

Dear Canfield Families,

As we move through the final stretch of the school year, it's a great time to reflect on the many reasons we have to be proud. Our students continue to shine in academics, the arts, and athletics, repeatedly proving that we are *Stronger Together*. Their accomplishments are made possible by the support of dedicated staff, involved families, and a community that believes in excellence.

Celebrating Excellence:

- The week of May 5th - 9th has been named **Staff Appreciation Week** across the district. I want to take a moment to recognize the incredible dedication, talent, and heart of the Canfield Local Schools staff. Each day, our teachers, aides, counselors, custodians, administrative staff, bus drivers, food service workers, and support personnel go above and beyond to create a safe and supportive learning environment for our Cardinals. Their commitment to excellence and care for every child is the foundation of our success as a district. I am extremely proud of our team we have here in Canfield—people who not only educate but also uplift, encourage, and nurture the minds and hearts of our students. This week, I ask you to join me in showing gratitude to the staff members who make a difference in your child's life. A kind word, email, text, phone call or even a handwritten note with a simple thank you can mean so much.

  THEREFORE, Friday, May 9th has been proclaimed to wear Red and Black to school in honor of Staff Appreciation Week.

- **Congratulations** to **Mrs. Mullins** and the CHS choral ensembles who participated at the OMEA State Adjudicated Event. **One Octave Higher** received an Excellent Rating and **Chamber Ensemble** received a Superior rating.

- **Congratulations** to **Mr. Bonamase** and the CHS Band who participated in the OMEA State Competition. Both the **Concert Band** and the **Symphonic Band** received Superior ratings this past Friday.

- **Preston Tolnar**, a 5th grader at Canfield Village Middle School, recently won the ***NB3 Junior Master Tournament*** in Augusta, Georgia. With rounds of 71 (-1) and 69 (-3), Preston secured the Junior Green Jacket by nine shots and set a **new scoring record**

for the Boys 10–11 division at 140 (-4)! Congratulations, Preston!

- A fourth-grade student at C.H. Campbell and member of the Youngstown Gymnastics Center competitive team, **Ellie Cerni**, earned **2nd place in the state on balance beam at the 2025 State Championship meet** in Columbus. Way to go, Ellie!

- Congratulations to **Sophia Nelson, Abigail Hallos, and Jessica Robbins**, who were named *All-Americans* by the **National Speech and Debate Association**—an honor achieved by fewer than 1% of students nationwide. Great work, girls!

- **Breanna Hemming's** drawing, *Nick,* was selected for the **2025 Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition Cameo Show**. She also earned top honors at both the **Regional Scholastics level** and the **ESC of Eastern Ohio Student Art Show**. Her drawing, *Look Toward the Music Box,* received a **Regional Scholastics Gold Key and American Visions nomination**—qualifying it for National judging—and won first place at the ESC show. Her portfolio, *Deliberate Optimism,* also earned a **Gold Key** and advanced to National judging. In addition, her painting, *Don't Let it Go,* received **first place and Best of Show runner-up at the 2025 ESC show**. So impressive!

- **Addison Allen's** drawing *Grace* earned a **Regional Scholastics Gold Key Award**—qualifying for National judging—and received **Honorable Mention at the 2025 ESC of Eastern Ohio Student Art Show**. Her piece, *A Meeting With the Wizard,* was recognized with a **Regional Scholastic Silver Key Award**.

- Additional student award winners at the ***ESC of Eastern Ohio Student Art Show*** include:

    - **Catherine Simko** – Silver Key for 'Steampunk Still Life'
    - **Grant Seachrist** – 1st place & Best of Show for 'The H'
    - **Fallon Amedia** – 1st place for 'Portrait of a Colorblind Girl'
    - **Anna Burnett** – 1st place & Best of Show runner-up for 'The American Dream'
    - **Lily Weaver** – 2nd place for 'Jack Weaver'
    - **Ashton Hanousek** – 3rd place for 'My Aunt and I'
    - **Selina Dong** – Honorable mention for 'Untitled'
    - **Inaya Khan** – Honorable mention for 'Raania After Homecoming'

- Recently, students in both middle and high school attended the ***YSU English Festival*** and brought home numerous awards:

    Middle School Winners:

    Not-So-Trivial Pursuit:
    - 1st place: **Sophia Dillon** & **Jake Smith**
    - 3rd place: **Allie Gurule** & **Connor Nock**

Connections:
- 2nd place: **Addysen Fairbanks**
- 3rd place: **Eli Baskett** & **Avnish Pai Dhungat**

Writing Games:
- 3rd place: **Ben Lu**
- Honorable Mention: **Sophia Reed**, **Aalyah Heeren**, **Daniela Pappalardo**

Impromptu Writing:
- 10th place: **Anthony DeLucia**
- Honorable Mention: **Moses Mashqbeh**, **Aleah West**

Jeremy Salvner Music Award:
- 4th place: **Daniela Pappalardo**

High School Winners:

- *Connections*: 1st place – **Hannah Hicklin**
- *Impromptu Writing*: Honorable Mention – **Evan Linko**
- *Writing Games*: 4th place – **Evangeline Nelson** | Honorable Mention – **Logan Messenger**
- *Jeremy Salvner Memorial Music*: 1st place – **Emilina Pappalardo** | 2nd – **Alexandra Pappalardo**
- *Not-So-Trivial Pursuit*: 1st place – **Areeb Rabbani** & **Logan Messenger**
- *Journalism*: 1st place – **Elise Campbell**

Special shoutout to **Emelina** and **Alexandra Pappalardo**, who served as *guest presenters* for "From Story to Song" in Bliss Recital Hall.

