

# THE H-L CHIEFTAIN

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*"An Excellent School Striving To Become Better"*



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## Upcoming Dates:

**11/20:**

Parent/Teacher Conferences  
3:30-7:30 p.m.

**11/25:**

Early Release - 1p.m.

**11/25:**

Parent/Teacher Conferences  
1:30-5:30 p.m.

**11/26-11/28:**

No School  
Thanksgiving Break

**12/22-1/2:**

No School  
Christmas Break

**1/9:**

End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

**1/19:**

No School  
Martin Luther King Day

**2/13:**

Early Release - 1p.m.

**2/16:**

No School - Presidents Day

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## Mr. Matthew White, Superintendent

As we move into November, I want to take a moment to celebrate the continued academic success happening across our classrooms and the continued success outside the classroom. Our athletic teams continue to excel as well as our Band this Fall Season. The first quarter has been filled with outstanding teaching and learning, and our students continue to rise to the challenge of achieving at high levels. Their hard work and our staff's dedication truly reflect that Excellence is the Standard here at Hopewell-Loudon.

In addition to the great things happening academically, co-curricularly and extracurricularly, we're also beginning an exciting new chapter in the growth of our facilities. The district has officially posted a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in the newspaper to begin the process of constructing a new building that will serve as a major upgrade to our track facility. The planned facility will include new locker rooms, restrooms, a large concession area, a weight room and a spacious storage area for athletic and activity equipment. This addition will be a tremendous benefit for our student-athletes, coaches, and community members who support our programs year-round.

Looking ahead, we are also developing plans for a new STEM Lab designed for students in grades 5-12. This flexible, hands-on learning space will provide opportunities for innovation, collaboration, and real-world problem-solving—ensuring our students are future-ready.

We remain committed to continuous improvement across the district—academically, operationally, and facility-wise. Thank you to our staff, students, parents, and community for your ongoing support and shared commitment to excellence.

Together, we continue to make Hopewell-Loudon a place where Excellence is the Standard.



# JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

 [Hopewell-Loudon JR/SRHigh](#)

## Mr. Rick Renz, JR/SR High Principal



Happy Fall! We hope you've been enjoying the beautiful fall weather and are ready to celebrate this season of thankfulness. Here are some important dates and events happening in our school community this November/December:

- **November 7** – Home Playoff Football Game
- **November 11** – Veteran's Day Assembly
- **November 12** – Board of Education Meeting
- **November 14** – Winter Sports Pictures
- **November 20** – College Credit Plus Meeting
- **November 20** – Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3:30pm–7:30 pm
- **November 25** – Early Release for Students / Parent-Teacher Conferences, 1:30pm–5:30pm
- **November 26–28** – Thanksgiving Break (No School)
- **December 4** – Junior High Winter Concert
- **December 8** – High School Winter Concert

### Celebrating Student and Staff Achievements

Congratulations to all students and teachers on another excellent start to the school year!

- **133 students** achieved perfect attendance for the first nine weeks.
- The High School earned a **4.5-star rating from the State of Ohio**, reflecting the hard work and dedication of our students and staff. This recognition highlights the commitment to excellence within our school community—**great job everyone!**

### Fall Highlights and Athletics

Homecoming week was a wonderful celebration of **Hopewell-Loudon PRIDE**, with strong community participation and a great turnout for the football game. We also congratulate all fall athletes for their dedication, hard work, and sportsmanship throughout the season.

Good luck to our Football team as they begin their postseason play on November 7.

### Students and Staff of the Month

We are proud to honor outstanding members of our school community:

**September Student of the Month:** Anna Bloom

**October Student of the Month:** Jack Colatruglio

**September Team Member of the Month:** Mrs. Alicia Swartzmiller

**October Team Member of the Month:** Ms. Myranda Dible

### Looking Ahead

Winter sports seasons are just around the corner—**Let's Go Chieftains!**

It's an exciting time to be part of the Chieftain family, with many accomplishments and positive events to celebrate. Thank you to our students, staff, and community members for making Hopewell-Loudon a place of pride and excellence.

