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Recognizing the Class of 2024!

Congratulations to the Canton South High School Class of 2024! On Friday, May 24, the district recognized this outstanding class during commencement ceremonies at Brechbuhler Stadium. We celebrate our new class of Wildcat alums as they continue the path of their chosen "E" - Enrolled, Employed or Enlisted. See pages 10-13 for a list of graduates, honorees and scholarship winners.

Superintendent's Message

Dear Canton Local Schools Community,
As we end an outstanding school year, I am filled with gratitude for support and dedication from our staff, students, and community. Together, we have once again achieved great milestones and forged unforgettable memories.

First, I would like to extend my congratulations to the graduates of the class of 2024. This was an outstanding class of young adults. We are so proud of the way they represented Canton Local Schools and all of the great things they accomplished.

I would also like to express our deepest appreciation to our retirees: **Jeff Moore, Kelly Loy, Diane Knight, Linda Norris** and **Lois Ravenscroft**. Your years of service have left an indelible mark on our district, and your contributions will be cherished and remembered always.

This year has been filled with outstanding achievements across various arenas. From captivating musical performances including "Annie," "Grease," and "Little Shop of Horrors," to championship performances by our athletic teams, such as Girls Golf, Girls Tennis, Football, and Wrestling, we have truly shone brightly. Our football team made history with our first-ever 10-0 season and an impressive journey to the State of Ohio Final Four. Individual athletes also soared to new heights, with notable accomplishments by **Julius Kimbrough** (third place state high jump) **Dominic Proserpi** (third place state wrestling), **Jack Snyder** (OHSFCA Art Teynor Award) and **Evelyn Lynn** (tied county record for home runs).

Our students have excelled in state and national competitions within their professional organizations, showcasing their talents and dedication including **Mason Kirkham** and **Nadelie Perdew**. We take immense pride in our students who have earned industry-recognized credentials in their career technical programs, as well as those who have earned over 315 hours of college credits while in high school.

Exciting developments are on the horizon as we celebrate the completion of our new tennis courts and eagerly anticipate breaking ground on the new HVAC training facility. Thanks to a generous grant from the State of Ohio, totaling \$4.2 million, we are expanding our career tech programs through the South Stark Career Academy, further enriching opportunities for our students.

As we look ahead to the upcoming school year, I am thrilled to announce administrative changes that will further strengthen our district. **Krista Gearhart, Chris Noll, Brian Mohn, Jaimie Brown** and **Lisa Hookway** will be assuming new roles within our leadership team, bringing with them a wealth of experience and passion for education.

In closing, I extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you for a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer. May this time be filled with joy, laughter, and cherished moments with loved ones.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Canton Local Schools!



Brett Yeagley

District Honors Teacher, Rookie of the Year

Each year, the Stark County Educational Service Center honors a Teacher of the Year and Rookie of the Year from the districts in Stark County. Congratulations to Canton Local Teacher of the Year, **Jacki Cain** and Rookie of the Year, **Emily Crum**!

Jacki Cain is a dedicated ELA teacher at Canton South Middle School. Jacki embodies kindness, thoughtfulness, and fun in her teaching approach. She is a hardworking leader who surpasses expectations, prioritizes students, and inspires others through her exemplary work ethic and innovative methods. Jacki's ability to tackle new challenges with grace and exceed expectations sets her apart as a true leader in our school!

Emily Crum is an exceptional teacher at Faircrest Elementary School who exemplifies all the desired qualities of an outstanding educator. Emily creates a supportive atmosphere with a warm smile and infectious positivity, encouraging curiosity and exploration. Her commitment to nurturing young minds is genuinely remarkable and deserving of recognition.

Pictured L-R: FMES Principal **Ann Bartley**, **Emily Crum**, **Jacki Cain** and CSMS Assistant principal **Adam Hall**.



Congratulations Retirees!

The Canton Local Board of Education and administration were proud to recognize the following retiring staff members! L Attending the reception were L-R: **Diane Knight, Jeff Moore** and **Linda Norris**. Congratulations Retirees!

Diane Knight	28 years	Teacher
Kelly Loy	21 years	Teacher
Jeff Moore	35 years	Principal
Linda Norris	13 years	Cafeteria
Lois Ravenscroft	11 years	Bus Driver



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

- June 17
- August 19 (6:30 am before convocation)*
- September 16
- October 21
- November 18
- December 16

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 before the start of the school year. Incoming twelfth-grade students need proof of Meningitis (A, C, Y, W) immunization given at 16 or older. Updated immunization records must be submitted to buildings before the new school year. Questions can be directed to the school nurse.

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Canton South Middle/High School: lori.serafini@cantonlocal.org

Building Contacts

- Canton Local Attendance All Buildings330-484-8001 opt #2
- 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, Communications)
- Canton Local Superintendent's Office**..... 330-484-8010
- For more information, please visit cantonlocal.org,
Facebook: [cantonlocalschool](https://www.facebook.com/cantonlocalschool)

Hall of Distinction Class of 2024 Inductees Announced

The Canton South Alumni and Friends Foundation is proud to announce the inductees of the Hall of Distinction Class of 2024: **Ray Hexamer** ('79), **Dr. Heath Jolliff** ('84), **Rick Knight** ('69), **Jill Mason Miller** ('71) and **Julie E. Washington** ('78).

