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# CANTON LOCAL SCHOOLS



FEBRUARY 2024

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200  
YEARS  
*Roaring Strong*

## You're Invited

Canton Local Schools will kick off its 200th Anniversary celebration with Founder's Day on Friday, April 19, 2024, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. It will be an unforgettable open house filled with memories, memorabilia, and Wildcat pride!

The evening will include Canton South's famous peanut butter bars, other light refreshments, and entertainment from members of the alumni choir, band and cheerleaders and the debut of the 200th year commemorative video.

As we prepare to celebrate this incredible milestone, we are eager to connect with former staff members! We would be honored to have you join us in commemorating this historic event!

Former staff members, RSVP online at  
[tinyurl.com/CLSFoundersDayinvite](https://tinyurl.com/CLSFoundersDayinvite)





**Pictured: Board members (front) Vice President Annette Davis and President Tom Kovesci (back) Scott Hamilton, Dr. Brandi Noll, and Rick Knight.**

## CLSD Board Of Education

The Board of Education held its organizational meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6:30 pm before the regular meeting. In celebration of the Board of Education Appreciation Month, the district thanked board members past and present for their time, dedication and commitment to students and staff.

The board set meeting dates/times for 2024. Dr. Brandi Noll and Rick Knight took their oath of office. Tom Kovesci was elected president and Annette Davis as vice president.

Board meetings are held at Canton South High School in the Performing Arts Center at 6:00 p.m., the third Monday of each month (\*except as noted).

- March 18
- April 15
- May 20
- June 17
- August 19 (6:30 a.m.)\*
- September 16
- October 21
- November 18
- December 16

## Building Contacts

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Faircrest Memorial Elementary .....	330-484-8020
Canton South Middle School.....	330-484-8015
Canton South High School	
Main Office .....	330-484-8000
Athletics .....	330-484-8005
District Transportation Bus Dispatcher .....	330-484-8006
Canton Local Special Services & Preschool .....	330-484-8022
Canton Local Administration.....	330-484-8019
Treasurer, Curriculum, Technology, Buildings/Grounds, EMIS, Registration, Food Service, Career Tech, Gifted Services)	
Canton Local Superintendent's Office .....	330-484-8010

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## Superintendent's Message

Exciting updates are in store as we continue to enhance our educational offerings and celebrate community milestones!

### Upcoming Community Events:

We're looking forward to community concerts featuring Mr. Speed and Mitch Rossell and the Canton South High School performance of "Grease." We hope you will join us for Founder's Day on April 19th as we celebrate our district's 200th anniversary, commemorating Canton Local's rich history and vibrant spirit. The committee has planned a fun event, and we are excited to unveil our 200th anniversary video and welcome home our alumni band, choir and cheerleaders!



**Brett Yeagley**

### New Partnership with the University of Akron:

We're thrilled to announce a partnership with the University of Akron. Starting small with PSYCH100 and COMM105 courses, we aim to offer additional College Credit Plus (CCP) credit hours without adding staff or requiring students to leave our schools.

### Progress on New Tennis Courts and HVAC Program:

Construction is progressing well on the new tennis courts at the former Y property. Additionally, we have received the initial designs for the building that will house the new HVAC program funded by the Career Tech expansion grant from the state of Ohio. The new facility will be adjacent to the Hayden Career Tech Annex in the location of the current tennis courts.

### Solar Eclipse Day - April 8th, 2024:

All Stark County Schools, including Canton Local, will be closed in anticipation of the solar eclipse on April 8th. Additionally, all practices and activities will be canceled. The closure is out of concern for potential safety issues, including heavy traffic that could impact transportation due to the influx of people visiting the area to see the eclipse.

As always, I am grateful for the continued support of our community as we strive to provide the best possible educational experiences for our students!

## Mark Your Calendars

### February

19 Presidents Day - No School

### March

22 Waiver Day - No School Students

22 End of 9 weeks

25-29 Spring Break - No School

### April

1 Spring Break - No School

8 Eclipse Day - No School

### May

24 Class of 2024 Graduation, 7:00 pm

27 Memorial Day - No School

31 Last Student Day

31 End of 9 weeks / End of semester

### June

3 Teacher Day - No School Students



## Preschool Pre-Registration Open

Pre-registration for the 2024-2025 school year is currently open for the Wildcat Preschool Program offered by Canton Local Schools and the Stark County ESC at Faircrest Memorial Elementary School. Availability for this program is limited, and it operates on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents are encouraged to call as soon as possible to secure a spot for their child.



The Wildcat Preschool Program offers both morning and afternoon classes designed for three, four, and five-year-old children. These classes are open to all children, including those who qualify financially, and those with developmental delays.

The program's primary goal is to provide a positive, enjoyable, and rewarding preschool experience for both children and their families. It fosters growth through a variety of experiences, encompassing active and quiet play. The curriculum includes multicultural, play-based, and child-initiated activities. Within this nurturing environment, children develop communication skills and learn to interact with others in their world. The program recognizes that parents play a crucial role as the primary teachers of their children and aims to establish a partnership with parents to enrich the learning experience.

All teachers in the program hold Ohio Department of Education and Workforce certifications and possess four-year Early Childhood Education degrees. Furthermore, the Wildcat Preschool Program has earned a 5-star rating in the "Step Up to Quality" program, which is the highest rating a preschool can achieve.

For pre-registration or additional information, parents can contact Paige Parsons at 330-484-8022 between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm. Pre-registration is also available on the district website or can be accessed using the QR Code. Don't miss this opportunity to enroll your child in a high-quality preschool program.

Preschool staff will also be at the Faircrest Memorial Elementary School at the Preschool Readiness Fair on Saturday, March 9 from 9:00-11:00 am.



