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The new facilities groundbreaking ceremony was held on 10/20/23. See page 5 for Spotlight on Facilities.

Homecoming, Spirit Week and Bulldog Dash

Congratulations to the 2023 Homecoming Court

Freshmen Natalia Calcei and Mason Daly;Sophomores Ayona Adekunle and Anthony McMichael; Juniors Rhiana Bruce and William Maynard; Seniors Jamie Duskey, Mallory Gearhart, Parker Green, Madeline Lucey, Sophia Wells, Lucas Bitong, Aidan Byers, Matthew Galemmo, Grant Price, and Edgar San Jose.

Jamie Duskey and Matthew Galemmo were crowned Homecoming Queen and King at the Community Pep Rally on September 21, 2023.

The district-wide spirit week included a Barbie-themed day at Green Middle School, a decades-themed day at Green Intermediate School, and a visit to Green Primary School from the GHS football team.

Homecoming Weekend 2023 was capped off with the 12th Annual Bulldog Dash. Proceeds from the 5K, mile fun run, and 200 yd dash benefit Green Primary School and Greenwood ELC. The event is part of the City of Green’s Great 8 Race series, and more than 1,500 participated. Event sponsors, photos, and additional information may be found at greenbulldogdash.com.
2022-2023 State Report Card

The Ohio Department of Education released the 2023 Ohio School Report Cards on September 14, 2023. New this year, schools and districts received ratings of 1-5 stars in half-star increments. The report cards also include five rated components and various report-only data.

Green Local Schools received a 4.5 out of 5-star rating on the 2022-2023 Ohio School Report Card! This rating includes five stars in student achievement, gap closing, and graduation. Our district’s continuous academic success is a testament to our staff, supportive families, and students.

View the district’s full report card at https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/district/overview/050013.

Green High School Names One of the Best

Green High School earned high National and Greater Akron metro-area rankings in 2023-2024 Best High Schools, released by U.S. News and World Reports.

Congratulations to the GHS staff, students, and families!

Green High School’s profile page, with details on the ranking, may be found at: http://www.usnews.com/.../green.../green-high-school-15744.

School Resource Officers

Ask Deputy Morgan

Deputy Roger Morgan, School Resource Officer, is establishing relationships with students at Green Primary School using a just-a-box. Students are encouraged to write questions or concerns and drop them in the box. Deputy Morgan then sets up a meeting to discuss with each participating student. Students have been very receptive to Ask Deputy Morgan!

Welcome, SRO Deputy Joe Salser

Deputy Joe “Joey” Salser has been with the Summit County Sheriff’s Office for eight years and is a proud GHS Class of 2010 graduate. Deputy Salser was a four-year member of the JROTC and attended Stark State College.
ROTTC Color Guard Competes at National Championship

McKenzie Collingsoworth, Class of 2023 & Nina Summers, Class of 2024

Notable Guest Contributors - A Special Re-Run Feature (Nina Summers’ name was regrettably omitted from the original print. Nina’s photos are included in this edition.)

Green High School’s color guard entered the National High School All Service Drill Team Championship in Daytona, Florida, after placing first in the Air Force National Tournament, held in St. Louis, MO.

The Color Guard - Keely Bahry ’25, Wyatt Moser ’24, Van Nuosce ’24, and Xander Herstich ’24- was celebrated by family and community members at Castle Aviation before their takeoff. To show their support, Castle Aviation generously provided the guard members a private jet ride to and from the competition while hosting a sendoff party for family and supporters to attend at the company’s hangar.

At Castle Aviation, Van Nuosce’s parents commented, “From the start of his ROTC career to here, his experience has been life-changing. We could not be happier or prouder as parents.” Green Board of Education members gathered members of the Green City Council to wish the Color Guard luck before their competition.

