

CAREER FAIR

first career fair in five years

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The career fair is something the high school has done over the years to help students decide what they want to be or do in the future. Because a previous English teacher stopped hosting the event, the career fair hasn't happened in about five years. However, the BridgEd team revived the fair on Tuesday, Oct. 28.

Transition Coordinator and BridgEd member Tiffany Lewis was one of the head planners for the career fair.

"The career fair is designed for students to experience hands-on career awareness and career exploration learning opportunities," Lewis said.

There were multiple stands and tables with different companies who took the time out of their day to interact with the students at the high school and show them all about the career they chose for themselves, hoping to inspire or persuade students.

Junior Lindsey Phillips attended the career fair and took notes on different careers and companies. She was among the many students who were scheduled to go during their

class period.

"Though my teacher forced us to be there, I actually had a good time. We had to take notes on different companies to see what interested us, and there were quite a lot of diverse opportunities," Phillips said.

This year's career fair hosted more than 30 companies with different jobs incorporated in each. Teachers stood around and helped to direct the flow of students coming in from classes and lunch to the different booths.

"Students made connections with local businesses to learn about careers available within each company and also learned about different work-based learning opportunities that they offer (internships, apprenticeships, job shadow experiences, etc)," Lewis said.

Though there weren't careers there for everyone's cup of tea, the BridgEd team members tried to make the fair diverse to give students different options.

"I'd like to be a nurse, and although there weren't any exact career matches at this fair, I still learned a lot from the tables that were healthcare driven like Westbrook Assisted Living Center and the Ohio State Wexner Surgical Pathology table," Phillips said.

Multiple students in lunch came to see what the rave was all about and stayed for almost the whole lunch period. Because there hadn't been a career fair in a long time, most of the students didn't know if they had to bring stuff or sign up.

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not obligated to come. No sign-up was needed from students. All students in the ninth-12th grade were welcome to attend," Lewis said.

No resumes were needed for students to bring but writing pre-written questions seemed to help students a lot with dialing in on a smaller group of careers instead of just the bigger picture.

"After the fair and speaking with the healthcare tables, it definitely made me want to take a deeper look into shadowing (nurse) opportunities because they really emphasized the importance of real world experience before choosing a career. Also, the fair broadened my mindset when choosing a career path because there were so many I heard about that I didn't even know existed," Phillips said.

Whether they were there because they were bored with lunch or because they had to go there for a class, the career fair had a huge impact on students.

Sophomores Frits C and Sam R learn about the Columbus Police Cadet Club (left)

Orange Principal Ellie Ellis at the Delaware Area Career Center, with Pioneer Senior Sofia R behind the DACC table (right)



FALL SPORT RECAP

the first sports season comes to a close

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The Pioneers athletes have been busy since June preparing for the fall season and tournament. Let's look back on how these sports teams have performed this fall.

"This season really flew by. I am really proud of my team, and we're going to go really far this season," junior Jake Luling said. This fall the football team had a 10-0 winning streak and was ranked in the state ending regular season, according to Maxpreps.

"Our team could have done better, but I'm still so proud, and I'm really happy that we got past the first

round of the tournament," junior Emma Boecheneck said. The field hockey team got past the first round of playoffs, losing in the second round, ending the season with a 11-8-1 record.

"I didn't expect our season to go this long. Our game against Kilbourne was scary, as we got three goals to tie the game in the last 10 minutes, but I'm excited we get to go further into the tournament," junior Noah Hines said. These boys are still going strong in the tournament after beating Berlin and are ranked 13th according to Maxpreps.

"I really love this team, and I'm so sad our season ended so soon," sophomore Sylvia Ames said. This girls soccer team sadly ended its

season early, with a record of 5-8-4.

"I'm really sad my senior season is coming to an end, but I'm beyond grateful for these past four years with Walters and my team," senior Brooke Chapman said. Like always our boys and girls cross country team have dominated every course, with Chapman and the entire boys team qualifying for states.

Girls golf ended its season with a low team score of 322 and the boys having one of 306. The girls volleyball team ended the regular season with a record of 20-2 and advanced to the state final four. Girls tennis ending the season with a 4-9 record.

WINTER SPORT PREVIEW

a look into the winter sports

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With the fall sports seasons coming to an end, winter sports seasons are starting quickly with most practices beginning soon.

Starting off with boys basketball: the defending Ohio DI state champions. However, the team may have a few holes to patch, but overall are looking at another great season. A game to look out for this winter is The Challenge at Liberty on Jan. 16.

Next up with girls basketball, which after a rough season last year, is hoping to bounce back after their hiring of new head coach, Karmen Graham. "One setback this season is that our team consists mostly of underclassmen," sophomore shooting guard Anna Camphausen said.