## Preschool Readiness Fair Saturday, March 9, 9-11 am

The district will host a Preschool Registration Fair on Saturday, March 9, from 9:00-11:00 am at Faircrest Memorial Elementary School. The fair is an opportunity to turn in any remaining required paperwork, visit teachers and staff, and receive some additional information to help prepare children for school. Students can make a craft, visit a school bus, and meet community vendors who will distribute free goodies. Current preschool teachers will be available to answer questions.

## New 'May K Day' Kindergarten Readiness Event Planned

Faircrest Memorial Elementary School is thrilled to introduce "May K Day," a special event dedicated to readying children and parents for kindergarten. This event is designed for children who will be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2024, and reside within the district.

### Event Details:

Two sessions will be held at 9 am and 1:15 pm on Friday, May 3, 2024 at Faircrest Elementary

### What to Expect:

- **Interactive Kindergarten Experience:** Children will engage in kindergarten activities with a teacher.
- **Parent Information Session:** Parents will learn about kindergarten expectations and how to prepare their child.
- **Nurse Availability:** A nurse will be present for health-related queries.
- **KRA Testing Sign-Up:** Sign up for the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) testing in August.
- **Welcome Yard Signs:** Receive welcome to kindergarten yard signs.
- **Light Refreshments:** Enjoy snacks and mingle with other families.

### Who Should Attend:

May K Day is open to new kindergarten families and Wildcat preschool students moving on to kindergarten.

### Registration:

Kindergarten registration will begin online in March. Secure your spot at [tinyurl.com/CLSKindergarten2024](https://tinyurl.com/CLSKindergarten2024).

## District Identifies Individuals with Disabilities

The Canton Local School District ensures that all eligible students with disabilities in kindergarten through 21 years of age residing within the district have free and appropriate public education available to them in the least restrictive environment. The rights of children with disabilities and their parents are protected in accordance with state and federal laws.

School districts must locate and identify individuals who have disabilities from birth to age 21. If you, or someone you know, may be in need of special education and related services, please contact Victoria Hessey, Director of Special Services at 330-484-8022.

## Immunizations Required

Students entering seventh and twelfth grade in 2024-2025 need updated immunizations.\*

Incoming seventh-grade students need proof of Tdap and Meningitis (A, C, Y, W) immunizations prior to the start of the school year. Incoming twelfth-grade students need proof of Meningitis (A, C, Y, W) immunization given at 16 years of age or older. Updated immunization records need to be submitted to buildings prior to the new school year.\* Questions can be directed to the school nurse.

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## CSAFF Calls for Hall of Distinction Nominations

The Canton South Hall of Distinction is designed to recognize Canton South Alumni and other individuals who have distinguished themselves and have exemplified the education and moral values that are respected by their community and school system.

To be considered for this honor, nominees must meet the eligibility requirements as defined by the Canton South Alumni and Friends Foundation. Those selected into the Hall of Distinction will be memorialized with a permanent likeness and inscriptions at Canton South High School. Those receiving recognition are strongly encouraged to attend all recognition events.

### Application Guidelines

- Nominations and supporting material must be in writing to the Canton South Alumni and Friends Foundation. **Application packets are available at Canton Local Administration Building and online [tinyurl.com/CSHalofDistinction](http://tinyurl.com/CSHalofDistinction).** If you are unable to pick up a packet or access online, call 330-484-8019 and one will be mailed to you.
- To qualify for induction in a particular year, nominations must be received by April 30.
- A selection committee made up of members of the Canton South Alumni and Friends Foundation shall review applications and make a final decision.
- All persons making nominations will be informed of the final selections.

## Alumni, Friends Foundation Seeks, Recognizes Donors

Canton South Alumni and Friends Foundation is seeking alumni donors and friends to help further the mission of the foundation and provide scholarships to deserving Canton South graduates!

### Platinum \$10,000 +

- Abbott Electric

### Gold \$5,000 +

- Ted Cramer ('65)
- Dr. David ('79) and Susan King (*Bowman Scholarship*)
- Don ('64) and Betty Jo ('65) Noll
- Lisa Wilfong ('84) (Mugnaini) (*Barb Cush Scholarship*)

### Silver \$1,000+

- Bridget Bagnola ('69)
- Scott ('80) and Edie ('81) Hamilton
- Ray ('79) and Shannon Hexamer
- Steve and Dawn Milano
- Lucas Murray ('07), Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLC
- Sam and Teresa Purses (Silver x 3)
- Skyland Pines Creative Catering
- Donald Sr. and Sally King (*Bowman Scholarship*)
- Donald Jr. ('74) and Doug ('76) King (*Bowman Scholarship*)
- Daniel Janson ('76) (*Bowman Scholarship*)
- Marty and Donna Biviano (*Bowman Scholarship*)
- Lee J and Mary Lou Bowman (*Bowman Scholarship*)
- The Bowe Family (*Class Challenge '88*)
- Claude Paumier
- Vrabec Family Scholarship

### Bronze \$500+

- Thomas Babik ('69)
- Timothy and Sharon Ewing

### Class Challenge Donations

- Susan L Marburger Casto ('66)
- Mike Abbott ('89) In memory of Jim Breedlove
- James Wissmar ('89)
- Class of '79 Wendy Perkins Brechbuhler, Brian Burrow, Rick Addis, Ray Hexamer



**CANTON SOUTH**  
*Alumni & Friends*  
**FOUNDATION**

*Leave a Lasting Legacy*

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## CLASS CHALLENGE!

Show everyone your class pride! Make a donation and include the year you graduated. We will track donations by class to see who has the most WILDCAT PRIDE! The class with the most donations will have a scholarship named for their graduation year! (Ex. Class of 1965 Scholarship)

Please complete and return this form with your check payable to  
**Canton South Alumni and Friends Foundation**  
600 Faircrest St. SE, Canton, OH 44707.

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduating Class \_\_\_\_\_  
(include your maiden name if applicable)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

Those donating \$1,000 and above will be recognized on the  
Hall of Distinction Wall of Fame located in the Canton South Main event lobby.

Contributions to the Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, are tax deductible.

