

Dear Canfield Families,

As we kick off the new year, we're reminded of the incredible spirit of our students, parents, teachers, staff, and community. Each accomplishment and milestone highlights how truly *Stronger Together* we are as a district. Working together creates a nurturing, dynamic school community where every student can thrive.

Celebrating Excellence:

- Congratulations to our talented elementary students who performed as **Little Rascals** in the **Miracle on Easy Street** production at DeYor from December 13 to 15! **Ellie Palm**, **Aubreanna Johnson**, **Everlee Johnson**, **Emarsyn Johnson**, and **Macy Padurean** represented Hilltop, while **Ella Vernal**, **Liliana Narducci**, **Sadie Hunt**, and **Adrianna Osso** represented CHC. Fantastic job, everyone!

- Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Winter Billboard Contest**, organized by the **Mahoning County Soil & Water Conservation District**. Out of six winning designs, Canfield students claimed four spots!

  Kindergarten: **Everlee Adams**
  1st Grade: **Siena Caldwell**
  2nd Grade: **Hadlee Adams**
  4th Grade: **Reyansh Adukia**

- Softball head coach **Mike Kernan** was elected into the **Ohio Fastpitch Hall of Fame**. Coach Kernan has a remarkable record of 424-155, including leading the **Cardinals to a Division II State Championship in 2024**. During his time at Canfield, his record stands at 51-6-2, and has an overall coaching record of 373-149. Over his career, he has won 19 sectional championships and 10 district crowns, was state runner-up in 2009, and has achieved 20 winning seasons out of 21. These accomplishments underscore Coach Kernan's incredible dedication to the sport and his lasting impact on his players through his unwavering commitment and positive influence. The induction ceremony will take place on January 17, 2025, in Columbus.

- Our congratulations also go to softball players **Marina Koenig** and **Sydney Lutz**, who are **continuing their athletic and academic careers** at **Tiffin University** and **Slippery Rock University**, respectively. Both were key contributors to our 2024 State Championship team, and their impressive stats reflect their talent and dedication.

  Koenig, a four-year starter, is heading to **Tiffin University**. She scored 32 runs, tallied 10 stolen bases, batted .333, and recorded seven doubles, three triples, three home runs, and 18 runs batted in.

  Lutz, who will attend **Slippery Rock**, batted .373, scored 27 runs, and contributed five doubles and 19 runs batted in.

  We wish both athletes continued success in their future endeavors!

- **Congratulations to our boys and girls Swim and Dive Teams** for finishing in second place at the AAC Meet on Saturday. A special congratulations to **Fallon Amedia** for breaking a 27-year-old record for 11 dives at the AAC meet and to **Hayden Price** who won Swimmer of the Meet and set an AAC record in the 100 Backstroke. Go Cards!!

- **Congratulations** to our **CHS Speech and Debate Team** for being team tournament champions once again this past weekend at Cardinal Mooney. Tournament Champions include first-place finishers **Inaya Khan**, **Emelina Pappalardo**, **Alexandra Pappalardo**, **Arnav Bhide**, **Tarik Mashqbeh**, and **Abi Hallos**.

- **Congratulations** to our **Canfield Rotary Students of the Month** for **December:**

  12th Grade – **Lauren Smallwood**
  8th Grade – **Seva Knepper**
  CHC 4th Grade – **Macsen Sahli**
  Hilltop 4th Grade – **Addison Campbell**

- **Congratulations** to our CVMS **spelling bee winner**, **Daniela Pappalardo**! Daniela won by spelling the word egotistical!! Well done!

- The following students have been chosen as the **CVMS Classy Cards** winners for the second quarter:

  5th Grade – **Gavin Haus**
  6th Grade – **Aurora Bunevich**
  7th Grade – **Tyler Frost**
  8th Grade – **Sarah Carsonie**

Community Engagement:

- January is **School Board Recognition Month**, and we are proud to honor our **School Board of Education members** for their dedicated service. These individuals play a crucial role in shaping our students' future and our district's success. Their leadership, vision, and commitment ensure that our schools provide the best possible education. We thank them for their selfless commitment and unwavering dedication to supporting our students, staff, and community.
    - **Mr. Nader Atway** - President
    - **Mrs. Traci DeCapua** - Vice President
    - **Mr. Matt Campbell** - Board Member
    - **Dr. Betsy Ahlquist** - Board Member
    - **Mr. Steven DeMaiolo** - Board Member

- On January 10th, we hosted a special **Military Appreciation Night** during the basketball game against Howland to honor current and former military personnel. This meaningful event included free admission for all who have served in the armed forces and a heartfelt presentation following the JV game to recognize their service and sacrifice. The evening was a powerful reminder of the gratitude we owe to those who have served and continue to serve our country. Canfield is grateful!

- I would like to thank our **C.H. Campbell parents, students, and staff** for your cooperation today as we dealt with the water issue in the building. Our teachers, custodial and transportation staff are to be applauded for their special efforts to help us make it through the day. It was another great example of Stronger Together!!

Important Dates to Remember:

- **Jan. 20, 2025:** There will be no school on Monday, January 20, 2025, as we honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Thank you for your continued support and for celebrating the many accomplishments that make Canfield such a special place. Together, we are building a brighter future for all of our students.

Mr. Knoll, Superintendent
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