After a 12-14-2 record last year, ice hockey is looking to come back and get over a .500 win rate. Ice hockey also recently hired a new head coach, former assistant coach for the Pioneers, Dylan Gray.

The boys swim team is led by senior, Caiden Dunn, and the girls by senior, Mia Boccio. The swim team is looking to send even more competitors to states this season. A meet to look out for is the Ned Reeb invitational, at McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion, on Dec. 6.

Coming off of team state championship wins, both last season and 2024, girls wrestling is looking at another great season and confident in a repeat of the last two years. "One positive thing I hope for this season is no injuries and that everyone stays healthy. We've had some people moving from JV to varsity, and new freshmen coming in," sophomore wrestler Sarah Amonette said.

Boys wrestling is also hoping to earn a winning meet record, and for all wrestlers to do well. Also with more wrestlers and incoming freshmen, they are looking at another well sized team.

After a few district placements last year, bowling is looking at a small 19 person roster this winter, with the boys having twelve and girls with seven bowlers. This year, bowling is looking for more students to join, with anyone being able to join, all season.



Junior Garrett Young, handling the puck during a preseason game against Westerville.

THE MARCHING PIONEERS marching band has a busy fall season

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The Marching Pioneers hit the ground running this school year with a busy Friday night schedule, a Nashville trip and their annual Friday Night Lights performance.

The Pioneer football team had a strong regular season going 10-0 and next to them in the bleachers, the band was cheering every play. It played songs every Friday night to keep the energy high throughout the whole stadium whether it was away or home at Pioneer field.

“My favorite part of performing at football games is showing the crowd the show we have been working hard to perform. All of our hard work paid off in exchange for their smiles and cheers,” senior band member Oluwatosin Otarus said.

Following the senior night game, the Pioneers traveled to Nashville, Tennessee from Oct. 17-20 to explore and perform in Music City.

“We performed at the Country Music Hall of Fame and on the West Bank overlooking Titans Stadium,” Band Director Joshua Boyer said.

In addition to their two performances, the band took time to experience all of the activities Nashville had to offer.

“We attended The Grand Ole Opry, visited Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage Plantation, took in the Musicians Hall of Fame and enjoyed a night of music and fun on the General Jackson Showboat River Cruise around downtown Nashville,” Boyer said.

Throughout the trip, the band was given many opportunities to learn as well as time to bond and to become closer as a group.

“The trip gave students a few new performance venues as well as new educational experiences for them in

the culturally and musically rich city of Nashville. However, the best part of all trips is seeing the memories being made by the students throughout the trip,” Boyer said.

In the past, the band has traveled to places such as Hollywood or Ireland. This trip added to their reputation as a “traveling band.”

“The Marching Band is going to rotate large trips, like Ireland, with smaller trips every other year. When looking at interesting locations within a relatively short distance, Nashville was an excellent option for our band to travel and experience the history, culture and music scene of Music City,” Boyer said.

Once the band returned, they began preparing for their annual Friday Night Lights (FNL) performance. This gives the band the opportunity to perform on their own for friends and family at the end of the season.

“FNL is our traditional end-of-the-year concert series where the Marching Pioneers present their entire season’s worth of musical repertoire,” Boyer said.

Each year the band’s theme impacts the visuals in the performance. This



The orange band on their Nashville trip.



Celine Kabbara performing in the band.

season the theme is “Cowboy Conga”.

“The theme combines two of our major shows from this year (our Country show and our Miami Sound Machine/Latin show),” Boyer said.

With an impressive performance such as FNL, band members have to handle the pressure and live up to the expectation the audience has.

“My favorite part of FNL is the initial nerves we have together and how understanding we are. We are always there for each other and provide encouragement when we need it. It is so cool to see everyone in performance mode,” Otarus said.

Throughout those bonding moments the senior band members have their built connections have led to their own traditions for each performance.

“I’m most looking forward to senior hugs. During FNL the seniors choose four underclassmen to hug on stage for each night of the show,” Otarus said.

This year’s FNL performances take place on Nov. 21-23 at the high school. Don’t miss the chance to see all of the hard work the band has put into this year’s production.

NEW GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH karmen graham joins the program

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New Head Girls Basketball Coach Karmen Graham is ready to lead the team into a new season filled with hard work, growth and determination.

“She understands individual and team strengths and struggles as well as opportunities for growth, even in setbacks,” sophomore player Clara Kershaw said.

Graham grew up in Kettering, Ohio, where she attended high school and was a multi-sport athlete starting her freshman year.

“In my sophomore year, I decided to focus on basketball,” Graham said.

She claimed her ultimate goal was to play in college, which she ended up doing after graduating from Kettering Fairmont High School in 2003, playing at Northern Kentucky University where she also attended college. According to the NKU athletic page, Graham scored 1,088 career points playing from 2003-2007.