## Reunions Planned

### Canton South Class of 1969 55th Class Reunion

Thursday, July 18, 2024, Luncheon  
Foltz Community Center, East Canton  
Kay McCarthy Fliger, 330-484-4758 or [kayfliger69@gmail.com](mailto:kayfliger69@gmail.com)  
Peggy Roshong Wiley, 330-484-4092

### Canton South Class of 1974 50th Class Reunion

Save the Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024,  
La Pizzaria  
More details in early 2024  
Contact person: Nancy Griffing Pendleton, 330-806-8742 or  
[npendleton@neo.rr.com](mailto:npendleton@neo.rr.com)

### Canton South Class of 1964 60th Class Reunion

Saturday, August 17, 2024, 5:30pm - Foltz Community Center  
Contact person: Helen Engel at 330-309-5912





## PBIS Success Day Celebrated

Faircrest Elementary School held its PBIS success assembly to recognize students' achievements in the second grading period. Students from each grade gathered to review the school's behavior expectations and zones of regulation, receive awards for positive character traits like Perseverance, Empathy, and Gratitude, and participate in a Wildcat ticket drawing for prizes such as water bottles, t-shirts, bags, and bracelets. The photos of honored students now adorn the FMES Hall of Success, showcasing their hard work and dedication.

## Special Someone Days Planned

Faircrest Elementary is offering students the opportunity to share what they are learning in school with someone special from home. Each student is encouraged to invite one (1) special person to come to school to participate in fun activities, such as origami, legos, visits from the SSCA Animal Science program, the Scholastic Book Fair and to enjoy a beverage and snack.

### Special Someone Day Schedule

March 4 - 9:15a - 10a: PreK am & 1:15p - 2p: PreK pm  
 March 5 - 9:00a - 9:45a: Kindergarten  
 March 5 - 1:00p - 1:45p: 3rd Grade  
 March 6 - 9:00a - 9:45a: 1st Grade  
 March 6 - 1:00p - 1:45p: 4th Grade  
 March 7 - 9:00a - 9:45a: 2nd Grade  
 March 7 - 1:00p - 1:45p: 5th Grade

## Join Faircrest Memorial PTO

PTO members at FMES are instrumental in coordinating a diverse range of exciting events for our students and families, such as Halloween and Valentine's Day parties, the Santa shop, and the family fitness event, to name a few. Without their unwavering commitment and enthusiasm, these events would not be the successes they are today.

If you're interested in becoming a part of the FMES PTO and making a difference in our school community, we encourage you to reach out to the school office for more details!

## Annual Night for the Arts Set

Faircrest Memorial Elementary School will hold its second annual "Night for the Arts" on Thursday, May 2, 2024, from 5:30-7:00 pm. The event, coordinated by art teacher **Terri Bradshaw**, will include a visual art exhibit displaying all students from kindergarten through fifth and a make-and-take table. Entertainment will be provided by the fifth-grade band with musical selections led by instructor **Angela Feller**.



## Fairy Tale Tea Party Hosted

In the fairy tale unit at kindergarten, the children learned in a fun way. They talked about what they already knew about fairy tales and what they wanted to learn. They read lots of fairy tales and folk tales from different cultures. They also compared these stories to see what was similar and different. They talked about the main idea, what happened in order, and who the characters were in each story. It was a cool way for them to learn and share ideas! At the end, they had a tea party where they dressed up in costumes, which was a really fun way to finish off their CKLA unit!



Faircrest staff dress the part for the kindergarten fairy tale tea party.





**L-R: Gifted Coordinator Melissa Kalb, Ella White, Caydence Hebert, Ashlyn Myers, Melanie Geraghty and Ashley McKinney.**

## STEM Goes Red STEM Education

Five girls in eighth grade were invited to attend the STEM Goes Red event held at Northeast Ohio Medical University. They experienced a hands-on vendor fair, speed mentoring from women in STEM fields, team-building classes, and inspirational messages.



## Cheer Champs Take First Place

The Canton South Middle School Competition Team took first place and earned the title of grand champions at the Jackson Cheer Competition in December! Pictured L-R; The team consists of **Isabella Smith, Kya Froelich, Kenzie Merry, Faith Fawcett, Coach Cassidy Bowling, Reign Kyles Morris, Addy Karovic and Ryley McClure.**



## Honors Choir Performs at Festival

The CSMS choir did a great job representing Canton South at the OMEA District 8 Junior High Honors Band and Choir Event in January! Students from 20 middle schools joined together to perform! The groups spent two Saturdays learning and working on the songs before performing.

## Students of the Month



### November

Kamry Shaver (6), Xavier Murphy (6), Peyson Fletcher (7), Addiline Moses-Lane (8), Logan Howard (8) and Tej Patel (7).



### December

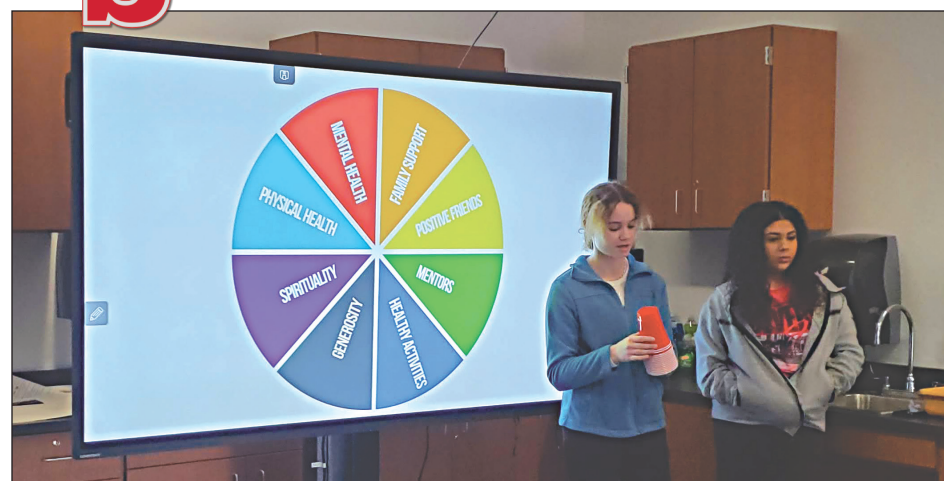
Dylan Miller (8), Brylee Wakefield (8), Audrey Caley (7), Giovanni Scalia (7), Harlee Deetz (6) and Jaden Briggs (6).