**Go Chieftains!**

# JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

## HONOR ROLL- 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER

### 4.0 Honor Roll:

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Kelsey Brickner, Emery Hoover

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Kourynn Beebe, Alexandria Biddle, Cameron Bodart, Noah Bowman, Bryler Brickman, Brady Coppus, Sarah Fitzpatrick, Adalyn Haugh, Weston Kerschner, Avery May

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Michael Barrick, Ellie Bloom, Ian Bloom, Elsie Cox, Molly Daniel, Mia Dorsey, Matthew Faber, Sarah Jordan, Madisyn Lust, Adalynn Smith, Drake Stacy

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Rion Biddle, Lily Brickner, Berlynn Goeller, Collin Link, Collin Roop, Hudson Schmidutz, Avery Sendelbach, Dexter Stacy

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Taylor Bohlen, Abigail Cox, Erin Daniel, Roman Esnard, Gabriel Faber, Hailey Hunt, Chase Rogier

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Mylie Alt, Emily Arbogast, Oliver Beidelschies, Anna Bloom, Emma Boes, Hollie Bozo, Jack Colatruglio, Laura Cook, Urban Elchert, Aiden Ewald, Caitlin Faber, Vincent Fruth, Madison Holcomb, Alanee Huber, Chase Huber, Logan Lust, Matthew Mawhirter, Emily Reinhart, Maddox Schwab, Kara Wyman

### 3.5-3.9 Honor Roll:

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Tenley Bolduan, Anastasia Borer, Brynn Brickner, Clara Brickner, Grayson Brickner, Brady Dewald, Peyton Flemings, Beckham Hall, Allison Hartman, Olivia Hayes, London Hosman, Braxtyn Hossler, Alivia Huber, Ellie Matthews, Brayden McClaffin, Emylia Morgan, Lydia Morgan, Adriana Perkins, Jaxson Phounsavath, Uriah Risner, Oscar Schlenker, Gavin Spires, Brooklyn Stump, Charlotte Tanner, Corbyn Thomas, Mason Wertz

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Hudson Alt, Lillian Betzold, Madisyn Brown, William Colatruglio, Cara Cook, Sydney Esnard, Paeton Everly, Sidnee Ewald, Arianna Frederick, Parker Hintze, Quinn Kleba, Cipriana Kuebler, Carson Lee, Amelia Martin, Timber Neller, Clara Nelson, Corbon Nye, Kaiden Picciuto, Michael Schumm, Mia Smith, Kyla Snyder, Kaison Tippin, Brendan Vogel

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Keagan Beebe, Elijah Beidelschies, William Berg, Kenzie Caldwell, Chace Carrel, Ceillia Crow, Adalyn Croy, Lyla Dull, Brandon Fitzpatrick, Jasmin Flores, Maveric Flory, Ava Foos, Arianna Fredritz, Gage Fruth, Kian Hammer, Nolan Hampton, Izabelle Holguin, Lexxie Hosman, Adrienne Lucius, Donald Martin, Cristopher Muhammad, Misael Olvera, Zoey Perkins, Jaclyn Rowe, Emery Siebenaller, Demi Wilt

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Karmella Aldrich, Reese Alt, Madelyn Bozo, Rowan Clagg, Kenedy Clark, Alyssa Clinger, Brooke Clouse, Kinley Combs, Savanna Cook, Alayna Fetro, Claire Hall, Pierson Hoy, Avary Elizabeth Hoyer, Samuel Humphrey, Lexi Johnson, Brayson Leiter, Chloe Magers, Braylon Ramirez, Emily Roberts, Hunter Schroth, Aubrey Schumm, Asher Smith, Madeline Smith, Gracelyn Spires, Aubrie Tiell