Board of Education President Bob Campbell spoke about the team and their accomplishments, “You never know when you’re going to get that opportunity, and it may never come again.” Heading into the competition, MSG Speight was confident in his team’s ability to perform under extreme pressure and was proud to represent the school at such a high level. The four Green’s JROTC color guard competition team members were excited and grateful for their opportunity.

The color guard completed their routine. The competition included many events, including inspection, regulation, color guard, and team exhibition. The team finished with an impressive 6th place. “There were a lot of outstanding teams,” said Bahry, “it’s people from all over, so it’s nothing we have seen at our local competitions, but it’s interesting to see the different ways people do things.” Satisfied with their performance, Nuosce shared the results of the competition. “Only Air Force team to place in the top 10, we got sixth, and we were only three points away from fifth due to a technicality. The final verdict on the number of teams was 57.”

Congratulations to the team, and thank you to Castle Aviation.

Green Schools Foundation

The Green Schools Foundation annual membership drive is underway. The organization has established a new tradition before home football games of residents joining the talented high school band in song in support of the district and the City of Green, Ohio. Look for their new “Organization Cards” with a convenient scannable QR code for memberships and the Green High School Alma Mater!

Flag Retirement Box at Green High School

Air Force JROTC 2023 Seniors, led by commanders Connor Memmer and Ella Hale, raised funds for a Flag Retirement box proudly displayed by Door 16 at Green High School. Flags will be properly and respectfully retired during the Air Force JROTC-Summit County Sherrif Camp Reliance Flag Retirement Ceremony in June. Both Hale and Memmer have gone on to serve their country in the Air Force and Army, respectively.
Family Support Specialists (FSS)

Holiday Assistance
Our Family Support Specialists, Cherie McCortney and Jennifer Robinson will support and collect for district families in two different ways for the holiday; gift cards and sponsors. Gift cards can be dropped off at any of the buildings. Please mark gift card donations to the attention of the Family Support Specialists. Individuals, businesses, or organizations wanting to sponsor a family can contact Jennifer Robinson at 330-896-7722 or robinsonjennifer@greenlocalschools.org.

FSS Community Thank You

Greensburg United Methodist Church
Greensburg United Methodist Church organized a hygiene drive for students at Green Primary School. Led by Mrs. Diane Oplinger, the items will be utilized in the GPS Freshen’ Up Zone to assist families at home with hygiene needs.

Donations from Greensburg United Methodist Church

Staying Ahead of Educator Shortages
Green is not immune to the nationwide educator shortage; however, we are fortunate to continue to attract and hire employees of the highest caliber through strategic planning, excellent relationships with area colleges and universities that offer teacher preparation programs, and forward-thinking recruiting practices.

The district is making a concerted effort to improve recruiting, hiring, and placement of substitutes to improve district fill rates and exceed both state and national statistics. Our substitute account associate works exclusively for Green Local Schools. This associate works from 6:00-9:00 each morning at the Central Administration Building, emailing and making live telephone calls to substitute teachers and paraprofessionals.

Information about becoming a substitute in Green Local Schools may contact the Office of Human Resources at 330-896-7720, or email us at brueckkimberly@greenlocalschools.org.

D & M Food truck will be providing free meals to families within the Green Local School District on Thanksgiving Day from 1:00pm - 3:40pm.

The meal will include turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, corn, a roll and an iced pumpkin cookie. Meals will be packed individually and utensils will be provided.

*This is in addition to the Blessings in a Backpack meal boxes that are offered to our families.

Food Truck locations and times

**Stop #1** - Avon Mobile Home Park
- 4199 Massillon Rd. (1:00pm - 1:20 pm in the Dollar General Parking Lot)

**Stop #2** - Lakeside Apartment Complex
- 37 Schneiderman Lane. (1:35 pm - 1:55 pm)

**Stop #3** - Arlington Ridge Townhomes
- 3056 Midway Court. (2:10 pm - 2:30 pm)

**Stop #4** - Extended Stay America
- 3325 Fortuna Dr. (2:45pm - 3:05pm)

**Stop #5** - Brierwood Estates
- 3937 Mayfair Rd. (3:20 pm - 3:40 pm)

Please scan QR code to RSVP
Facilities Update

Dirt and construction equipment are visible at the Primary and Intermediate/Middle Schools campuses. Bulldog Boulevard will remain closed. SoL Harris/Day Architecture and Hammond Construction continue to provide updates to the district administration and the Board of Education.