Inductees in the Hall of Distinction must demonstrate an outstanding record of achievement spanning their professional careers, distinguished service to the community, and sustained activities that show an exceptionally strong commitment to the Canton Local community and the highest integrity. Honorees do not need to be alumni of Canton South High School.

The recognition dinner and induction ceremony will occur on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at Canton South High School. More details will be announced in the August 2024 newsletter. Email karen.vrabec@cantonlocal.org for event information.



Hexamer



Jolliff



Knight



Mason Miller



Washington

Mark Your Calendars

August

- 15 Readyfest - Canton South Middle School (Grades 6-8) 4:30 – 6:30 pm
- 15 Readyfest - Faircrest Memorial Elementary School (Prek-2) 4:30 – 6:00 pm
- 19 Readyfest - Faircrest Memorial Elementary School (Grades 3- 5) 4:30 – 6:00 pm
- 20 Prek, Gardes 1 through 9 – First Day
CSHS Open House 4:30-6:00 pm
- 21 All Students Attended (except Kindergarten)
- 23 First Day of Kindergarten
- 30 No School

September

- 2 Labor Day - No School

Ohio House Bill 920 and Property Tax Levies

Property Values

Ohio property tax laws are very unique and often times confusing to understand. The County Auditor has the responsibility to assign a value to each property. Every six years the Auditor does a reappraisal to look at current home prices and sales to ensure that properties are accurately valued. The County Auditor's value of the property is multiplied by 35% to arrive at the assessed valuation used to calculate your property taxes. Stark County is currently going through the six-year reappraisal for tax year 2024 which will be used to calculate the property tax bills for 2025.

Tax Levies

Ohio property tax levies are stated in mills, which is often misinterpreted as "millions." However, a one mill property tax levy is equal to a tax of .001 of the assessed value of a property. Additionally, there are exemptions that are given by the State for homestead exemptions (for qualifying senior citizens and permanently disabled taxpayers) and for property tax rollbacks (12.5% savings to taxpayers for qualifying levies).

Ohio House Bill 920 and Effective Millage

Ohio lawmakers passed a law in 1976, House Bill 920 (HB920) that changed how property tax levies are collected and protected property owners against unvoted increases in taxes. HB920 requires a calculation be done by the County Auditor to reduce the effective rate for collection of voted tax levies, so although a property's value increases over time, the amount of taxes owed for a particular levy remains the same.

In our District we have seen this play out with our existing continuous operating levies and the five-year operating levy, which must be renewed every five years to continue collection. The total voted millage for the District's operating levies totals 48.20 mills but the

effective rate that is actually paid by residential and agricultural property owners is currently only 20.91 mills. Below is a chart of all of the levies in our District showing the original voted millage rate and the current effective millage rate for tax year 2023.

Residential/Agricultural Properties

DATE VOTED	DESCRIPTION	VOTED MILLAGE	EFFECTIVE MILLAGE
Inside (Unvoted)	Inside Millage (set by Ohio law)	5.20 mills	5.20 mills
11/5/1968	Continuing-Operating	4.50 mills	1.08 mills
5/5/1970	Continuing-Operating	6.10 mills	1.47 mills
5/4/1971	Continuing-Operating	7.60 mills	1.83 mills
6/3/1975	Continuing-Operating	5.00 mills	1.20 mills
6/5/1979	Continuing-Operating	4.00 mills	1.26 mills
5/7/1991	Continuing-Operating	3.90 mills	1.65 mills
5/31/1994	Continuing-Operating	3.00 mills	1.28 mills
5/4/2021	5 year Operating (original passed in 2001 with additional new passed in 2006)	8.90 mills	5.94 mills
	Total	48.20 mills	20.91 mills

As you can see in the illustration, inflation over time and the application of HB920 has resulted in huge reductions in the effective tax rate for voter-approved levies. This is the main reason that many districts find themselves having to seek additional levies to fund school operations. As inflation increases over time, the amount of property tax collected does not proportionately increase at the same rate as inflation. In the next issue of Inside Canton Local Schools, we will discuss how the 2024 Stark County Reappraisal might impact tax bills for Canton Local homeowners.

District Administrative Changes



Jaimie Brown
Curriculum Director



Krista Gearhart
Principal Canton South
High School



Lisa Hookway
Nutritional Services
Director



Brian Mohn
Career Tech Director



Chris Noll
Principal Canton South
Middle School

New to the District?

Online registration forms for students (K-12) new to Canton Local Schools can be found at cantonlocal.org/Content/newstudents. Parents can now upload the required documents to the program! Need help? Call 330-484-8010.

First Day Forms Available

The district is once again using the First Day Forms online system. This process replaces hard copy student registration and permission forms typically sent home on the first day of school. Families should have received an email with their student's snapcode and link to the PowerSchool enrollment system. All forms must be submitted before the first day of school. Those with questions can email online. enrollment@cantonlocal.org or call 330-484-8010.

