



The Blue Devil Newsletter



From the Desk of Superintendent Joseph Siefke

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome Back! We are incredibly excited to begin another exciting year in the Lisbon School District. This promises to be a year filled with golden opportunities for all of our students as we strive to find ways that we can be even better than we have before! We embark on this journey with a pledge to you, our students and parents, that this will be a year of engaging, meaningful and rigorous work in our classrooms, combined with special events and extracurricular clubs and activities, performing arts groups, and athletic teams certain to encourage our Blue Devils to be involved and stay connected!



During the 2024-2025 school year, we will continue to build upon and refine our proven foundation of good work, honored traditions, and continued *excellence in education*. Our vision remains...

Embrace Opportunities . . . Unlock Potential . . . Inspire Excellence!

Our staff of highly qualified professional educators and support personnel is committed to providing our students many opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. We invite and encourage students and parents to work in partnership with us to seize opportunities as we progress through the school year. We look forward to a very positive and productive year together! We extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families to join us at school activities and events whenever possible. We want . . . we need . . . and we value your involvement and support in your child's education! Please know that we highly value home/school communication. It is vital and plays an integral role in each student's success. We encourage you to contact us if/when the need arises, and to *stay in the know* about

your child's studies, assignments, assessments, and school activities, as well as other events and happenings. In closing, we welcome you to our wonderful learning community . . . a place alive with much *energy* . . . *enthusiasm* . . . and a *high standard of excellence*! It is, indeed, a place where opportunities abound! Here's to an AWESOME new school year as we work together to make our school a great place to work and learn each day!

Sincerely,

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Newsletter on Website

News from McKinley Elementary

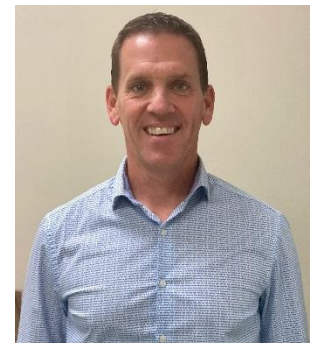


Principal Mr. Daniel Kemats

We are extremely excited once again to begin this new school year, and we are looking forward to all of the great things it will bring. We look forward to adding some new and exciting events and offerings at McKinley this year, and we're excited to share them with you as we go throughout the year.

For once in a long, long time, McKinley has no new faces to the teaching staff. All of our staff that ended last school year with us return this fall. We appreciate having a veteran staff and the work they do with your students each and every day. Feel free to reach out to them at any time should you need anything.

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August brought our annual Open House as we showcased the building and the teachers for the new year. One of the things always available at this event is school supplies. If your child is in need of any school supplies at any time, to include backpacks, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Kemats in the guidance office. We also usually have some contacts to help provide shoes or coats if needed, so please reach out to us.



We also held our annual Grandparents Breakfasts in September. Grandparents Day is celebrated each September, and we hold a breakfast for each grade level to give grandparents an opportunity to spend some time with their grandchildren, and see where they spend their day. This is always a great event and well attended, and we are fortunate to continue it.

Academically, students jumped right into their studies and diagnostic testing. Meeting your students' academic needs is our top priority. Communicate with your students' teachers often so we can best meet their learning needs. Students in 3rd grade will take the Fall Third Grade Reading Guarantee Assessment in mid-October. **Progress Reports** for the first nine weeks came home on September 20th, and **Parent/Teacher Conferences** were held on the evening of September 26th, followed by No School for students on Friday, Sept. 27th.

Please take a look at the front cover of your student's planner for the new school year. Our staff has spent a lot of time and effort identifying all of the areas in which we would love them to become "**McKinley Scholars**," not just academics. We will incorporate all of these areas in classroom lessons and teachable moments over the course of the school year, and also recognize these positive attributes in students through our PBIS system.

The McKinley PTO will be holding monthly meetings this year each month at 3:30 in the building. Join us to take part in all of the wonderful ways the PTO helps McKinley students. As they are planning events for the year and plan to hold their annual fall fundraiser. We are already planning for our Fall Parade and Festival, as well as other events for our students in the coming months.

We will continue to hold our **Music and Art Programs** for each grade level this school year, beginning with 2nd Grade on Tuesday, Oct. 29th, and 5th Grade on Thursday, Nov. 7th. The other grade levels will be after the first of the year.

Please use the McKinley PTO Facebook page, as well as Remind and notices home from the teachers, for the most current and up-to-date information about McKinley. We have a **Family Fun Night for grades 3-4-5** scheduled for the evening of Thursday, Oct. 24th, and our **PTO Fall Festival** will be on the afternoon of Friday, Oct. 25th. We will also be scheduling a variety of after school opportunities in Reading, Math, Art and STEM in which students can participate. We also plan to hold a **Haunted Hallway** on Oct. 28th, our annual **Veteran's Day Breakfast** on November 11th.

We are looking forward to a great school year. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher at any time with any questions or concerns, and know that my door is always open as well. Go Blue Devils!

