleanup activities.

"A vibrant downtown Lancaster is good for the entire community," Superintendent Hale said. "We are proud partners of DDL."



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