### January

Isaac May (6), Lillian Konovsek (6), Royce Miner (7), Abigail Lewis (8), Mason Elliott (8) and Kaleigh Boone (7) (not pictured).





## Sources of Strength Initiative Introduced to Empower Students

Canton South Middle School is thrilled to introduce the “Sources of Strength” initiative, which aims to foster hope, help, and unity among its students. This program empowers students to navigate life’s challenges while emphasizing the importance of support and resilience within the school community.

### About Sources of Strength

Sources of Strength is a student and adult group dedicated to ensuring that no one goes through tough times alone. Their mission is clear: promote a supportive environment through school-wide campaigns that encourage embracing unique strengths.

### Training and Inaugural Campaign

Adult Advisors and Peer Leaders received comprehensive training in Sources of Strength in November. After training, they launched the “Getting the Word Out” campaign.

### Week One: Introducing the Sources of Strength Wheel

Students created videos introducing the Sources of Strength Wheel, a visual representation of available sources of strength.

### Week Two: Peer Engagement and Poster Creation

Peer Leaders engaged with students in grades 6-8 through games and collaborative activities. They created posters highlighting what brings strength and happiness to students.

### Join Us in Spreading Hope and Strength

Canton South Middle School invites the community to spread hope, help, and strength, creating an environment where every student feels supported and empowered.



## CTFD Focuses On Fire Safety

**Mr. Michael Beachy** of the Canton Township Fire Department (CTFD) provided fire safety and prevention education for sixth-grade science classes on Friday, January 26. His program focused on identifying hazards that can cause fires and burn awareness!

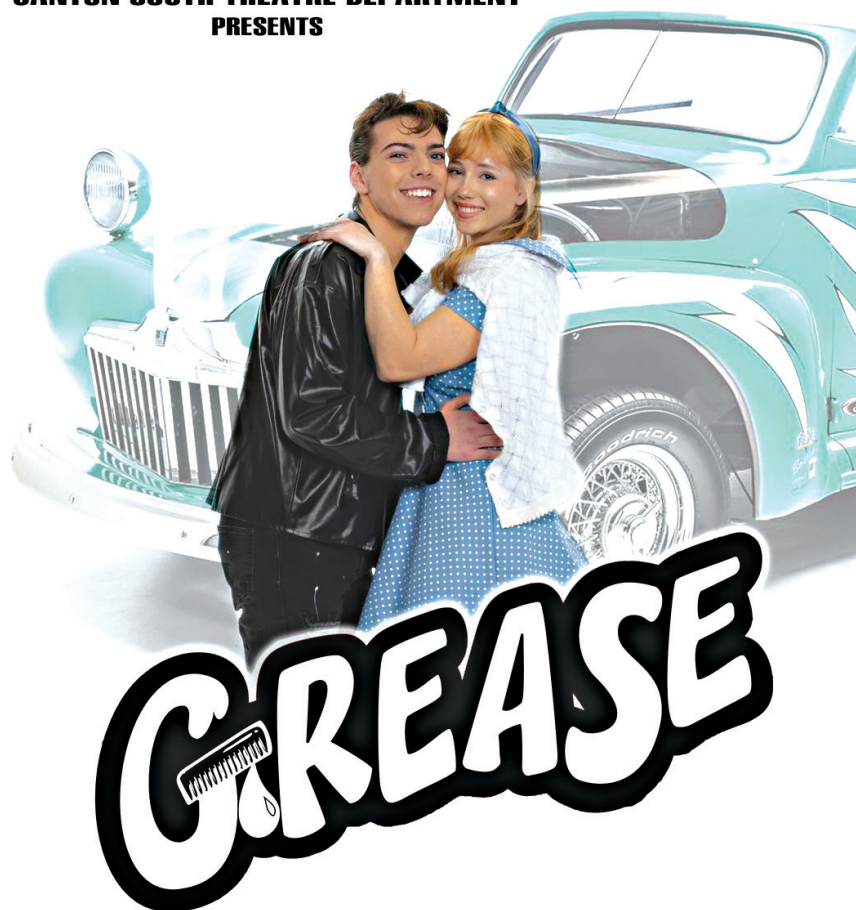
## Marine Biologist Engages, Inspires Eighth Graders

On Tuesday, January 23, eighth-grade students had the opportunity to engage with **Keiko Wilkins**, a marine biologist native to Ohio. She shared information about her background and journey into marine biology and discussed her current research at the University of Hawaii! Thank you, Keiko Wilkins, for spending time at Canton South and inspiring young students to pursue careers in science and research!





**CANTON SOUTH THEATRE DEPARTMENT  
PRESENTS**



**MARCH 8, 9 AND 10, 2024**

## Grease Is The Word

The Canton South Theater Department is thrilled to announce the staging of the ever-popular Grease on March 8, 9 and 10.

Here is Rydell High's senior class of 1959: duck-tailed, hot-rodding "Burger Palace Boys" and their gum-snapping, hip-shaking "Pink Ladies" in bobby sox and pedal pushers, evoking the look and sound of the 1950s in this rollicking musical.

Show times are Friday, March 8, 2024 at 7:00pm, Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 7:00pm and Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 2:00pm.

Tickets are reserved seats only and cost \$10 (+processing fees). The remaining tickets will be available at the door cash/credit/debit one hour before each show. Lower-level seating will be filled before opening the balcony. Purchase tickets at: [payschoolsevents.com/events/details/32012](https://payschoolsevents.com/events/details/32012).