Free Wildcat Preschool

The Wildcat Preschool offers early development learning for children who live in the Canton Local School District. The program is rated 5 Stars by the Ohio Department of Education. This is the highest rating a preschool can receive. Wildcat Preschool includes free meals and transportation to and from Faircrest Memorial Elementary School. Class rosters are filling up fast for the Fall of 2024. Call 330-484-8022 for more information or to put your child's name on the wait list for next year.



New Tennis Courts Open

The new CSHS tennis courts on the former Y property (45th St. SW) are complete! The Board of Education passed a resolution to dedicate the courts to former coach **Art Fach**. The official dedication will happen in August.

The project was crucial to the HVAC career tech expansion at the Hayden Career Annex. Funding for the new tennis facilities came from the district's Permanent Improvement funds, which were carefully budgeted for such projects.



Sign Up for Camp Invention 2024!

Grades: K - 6th

Location: Faircrest Memorial Elementary School

616 Faircrest Street SW, Canton, OH 44706

Date: July 15 - 19, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Cost: \$20

Camp Director: Jennifer Williams - jennifer.williams@cantonlocal.org

Register at tinyurl.com/CampinventionCLS24 or 800-968-4332



Upcoming Wildcat Reunions

CSHS Class of 1970 - 54th Class Reunion

July 15, 2024 • Noon at Faircrest Park
\$10 covers the cost of lunch
RSVP to Jacklyn (Trubisky) Raycheck by June 30
330-312-5689

CSHS Class of 1969 - 55th Class Reunion

Thursday, July 18, 2024 • Luncheon @ Foltz Community Center
Contact: Kay McCarthy Fliger 330-484-4758 or kayfliger69@gmail.com
Peggy Roshong Wiley 330-484-4092

CSHS Class of 1974 - 50th Class Reunion

Saturday, July 20, 2024 at La Pizzaria
5:00 -10:00 pm (Picture at 5:40 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm)
Contact person: Nancy Griffing Pendleton at npendleton@neo.rr.com
330-806-8742

Contact karen.vrabec@cantonlocal.org to share reunion information.



Fifth Graders Enjoy Camp

Fifth-grade students from Faircrest Memorial Elementary recently enjoyed an exciting overnight trip to Camp Elkhorn, an annual event that students eagerly anticipate. Led by dedicated staff members, enthusiastic parent volunteers, and expert Camp Elkhorn advisors, the students participated in various activities, including canoeing, hiking, zip-lining, and tackling high ropes. They also engaged in various team-building exercises. The trip was highlighted by great meals and free time with friends, making it an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.



Student Leadership Team Having a Ball

The FMES Leadership team had a slam-dunk experience as they were invited to attend a Cleveland Cavaliers game in April. Students and their chaperones formed the tunnel for the players as they took to the court. The students were thrilled to be so close to the action and to see their favorite players up close. This special event not only provided an exhilarating day of sports entertainment but also served as an inspiring experience for the young leaders.

Storytime with CS Author

(Right) Canton South graduate **Valerie Thompkins** ('21) and accomplished author visited FMES kindergarten and first grade classes to read her books "Girls Like Me" and "Boys Like Me."

Pride Patrol Explores Careers

Fourth-grade Pride Patrol members visited South Stark Career Academy to explore various career tech programs. As part of the district's "Find Your E" mission, the elementary school focuses on helping students become career-aware. The students enjoyed learning about automotive, construction, welding, and small animal science programs from career tech students, gaining valuable insights into potential future careers.



FMES Ninjas Get Fit

FMES Fitness Ninjas visited the Pro Football Hall of Fame for an exciting Get-Fit Training Camp. Students learned worked with local college athletes on football drills. The event seeks to teach students the joy of being active and the Hall of Fame values of commitment, integrity, courage, respect, and honesty.





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Our **HOPE Resource Center** exists to help provide everyday resources to local families in need. Through our HOPE Card Program, families may stop in once a month to receive personal care resources such as shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, and toothbrushes as well as household products such as toilet paper, laundry detergent, paper towels, antibacterial wipes and more!

As a **Community Distribution Partner with The Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank**, families can receive diapers, wipes and period supplies once a month. In 2024, we have distributed over 9,000 diapers to local infants and children in need.

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



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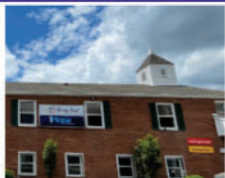
Meals Distributed through our
partnership with NICC

9,410

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

220

Families provided with
personal care & household
resources



BRIDGE POINT LEARNING CENTERS



Bridge Point Learning Centers will reopen at the end of September 2024 and we will have local students who need a willing high school, college or adult to help them with their work. Volunteer now! Training in September.

