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*Good News You Can Use
about the Solon Schools*

SPRING 2023

Solon High School - Solon Middle School - Orchard Middle School - Parkside Elementary
Roxbury Elementary - Lewis Elementary - Regano Early Learning Center

SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS: This issue focuses on the many ways our Solon Schools students are exploring the arts.



SHS orchestra students practicing
for their spring concert.



SMS artists working on ceramics.

2023 BEST COMMUNITIES FOR MUSIC EDUCATION AWARD!

Reflecting the district's continuous commitment to high-quality music education, the Solon City Schools have been honored with the prestigious Best Communities for Music Education designation for 2023. Given by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation, the Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to school districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. This is the 8th consecutive year Solon has received this honor.

To qualify for the Best Communities designation, the district answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and community music-making programs.

"Earning this national recognition of superior achievement in music reflects the breadth of district- and community-wide programming that provides opportunities for all students to learn and perform music," said Solon Superintendent Fred Bolden. "We emphasize music and the arts as foundational components of our education program and believe that the three A's – academics, arts and athletics/activities – are all critical for student success. The high achievement of our students in all of these areas is what draws families who share these values and commitment to excellence to our community."



SHS and SMS artists at the
annual art show.

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Online!**

As part of the district's Strategic Plan goals for communications, the monthly online news source provides more immediate, consistent and relevant information to all families, staff and our Solon Schools community.

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OUR MISSION

Solon City Schools, a diverse learning community, will ensure all students attain the knowledge and skills to thrive and become empathetic, ethical, contributing citizens in an evolving global society through collaboration and unwavering commitment to empower every student, every day, to achieve personal excellence.



The Addams Family musical played to packed houses and earned a Dazzle Award nomination from Playhouse Square.



Artwork by our Orchard students was displayed at the Board of Education and Solon City Hall.



Roxbury students using oil pastels.



Our preschoolers at Regano ELC engage in hands-on learning through art.



Lewis and Parkside students showing off their artistry.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Solon students take art and music from K through 8th grade as part of their regular specials and elective class schedule.

Solon High School students can choose from 40 courses in Art, Music, English, Family & Consumer Science, Technology & Engineering, and EXCEL TECC programs to fulfill their Ohio graduation fine arts requirement.

Courses offered include:

MUSIC:

Band, Orchestra, Music in Motion Show Choir,
A cappella Choir, Concert Choir,
AP Music Theory

TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING:

Auto CAD, Graphic Arts, Robotics, Woods/
Home Construction Tech,
Production Technology

ART:

Drawing & Printmaking, Painting, Ceramics,
Film & Digital Photography, Advanced
Sculpture, Design Fundamentals,
Computer Graphics, Advanced & AP
Studio Art, Animation,
AP 2-D Design, AP Art History

ENGLISH:

Creative Writing, Debate, Film Studies,
Media Communication, Public Speaking

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES:

Creative Cuisine, Fashion/Marketing
& Design, Advanced Fashion

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