- We proudly inducted **49 students** into the ***National Honor Society***. These scholars have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Congratulations to all new members—your hard work and commitment to excellence are appreciated.

<u>National Honor Society Inductees:</u>

Parker Ahlquist
Shanze Bajwa
Charlotte Bixel
Chloe Blott
Anna Burnett
Grace Carrier
Kayleigh Carney
Brady Casey
Sofia Castronova
Olivia Cruz
Remy Daloise

Catherine Dieringer
Lydia DiRenzo
Sarah Doss
Samantha Economous
Maddie Facemyer
Emma Geisler
Lillian Gerst
Abigail Hallos
Jenna Havrilla
Esther Igwe
Sophia Kadilak
Inaya Khan
Elise Kovach
Chloe Leskovac
Brennon Mitchell
Madalaine Modarelli
Pintea Hadley Moser
Yasmeen Mufleh
Jillian Palusak
Michael Pantelakis
Brooke Pluchinsky
Jessica Robbins
Bryce Roberts
Lea Roman
Brooklyn Roth
Lia Sahli
Natalie Sawicki
Luke Scolieri
Kathryn Semer
Andrew Snyder
Kayla Stille
Arden Taylor
Ava Timko
Alexis Toporcer
Halle Toporcer
Lindsay Volenik
Nicholas Weber
Olivia Weber

- **Cheerleading Tryouts** took place before spring break. Congratulations to all students who made the Freshman, Junior Varsity, and Varsity squads for the 2025–26 school year!

  <u>Freshman</u>
  Kynsley Schiele
  Bella Brunk
  Zaria Woolley
  Kayden Meshula
  Sarah Carsonie

Gianna Oliver
Leila Rafeedie
Ava Votaw

<u>JV</u>
Giuliana Sebastiani
Beatrice Kovass
Kenzie Mike
Ava Semenovich
Natalie Mastrangelo
Nyah Navarro
Juilianna Brubaker
Arianna Reyes
Angelina Folsom
Miranda Benton

<u>Varsity</u>
Grace Conroy
Lea Roman
Mia Dingman
Kayla Stille
Claire Hrina
Ava Gaffney
Nina Havrilla
Parker Meyers
Ava Fabian
Ella Harrington
Brooklyn Roth
Madison Dinger
Gemma White
Mia DeBrosse
Kelsey Looney

- On April 29, three Canfield Seniors signed commitment letters to further their **athletic careers in college.**
    - **Karley Gerst** is heading to Otterbein, where she will play lacrosse and study nursing. She's a two-time captain and four-year letter winner, scored 114 goals, and had 33 assists.
    - **Seth Walker** is headed to Westminster College for baseball and will pursue physical therapy. He's batting .333 for the Cards!

- **Ethan Rittenour** will play football at Baldwin Wallace University and major in Sports Management. He was a two-year starter for the Cardinals and handled kickoff and PAT duties. He was 13/15 on PATs and 3/6 on field goals.

  These student-athletes exemplify the Cardinal way—dedication on the field and in the classroom.

- **Congratulations** to **Cole Beers** who will be representing CHS as a delegate to Buckeye Boys State this summer.

- **Congratulations** to **Sabrina and Eli Baskett** who were recently recognized by The Ohio Federation of Music Clubs for their dedication to piano performance.

Community Engagement:

- The district recently celebrated the unveiling of a new sign on the Varsity Baseball Field's scoreboard, honoring **Phil Bova—a former Board of Education member, teacher, coach, mentor, and the proud architect of the Canfield Baseball program.** His legacy continues to inspire generations of Cardinals on and off the field.

Important Dates to Remember:

- **May 7: Junior/Senior Class Meeting,** CHS Media Center 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- **May 7: CVMS Grades 6 & 8 Band Spring Concert,** CHS Auditorium**,** 7:00 p.m
- **May 8: CHS Symphonic & Concert Bands Spring Concert,** CHS Auditorium**,** 7:00 p.m.
- **May 9, 10, 11: CVMS 7th & 8th Grade Play: Beetlejuice Jr.,** CVMS Front gym**,** Friday and Saturday: 7:00 p.m., Sunday: 3:00 p.m.
- **May 12: 5th/6th Grade Spring Choir Concert,** CHS Auditorium**,** 7:00 p.m.
- **May 13: 7th/8th Grade Spring Choir Concert,** CHS Auditorium**,** 7:00 p.m.
- **May 14: State of the Schools Address,** CHS Auditorium, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- **May 14 & 15: CHS Art Show,** CHS Gym, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- **May 15: CHS Choir Concert,** CHS Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- **May 16: CHS Senior Awards,** CHS Auditorium

Follow us on **Facebook, Instagram, Twitter (X), YouTube, and TikTok** as **@CanfieldLocalSD** to stay updated on all our achievements and events.

We continue to be proud of the many impressive accomplishments of our students, made possible by the dedication of our incredible staff and supportive community. Together, we embody what it means to be ***Stronger Together***. Thank you for your continued support of our schools!

Mr. Knoll, Superintendent
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