Lead actors are:

Danny Zuko  
**Nate Beacon**

Sandy Dumbrowski  
**Abbie Bryan**

Betty Rizzo  
**Elliana Mayle**

Frenchy  
**Toni Datkuliak**

Kenickie  
**Donnie Boswell**

Marty  
**Mikayla Ousley**

Sonny Latier  
**Antonio LaMotta**

Jan  
**Polly Murphy**

Doody  
**Haven Weigand**

Roger  
**Elisha Davidson**

Eugene Florczyk  
**Trace Lewis**

Miss Lynch  
**Layla Carpenter**

Patty Simcox  
**Shelby Wayble**

Vince Fontaine  
**Luke Neisel**

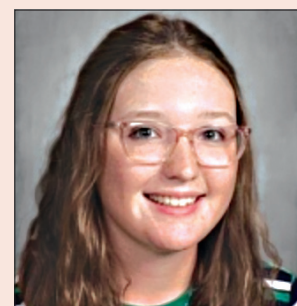
Cha-Cha  
DiGregorio  
**Caity Wilkinson**

## Wildcats of the Month

**November**



Erin Foster



Rowan Laughlin

**December**



Tori Barcus



Mia Zellers

**January**

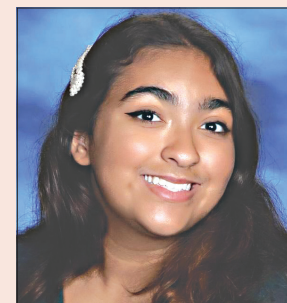


Mason Kirkham



Poochie Snyder

**February**



Tovah LaCour



Estella Williams

## Students of the Month

In addition to recognizing two exceptional senior Wildcats of the Month, Canton South HS recognizes one student from each grade level as Student of the Month.

**December**

Freshman - Arielle Benison  
Sophomore - Gracie Albert  
Junior - Abigail Bryan  
Senior - Donnie Baldwin

**January**

Freshman - Blake Walters  
Sophomore - Kylyn Martin  
Junior - Korryn Baddeley  
Senior - Tavon Castle





## BPA State Qualifiers Named

South Stark Career Academy CTE students attended the Business Professionals of America (BPA) regional awards ceremony, with sixteen qualifying for the state competition in March.

Front row, (left to right): **Marissa Zaleski**, 2nd place - Banking and Finance, **Gracelynn Haddad**, 2nd place - Advanced Desktop Publishing, **Toni Datkuliak**, 4th place - fundamentals of Desktop Publishing, **Anthony Ross**, 1st place - C, **Josh Gibson**, 2nd place - C#, **Mason Kirkham**, 1st place - Payroll Accounting, **Lincoln White**, 2nd place - Payroll Accounting, **Austin Sickafoose**, 1st place - Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications

Back row, (left to right): **Nadelie Perdew**, 1st place - Advanced desktop publishing, **Tori Barcus**, 1st place - Visual Design Team, **Aliyah Stinchcomb**, 3rd place - Fundamental desktop publishing, **Emily Thompson**, 1st place - Visual Design Team, **Polly Murphy**, 1st place - Visual Design Team, **Jacen Killian**, 1st place - Fundamentals of Web Design, **Cherie Patterson**, 2nd place - Fundamentals of Web Design

Not pictured: **Soel Rhiel**, 1st place - Banking and Finance

## Spencer Attains First Female Eagle Scout Rank for CSHS

Freshman **Kadence Spencer** made history by achieving her Eagle Scout rank, marking a significant milestone as the first female Eagle Scout from Canton South High School. Attaining the Eagle Scout rank is a prestigious accomplishment within the scouting community, with only around 5% of all Scouts earning the rank.

For her Eagle Scout project, Kadence dedicated her efforts to improving the Lehner Family Zoo Garden at the Akron Zoo. Her work involved removing invasive species bushes, transplanting apple trees, and planting eight rose bushes as per the zoo's request. Kadence's scouting journey began with Pack 47 as a cub scout, leading her to this remarkable achievement.

## Wildcat 2024 Graduation Set

The Canton South Class of 2024 commencement ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 24, 2024. Weather permitting, graduation will be held outside at Canton South Brechbuhler Stadium at 7:00 pm. However, in the event of unfavorable weather, graduation will move to the Canton South Red Ash Gymnasium. Check [cantonlocal.org](http://cantonlocal.org) for updates and ticket information.

## Scholastic Art Keys Awarded

Canton South Visual Art and CTE Graphic Design students earned recognition at the 2024 Northeast Central Ohio Scholastic Art Competition. The Gold and Silver key works were on display in January at the Fine Arts Building at Kent State University at Stark. All Gold Key winners advance to the national judging.



Left to right: **Autumn Allman** (Jr) - 2 Honorable Mentions, **Kennedy McCourt** (Jr) - 2 Gold Key, 2 Honorable Mentions (also has her work on the Scholastic Program Cover) attached image, **Toni Datkuliak** (Jr) - 1 Silver Key, 2 Honorable Mentions, **Aiden Long** (Sr) - 1 Honorable Mention, **Leah Simon** (Jr) - 1 Silver Key, 1 Honorable Mention, **Caitlyn Bing** (Jr) - 2 Honorable Mentions, **Tori Barcus** (Sr) - 1 Honorable Mention, **Chloe Burt** (Jr) - 1 Honorable Mention, **Kaydence Marsh** (Jr) - 1 Honorable Mention



Left to right: **Polly Murphy** (Sr) - 1 Silver Key, **Kailey Morton** (Sr) - 1 Silver Key, **Taylor Lab** (Sr) - Honorable Mention, **Aliyah Stinchcomb** (Sr) - Honorable Mention



Left to right: **Ben Kuhn** (Soph) - 1 Silver Key, **Abigail Moore** (Jr) - 1 Gold Key, 1 Honorable Mention, **Mackenzie Davis** (Sr) - 1 Silver Key, 1 Honorable Mention

Not Pictured: **Marissa Zaleski** (Jr) - 1 Honorable Mention, **Nadelie Perdew** (Sr) - 1 Gold Key, 1 Honorable Mention





L-R: Track Coaches Scott Stayer and Katie Hostetler, Xavier Williams, Tony Ash and Coach Rick Knight attended the recent event recognizing the districts three state track athletes.