Prior to becoming a Pioneer, Graham spent 11 years coaching at the collegiate level, including at Bowling Green State University, Belmont University, and Ashland University. She also worked in human resources for five years before coming to Orange.

Aside from coaching, Graham works in the SLC (structured learning classes) as an intervention aide.

“Being my first year here, in the school and also coaching, both of them have been really positive experiences so far,” Graham said.

Out of coaching and work, Graham enjoys to travel with her husband, especially in the summer time, where everywhere is warm,

“We like to go to places that my husband and I haven’t been to yet, and when we do travel, we try not to make

a ton of plans, which is opposite to planning practice and being at work all day,” Graham said.

Last season, the team set at an overall record of 8-15 and a conference record of 2-8. This year, Coach Graham is working on improving players on and off the court.

“She knows how to maintain a funbut focused environment,” Kershaw said.

This year’s team consists of mostly underclassmen, with plenty of potential to grow and still put up a strong performance this season. As the season begins, many are excited to see how the new coaching staff will lead the team to victory. Coach Graham will be joined by Coach Ford as the new JV coach. With both strong coaches leading the teams, the program is set for a season of progress and development.

“The team culture has gotten immensely better. Things are more organized, and everyone is getting along. Coach Graham has installed many different tactics to ensure that,” Kershaw said.

With Graham stepping into the role of head coach, she is prepared to take on any challenges that come her way, while also continuing to be a supportive role for her players and pushing them to give all they have.

“The biggest goal for me is for us to be a collective unit and not operate in independent silos,” Graham said.

Under Coach Graham’s leadership, the girls basketball team is in for a season of growth, teamwork and success.



Karmen Graham head coach poster



Karmen Graham in the midst of coaching

NEW HIGH SCHOOL

opinion on the district opening a new school

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In the upcoming years, the Olentangy school district will grow its student population tremendously. The average high school student population now is 1,918 students. However, the buildings are built for 1,800. When the new school opens, the learning environment for students will increase.

It is a good thing that the district is building the new school to improve the learning environment and lower the population of the schools.

Olentangy Schools was on the ballot on Nov. 4, and with the bond issue passed, the district will build the fifth high school and 18th elementary school.

According to 10TV, between 2020-24, there were almost 6,000 homes approved for development in Delaware County; this is equivalent to the number of new home builds approved in the last 11 years before.

With the growth of the county, the schools will continue to grow their population. When the district opens the new school, it will help the crowding of the schools that has been caused by new homes being built.

The opportunities for students will increase due to the smaller class sizes when the new school opens, giving students more one-on-one time with teachers. There will be more opportunities for students to be top of the class and better spots on the high school sports teams.

The cost of the schools will be

about \$235 million, but because the levy was a no mills bond issue, the district will not be increasing taxes to cover that cost.

The new high school will be built in the Northwest corner of Sawmill Road and Bunty Station Road. The school will have a similar layout to the other Olentangy district schools because it is a more cost efficient strategy for the district.

It is a win-win scenario for the district. The new building will prevent overcrowding, while also not increasing property taxes for the residents.

Although the building of the new high school will be a pricey and long process, it will allow students to improve their education and comfort in the schools.

PIE TASTING

senior thanksgiving dessert review

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One of the many perks of being a senior at the high school is senior Thanksgiving. It is a time where all of the seniors get to enjoy a meal together and share their thanks for each of their classmates.

At senior Thanksgiving, there were many options of everyone's favorite part of any meal: dessert. Senior Thanksgiving provided five different options of pie: dutch apple, chocolate cream, peanut butter cream and cherry.

All of the pies as well as the Thanksgiving buffet for the celebration were supplied by The Der Dutchman restaurant.

The first pie I tried was apple pie, and the pie had a great flavor and a crunchy crust on top. The flavor of the pie stayed the same throughout the tasting with constant flavor and warmth.

I would give the apple pie a 9/10. It was a great way to start the dessert course of my meal, and I would recommend this to others.



Der Dutchman catered Dutch apple pie for senior Thanksgiving.

The second pie I tried was the raspberry cream pie. The pie was delicious. It had a rich and creamy whipped texture on top and a sweet raspberry filling.

I would give the raspberry pie an 8/10. It was a delicious addition to my Thanksgiving meal, and I would recommend this to my friends and family.



The raspberry cream pie was one of five pies at senior Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING FOOD

traditional Thanksgiving food word search

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- YAMS
- PECAN
- PIE

- PUMPKIN
- APPLE
- BUTTER
- HAM
- CHEESE

- GRAVY
- CORNBREAD
- ROLLS
- SQUASH
- CRANBERRY

- TURKEY
- MASHEDPOTATOES
- STUFFING
- CASSEROLE
- BREAD



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