VOLUNTEERS

LEARNING CENTER: HOMEWORK HELPER

- 50 minute one-on-one sessions
- Choose from one of our three locations
- Choose which grades (K-12) you want to work with



DATES TO MARK DOWN

- June 25 - Game Night at Magnolia Park
- July 1 - School Shoes Drive starts
- July 16 - Game Night at Faircrest Park
- July 20 - BP SIDEWALK SALE!
- July 30- Game Night at EC Village Park
- Sept. 14 - Bridge Point Gala '24



Bridge Point Donation List

We Do **NOT** Accept:

- ☒ Ceramic plates or bowls
- ☒ Glassware or coffee mugs
- ☒ Crystal of any kind
- ☒ Large Pictures or Mirrors
- ☒ CD's or DVD's
- ☒ Books (we will accept cookbooks)
- ☒ Large Comforters
- ☒ Used plastic containers or water bottles
- ☒ Holiday decor (Christmas, Fall or Easter)

We **DO** Accept:

- ☐ Clothing - No rips, stains or holes
- ☐ Household Items
- ☐ Small Appliances
- ☐ Pots & Pans
- ☐ Toys and craft items
- ☐ Tools/Home Repair/Garage Items

Donation Drop off times:

Tues 9-12, Wed 4-7, Thurs 9-4, Fri & Sat 9-1
2701 Cleveland Ave S | 330-484-3644 | bridgepointsserves@gmail.com

CSMS Athletes Set Records



Top left: **Mia Haynam, Savanna Rueschman, Addy Karovic and Ashlyn Myers** set a new record in the 4x200 relay at 1:54.79.



Bottom left: **Ermani Murphy, Kya Froelich, Annie Bourquin and Kaelyn Hein** set a new school record in the 4x800 relay at 11:47.45.



Above: Pole vault athlete **Bella Smith** broke the school with a 7'0."

Right: **Logan Howard** placed 13th in the 1600-meter run at the OHSA Middle School Track and Field state championships. He qualified for the state meet with his school-record-setting performance of 4:46.47. Pictured with CSMS Coaches **Christian Simmons, Derek Faiello,** and CSHS track Coach **Scott Stayer.**



Below: **Desmond Young, Chace McCoy, Gavin McGuyrt and Tristan Smith** (not pictured) set a new record in the 4x200 relay at 1:45.11.



Mathletes Multiply Their Skills



Morgan Fittro



Philip Swier

The Stark County Math Tournament was held the first weekend in March at Massillon Washington High School. Approximately 750 students in Grades 5 -7 competed in mental computation, geometry, algebra, number sense, team problem solving, and advanced algebra (seventh grade). Thank you to the Canton South Rotary Club for sponsoring shirts for the team!

Congratulations to Wildcat Mathletes for earning recognition in their categories:

Number Sense

Morgan Fittro - First place, Grade 5

Philip Swier - First place, Grade 7

Advanced Algebra

Tyler Robinson - Fourth place, Grade 7

Mental Comp

Landon Burnworth - Eighth place, Grade 5

Dicardi Means - Third place, Grade 5

Daelynn Saunier - Eighth place, Grade 7

Geometry

Tanner Mullen - Third place, Grade 5

Lilly Miller - Third place, Grade 6

Rebekah Gray - Fourth place, Grade 6

Team Problem Solving

Aubrey Shanower, Victoria Spencer and Colden Maurer - Fourth place, Grade 6

Alivia Miner, Anica Dunn and Audrey Caley - Fourth place, Grade 7

Showing Appreciation

CSMS student leaders took the goodie express cart around to deliver thank-you gifts for staff appreciation week.



CS Singers Superior Rating

The CS Singers, comprised of seventh and eighth students, earned a Superior Rating (I) in their recent competition. Members competing included **Dylan Miller, Peyson Fletcher, Faith Fawcett, Cordelia Morrison, Alexis Poorman, Kay Hudak, Jillian Noll, Italina Sabatino, Madison Allatzas, Bella Smith, Rory Coleman, Luke Bonnell, Parker Spitz, Preston Palmer, Mason Richards, Zy'Vonte Majzun, Luke Neisel and Elisha Davidson.**

Additionally, soloists **Elisha Davidson** earned a Superior Rating (I) and **Cordelia Morrison, Alexis Poorman, and Josiah Dykes** each earned an Excellent Rating (II).



Students of The Month



February: Mia Haynam (8th), Robert Taylor (7th), Chase Gutscher (8th), Abby Timbrook (7th), Merissa Foresha (6th) and Colden Maurer (6th).



March: Aiden Lewis (8th), Mason Cline (7th), Italina Sabatino (7th), Eliana Risaliti (6th), Ashlyn Myers (8th) and Larry Fields (6th).



April: Pierce Livesay (6th), Daniel Datkuliak (7th), Dylan Burnworth (8th), Nicole Smith (7th), Jillian Noll (8th) and Aurora Manzonie (6th).



May: Aliya Grimes (8th), Madison Allatzas (7th), Rebekah Gray (6th), Akire Martin (6th), Chace McCoy (8th) and Jacob Smith (7th).

Strength in Action

In its first year, the CSMS Sources of Strength committee has focused on the "What Helps Me" campaign. These dedicated students have worked tirelessly, planning Red Time presentations, creating a video for the entire school, and spreading positivity with chalk messages on the sidewalks.

The "What Helps Me" campaign aims to:

- Increase social-emotional awareness
- Identify healthy ways to manage challenges
- Share options for emotional regulation and resilience
- Normalize healthy coping strategies

Through their efforts, these young leaders are changing how the school community handles difficult times, promoting a culture of support and resilience.