Construction Sites = Learning Labs

GMS seventh graders in Mrs. Tilton’s STEM class had a fantastic experience touring the new building site with Hammond Construction. Students applied recent classroom knowledge to the “real-life” principles of construction. Thank you Hammond Construction for this opportunity for our students!
Superintendent’s Office
Jeffrey L. Miller, II.................................. Superintendent
Alana Niemiec..................................Assistant Superintendent

The primary focus of last school year was the architectural design of the new school buildings. The schematic structure of the new 2-5 elementary school and 6-8 middle school took place as the district stayed on track for its construction schedule and goal of opening in Fall 2025. Educational visioning with 50 community members, leaders, and students was incorporated to kick off the process. It transitioned to a district leadership team of 20 stakeholders from across the district and its security team to visit local school districts and provide feedback/direction to the architects.

Treasurer’s Office
By the Numbers
Eydie Snowberger ......................... Treasurer
Alicia Austin ......................... Director of Financial Operations

Operational Revenues
General Fund Local Collections ........$28,025,706 (68%)
General Fund State Contribution ......$14,320,946 (33%)
General Fund Other....................... $730,935 (2%)
All Other Funds/Restricted .......... $125,774,377

Operational Expenditures
General Fund Expenses:
Salaries/Benefits .......... $38,235,652 (84.86%)
Purchased Services .......... $4,726,099 (10.49%)
Supplies ......................... $1,438,631

Ohio State Report Card
The Ohio Department of Education released the 2022-2023 Ohio School Report Cards in September. Green Local Schools received an overall 4.5 out of 5-star rating on the September 2022-2023 Ohio School Report Card.

Teacher Recognition
The following staff members from Green Local Schools were recognized for outstanding educational leadership.
Summit County Education Celebration
- Sheri Murray, Teacher of the Year
- Jessica Dakos, Rookie of the Year

 Stark County Education Celebration Teaching Team
- Amanda Fledderjohann, Teacher of the Year
- Tiron Jester, Rookie of the Year

Bridges in Mathematics - New K-5 Curriculum
The K-5 Math Committee evaluated instructional resources and recommended the purchase of Bridges in Mathematics to the Board of Education in the spring of 2023. K-5 classrooms will kick off implementation in the 2023-2024 school year. Bridges in Mathematics, published by The Math Learning Center, is a comprehensive PK-5 mathematics curriculum grounded in research on how children naturally progress in mathematical understanding. Much of this research aligns with the Math Recovery organization’s principles. In alignment with the College Preparatory Mathematics (CPM) curriculum currently used in grades six through twelve, Bridges in Mathematics encourages learning mathematics to be a social process where students engage in discussions with classmates and encounter mathematical ideas over time through spiraled content. In this program, students gain a deep understanding of concepts, proficiency with critical skills, and the ability to solve complex problems.

Technology
Parents are encouraged to use the Canvas Parent App to stay connected with students’ learning, view grades, and communicate with teachers. View the Parent Canvas Guide at the following link: www.greenlocalschools.org/quicklinks/canvas or using the QR code.

Ohio Improvement Process
Our district continues to utilize the Ohio Improvement Process (OIP) structure to align processes, systems, tools, and people to improve instructional practice and student performance. The goals of the District Leadership Team focus on academic achievement, climate, and culture. The OIP structure brings teachers together weekly to analyze data, share expertise, and make instructional decisions to meet the needs of all learners.

