

2024 SCHOOL REPORT



Olmsted Falls School District

Summer 2024

THE BULLDOG WAY

By Superintendent Jim Lloyd, Ed.D.



Dear Olmsted Falls Community,

As we conclude another remarkable school year, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our students, families, staff, and community members for your support and dedication. This year has been filled with achievements, challenges, and countless moments of growth and learning.

Our students have excelled in academics, the arts, and athletics, consistently demonstrating the spirit of the "Triple A" excellence that defines Olmsted Falls. From earning top honors in various competitions to showcasing their talents in music and the arts, our Bulldogs have made us incredibly proud.

I am especially thrilled to share that we have been recognized with the 2024 Best Communities for Music Education Award from the NAMM Foundation for the 18th consecutive year (page 5). This achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our educators, students, and the entire community.

We are excited to welcome Dr. Shannon Goss, Assistant Superintendent, Ivette Davis, Coordinator of Instructional Technology, Pam Madak, Assistant Principal at Olmsted Falls High School, and Stephanie Bradley, Director of Student Services to their new administrative appointments and to see how their new roles strengthen our leadership team. You can read more on pages 2 and 3.

We also celebrated our retirees this year, who have collectively dedicated 511 years of service to our district. Their commitment and contributions have made a lasting impact, and they will be deeply missed. We wish them all the best in their well-deserved retirement.

As we look ahead to the next school year, we remain committed to providing a safe, supportive, and enriching environment for all our students. Together, we will continue to uphold our tradition of excellence and ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed.

Thank you for being a part of our Olmsted Falls family. Have a wonderful rest of your summer, and I look forward to seeing you all in August.

TREASURER'S UPDATE: YEAR IN REVIEW



BRETT ROBSON
Treasurer & CFO

As we closed out the books on June 30 for the fiscal end of the 2023-2024 school year, it was a good time to reflect on what we achieved together.

After several months of frustration due to the pandemic's effect on the national supply chain, we finally completed the acquisition and delivery of six new buses. With the support of the Board of Education, we plan to add two new buses annually to maintain a modern and efficient fleet. We are reviewing specifications for the next order, which we expect to place this summer.

This school year, we made significant repairs to parking lots across the district to ensure they are in good condition. Additionally, with federal funds, we replaced many HVAC units at the high school building, enhancing the reliability and efficiency of our heating and cooling systems.

We also completed the resurfacing of the high school all weather track. The track, which encompasses the new turf field, provides our students and community with a top tier facility, and was recently on national display during the Katie Moon Pole Vault Classic, sponsored by Nike.

From a financial perspective, through careful planning and diligent management of our funds, we are ahead of our end-of-year cash balance compared to the previous year. We appreciate the commitment of our staff to meeting these goals and thank the community for providing the funding needed to run a high-performing district.

We're proud of our accomplishments this past year. Thank you for your trust and support of your school district.

UPDATE FROM THE FACILITIES MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Olmsted Falls City Schools Facilities Master Planning Committee reconvened on May 8 to continue the consensus-building process from our April meeting. Led by Heath Krakowiak and Dr. Jim Lloyd, the session focused on reviewing previous discussions and diving deeper into potential options for our priority facilities: the Early Childhood Center (ECC), Falls-Lenox, and the Transportation Facility.

During the meeting, we engaged in two key exercises aimed at identifying and prioritizing potential improvements. Committee members participated in small group discussions to brainstorm and rank options for these facilities. The process unfolded in three phases: considering all options, narrowing down top choices within each group, and then consolidating the top options for the entire committee.

We divided into three groups, each generating and sharing ideas with the full committee. Using Bulldog Bucks, we further prioritized the top 10 ideas, ultimately highlighting three main priorities:

1. **Flexibility of learning spaces**
2. **Safety and security**
3. **A new or significantly renovated transportation facility**

These priorities underscore our commitment to enhancing the learning environment and ensuring the safety and efficiency of our facilities.

Looking ahead, the committee will reconvene in the fall to develop strategies for more fully engaging families and community members. This input will be crucial as we work toward creating a comprehensive Master Facilities Plan for our school district.

Stay tuned for further updates as we continue to make progress on this important initiative.



OLMSTED FALLS CITY SCHOOLS' NEW APPOINTMENTS

Olmsted Falls City Schools is pleased to announce key administrative appointments, strengthening the district's leadership team as we continue to provide exceptional educational experiences for our students.