Erin Foster
Class Speaker



Ariana Murphy, Class President
*Recognition of E's
Enrolled, Employed, Enlisted*



Kiersten Taylor
Pledge

Aiden Elijah Alexander
Donnell Jermaine Baldwin
Victoria Elizabeth Barcus*
Nathaniel Zachary Beacon
Andrew Joseph Bifulchi
Janelle Renee Bigler
Nyema Rae Bonner
Dallas Key'sean Booker
Dylan Lee Boston
Michael Evan Braham
Camden Scott Brooks
Mia Synclair Brown
Dominic Austin Burnworth
Raena Grace Campbell*
Jeffery Michael Casey
Nicholas Anthony Casey II
Russell Jerome Cash
Jacinda Leigh Rinehart Cassidy
Justice Donna Earline Cassidy
Tavon Julious Castle
Chandler Anan Chandler
Jacob Cody Clark
Jayson Andrew Clark
Ryder Todd Coberly
Maxwell Louis Cochran
Sydney Grace Comer*
Cam'Ryn Dewayne Croston*
Jackson Randall Dalton
Gavin Michael Davis
Mackenzie Raelynn Davis*
Amber Riley Dedmon*
Ethan Saul DeVore
Callie Raye Difiori
Austin Kenneth Duckworth
Kaylynn Nichole Egan
Kevin Thomas Eriksen
Jaden Richard Fellouzis
Brian Eugene Flory Jr.
Reahanna Marie Flowers
Ariannon Justice Fowler
Ethan Michael Fricke*
Erin Nicole Foster*
Jaray J Wesley Gallagher
Sarah Jane Gardener
Markell Ja'Von Garner
Aidan Lee Geer
Trevor Joseph Gore
Kaleb Ray Gottschick

Cloie Alice Greene*
Chanler Blake Hill
Jza'Nyah Trini Shalique Hill
Alexis Dawn Hole
Arayiah Sue Hoover
Logan Michael Hornberger
Kylar Matthew Howard
Alan Devon Hubbard-Wray II
Arthur Dallas Jackson III
Ramon Joel Jackson
Sydney Anne Jones
Julius Xavier Kimbrough
James Forrest Kinney
Mason Everett Kirkham*
Delaney Elisabeth Kruger*
Taylor Alyssa Lab
Tovah Liora LaCour*
Rowan Elizabeth Laughlin*
Aiden John Long
Brooklyn Nicole Loterbaugh
Avah Jaclynn Lough
Evelyn Rose Lynn
Ivy Danielle Maydock
Miracle Aniya-Marie McFadden
Mikayla Kristine McInnes
Joseph David Meyer
Cody Edward Miller
Divon Alexander Montgomery
Hayden Micheal Moore
Peter Andrew George Morrison
Kailey Elaine Morton*
Isaiah Lincoln Mundell
Parker Hugh Mundell
Ariana Pauline Murphy*
A J Nichols

Javion Willie Nichols
Owen Virgil Nuzum
Josephine Mae Ohler
Janier K Padilla-Pedroza
Joelle Christine Paul
Kaiden Lee Perine
Anthony Scott Pierson Jr.*
Emma Louise Puckett
Tyler Aaron Pugh
Keshawn Ameer Randle
Meya Shaelyn Ray
Charles Marshall Reed
Brian Zachary Rexrode
Mason Jack Rowley
Avery Grace Rupert
William James Sadler
Devin Lee Samblanet
Joseph Scott Sams
Joshua Creed Shafer
Austin Allen Sickafoose*
Camara Nicole Sims
Christian Phillips Sivits
Ava Marie Smith
Hunter Ian Smith*
Joseph William Smith
Jack Henry Snyder
Zane Allan Sonntag
Joel Michael Spencer
Briann Paige Stacy
Kastyn Stewart
Aliya Don Stinchcomb
Zyshawn Morice Strickland
Destiny Ann Strouse
Taras Alexander Strychalski II
Emmett Richard Sullivan
Kiersten Annabelle Taylor*
Emily Kay Thompson*
Sebastian Michael Valentine
Kanyon Eric-Lee Vandevort-Moore
Andrew David Van Fossen
Madison Rae Vorshak
Haley Marie Walters
Shelby Lynn Wayble
Haven Ray Weigand
Lance Darnell Wells Jr.
Garret Lee Wilder
Caitlyn Virginia Wilkinson*
Estella Rae Williams*
Tre' Michael Wilson
Michael Jay Wright
Courtrez Adair Zanders
Mia Marie Zellers*
Logan Scott Zerby
*Names of graduates as of May 24, 2024
Denotes Diploma with Honors



Summa Cum Laude

4.0 GPA or Above

Erin Nicole Foster*
Ariana Pauline Murphy*
Victoria Elizabeth Barcus*
Ethan Michael Fricke*
Mason Everett Kirkham*
Delaney Elisabeth Kruger*
Rowan Elizabeth Laughlin*
Joseph David Meyer
Kailey Elaine Morton*
Hunter Ian Smith*
Jack Henry Snyder
Kiersten Annabelle Taylor*
Emily Kay Thompson*
Madison Rae Vorshak
Caitlyn Virginia Wilkinson*
Estella Rae Williams*
Mia Marie Zellers*