Professional Development
Staff actively participated in the following professional learning opportunities.
- Add+Vantage Math Recovery
- Assessment Literacy with Tom Rounds, ODE Consultant
- Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling
- Crisis Prevention & Interventions
- Dyslexia K-3 ODE Training
- Problem-Based Learning
- Safety
- Todd Stanley, The Gifted Guy

Student Services
Joya Mitchell .......................Director of Student Services

Internal Compliance Audit
The internal Compliance district team, consisting of
20+ staff members, conducted two successful audits.

- The Internal compliance audit team aims to ensure Green meets the most current Ohio Department of Education compliance standards while promoting best practices throughout the district in Special Education.
- The team audited 35 ETR/IEP pairs.
  - All 35 documents were compliant in the 27 categories that were reviewed.
  - 100% compliance in 18 out of the 27 categories reviewed.
  - And over 90% accurate in 9 categories.

PBIS - Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports
- Erica Bauer and Joya Mitchell represented Green Local Schools at the National PBIS conference.
- Secured $16,000 in funding from the Green Schools Foundation.
- All five buildings have established PBIS teams and implemented Tier 1 work.
  - **Green High School** - 9,472 times students have been scanned for Being Safe, Kind and Responsible.
  - **Green Middle School** - 10,246 times students have been scanned for Being Safe, Kind, and Responsible.
  - **Green Intermediate School** - filled 212 buckets for following the district expectations.
  - **Green Primary School** - 506 buckets have been filled for Being Safe, Kind and Responsible.
  - **Greenwood Early Learning Center** filled SO MANY buckets for being Safe, Kind, and Responsible.
    - Three years of fully implementing all 3 tiers and counting.
    - Ocali has filmed our building for statewide training videos twice.
    - Greenwood Early Learning Center is a GOLD award winner for the 2022-2023.
  - Green Primary, Intermediate, Middle, and High School have been awarded the Bronze Recognition Award for the 2023 Ohio PBIS Showcase! This year’s review was completed by a mixed review team of State Support Team members to ensure as much bias as possible be removed with inter-rater reliability.
  - Established partnerships with the Green Starbucks, the YMCA, and the City of Green to promote the Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Responsible expectations in their establishments.

Exceptional Olympics held at Green
- Students from each building participated in the second annual Exceptional Olympics event at Bulldog Stadium.
  - The GHS PE mentorship students helped plan and organize the event under Lisa Pafford’s (HS Health teacher) guidance.
  - Donations from the Andrea Rose Teodosio Foundation and Capturant helped make the event a success.

RA Horn Award Winners
- The R.A. Horn Award is presented to exemplary students with special needs from Ohio’s 16 State Support Team regions. This prestigious award recognizes students’ remarkable performance in the following areas: Academics, Employment, Arts, Extracurricular Activities, Athletics, Self-Management, and Community Service.
- Students receiving the award were: **Brady Stone** (4th grade), **McKenna Vanbuskirk** (5th grade), **Zayne Hammoudieh** (7th grade), **Max Budziak** (12th grade), and **Anna Popovich** (12th grade).
- Zayne was also selected to represent the region as the region award winner for the SST8, receiving the R. A. Horn Outstanding Student Achievement Award for 2023.

Franklin B. Walter Outstanding Educator Award
- This award is given to an educator or team who has made extraordinary contributions to the education of students with disabilities.
- **Cady Taylor** was nominated by her colleagues and received the Franklin B Educator Award.

Family Support Specialist
- 68 students were referred through the CARE Team for support.
- 244 individuals were supported through the Thanksgiving Blessing event.
- 306 individuals received winter holiday assistance.
- 205 individuals received backpacks from the back-to-school backpack program supported by the Chapel in Green.
- 800 students benefited from the Stuff the Bus event.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Participate in the City of Green DEI committee
  - On average, Tier 1 supports work for over 90% of our students district-wide.