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Miranda Audritsh, Olivia Audritsh, Braylen Bernal, Brody Brickman, Aubrey Cline, Emily Cooper, Joseph Ewald, Alexis Fedele, Alec Finley, Kellen Frankart, Brody Kidd, Ashton Miller, Tabitha Neller, Isaac Nelson, Sinceer Oates, Colton Randall, Mallory Rowe, Calvin Scherf, Cheyenne Schmitz, Katelynn Schneiderman, Karsyn Snyder, Maxwell Steinhauser, Maizey Walter

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Hannah Bolduan, Jaysin Cramer, Arianna England, Alexander Fitzpatrick, Emily Flores, Patrick Heckler, Isaiah Hook, Brock Huber, Joshua Huffman, Noah Kelbley, Ethan Link, Elijah Lucius, Wyatt Reinhart, Judah Risner, Luca SanGregory, Brennan Schmidutz, Arianna Smith, Keagan Sutter, Izabella Tiell

### 3.0-3.49 Honor Roll:

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Aiden Baugher, Sylas Birch, Shane Cook, Genesis Dull, Joseph Foster, Levi Holman, Eli Humphrey, Jaxson Nye, Cole Oakleaf, Emma Phebus, Molly Schalk, Kennedy Smith, Emmett Snavely, Isabella Snyder, Alyvia Stahl

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Karli Andres, Bella Berryman, Gavin Butturff, Matilyn Flemings, Carson Fuhrer, Landon Grine, Michael Huffman, McKella Kimmert, Evan Moomey, Sidney Morgan, Elizabeth Richardson, Jordan Smith, Maelyn Velasquez, Natalie Wildhart, Noah Workley

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Braelyn Althaus, Audrey Coble, Abigail Counts, Elizabeth Hofacker, Makenna Holcomb, Storm Marino, Cameron McCartney, Gavin Phounsavath, Calvin Pierce, Mackenzie Rano, Colton Reinhart, Logan Schreiner, Aubree Schwab, Cruz Smith, Colton Stevenson

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Brogan Aldred, Hayden Bridinger, Noah Brown, Neri Chiembom, Rayah Dewees, Layne Flemings, Emma Foster, Andrew Fox, Cameron Frederick, Reece Heckler, Nehemiah Hill, Weston Nye, Shawn Pierce, Persilla Ragle, Wyatt Schindorff, Aubrey Schreiner, Austin Smith, Riot Smith, Abigail Tiell, Peyton Wildhart, Zane Wilson

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Kylee Betzold, Megan Boes, Kelsey Brendle, Jacoby Ellis, Tristan Flory, Grace Hintze, Reiyce Hoover, Lakota O’Nan, Adrian Ponn, Braelynn Root-Sumi, Aubrey Showman, Cooper Smith, Araceli Velasquez, Katherine Wagner

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Remington Arnold, Eli Benner, Evan Eilrich, Alanna England, Kyrian Kysar, Jarrett Levengood, Carter Reinhart, Mason Reinhart, Emma Sheets, Zander Singrey, Kyana Smith, Avalyn Stout, Scott Turco, Faith Whitaker

# ELEMENTARY



 [Hopewell-Loudon Elementary](#)

## **Mrs. Kendra Nelson, Elementary Principal**

The fall season has been wonderfully busy — and full of excitement here at our elementary school! This year, we welcomed **453 Pre K–6th grade students** into our building, including the largest kindergarten class we’ve had in quite some time.

We started the school year on a high note as our 6th graders kicked things off with their annual trip to **Camp MICHINDOH** in Hillsdale, Michigan. Since then, many grade levels have taken their learning beyond the classroom walls through engaging field trips that brought lessons to life.

October was packed with fun and school spirit! We joined our 7–12 students for **Homecoming Spirit Week**, complete with a lively pep rally to cheer on our fall sports teams. Our **Student Lighthouse Team** supported our 3rd graders during the state assessments by writing encouraging notes—a wonderful example of leadership and kindness in action.