Magna Cum Laude

3.75 GPA or Above

Mackenzie Davis
Julius Kimbrough
Tovah LaCour
Austin Sickafoose

Cum Laude

3.5 GPA or Above

Andrew Bifolchi
Camden Brooks
Sydney Comer
Cloie Greene
Anthony Pierson
Ava Smith
Zane Sonntag
Shelby Wayble

4 Year Honor Roll

3.5 or higher GPA for all four years

Victoria Barcus
Ethan Fricke
Delaney Kruger
Joseph Meyer
Kailey Morton
Ariana Murphy
Hunter Smith
Jack Snyder
Kiersten Taylor
Emily Thompson
Caitlyn Wilkinson
Mia Zellers

4 Year Merit Roll

3.0 or higher GPA for all four years

Camden Brooks
Sydney Comer
Aidan Geer
Cloie Greene
Tovah LaCour
Zane Sonntag

National Honor Society (NHS)

Victoria Barcus
Sydney Comer
Mackenzie Davis
Erin Foster
Ethan Fricke
Julius Kimbrough
Mason Kirkham
Delaney Kruger
Tovah LaCour
Rowan Laughlin
Kailey Morton
Ariana Murphy
Austin Sickafoose
Ava Smith
Hunter Smith
Jack "Poochie" Snyder
Kiersten Taylor
Emily Thompson
Caitlyn Wilkinson
Estella Williams
Mia Zellers
Logan Zerby

National Technical Honor Society (NTHS)

Victoria Barcus
Raena Campbell
Sydney Comer
Mackenzie Davis
Ethan Fricke
Aidan Geer
Mason Kirkham
Delaney Kruger
Rowan Laughlin
Joseph Meyer
Cody Miller
Kailey Morton
Ariana Murphy
Austin Sickafoose
Hunter Smith
Emily Thompson
Mia Zellers

Tri M Honor Society

Delaney Kruger
Tovah LaCour
Ariana Murphy
Shelby Wayble
Caitlyn Wilkinson

International Thespian Society

Victoria Barcus
Nathaniel Beacon
Mackenzie Davis
Kylar Howard
Mason Kirkham
Tovah LaCour
Aiden Long
Ariana Murphy
Ava Smith
Shelby Wayble
Haven Weigand
Caitlyn Wilkinson

United States Military Enlistments

Jacob Clark
Jaden Fellouzis
Sarah Gardener
Sebastian Valentine

Earned Associate Degree

Kiersten Taylor
Madison Vorshak
Estella Williams

OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award

Daleny Kruger
Ethan Fricke

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Tre' Wilson

NFHS Nation Award of Excellence

Sydney Comer
Aidan Geer

Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award

Kiersten Taylor
Jack "Poochie" Snyder





Erin Foster
Wildcat of the Year

Ariana Murphy
Wildcat of the Year

Congratulations to our CSHS students receiving nearly \$100,000 in local scholarships! Thank you to the sponsors and donors who generously invest in the future of our graduates.

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Ariana Murphy

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Rowan Laughlin (Jim and Nancy Abbott)
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Outstanding Students in Theater
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Ethan Fricke

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6th Man Mentor Scholarships
Mason Kirkham
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6th Man Mentors of the Year
Ariana Murphy
Austin Sickafoose



Senior Scholars, Invited Educators

The Annual Senior Scholar Recognition event held at Canton South High School, was sponsored by the South Stark Career Academy and Canton South Advanced Education Foundation.

Senior Student	Honored Educator
<i>Victoria Barcus</i>	Barb Elsass
<i>Mackenzie Davis</i>	Chris Bergert
<i>Erin Foster.....</i>	Nicky Boyd
<i>Ethan Fricke</i>	Eric Brickwood
<i>Julius Kimbrough.....</i>	Luke Conley
<i>Mason Kirkham.....</i>	Phil Forshey
<i>Delaney Kruger.....</i>	Luke Conley
<i>Tovah LaCour</i>	Cassie Stanford
<i>Rowan Laughlin</i>	Ann-Marie Trissell
<i>Kailey Morton</i>	Shawn Haines
<i>Ariana Murphy</i>	Amy Hogue
<i>Austin Sickafoose</i>	Michelle Rosette
<i>Hunter Smith</i>	Meghan Fricke
<i>Jack Snyder</i>	Matt Noll
<i>Kiersten Taylor.....</i>	Melissa Kalb
<i>Emily Thompson</i>	Shawn Haines
<i>Madison Vorshak</i>	Josh Kern
<i>Caitlyn Wilkinson</i>	Colleen Wiley
<i>Mia Zellers.....</i>	Debie Davidson

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- Krazy Kitchen
- Life is What You Bake It



**FIREWORKS SHOW TO
END THE NIGHT**



Thank you, 2024 sponsors. A full list of sponsors can be found on the township website.

CTE Student Success

SSCA Career Tech Biomedical Science and Sports Medicine students traveled to Toledo in April to compete in the Ohio HOSA State Leadership Conference. The group also had the opportunity to attend Ohio HOSA Night at the Toledo Mudhens' game.



In recognition events, **Zach Flowers** placed sixth in National Geographic Anatomy & Physiology and **Ethan Fricke** placed first in National Geographic OSHA.