Employee Wellness and Support Initiatives
- Celebrated the retirements of 9 employees who had combined service to the district of 194 years.
- Celebrated employees who achieved service milestones and perfect attendance with the school district.
- Expanded staff wellness initiatives to include partnerships with LifeStyles at Akron General/ Cleveland Clinic, Release Yoga, and Akron Area YM.

Advancement of the Education Profession
- Hosted clinical (student teaching) experiences with 20 future educators from 5 local universities.
- Represented Green Local School District on
  - Ohio Minority Recruiting Consortium
  - Ohio’s Northeast Region Teacher Apprenticeship Workgroup
  - Ohio Association of School Personnel Administrators
  - Partner advisory councils with area colleges and universities

Compliance
- Maintained compliance with state and federal safety training requirements, employee background checks, and the Ohio Department of Education’s licensure/permit requirements for all school employees.

Athletics
- Erich Muzi ......................... Athletic Director
- Stacy Messner ...................... Administrative Assistant
- Arietta Paulus ..................... Athletic Trainer
- Whitney Chadima .................. Athletic Trainer
- Member of Ohio High School Athletic Association and Federal League
  - Eighty teams comprising of Varsity, Junior Varsity, Freshmen, Middle School through three Seasons
  - 115 Coaches through three seasons
    - Twenty-Eight Varsity
    - Twenty-Seven Junior Varsity
    - Six Freshmen
    - Eighteen Middle School
    - One All-Inclusive
  - Two full-time Athletic Trainers contracted with Cleveland Clinic
  - Three Student Athletic Trainers

Human Resources
Kimberly Brueck ...................... Director of HR

Recruiting, Hiring, Onboarding
- Facilitated the hiring, placement, and onboarding of 50 regular employees:
  - 16 educators, 1 administrative support staff,
  - 12 student support staff,
  - 10 transportation employees,
  - 6 food service staff,
  - 4 custodians,
  - and 1 technology integrationist.
- Expanded recruitment initiatives to include virtual job posting and screening, virtual job fairs, and presentations to preservice teachers at local colleges and universities.

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Spotlight on Performing Arts

Green High School Marching Bulldogs

The GHS Marching Bulldogs performed at football games and hosted a Thank-You performance on October 10, 2023.

Choir

A combined GHS Select Choir and GMS eighth-grade choir performed on October 4, 2023.
Spotlight on Performing Arts

Green High School Musical Theatre Presents

Anastasia

Synopsis of Anastasia

When the Dowager Empress Maria Fyodorovna Romanov gives her beloved granddaughter Anastasia a music box, she has no idea it is the last time she will see her. As the musical ANASTASIA begins, Russia is on the verge of revolution. Time jumps from 1907 to 1927, and Anastasia’s family, the imperial Romanovs, fall victim to the tide of history. When the Dowager Empress receives the news that they have been put to death, she believes she has lost her entire family. Anastasia’s journey to the past begins. The show is for all ages and features fantastic music and costumes.

Ohio State Honor Jazz Band

Charlie Reimer was selected and participated in The Ohio State University Honor Jazz Band Weekend. He rehearsed all Saturday and Sunday morning along with the state’s top high school jazz musicians to prepare for a Sunday afternoon performance in Weigel Hall. Saturday was filled with rehearsals led by some of Ohio’s best jazz educators, followed by a jam session in the evening.

Charlie is a junior at GHS and plays in the Jazz Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, Green High School “Bulldog” Marching Band, and the Pep Band. Charlie is exploring the local jazz community by participating in Jilly’s Music Room Jazz Jam Night every first Wednesday of the month from 7-10 pm.
Spotlight on PBIS

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is an evidence-based tiered framework for supporting students' behavioral, academic, social, emotional, and mental health. Be SAFE, KIND, and RESPONSIBLE are the Green Local Schools PBIS expectations!

District-Wide PBIS Awards

The Ohio PBIS Network & State Support Teams identify schools that exemplify best practices in implementing Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). A recognized school(s) demonstrates best practices within its system and is open and transparent in sharing its knowledge and resources with other schools.