DR. SHANNON GOSS

has been appointed as the new Assistant Superintendent following Kelli Cogan's departure to become the Superintendent of Independence Schools. Dr. Goss has served as the Director of Student Services for the past seven years. During her time in that position, she

has been a core member of the central office administrative team and has demonstrated leadership practices centered on curriculum, assessment and intervention, student and

staff wellness, academic and positive behavior program development, family connection, and professional learning opportunities for staff. She has been a dedicated member of the Olmsted Falls school community since 2008. Superintendent Dr. Jim Lloyd said, "Shannon has been an integral part of everything we do in Olmsted Falls City Schools and we're excited. Along with being wicked smart, she's passionate and compassionate and will excel in this new role."

"I've been a part of this amazing school community for the last 17 years, and I consider it an absolute privilege and honor to serve as the next Assistant Superintendent. Olmsted Falls City Schools is a very special place and I look forward to supporting all of the dedicated staff within our whole-child-oriented learning organization," said Dr. Goss.

IVETTE DAVIS



has been named the Coordinator of Instructional Technology, a new administrative role for the district. Ivette previously served as the K-12 Technology Integration Specialist and has over a decade of experience in instructional technology, significantly impacting the integration of technology in education.

“I am extremely excited to continue my work with Olmsted Falls City Schools in my new role as Coordinator of Instructional Technology. I look forward to collaborating with our dedicated staff to bring even more innovative technology solutions that enhance our students’ learning experiences,” said Davis. Dr. Lloyd added, “Ivette has worked closely with our teachers over the years to help them integrate technology into their instruction in transformative ways. In this new role, she will assume more leadership which will allow us to level up our integration in a more formidable way.”

PAM MADAK



will become the Assistant Principal at Olmsted Falls High School. A former teacher at Olmsted Falls, Pam brings extensive experience and a deep commitment to student success to her new position.

“I am honored to be working in this capacity, which will allow me to connect with more students, staff, and families. I’m excited about being empowered within this role to make a larger impact for the good of Olmsted Falls High School and the community,” said Madak.

Superintendent Jim Lloyd added, “Pam has served as a leader on our District Leadership Team and demonstrated her leadership on the district-wide Positive Behavior Intervention Support team. She will make a great building-level administrator.”

STEPHANIE BRADLEY



will be replacing Shannon Goss as the Director of Student Services. Stephanie brings a wealth of experience in special education and student services, having served as the Director of Student Services & Preschool Director at Edison Local Schools.

“I am excited to join the Olmsted Falls City Schools community and look forward to working collaboratively with our dedicated staff to support our students’ diverse needs. Together, we will continue to build a supportive and inclusive environment that ensures every student can succeed,” said Bradley.

Superintendent Jim Lloyd added, “We are excited that Stephanie will be joining our core central office team. She brings with her experiences as a high school intervention specialist, along with leadership in career-tech. In a district like ours, it was important for us to add someone with her depth of experience as a director and we feel fortunate to have found Stephanie.”

Stephanie shared her enthusiasm about joining our community: “I have to say that after learning more about Olmsted Falls schools and then meeting the staff through the interview process, I could not be more excited to join this district. Your ‘different on purpose’ approach and the genuine passion for educating students directly aligns with my beliefs and values as an educator. Knowing that I will be stepping into a well-organized, highly effective district and department, I am looking forward to learning more about how I can best support and enhance the programming at Olmsted Falls.”

These appointments reflect the district’s ongoing commitment to excellence in education and its dedication to fostering a supportive and innovative learning environment for all students. Our new leaders are dedicated to upholding the Bulldog Way and promoting the OF “Triple A” Experience, which emphasizes Academics, Arts, and Athletics. This holistic approach ensures that every student receives a well-rounded education that prepares them for success in all areas of life.

Congratulations to all new administrators!

BULLDOG BULLETIN:

MORE EXCITING HAPPENINGS AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS ACROSS OUR DISTRICT!



Dr. Lloyd accepts the Debbie Tidwell Award from Ohio PTA President Angela Revay. Also pictured is Ohio PTA President-Elect Nicole Lesnick.

DR. JIM LLOYD RECEIVES 2024 OHIO PTA DEBBIE TIDWELL EVERYDAY ADVOCATE AWARD

This prestigious award is presented to individuals who embody the advocacy qualities of past Ohio PTA President Deb Tidwell, one of the PTA's greatest child advocate leaders.

Dr. Lloyd was honored to accept the award, and we are incredibly proud to have our superintendent recognized for his dedication to advocating for children in Olmsted Falls and throughout the state. Congratulations, Dr. Lloyd!

HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS TEAMS EXCEL AT KENT STATE COMPETITION

Congratulations to our nine outstanding business teams! These talented students swept the 2024 competitions, winning nearly \$14,000 in prize money and scholarships. Their remarkable achievements include taking first place at the Veale Innovation Challenge and securing all four top spots for STEP Ohio State awards at Kent State.