We also had the privilege of hosting a team of educators from **Shelby City Schools**, who visited to see *Leader in Me* practices in action. They shared glowing feedback about our students and staff—it was truly an honor to showcase the great work happening here each day.

To close out the month, students took part in our **Schoolhouse Clue Game**, solving daily riddles and a final mystery on Friday. Congratulations to **Mrs. Coppus’s 3rd grade class**, our grand champion clue solvers! We ended October with our annual “**Sweets and Treats**” celebration, featuring fun games and a spooky “**Haunted Stage**” hosted by Mr. Banta and the National Honor Society.

Looking ahead to **November**, we’ll host **Student-Led Conferences** on **November 20 and 25**. Families will soon be able to sign up for a time to hear directly from students about their learning and growth. On **November 21**, we’ll hold our first **Tribe Time** of the year—students have chosen activities that spark their interests, and we can’t wait to see their enthusiasm shine. That same afternoon, we’ll enjoy our “**Balloons Over Broadway**” **Parade**, followed by the presentation of our **First Quarter Chieftain Leader Awards**.

We’ll wrap up the month with a well-deserved **Thanksgiving Break** from **November 26–30**. When we return, December will bring even more learning, joy, and holiday excitement.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and staff—it’s shaping up to be a fantastic year of growth, leadership, and community!

# ELEMENTARY

## HONOR ROLL- 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER

### All A's Honor Roll

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Hattie Brickner, Logan Brickner, Hannah Clark, Ryker Kleba, Grace Lepper, Luke Mass, Thorton Nye, Adalynn Somers, Liam Steward

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Bexley Alt, Miranda Arbogast, Carly Brickner, Roman Brickner, Seth Carpenter, Jett Combs, Alayah Leiter, Jaxon Martinez, Brantley Ranieri, Layla Reinhart

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** William Arnold, Kendall Bodart, Ellie Bomer, Wyatt Brickner, Addison Campbell, Dalton Coppus, Cassandra Fruth, Dax Livoti, Annelise Lucius, Easton Posey, Andie Ray, Madison Rogier, Brinlee Smith, Jacob Smith

### All A's and B's Honor Roll

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Kelsey Arnold, Irish Baugher, Asher Berridge, Makenna Brickner, Emersyn Brown, Irelyn Cook, Beau Daniel, Emery Frankart, Jonathan Heckler, Lacey Hosman, Landyn Joseph, Kelcey Kessler, Braxton Lang, Kapree Leiter, Emma Lucius, Andrew Lucius, Payton Parrott, Audra Posey, Harper Price, Sawyer Price, Samantha Ragle, Emerson Robbins, Maia Spridgeon, Lane Stacy, Noah Stull, Addalyn Taylor, Hunter Thompson, Lane Tiell, Sophia Tiell, Shania Vogel, Jayda Wade, Elise Weaver

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Aaralyn Baxter, Hadley Bower, Adeline Brickner, Kaylie Caldwell, Dagny Carpenter, Vance Darr, Katherynn Dickens, Colton Dull, Sadie Dunlap, Maximus Huffman, Michael Jones, Allison McCartney, Anneliese McKelvey, Charlee Pace, Dhanvi Patel, Sloan Posey, Maggie Ray, Jael Risner, Amos Schreiner

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Abigail Arnold, Brinlee Banks, Jacob Borer, Corbin Bowen, Lilah Bowman, Brynn Brickman, Gentry Brickner, Owyn Darr, Rilyn Duncan, Cael Frederick, Lydia Heckler, Scarlett Hofacker, Zoey Mack, Makenna May, Jaxon Nye, Jordan Ponn, Dana Portentoso, Nealie Ranieri, Bailey Seery, Lucas Simmons, Delsin Smith, Brody Snyder, Zendaya Stanfield, Jackson Swain, Harper Wilt

# ATHLETICS

## FALL RECAP

Hopewell-Loudon Athletics had a very successful fall season. Our boys' and girls' golf teams completed the season a few weeks ago. The girls won the SBC tournament for the 6th year in a row and the overall league championship for the 5th time in 6 years. The girls also qualified for the District tournament as a team with a 2nd place finish at Sectionals. The boys' golf team finished with a 10th place overall finish in the SBC.