In the first year of implementation, schools can receive the Bronze award for their work in Tier 1. As schools progress through Tier 2 and Tier 3 implementation they are eligible for the Silver and Gold award. Green is among the leaders in the region for their dedication and work on PBIS!

All five district buildings are among the award recipients.

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Thank you to our PBIS District Coordinator, Erica Bauer, district administration, staff, students, family, and the Green community for embracing this effort!

PBIS Community Corner Featured Partner

Starbucks on Massillon Road

The barista team at Starbucks on Massillon Road provided coffee for district staff. Superintendent Miller was on hand to serve, wearing the identifiable green apron.

Starbucks continues the weekly staff person of the week, featuring a different building and department each week. Stop into the store for a coffee and treat and vote for a favorite staff who exemplifies the PBIS expectations.
Message from Erich Muzi, Athletic Director

Green Athletics is committed to creating an environment where our coaches can coach, athletes can perform, and officials can officiate. Good sportsmanship is the expectation for all our athletes, coaches, and spectators. While the pressure to win is tremendous, it should never compromise our integrity as a community, as coaches, or as athletes. Across Ohio, there is a severe shortage of officials impacting interscholastic athletics. Green Local Schools, in association with the Ohio High School Athletic Association, promotes high standards of sportsmanship and fan conduct during sporting events. As you watch our student athletes for the remainder of this fall season and school year, please positively represent our school and community. By being respectful and courteous and showing your school spirit, we all can be CHAMPIONS.

BOYS GOLF

The team placed 4th at the District competition and qualified for its third consecutive appearance at the state tournament. Kyle Smith was individual runner-up at Districts with a -2 69 round.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

The ladies were runner-up at the competitive East Canton Invitational. Individual performances continued to improve throughout the season. The team competed in the Federal League Championship on October 14, 2023. The ladies qualified for the Regional meet.

GIRLS GOLF

The team qualified for the District Tournament. On a cold and windy day with challenging greens, sophomore Brooke Shocklee led the team, shooting a 94. Erin Price had a hole-in-one early in the season at the Rough Rider Invitational.

GIRLS TENNIS

This young team, led by seniors Marianna Farmakidis and Mariah Lynch, gained valuable experience in a tough league. Some highlights were exciting match wins over Norton, Revere, and Federal League rival McKinley.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

The team was the runner-up at the East Canton Invitational. The team competed in the Federal League Championship on October 14, 2023. Eric Dando earned a spot in the Regional meet.

CHEER

Led by seniors Maddie Lucey and Danielle Blankenship, the cheer team was an integral part of our fall Bulldog Strong spirit.
**VARSITY FOOTBALL**
The team delighted the Homecoming crowd with a 42-7 victory over Louisville.
A massive win over the Lake Blue Streaks at the last game of the season assured a spot in the upcoming playoffs.

**BOYS VARSITY SOCCER**
The team played an exceptional game on Senior Night, defeating Eastlake 3 - 1. Large crowds cheered the team at every home game in the new soccer facility.

**GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL**
The team supported Breast Cancer Awareness Month with “Volley for the Cure,” against Federal League Rival GlenOak. Bulldogs won in a thriller five sets, and competed in the Sectional tournament.

**SPORTS MEDICINE**
The Sports Medicine “team” has been the team for all teams this fall, having a presence at every home game assisting with medical needs.

**MIGHTY DAWGS CHEER**
The Mighty Dawgs spirit was present at football games, and the gals cheered on the participants at the Bulldog Dash.

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**GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER**
The team defeated Hoover 3 - 0 on October 11, 2023 to win their 1st Federal League title in school history. The team won a thriller against Stow in overtime to advance to the District Semi final. Senior Jamie Duskey was named Federal League Player of the Year, and Coach Dan Harlan is the Federal League Coach of the Year.