This incredible success is a testament to their hard work, creativity, and teamwork. Way to go, students! We are immensely proud of your accomplishments and look forward to seeing your continued success.



STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH E-RECYCLING DRIVE

The Science Honor Society and Environmental Science students at Olmsted Falls High School recently demonstrated their commitment to environmental stewardship by participating in Ms. Flanigan's E-Recycling Drive. These dedicated students volunteered their time to collect, sort, and count donated electronics as part of this important initiative.

In partnership with the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, the drive aimed to reduce electronic waste in our landfills and minimize the mining of metals in the Congo, thereby protecting the habitats of endangered species like the gorilla. Through their efforts, students have not only helped the environment but also raised awareness about the importance of responsible electronic disposal.

Great job, students, for making a positive impact on our planet!



CELEBRATING BILITERACY ACHIEVEMENTS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Olmsted Falls High School is proud to announce that 14 of our students have received the prestigious Global Seal of Biliteracy, with 13 of those seniors also earning the Ohio Seal of Biliteracy. These accolades honor students who have demonstrated high proficiency in English and at least one other language.

The Seals of Biliteracy are awarded based on state and nationally established guidelines. To qualify, students must first demonstrate proficiency in English by achieving a proficient level or higher on their ACT, SAT, or state-mandated language arts test. Additionally, they must meet the proficiency criteria in another language as set by the Ohio Department of Education and the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).

Our students have excelled, scoring well beyond the required proficiency levels, reflecting their commitment to academic excellence and their readiness to thrive in a multilingual world. Congratulations to all our recipients for this remarkable accomplishment!





Olmsted Falls City Schools is proud to announce that we have been **RECOGNIZED WITH THE 2024 BEST COMMUNITIES FOR MUSIC EDUCATION AWARD (BCME)** from the NAMM Foundation for the 18th consecutive year!

As a Triple-A school district, we deeply value the importance of music education and its many benefits for our students. This achievement reflects the dedication of our exceptional educators, talented students, supportive families, and community members who have all contributed to fostering a culture of musical excellence in our schools.

Congratulations to our remarkable students, outstanding staff, and everyone who helped make this possible! Keep reading to see an example of our phenomenal music education program at the middle school...

MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ BAND SHINES AT MUSIC IN THE PARKS COMPETITION

The Middle School Jazz Band delivered an outstanding performance at the Music in the Parks competition, earning First Place Overall Jazz Band and a Superior Rating! A special shoutout goes to Logan P., who was recognized as the best overall jazz soloist for his impressive guitar solo in "Enter Sandman."

Students, your hard work, talent, and dedication have truly paid off. We are incredibly proud of you, and are looking forward to more performances!



MIDDLE SCHOOL SYMPHONIC BANDS EARN TOP HONORS AT OMEA LARGE GROUP CONTEST

We are thrilled to announce that our Grade 7 & 8 Symphonic Bands both earned the highest rating of Superior at the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) Large Group Contest! They were two of only three bands at the entire event to achieve this prestigious rating.

Congratulations to our talented musicians.



Olmsted Falls Intermediate School science teachers **MR. MICHAEL MOORE AND MR. MICHAEL SCHAFER** RECENTLY TOOK 25 ENTHUSIASTIC FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS TO THE 2024 NASA TECH DAY AT NASA'S GLENN RESEARCH CENTER.

The students engaged in an exciting STEM challenge and had the opportunity to tour the facility's jet propulsion laboratory, gaining firsthand experience with cutting-edge technology and research.

This unforgettable experience sparked curiosity and inspired our young scientists to reach for the stars. Thank you to Mr. Moore, Mr. Schafer, and NASA for making this incredible day possible!



To count down the end of the school year, **MRS. HOY'S SECOND GRADERS PARTICIPATED IN A CEL-YOU-BRATION COUNTDOWN.** During the last month of school, a random student was selected each day to be celebrated by the class. On their Cel-YOU-bration day, students were rained on with confetti, their favorite candy, and had the option to pick their seat for the day. They also received a special letter from their grown up, a sticker from our sticker store, and a certificate. Students couldn't wait to get the countdown started! It was a fun way to highlight our awesome students, make them feel special in our classroom community, and get excited for the summer months to come.