With a second place finish in Respiratory Therapy, **Meya Ray** (above) earned a spot to travel to Houston, Texas, June 26-29 to compete at the HOSA International Leadership Conference!

Other students earning top ten recognition were:

- Healthy Living - **Sophia Ward**
- Medical Reading - **Star Roberts**
- Nutrition - **Chase Peaco**
- Research Poster - **McKenna Sloan**

SOS Performs with Legends

On April 12th, SOS participated in a performance, clinic and concert at Tiffin University. Students were judged and received feedback and a clinic with members of The Four Freshmen, an iconic vocal music quartet that's been around since 1948!



Wildcats of The Month

March 2024



Hunter Smith



Emily Thompson

April 2024



Sydney Comer



Joseph Meyer

May 2024



Raena Campbell



Austin Sickafoose

Notable Nashville Trip

In May, choir and band students had the opportunity to travel to Nashville, Tennessee to experience the wonders of "Music City." SOS performed at the Grand Ole' Opry. Students took a tour of the Ryman and Belmont University, and visited the Country Music Hall of Fame as well as going to a concert at the Opry. One of the highlights of the trip was an evening dinner and show cruise on the General Jackson!



‘Little Shop’ Wows Audience

The Canton South Theater Department recently staged its production of “Little Shop of Horrors,” a sci-fi horror musical with an electrifying 1960s pop/rock score by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman.

The story followed Seymour Krelborn, a meek floral shop assistant, who discovered a strange plant he named “Audrey II” after his crush. The plant, however, developed a soulful R&B voice and an unquenchable thirst for human blood. As Audrey II grew, it promised Seymour fame and fortune in exchange for fresh blood. Seymour soon learned the plant’s true extraterrestrial origins and its plan for world domination.

The cast included **Shelby Wayble** as Crystal, **Abbie Bryan** as Ronnette, **Ellie Mayle** as Chiffon, **Nate Beacon** as Seymour, **Antonio LaMotta** as Mr. Mushnick, **Toni Datkuliak** as Audrey, and **Haven Weigand** as both Orin and various other roles. The voice of the plant, Audrey II, was performed by middle school student **Elisha Davidson**.



Canton South Prom 2024

Congratulations to Prom King and Queen **Will Sadler** and **Kiersten Taylor**, Senior attendants **Poochie Snyder** and **Sydney Comer**, and junior attendants **Donnie Boswell** and **Mikayla Ousley**. The dance, held at the Double Tree in Canton, had an “Under the Sea” theme.



Exceptional Olympics

The 38th annual Exceptional Olympics, sponsored by the Canton South Rotary Club, was held on Friday, May 10, at Perry High School. Students from all grade levels competed with other student-athletes from Stark County.

Congratulations to our student-athletes, and thank you to our peer mentors, families, and district staff! The event brought together more than 750 athletes from across the 17 school districts to enjoy track-and-field-style games in the spirit of fun.



Kirkham National Champion, Perdew Top 10

Senior **Mason Kirkham** of the CTE 21st Century Business program achieved national champion status in Payroll Accounting at the BPA competition in Chicago. Kirkham’s remarkable skills in processing payroll data using manual procedures secured his victory. Before this, he earned first place in the state competition, paving his way to nationals.

Senior **Nadelie Perdew** also demonstrated exceptional talent, earning a top ten placement in Advanced Desktop Publishing at nationals after placing third in the state competition.

Additionally, several students finished in the top ten at the state level, including **Soel Rhiel** in Banking and Finance, **Joshua Gibson** in C# Programming, **Austin Sickafosse** in Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications, **Cherie Patterson** in Fundamentals of Web Design, and the Visual Design Team of **Victoria Barcus**, **Ariana Murphy** and **Emily Thompson**.



Students Shine in Art

Congratulations to CTE graphic design student **Mackenzie Davis** (top left) for the incredible honor of having her artwork selected for the prestigious Governor's Youth Art Show in Columbus, Ohio. The exhibition opened at the James A. Rhodes State Office Tower, across from the State Capitol, in April and will close near the end of May. An awards ceremony was held at the Riffe Capitol Theatre in the students' honor. In addition to this recognition, Davis earned a merit scholarship from the College of Creative Studies.

CTE is equally proud to celebrate **Ariana Murphy** (top right), whose artwork was chosen for the Cameo Show and will be displayed prominently in the state capital for the remainder of the year. The Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition, now in its fifty-fifth year, is dedicated to the educational and artistic advancement of talented young people in Ohio. Over 8,000 submissions were received from across the state, with 326 being selected for the final exhibit.



Total Station Elevates Construction Program

The South Stark Career Academy Construction Technology acquired a robotic total station, making them one of the pioneering high schools to train with this cutting-edge technology. This significant investment underscores SSCA's commitment to preparing students for the forefront of the construction industry. The initiative also highlights the collaborative efforts of industry leaders from BuildingPoint Ohio Valley and Trimble Inc.

Robotic total stations are revolutionizing the construction industry by automating the positioning and aiming of its telescope, leading to faster and more precise measurements than manual operation. This advanced surveying instrument offers increased accuracy, efficiency, and safety. It achieves higher precision than manual stations, ideal for the detailed measurements required in construction projects. The instrument comprises a telescope and a controller, which can be manipulated in various directions to position itself accurately, enabling precise measurements and calculations. By utilizing triangulation and trigonometry, robotic total stations calculate distances with remarkable precision, often within 1-2 millimeters. This technology is not only efficient but also capable of operating in hazardous locations, ensuring safer working conditions.