H-L Lady Chieftain volleyball finished the year with a 7-15 record and an 8th place finish in the SBC River. The Chieftains only graduate 2 seniors and hope to build on this year's experience.

The H-L cross country teams also completed their season recently. The girls' team ended the season with a 4th place finish at the SBC cross country meet and qualified as a team for the Regional meet. The boys' team finished with a 3rd place SBC finish and also qualified as a team for the Regional meet.

The Hopewell-Loudon football team is having another outstanding season. The Chieftains finished the regular season 9-1, finishing 2nd in the SBC river and earning the Number 2 seed in Region 22. As of this printing the team had a bye week the first round of the playoffs and are preparing to play the Western Reserve Roughriders in the 2nd round at home on November 7th.

## WINTER PREVIEW

Our winter teams are getting started with preparation for the coming season. Boys' basketball Coach Roger Jury returns for his 11th season at H-L and will open their season on December 9th at Calvert. Aaron Kapelka begins his 3rd season back in charge of the wrestling program and they open up Dec 10th at home. Eric Brickman will begin his 1st season as the girls' basketball head coach and they open on November 21st home vs Seneca East. Hopewell-Loudon will also field a bowling club team for the 2nd year. Jim Scherf will be leading our boys' and girls' bowling teams this winter. The winter teams are looking forward to full gyms and student sections. Go Chieftains!

# WRESTLING

## **Wrestling Season Kicking Off!**

Wrestling season is right around the corner! Open mats began October 21 and will be held every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m till the season officially starts. This is open to all students who want to learn the sport or sharpen their wrestling skills.

Official practices for both high school and junior high wrestlers will begin on **November 17** after school in the **Chieftain Gym**.

We're also excited to offer **Biddy Wrestling** each week for all grades Pre K - 6th! Students can sign up **at no cost** and will receive a **free T-shirt** for participating. For Biddy practice times or any questions, please reach out to **Coach Kapelka** at [akapelka@hlschool.net](mailto:akapelka@hlschool.net).

Come join the Chieftain wrestling family, develop your skills, and be part of a proud tradition—**Go Chieftains!**



# BOYS BASKETBALL

The boys' basketball season is starting the 11th season under Coach Roger Jury. The basketball players have worked hard throughout the spring, summer and fall to get ready for the up-coming season. Many of the players were in fall sports and those junior high and high school students who were not in a fall sport have been lifting weights, conditioning, and shooting. We wish our football players the best of luck through the rest of the playoffs! We are looking forward to getting everyone together for the 2025-26 basketball season!

For the younger players, there will be leagues for 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades again and this year we are adding 2nd graders! The 4th, 5th, and 6th grades play in the SBC youth league while the 3rd graders will play a mixture of games and the 2nd grade will have some drill dates; all youth games will start in December. The junior high boys play their first games on Monday, December 1st at home against Calvert. The JV and Varsity are due to start the season on Tuesday, December 9th against Calvert. The freshmen have their first game on Monday, December 8th at home against New Riegel and will play in several triple headers throughout the year.

The theme for the season this year is **“Passion, Purpose, Pride . . . Every Day!”**. It is a tribute to the passion our student-athletes put into their work, the purpose to improve daily for the pride of Chieftain Basketball. Last year, the varsity team was Sectional Champs and the Rainey Memorial Classic Winner. We are looking forward to a year of stepping up with passion and purpose and pride!