News from David Anderson Jr. Sr. High School



Principal Keith Edenfield

The school year has begun and we look forward to the things that a new school year has to offer! We are looking forward to another exciting school year in which our students can excel through their academic, co-curricular, and extra-curricular programs. As always, we have lots of events taking place throughout the year and we encourage you and your students to attend and participate in them.



In an effort to ensure all students are college and career ready upon graduation, all Sophomores participated in the Mahoning Valley Skilled Trades Expo at the Canfield Fairgrounds on September 18th. Also, all 8th grade students will tour the Columbiana County Career and Technical Center on October 2nd.

The Seniors participating in fall sports, cheerleading, and marching band traveled to McKinley Elementary on September 13th to read to and eat lunch with the McKinley students. The David Anderson High School Athletic Hall of Fame inducted 6 individuals as new members into our Athletic Hall of Fame on September 14th. The Homecoming football game is on October 11th versus Leetonia with the Homecoming dance to be held on October 12th from 7-10 pm at DAHS.

The first nine weeks will end on October 18th with report cards going out October 25th. The next parent-teacher conference date is scheduled for February 13th. However, conferences can be held with your child's teacher at any time during the school year. Please do not hesitate to contact your son's or daughter's teacher to arrange for a conference prior to the next conference night.

National Honor Society

The DAHS Chapter of the National Honor Society has nine senior members this year. The seniors have started their year-long service project of mentoring at McKinley Elementary in first and second grade classrooms. The seniors assist in the classroom and are role models for the students. A few members were also able to help the Lisbon Lions' Club prepare apple dumplings ahead of the Johnny Appleseed Festival this month. The senior members

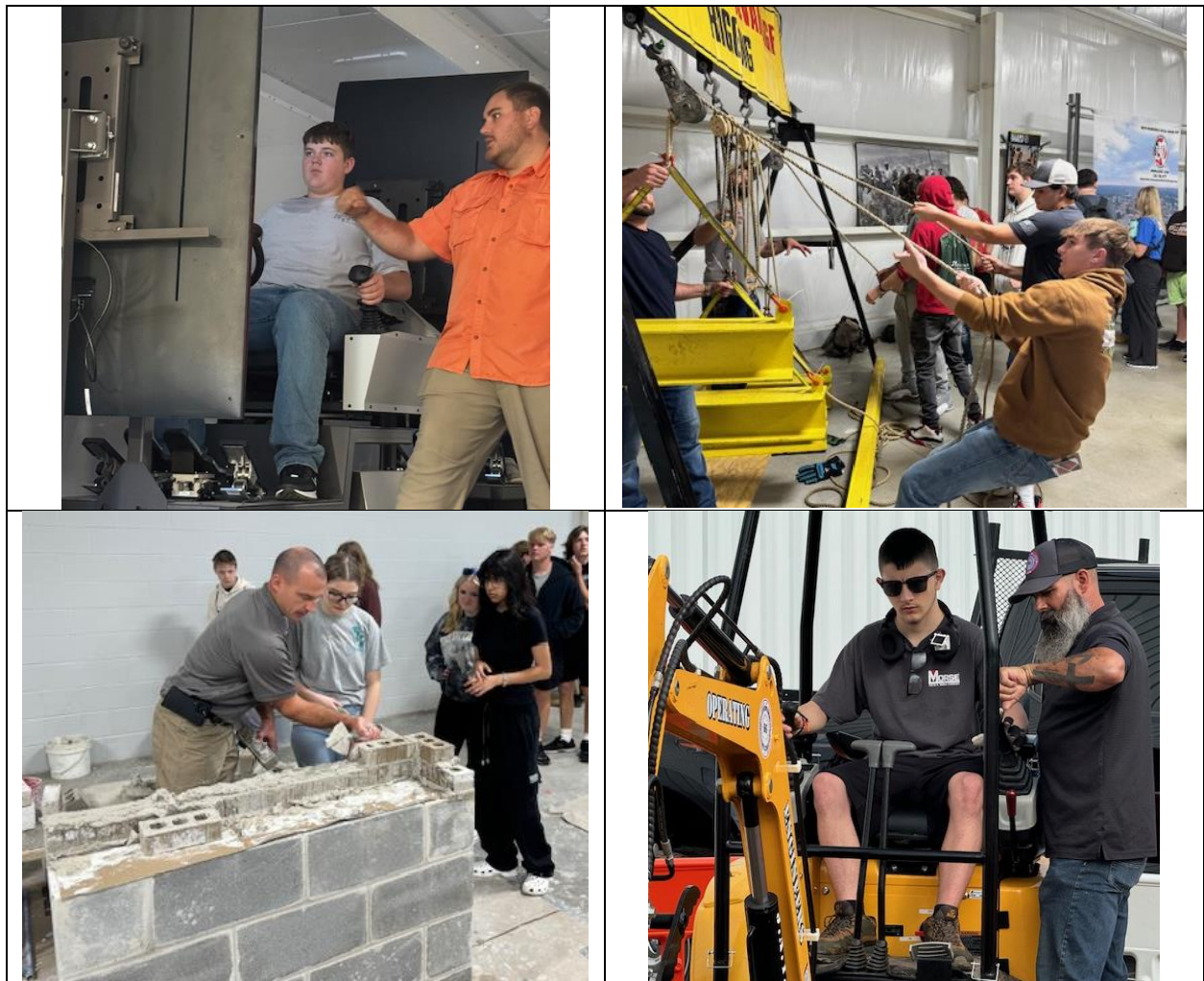
are looking forward to more service projects, the induction of new members in the spring, as well as the Honors Banquet in April. The Honors Banquet is held at the CCCTC and recognizes high school students that have achieved academic excellence.