CSHS Band on Location

CSHS jazz students took their show on the road playing at the Kent State HS Jazz Night at BLU Jazz and the Alliance Jazz Festival. The CSHS Wind Ensemble performed with the Malone Concert Band at Malone University.

Senior Citizen Prom Success

Canton South High School held a free Senior Citizen Prom on Saturday, April 13. The prom, sponsored by the Student Leadership Club, was open to any former Canton South High School graduate and Canton Local resident. The theme for the evening was "Masquerade," adding an air of mystery and elegance to the festivities. The event saw a wonderful turnout, with many attendees enjoying the themed celebrations.

The school extends a big thank you to the Student Leadership Club for organizing and volunteering at the event. Appreciation also goes to the sponsors who made the evening possible: Abbott Electric, Adelmans Truck Parts, Canton Kookie's, The Desert Inn, Franks Excavating LLC, The Gardner Pie Co., Johnnie's Bakery of Canton, Peking Chinese Restaurant (Canton South), The Pizza Oven, Red Carpet Car Wash, Smith's Waco Market, Spring Valley Golf Club and Lodge, and Wildcat Dry Cleaners.

Cerrato New Girls Basketball Coach

Canton South High School announces **Walt Cerrato** as the new head Girls Basketball Coach. Cerrato, who has been an integral part of the program as an assistant coach for the past two seasons, brings a wealth of coaching experience and a passion for the game to his new role.

Before joining Canton South, Cerrato made significant contributions to various basketball programs. His coaching journey includes stints as an assistant coach at Strasburg, Hathaway Brown, Perry, and Tuslaw, where he played a pivotal role in developing both boys and girls teams.



Track

Regional Meet:

Aidan Geer (right), **Gracie Haddad**, **Lily Noll**, **Korryn Baddeley**, **Renzo Tello-Sunderman** and **Dom Prosperi** all participated at the regional track meet in Austintown. **Korryn Baddeley** set a school record in pole vault 8-0. Earning top five placement and setting school records: **Haddad** 16.11 in the 100 hurdles; **Tello-Sunderman** 1:57 in the 800 meters and **Brayden Pipher** 1:59 in the 800 meters.



Kimbrough 3rd in State

Senior **Julius Kimbrough** earned third place in the state for the high jump with a personal record of 6-6! This was Kimbrough's first year as a high jumper and the second Canton South first-year high jumper in as many seasons to have success at the state meet.



Baseball

The Canton South Baseball team earned a record of 12-11 and third place in the PAC (8-6).

Highlights:



AJ Pierson won the Tim Miller Scholarship of \$1,000.



Poochie Snyder won the Tim Miller and Offensive Player of the Year Awards.



Tre Wilson and **Grady Cordes** (not pictured) were Co-Defensive Players of the Year.

Softball

The lady Wildcats softball team finished the season with a record of 15-9, earning fourth place in the PAC-7. **Evelyn Lynn** (below) tied the state record of 60 career bombs during the top of the seventh inning in her very last at-bat as a Wildcat.

Other highlights:

Miley Spencer reached 100 career strikeouts as a sophomore

Awards:

PAC-7 First Team: **Evelyn Lynn & Amber Dedmon**

PAC-7 Honorable Mention: **Kiersten Taylor**



Tennis

The boys tennis team went 1-12 in the overall season, and 1-8 in the NET, securing a win over Massillon.

Blayten Young held first singles throughout this season, followed by **Austin Sickafoose** at second singles, **Miles Fornash** at third singles, **Kylar Howard** and **Hunter Smith** at first doubles, and **Grady McGuryt** with rotating **Kanyon Vandervort**, **Hayden Wilkinson** and **Zach Medley** at second doubles.

In sectionals, Howard and Young advanced to round three; however, fell short to a solid team from Norton.



Wrestling

Canton South wrestlers **Deanna Walters**, **Dom Prosperi** and **Tyler Pugh** (not pictured) earned first team All Stark County awards! Prosperi took third in the state (106) and Walters was the first female in school history to qualify for the state wrestling tournament.

Simmons Named Cross Country Coach

Canton South High School is pleased to announce **Christian Simmons** as the new head coach for the Cross Country team. Simmons has previously served as an assistant basketball coach at Canton South High School and coached track at the middle school level. In addition to his coaching responsibilities, he is an accomplished educator, recently completing his third year as an English teacher at Canton South.



A seasoned athlete, Simmons is no stranger to the demands of competitive sports. During his high school years at Fairless High School, he was a three-sport athlete, excelling in football, basketball, and track.

CANTON SOUTH ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

Patron Drive

The Canton South Athletic Booster Club has begun its annual Patron Drive! The cost to become a patron is \$5.00. Business ads are available for \$20. All patrons will be recognized in the home football programs. Deadline July 24, 2024. The patron drive supports all athletic teams. Complete the form below, drop off at CSHS or at the Booster table at Community Day (6/22) or mail with payment to:

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