While it is always hard to move on without the leadership of the previous year, we wish our seniors from last year all the best in their future endeavors - Brayden Brickman, Chase Cameron, Braylon Martinez, Will Nutter and Matt Wyman. We continue to have two alumni on the JH coaching staff, Caden

Hoover (2019) as our 8th grade coach for the fourth year and Luke Bolte (2018) as the 7th grade coach for the second year. Three additional alumni will help as they can: Ethan Oswalt (2020), Kyle Rumschlag (2020) and Austin Napier (2025). Joe Rumschlag will work with the Freshmen again, Ryan Martinez is the JV coach and Brett Smalley is the new Varsity Assistant. This year, we have one alumni playing college basketball - Donovan Elmore has transferred to the University of Health Sciences & Pharmacy; we wish him the best of luck out in St. Louis, Missouri! We also have one alumnus, Jordyn Jury (2020), coaching down the road and we will catch up with him for two games, including the Battle of Bullfrog Road.

Check out our logo. We are having our annual t-shirt and sweatshirt sale this month with orders due by Thanksgiving; look for sales information and let a player or coach know if you would like to place an order! We hope to see you at some games! Go Chieftains!



## GROUPS

### SADD

The SADD program will be led by an outstanding group of seniors this year; they are: Mylie Alt, Emily Arbogast, Oliver Beidelschies, Anna Bloom, Emma Boes, Hollie Bozo, Laura Cook, Chase Huber and Emily Reinhart. The first meeting of the year was held on November 4th to make plans for the school year. The intent of the organization is to help students make good decisions through high school, especially in regard to drugs, alcohol and driving situations. Traditionally, the H-L SADD has sold different holiday candy grams, decorated bulletin boards,

promoted Red Ribbon Week and held special activities around Prom all with positive messages about making good decisions. Look for advertisements throughout the year that will promote these activities!



# CLASS OF 2026

Help support our Senior Class as they prepare for their graduation and Senior Trip.

- Heavenly Pizza night: Tiffin - Wed. Nov. 19th - 4-8pm - 15% of ALL sales benefit the class
- Texas Roadhouse Rolls & Butter/Giftcards - Orders Due Dec.1 - Delivery Dec. 15

\*\*Any Texas Roadhouse gift card purchase plus an additional \$5 donation goes 100% to the class and you receive 5 free appetizer cards as a Thank You!!

Contact any Senior class member or email [rdaniel@hlschool.net](mailto:rdaniel@hlschool.net) and we will get your order.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

The Hopewell-Loudon Student Council does a variety of activities throughout the year on behalf of their fellow students. They started the year making plans for the 2025 Homecoming. The week of the Homecoming is always a fun week with Spirit Week dress-up themes and many activities to show the H-L Spirit! There were athletic events all week long. Some students chose to paint their parking spots and did so throughout the week.

They organized both powderpuff girls football and boys volleyball on the football field before the traditional bonfire in the Chieftain parking lot along with the pep rally held at the end of the day on Friday. A big thank you goes out to the band, cheerleaders, staff and students along with the Bascom Fire Department for helping to make the activities a success. The "parade" from the school down the street to the stadium was held prior to the game on Friday night before the traditional Pre-Game Announcement of the Court and the crowning of the king and queen.



**Front:** Prince Bryson Boyd and Princess Harper Basinger  
**Back:** Jack Colatruglio, Anna Bloom, Mason Reinhart, Kara Wyman, Braylon Martinez (2024 Homecoming King), Sidney Brickner (2024 Homecoming Queen), Luca SanGregory, Madison Holcomb, Aiden Ewald, Emily Arbogast

The Homecoming Court included Emily Arbogast escorted by Aiden Ewald, Anna Bloom escorted by Jack Colatruglio, Madison Holcomb escorted by Luca SanGregory, and Kara Wyman escorted by Mason Reinhart. The 1st grade prince and princess were Bryson Boyd and Harper Basinger. Madison Holcomb and Aiden Ewald were crowned the 2025 H-L Homecoming Queen and King by the 2024 Queen Sidney Brickner and King Braylon Martinez. Congratulations to all of these students for being excellent representatives of H-L and the Class of 2026!