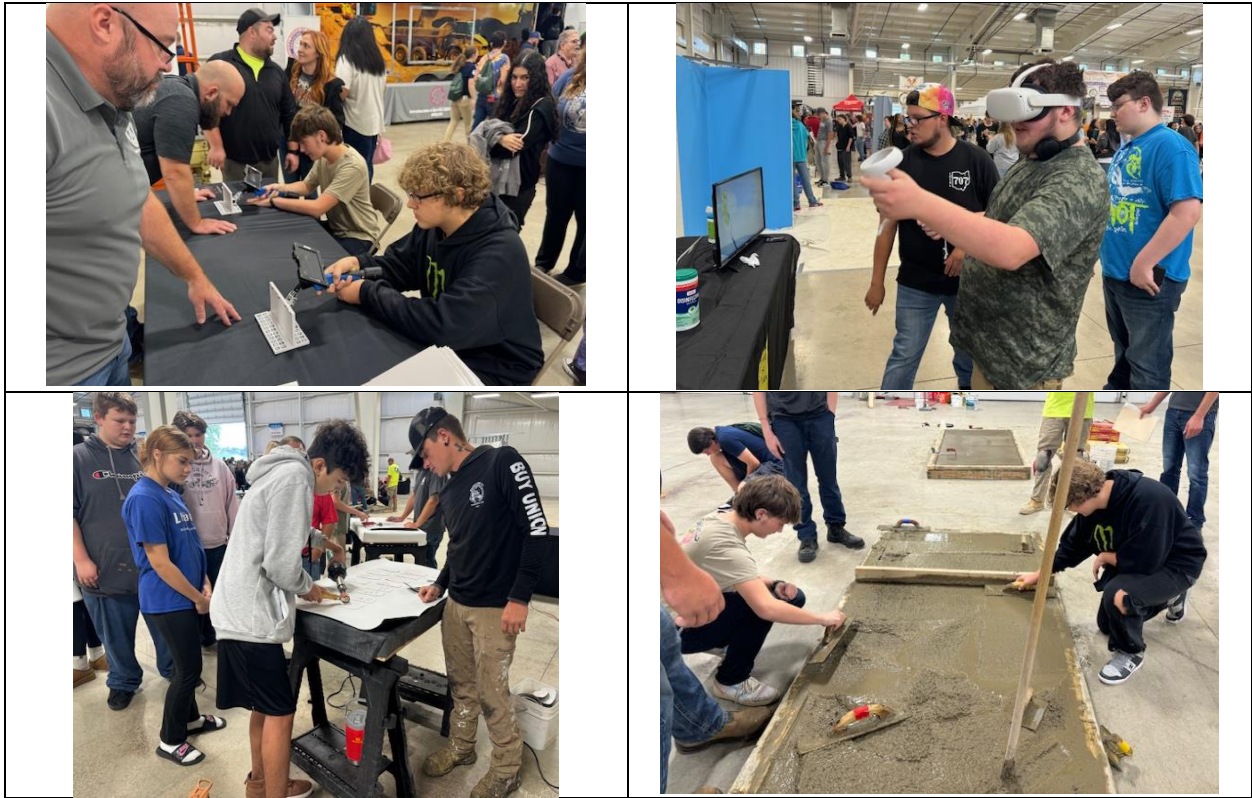
This year's senior members are:

Marshall Hall, President
Luke Kraft, Vice President
Michaela Farson, Secretary
Alissa Greathouse, Treasurer
Abigail Beil
Isabella Cornwell
Kaitlyn Gushert
Marah Householder
Gretchen Miller

Skilled Trade Show

Pictures below are of the Skilled Trades Show at the Canfield Fairgrounds. The sophomore class attended the trade show on September 18th. The pictures provide demonstrations of some of the different type of trades that students could try first hand.





DAHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes

DAHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Lisbon Ministerial Association partnered for the National See You at the Pole Event on Wednesday, September 25th. Students, Staff and Community members met around the flag pole to pray for God's leading, for safety and protection, strength and health and having a positive environment for learning to take place here at Lisbon Schools. This event takes place yearly and we have participated for the last nine years. Thank you to all who continue to make this happen!