## Tracksters' Achievements Recognized with Banners

On January 30, Canton South recognized the incredible achievements of three former state track athletes, Dennis Hill for his high jump victory in 1984, Tony Ash for his remarkable long jump triumph in 2006, and the most recent addition, Xavier Williams, who soared to victory in the high jump in 2023! The event included the unveiling of their banners in the Red Ash Gym.



## Myers Named Head Volleyball Coach

**Brittany Myers** has been named the new Canton South head volleyball coach. Myers graduated from Canton South in 2009 and played four years on the Wildcat volleyball team. This will be Coach Myer's second year with the team.



## New Tennis Courts Underway

Construction has officially kicked off for the brand new CS tennis courts on the former Y property. This project is a crucial part of the SSCA HVAC career tech expansion at the Hayden Career Annex. Funding for the new tennis facilities comes from the district's Permanent Improvement funds, carefully budgeted for such projects.

Please note that during construction, the western portion of the CS Rotary track will be temporarily closed. If using the track, please park on the east side of the lot near the pavilion.

## Basketball Final Four Team Banners Revealed

On February 23, prior to the Canton South vs. Central Catholic boys varsity basketball game, the district will unveil the Final Four banners recognizing the 1948, 1990 and 2003 boys basketball final four teams as well as the 2023 football team. Players and their families have been invited to a reception prior to the varsity game.



**1948 Boys Basketball Final Four Team**

L-R Front: **Phil Reisling, Bob Garrett, Dick Westover, Bob Lanning, Art Graham and Ray Staub.** Back: **Head Coach Ash, Harold Jolliff, Bob Baker, Bud Harbold, Mervin Hill and Bill Filliez.**



**1990 Boys Basketball Final Four Team**

L-R Front: **Mike Williams, Mark Foster, Melvin Lenzy, Rob Johnson and Mike Singleton.** Back: **Gervase Pfeffer, Keith Long, Shannon Bruno, Craig Horton and Matt Leslie.**

**1990 Coaches picture**

Coach **Meers**, Head Coach **Jack Fuller** (in memoriam) and **Coach Bourquin.**



**2003 Boys Basketball Final Four Team**

L-R Front: **Marques Thomas, Jeremy Richards, Desmond Ervin and Novak Marku.** Back: **Coach Gracia, Head Coach Henry Cobb. Terry Fields, Lamar Broyles, Scott Steinmetz, Josh Unsworth, David Myers, Ronnie Bourquin, Coach J. Noll and Coach Pendleton.**



## Athletic Department

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### Athletic Booster Club

The Athletic Booster Club meets the last Monday of each month August through April at 6:30pm in the CSHS cafeteria. Learn more at [cantonsouthwildcats.com/canton-south-athletic-booster-club](http://cantonsouthwildcats.com/canton-south-athletic-booster-club).

### Spring Head Coaching Staff

**Baseball: Kody Edwards**

kody.edwards@cantonlocal.org

**Softball: Cassie Stanford**

cassandra.stanford@cantonlocal.org

**Tennis Boys: Elizabeth Scott**

elizabeth.scott916@gmail.com

**Track: Scott Stayer**

scott.stayer@cantonlocal.org



Athletic schedules are subject to change.  
Please check the Canton South athletic website  
[cantonsouthwildcats.com](http://cantonsouthwildcats.com)!

### BASEBALL

3.23.24	CCC	A	2:00
3.25.24	St. V-M	UA	5:00
3.26.24	Cloverleaf	H	5:00
3.28.24	Carrollton	H	5:00
3.30.24	Dover	A	12:00
4.1.24	Tuslaw	H	5:00
4.3.24	Tuslaw	A	5:00
4.5.24	Massillon	H	5:00
4.6.24	CCC	H	2:00
4.9.24	Northwest	A	5:00
4.10.24	Northwest	H	5:00
4.11.24	CVCA	A	5:00
4.13.24	Perry	A	1:00
4.15.24	Triway	A	5:00
4.17.24	Triway	H	5:00
4.20.24	Claymont	A	12:00
4.22.24	Fairless	H	5:00
4.24.24	Fairless	A	5:00
4.25.24	CVCA	H	5:00
4.26.24	Canton McKinley	A	5:00
4.29.24	Manchester	H	5:00
5.1.24	Manchester	A	5:00
5.2.24	Smithville	H	5:00
5.6.24	Orrville	A	5:00
5.8.24	Orrville	H	5:00

### JV BASEBALL

3.23.24	CCC	H	2:00
3.25.24	St. V-M	A	5:00
3.26.24	Cloverleaf	A	5:00
3.28.24	Carrollton	A	12:00
3.30.24	Dover	H	12:00
4.1.24	Tuslaw	A	5:00
4.3.24	Tuslaw	H	5:00
4.5.24	Massillon	A	5:00
4.6.24	CCC	A	2:00
4.9.24	Northwest	H	5:00
4.10.24	Northwest	A	5:00
4.11.24	CVCA	H	5:00
4.13.24	Perry	H	1:00
4.15.24	Triway	H	5:00
4.17.24	Triway	A	5:00
4.20.24	Claymont	H	12:00
4.22.24	Fairless	A	5:00
4.24.24	Fairless	H	5:00
4.25.24	CVCA	A	5:00
4.26.24	Canton McKinley	A	5:00
4.29.24	Manchester	A	5:00
5.1.24	Manchester	H	5:00
5.6.24	Orrville	H	5:00
5.8.24	Orrville	A	5:00
5.11.24	Sandy Valley	A	12:00

### BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK

3.26.24	Triway	A	4:30
3.30.24	Fairless Invite	A	10:00
4.2.24	Manchester/CVCA	H	4:30
4.5.24	New Philadelphia Invite	A	4:30
4.9.24	Northwest	A	4:30
4.16.24	Orrville	H	4:30
4.20.24	Stark County Invite	A	8:00
4.23.24	Fairless	A	4:30
4.26.24	Carrollton Invite	A	4:30
4.30.24	Tuslaw	A	4:30
5.3.24	Jackson Twilight Invite	A	4:30
5.9.24	PAC Championship @ Triway	A	4:30

### VARSITY SOFTBALL

3.27.24	West Branch	H	5:00
3.28.24	St. V-M	H	5:00
4.1.24	Tuslaw	H	5:00
4.3.24	Tuslaw	A	5:00
4.5.24	Firestone	H	5:00
4.6.24	CVCA	A	12:00
	CVCA	A	2:00
4.9.24	Green	H	5:00
4.10.24	Northwest	H	5:00
4.11.24	Northwest	A	5:00
4.12.24	Orrville	A	5:00
4.13.24	Tusky Valley	H	12:00
4.15.24	Triway	A	5:00
4.17.24	Triway	H	5:00
4.18.24	Glenoak	H	5:00
4.20.24	Carrollton	H	12:00
	Carrollton	H	2:00
4.22.24	Fairless	H	5:00
4.24.24	Fairless	A	5:00
4.25.24	Smithville	H	5:00
4.26.24	West Branch	A	5:00
4.29.24	Manchester	H	5:00
5.1.24	Manchester	A	5:00
5.2.24	Canton McKinley	H	5:00
5.3.24	Orrville	H	5:00
5.4.24	Minerva	A	11:00

### JV SOFTBALL

3.27.24	West Branch	H	5:00
4.1.24	Tuslaw	A	5:00
4.3.24	Tuslaw	H	5:00
4.5.24	Canton McKinley	A	5:00
4.6.24	CVCA	H	12:00
	CVCA	H	2:00
4.9.24	Green	H	5:00
4.10.24	Northwest	A	5:00
4.11.24	Northwest	H	5:00
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5.2.24	Canton McKinley	H	5:00
5.4.24	Minerva	A	11:00

### BOYS TENNIS

3.25.24	Alliance	A	4:00
3.28.24	Triway	H	4:00
4.1.24	Massillon	H	4:00
4.4.24	Marlington	A	4:00
4.5.24	New Philadelphia	A	4:00
4.8.24	Central Christian	A	4:00
4.11.24	Hiland	A	4:00
4.15.24	Canton McKinley	A	4:00
4.16.24	CCC	H	4:00
4.18.24	Orrville	H	4:00
4.22.24	Chippewa	H	4:00
4.24.24	Louisville	H	4:00
4.30.24	CCC	A	4:00
5.3.24	NET Tournament	A	TBD





**Memorial Day • Flag Day • 4th of July  
Labor Day • Patriot Day • Veteran's Day**

**Here's How It Works:**

The Rotary Club will place a 3' x 5' flag on a 10' staff in your front yard a couple days before each holiday. After each holiday we will pick up, and bring your flag back before the next date. **The first part of the season, flags are dropped off on Memorial Day and picked up after the 4th of July.** A one inch plastic pipe will be buried in your front yard to house the pipe - approx 10' from the road, aligned with your front door. The pipe is flush with the ground and WILL NOT hurt or touch your mower blades. We leave the pipe in your yard year round, however after time they do sink. When this happens a new pipe will be installed.

**How Do I Participate?**

#1.) Fill in and mail the form below & send a check to us before May 1st, 2024.

#2.) You can sign up Online starting in February 2024 at:

**<https://csflags.itemorder.com>**

**Please note - 100% of the proceeds from this project are invested back into our LOCAL community. We support and GIVE to several community programs, organizations, and events throughout the year.**

— Please detach and mail this section back —

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any underground obstacles that you know of? Y N  
Have you participated in the flag program in the past? Y N

Make checks payable to: Canton South Rotary

**\$35.00**

Mail applications to: Canton South Rotary  
PO Box 169  
North Industry, OH 44707

**MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1st, 2024**

Questions? - Call: 234.804.8744, email [csrotaryflags@gmail.com](mailto:csrotaryflags@gmail.com) or visit  
[www.csflags.itemorder.com](https://csflags.itemorder.com)

The flag and staff will remain the property of the Rotary of Canton South Club  
Please return the entire application form with payment.

**2024**





CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH HOPE by helping with every day needs,  
providing learning opportunities and equipping people for life.

**JOIN THE TEAM!**



IS A VOLUNTEER-STRONG COMMUNITY MINISTRY!

**RESOURCE ASSISTANTS**

Assist individuals who are requesting essential resources.

THURS OR FRI  
9 AM - 12 NOON

**CLOTHES SORTING**

Sort and organize donated clothing, shoes and accessories

WED - SAT  
9 AM - 12 NOON

**APPLIANCE ASSISTANTS**

Clean up and prep donated appliances or furniture

WED 4- 6 PM  
SAT 9 AM - 12 NOON

**CUSTOMER SERVICE**

Greet and assist customers in our thrift store

WED 4-7 PM  
FRI 9 AM - 1 PM

→ **JOIN NOW**

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**1Hope Center**

Located at our 1Hope Center:

- HOPEfully Yours Thrift Store
- Resource Center
- Furniture & Appliance Bank
- Learning Center
- Ministry Offices

**Coming Soon:**

- Heritage Room - for meetings, activities, classes and more
- Counseling Services

**IN 2023**

231

Kids received new clothing & toys through Christmas Mart



27,561

Meals Distributed through our partnership with NICC

17,413

Diapers & Essentials Distributed through our partnership with Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank

10,000

Socks Distributed through our partnership with Bombas

# Canton Township Community Easter Egg Hunt

*10 a.m. Saturday, March 23rd at Faircrest Park*

**Ages 2 years old-5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

(Staggered start for each age group)

*Parking at Faircrest Park with overflow at Faircrest Memorial Elementary School*

**Hosted by:**

**Canton Township  
North Industry UMC  
Peace Lutheran**



Township Office:  
(330) 484-2501

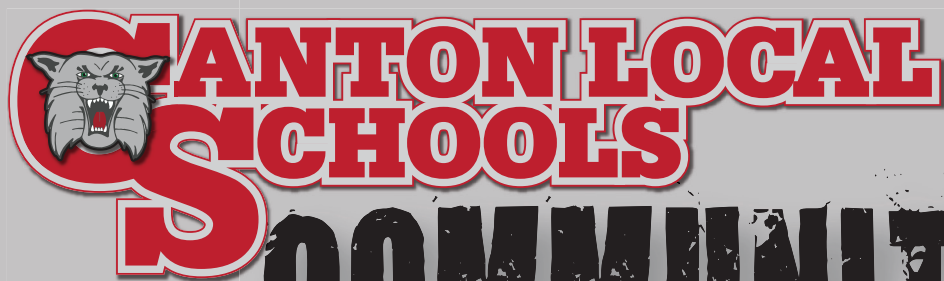
**"Life is what you  
bake it"**  
**Food Truck selling  
breakfast goodies**

**Bring your own  
basket...  
Over 3,000 eggs!  
Rain or Shine!**



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# 2024

# COMMUNITY CONCERT



**Saturday, March 16, 2024**

**Canton South High School  
Performing Arts Center**

600 Faircrest Steet SE Canton

**7:00pm / Doors open at 6:00pm**

**\$25 per person**

\$5 Canton Local student ticket  
(limited quantities)

Processing fee for debit/credit

Scan for tickets



All proceeds benefit the Canton South Performing Arts Center



For almost 30 years, MR. SPEED has been keeping classic KISS alive through a heart-pounding display of live KISS music, authentic costumes and staging, special effects, and a love for rock & roll!

**Presented with support from:**

Debie and Jerry Davidson

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Gary ('74) and Cindy Trompower

Dale and Patience Rush



**Elected Officials**

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- Successful Nashville country music singer, songwriter.
- Opened for Garth Brooks on his stadium tour.
- Wrote Garth Brooks' last 4 singles including #1 "Ask Me How I Know."
- Recently perform on America's Got Talent with hit single "Son"

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## Team Makes History with Record-Breaking Season

Canton South High School's football team made history in the 2023 season, clinching its first-ever regional championship, and securing a spot in the state football final four for the first time in the program's existence.

The Wildcats, led by Head Coach **Matt Dennison**, dominated the field with an impressive 14-0 record, culminating in a decisive 35-13 victory over Struthers in the Region 13 (Division IV) final.

Quarterback **Jack "Poochie" Snyder** delivered a standout performance, earning recognition as a Division 4 All-Ohio Player of the Year and finalist for the Mr. Football award.

**Coach Dennison** was honored as the Cleveland Browns High School

Coach of the Year and a finalist for the Don Shula Coach of the Year award. In a show of support, the Cleveland Browns generously donated \$5,000 to the Canton South Football Program, further strengthening the bond between the two football communities.

Additionally, **Snyder** and teammate **Tavon Castle** were named to the Division 4 All-Ohio First Team, solidifying their status as standout players in the state.

The 2023 Canton South football team's remarkable achievements serve as a testament to the team's dedication, skill, and unwavering pursuit of excellence.

### 2023-24 WILDCATS

Brodee Beegle  
Daniel Bonnell  
Dallas Booker  
James Bryson  
Akelines Buckridge  
Brayton Carpenter  
Tavon Castle  
Jayson Clark  
Max Cochran  
Braylon Conley-Hall  
Torez Conley  
Grady Cordes  
Rome Cox  
Xion Culver  
Blaine Dieter  
Josh Fitzgibbon  
Ma'Taeun Frazier  
Gavin Freeman  
Ethan Fricke  
Jaray Gallagher  
Jamarein Gatlin  
Aidan Geer  
Ar'Monnie Hawkins  
Jzanon Hill  
Trey Jackson  
Dierre Jamerson  
Luke Johnson

Landen Karovic  
Will Kelly  
Truston Kimberlin  
Julius Kimbrough  
Jonathan Koffel-Black  
Zanden Lewis  
Lance Long  
Devon Lucas  
Andrew Marsh  
Joe Meyer  
Kelsey Morris  
A.J. Pierson  
Hayden Pugh  
Tyler Pugh  
Joseph Smith  
Poochie Snyder  
DeAngelo Spear  
Braylyn Terrell  
Drelyn Thomas  
Cameron Thompson  
Trevor Tozzi  
Brenden Wakefield  
Blake Walters  
Lance Wells  
Landon White  
Tre Wilson  
Mala'Khi Zachary

### HEAD COACH

Matt Dennison  
3rd Year (16-8)  
22nd Overall (168-69)

### COACHES:

Brandon Weekley  
Robb Karovic  
Austin Kohl  
Jerald Robinson  
Lukas Kimble  
Frank McLeod  
Gary Shier  
Riley James  
Drew Noll  
Matt Noll  
Jeremy Richards  
Tyler Bowman

### TRAINER

Tanner Metz

### CHEER ADVISOR

Jessica Pipher

### BAND DIRECTOR

Matt Stemple



## Snyder Earns Teynor Award

**Jack "Poochie" Snyder** was presented with the Art Teynor Award by the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association at their annual awards banquet on Friday, February 16 at the Hilton Columbus Easton.

The Art Teynor Award is awarded to the top player in the state and considers athletic, academic, and character components in the selection process.

Snyder is the 27th recipient of the annual award and he was selected from the 16 regional finalists based upon the OHSFCA regions. Snyder is the first player from Canton South and the third from Stark County to win the award.