Student Council meets monthly on the first Tuesday before school; they are now planning Christmas/Winter activities along with the spring bloodmobile and the annual Dodgeball Tournament.



**2025 Homecoming King and Queen: Aiden Ewald and Madison Holcomb**



# FFA

August, September, and October have been very busy months for Hopewell-Loudon FFA members. The year began with a service project helping the Ohio Farm Bureau with their annual Cultivating a Cure Dinner. Through this event, over \$160,000 was raised to benefit cancer research.

We would like to congratulate Demi Wilt, Brayson Leiter, Maveric Flory, Jaelyn Rowe, Elizabeth Hofacker, and Sarah Jordan on earning their Greenhand FFA Degree. This is the first degree that students can achieve. We hope they continue on their path of achievement next year and apply for their Chapter FFA Degree.

September marks the annual Soils Competition. We were graciously hosted by Brian Ward and family for one day to have a lab where students were able to practice what they had been learning in class and prepare for the upcoming contests. Next, we participated in the Upper Sandusky Soils Invitational, where Hopewell-Loudon placed 4th as a team in the Urban Soils division. We were also excited to have Weston Nye place in the top ten individuals. In the rural division, we placed 7th, and Sarah Jordan was the 7th place individual. The next week we attended the District Competition, where we placed 13th in the district in the Rural Contest. Competing at District were Maveric Flory, Sarah Jordan, Demi Wilt, and Elizabeth Hofacker. Our Urban Team placed 7th in the district. On this team were Kenedy Clark, Katelynn Schneiderman, Weston Nye, Lola Wilson, and Reese Alt.

On September 24th, Avary Elizabeth Hoyer, Katelynn Schneiderman, and Alex Fitzpatrick represented Hopewell-Loudon at the Ohio State House, where they attended the Ohio Legislative Leadership Conference. While there, they learned about working with our elected officials to advocate for agriculture. They also enjoyed eating lunch with keynote speaker Christy Eckstein, Director of Marketing for the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

In September, Sarah Jordan, Elizabeth Hofacker, Isaiah Bowman, Maveric Flory, and Demi Wilt attended FFA Greenhand Camp held on the shores of Leesville Lake near Carrollton, Ohio. This camp gave the students an opportunity to meet other freshmen from around the state while participating in various activities, including a low ropes course, field games, rifles, shotguns, axe-throwing, karaoke, paddleboarding, archery, and more. The students also received leadership training and set long-term and short-term goals. A great time was had by all.

The Hopewell-Loudon FFA members would like to thank everyone for their support of the FFA Alumni's first-ever Car, Truck, and Tractor Show. The event was a great success, and the funds raised will help the newly formed Alumni Group to support the FFA Members. Anyone can become a member of the Alumni. You do not have to have been in FFA to join. If you would like to join or support the alumni, please reach out to President Allen Weinandy (419-852-6628) for details. They meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm.

On October 23, 2025, Hopewell-Loudon hosted FFA's annual Sub District Job Interview Contest. The schools included in this contest are Hopewell-Loudon, New Riegel, Clyde, Lakota, Tiffin, Sentinel, Fremont, and Gibsonburg. In this contest, there are 4 divisions: Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors. FFA members have to write a cover letter, prepare a resume, participate in an interview, and then write a follow-up letter. This contest helps individuals prepare for future job interviews. We had 6 Hopewell-Loudon FFA members participate, as well as 1 New Riegel FFA member. In division one, Hopewell-Loudon FFA member Audrey Coble won 1st place, and also in division one, New Riegel FFA member Lorelai Cleland received second place. In division two from Hopewell-Loudon, Avary Elizabeth Hoyer won 1st place, also from Hopewell-Loudon, Peyton Wildhart received 5th place, and Lexi Johnson received 6th place. In division three from Hopewell-Loudon, Katelynn Schneiderman received 2nd place, and in 10th place was Sincer Oates. In Division IV from New Riegel, Jaiden Risner received 4th place. From both Hopewell-Loudon and New Riegel, we have a total of 4 people going to districts. Districts will be in Carey on November 6th. Good luck to all of you!