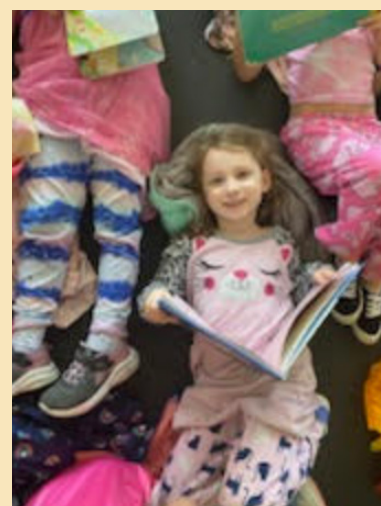


MRS. PATAY'S FIRST GRADERS ENJOYED A GLOWING TRANSFORMATION DAY, using black lights and neon materials to showcase their skills. They rotated through six skill stations, including a ring toss for place value, sorting neon puff balls for data interpretation, building shapes with glow sticks for geometry, practicing spelling with glow-in-the-dark string, and using neon dice and glowing dominoes for addition. The S.T.E.A.M. station, where students built tall structures with glow-in-the-dark rods and connectors, was a favorite. This exciting day marked a sweet end to the school year for Mrs. Patay and her students.

THE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) CLUB BRINGS SIGN LANGUAGE TO FALLS-LENOX this school year, teaching students the alphabet, holiday and animal signs, and how to sign "Hello, my name is..." The sessions were a hit, with both elementary and high school students thoroughly enjoying their time together. The collaboration fostered a fun and educational experience, bridging the gap between different age groups and promoting the importance of sign language.



Mrs. Heinrich's **KINDERGARTENERS CELEBRATED RIGHT TO READ WEEK** with a Bulldog theme. During Camp Bulldog Day, they enjoyed reading around a "campfire" in their pajamas. On Bulldog Wear Day, they showed their school spirit with Bulldog gear. The week was full of fun activities that fostered a love for reading and school pride.



FALLS-LENOX BULLDOG BUDDY PROGRAM

Falls-Lenox partners with The Renaissance Retirement Campus and other retired community members each year for our Bulldog Buddy program. Throughout the school year, students spend time with their buddies weekly, culminating in a celebration hosted at the Renaissance. This partnership is mutually beneficial, enriching the lives of both students and adults. We are excited to continue this heartwarming tradition next year!

CELEBRATING OLYMPIC CHAMPION AND OLMSTED FALLS ALUMNA KATIE MOON

June 8 was the perfect day to welcome back Olmsted Falls alumna Katie Moon '09 for the Katie Moon Pole Vault Classic! Katie, the reigning Olympic champion and gold medal winner for women's pole vault, holds a special place in the hearts of the Olmsted community. We were thrilled to work with her to host this competition. Katie and ten other pole vaulters were all vying for the chance to call themselves the winner of the competition, and to qualify to compete in the upcoming Olympic trials.

Katie will always be the "hometown heroine," and now she will be permanently recognized in our stadium. Prior to the competition, Dr. Jim Lloyd dedicated the pole vault runway and pit to Katie Moon, and her husband and family were on hand to help unveil her signature on the field. Katie not only won the competition with a jump of 4.73 meters, but she won the hearts of the fans from Olmsted Falls and beyond who came to see her compete. We'll be watching her this summer as she defends her title at the Olympic Games in Paris, France! Go Katie!



Photos by Julie Herzog



CELEBRATING THE OLMSTED FALLS CLASS OF 2024

Congratulations to the 273 members of the Olmsted Falls Class of 2024! This year's commencement ceremony took place on May 30 at Vitamix Field, Charles A. Harding Memorial Stadium, in front of packed stands filled with family, friends, and members of our school community.

Speakers included Phillip Eckenrode, President of the Olmsted Falls Board of Education; Dr. Jim Lloyd, Superintendent of Olmsted Falls City Schools; Leo Spagnola, Principal of Olmsted Falls High School; Taylor Murphy, President of the Class of 2024; and Clarie Culler, Phi Beta Kappa, Class of 2024.

Our Bulldog band helped celebrate our graduates with outstanding performances throughout the event, adding a festive and memorable touch to the ceremony.

Members of the Class of 2024 were awarded a total of 321 scholarships, amounting to a record-breaking \$176,000 through the Olmsted Falls Local Scholarship Program. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the generous sponsors and community partners for investing in the future of our Bulldogs.

Congratulations once again to the Class of 2024! Your hard work, dedication, and achievements have made us all proud. Best wishes for your future endeavors!



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HONORING OUR OLMSTED FALLS RETIREES



On behalf of the district, we'd like to give a heartfelt thank you to our retirees this year as we wish them a very happy retirement! Their hard work and dedication have made a lasting impact on our Bulldog community, and they will be profoundly missed.

Thank you, retirees, for your unwavering service, and we wish you all the best in what's to come. Congratulations on this milestone!