# NCE YOUTH DAY



This year five H-L students participated in the North Central Electric Cooperative Youth Day.

Brogan Aldred, Rion Biddle, Judah Risner and Hudson Schmidutz went for the first time and Chase Huber was asked to attend with the group as an alumnus from last year and as a representative from the NCE Summer DC Program. The day was sponsored by NCE to encourage students to explore their interests in history, government and the political world. Students had to apply and submit an essay along with a recommendation. The tour took place on October 23 and included a tour of the Ohio Statehouse, visits with our state legislators, the Ohio Statehouse Museum, the Ohio History Center as well as breakfast and lunch. Students from the area met at the NCE Attica office and were transported together to Columbus where they met up with other regional groups; each group received a different color t-shirt.



# STUDENT/STAFF OF THE MONTH

**September Staff**  
**Member of the Month:**  
Alicia Swartzmiller



**September Student**  
**of the Month:**  
Anna Bloom

**October Staff Member**  
**of the Month:**  
Myranda Dible



**October Student**  
**of the Month:**  
Jack Colatruglio

# LIBRARY

Each year the seasons seem to slip by faster and faster. The school year began on a high note and just keeps getting better!

Students have been reading and enjoying materials in the library. Students in grades K-6 have also been working on computer skills and learning about resources through [INFOhio.org](http://INFOhio.org).

In October students were challenged to read, while keeping track of their time, in an effort to win prizes. I appreciate everyone who made an effort to participate in this challenge!

Sharing the love of reading has been a priority in the library. Helping students to find books that interest them is crucial to instill this love (or at least like!). Many students come to me saying that they dislike reading - they just haven't found the right material! I take great pleasure in supplying students with a book that peaks their individual interests.

We have had one Makerspace day this quarter where the students were able to use their creativity with craft materials, magnets, blocks, legos and drawing material. Makerspace days are always a highlight for the students.

All donations to the library are greatly appreciated. This fall we have received the following donations:

**-In memory of Kenneth Hohman** - a variety of books were purchased with a donation from Paul & Pat Hohman

**-In memory of Connie Campbell** - a signed copy of "Remarkably Bright Creatures" was donated and a variety of books were purchased with a donation from Diane Johnson, Doug Picciuto, Diane Jesse, Kathy Wise, Stephanie Wise, Libby Beisner, Anita Stephenson, Roma King, & Gloria Warrington

**-Donated by Parker Barrick Class of 2035** - 4 book "Big Nate" set



# MUSIC DEPT



## Fruit and Poinsettia Sale

Don't miss the Music Booster's Fruit and Poinsettia Sale. The sale will begin on Monday, November 10 and end on Monday, November 24. Pickup will be Tuesday, December 9 from 3:05-6:00 pm. Please consider supporting your Music Department as we strive to support our students' music education. Contact Mrs. Daniel - [jdaniel@hlschool.net](mailto:jdaniel@hlschool.net) or Mr. Nelson - [jnelson@hlschool.net](mailto:jnelson@hlschool.net) if you would like an order form.



## Alumni Band

Thanks to all the band alumni who participated in this year's bi-annual alumni band night! A great group of musicians made this a memorable evening.



## Upcoming Events

- Music Booster's Fruit & Poinsettia Sale-November 10-24
- Junior High Winter Concert-Thursday, December 4 at 7pm in the auditoria
- High School Winter Concert-Monday, December 8 at 7pm in the auditoria
- Fruit & Poinsettia Pick-up-Tuesday, December 9 from 3:05-6:00 on stage
- Traveling Ensemble Community Day-Friday, December 12
- 5th & 6th grade Winter Concert-Monday, December 15 at 7pm in the auditoria
- Traveling Ensemble Community Day-Thursday, December 18
- Senior Music Trip-Monday, December 29-approximately 11:30AM-9:30PM