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And our Village grows  
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**DISTRICT LETTER**

# Growing a Green Bear: It takes a Village

Dear Ottawa Hills Community,

As I reflect on the first semester of this school year, I am reminded once again that the success of our students and district is a direct result of the strong village that surrounds them. Our families make education a top priority at home. Our teachers and staff bring passion, creativity and dedication to classrooms every day. Our community invests in our schools through support, engagement and partnership. Together, we create an environment where Green Bears thrive.

This issue's theme, "Growing a Green Bear: It takes a Village," celebrates the many hands that nurture our students from kindergarten through graduation. From parents who volunteer to alumni who give back, from local businesses that partner with our schools to neighbors who cheer at games, each plays a vital role in our collective success.

Our Strategic Plan guides our work as we focus on the important job of growing a Green Bear. This school year we continue to evaluate and strengthen support for students, staff, and operations while maintaining fiscal responsibility. We are collaborating to assess and strengthen both internal and external relationships that benefit our students. We remain committed to evolving our teaching and learning practices to prepare students for an ever-changing world. And importantly, we celebrate our successes along the way, recognizing the achievements that make us proud to be Green Bears.

This semester brought many reasons to celebrate. Our district earned a five-star rating on the state report card, placing us among only 8% of Ohio districts who earned this high of a rating. Ottawa Hills High School ranked first in our region, third in the state (out of over 900 high schools), and in the top 1% in the nation in the U.S. News & World Report 2025 rankings.

These accomplishments reflect the collective effort of our entire Village and set the stage for continued growth. As we look toward the second semester, we carry this momentum forward with gratitude for those who lead and serve our district.

In January we will welcome a new member to the Board of Education. I want to thank returning Board of Education members Maara Fink and Kathy Lathrop, as well as current board members Jen Kielczewski and Katie Timmers, for their continued service. I also extend deep gratitude to outgoing board member Rob Gnepper for his many years of dedicated service to our district. Board members volunteer countless hours to ensure our schools maintain the excellence our community expects and deserves.

Thank you for being part of our Village. Together, we will continue to provide the foundation that allows every Green Bear to grow and thrive.

With gratitude,

Superintendent Dr. Adam Fineske  
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**State of the District**

Wednesday, February 11, 2026 • 7 p.m.  
Junior/senior high school auditorium  
2532 Evergreen Rd.



**Welcome to Around These Hills!** Published twice yearly by the school district’s communications office in partnership with our development office, this magazine offers a thoughtful look into Ottawa Hills Local Schools. This issue’s theme, “Growing a Green Bear: It takes a Village,” celebrates the many hands that nurture our students from kindergarten through graduation. Within these pages, you’ll discover how our community comes together to support student success. This publication features student achievements, athletic highlights, campus and district news, finance updates and the meaningful ways our Foundation and community organizations enhance educational experiences. You’ll see how our village’s collective support enables the excellence that defines Ottawa Hills schools and honors our shared tradition. Whether you’re a parent, village resident or alum, your connection makes a difference for our Green Bears. We hope these pages inform and inspire. Thank you for being part of our community.



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## AN AWARD-WINNING DISTRICT



Ottawa Hills Jr./Sr. High School earned recognition as a Blue Ribbon School, one of only 14 schools in Ohio to receive this elite honor. The award highlights schools that excel in academic performance and demonstrate effective teaching methods and data-driven instruction. Thank you to Principal Ben McMurray for his exceptional leadership and dedication to Ottawa Hills Junior/Senior High School.

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## Ottawa Hills maintains “elite 8” status with five-star rating

Ottawa Hills Local School District achieved the state’s highest possible report card rating when the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce released results for the 2024-25 school year. The five-star distinction was earned by only 8% of Ohio school districts, placing Ottawa Hills among a select group of just 47 districts statewide.

Both Ottawa Hills Junior/Senior High School and Elementary School also received five-star ratings on their individual school report cards. This achievement reflects the collective effort of our entire community. Our dedicated teachers and staff bring excellence to classrooms every day, while Green Bear families make education a priority at home. This partnership creates an environment where students thrive.

The five-star rating recognizes achievement across multiple components, including academic performance, student progress and college and career readiness. Ottawa Hills stood out as the only district in the top 10 Performance Index rankings to achieve this honor while maintaining balanced strength across all measured areas.



The jr./sr. high school received the Governor’s Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research for 2024-2025 from The Ohio Academy of Science. The school joins 76 schools statewide recognized for outstanding commitment to student research and experiential learning.

The award honors schools where students participate in science fairs, Regional Science Day and additional youth science opportunities beyond the classroom. Ottawa Hills’ project-based STEM curriculum develops critical thinking, problem-solving and collaboration skills.

“This award validates our ongoing commitment to excellence in STEM education,” said Principal Ben McMurray. “Our teachers and students have worked tirelessly to push the boundaries of traditional learning, and this recognition is a testament to their dedication and hard work.”

As recognized by this award, our team and the programming they provide help our students to develop skills of communication, teamwork/collaboration, creativity/innovation, critical thinking and problem solving. Our high school has at least 24 courses that meet the standard of this award. Congratulations to all our stellar STEM students and teachers!

## Join the conversation: Coffee with district leaders

District leadership launched Coffee & Conversations last school year, inviting community members to engage in open dialogue on district finances, curriculum and instruction, permanent improvements and planning. Each Coffee & Conversation includes a brief presentation by Superintendent Dr. Adam Fineske and Treasurer/CFO Tom Siloy, followed by time for questions and conversation. The sessions build transparency, trust and understanding between leadership and the community while providing another avenue for conversation on important topics within the school district.

The first Coffee & Conversation in October reviewed where the district ended the last fiscal year financially and provided an outlook for the current fiscal year. Future Coffee & Conversations topics will focus on the future of one-to-one student technology in the district, and the important role Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) plays in supporting students. MTSS is a school-wide framework that uses data to provide academic, behavioral and social-emotional support for all students.

**We hope to see you at our next Coffee & Conversations**  
District conference room – 8:30 a.m.  
4035 W. Central Ave., inside the Village Green

- Friday, Jan. 9
- Friday, April 17
- Friday, May 15

A white ceramic cup filled with black coffee, with a small amount of foam on top. Several coffee beans are scattered around the base of the cup on a green background.

# Responsible planning ensures quality education continues

Treasurer/CFO Tom Siloy and his team manage the financial operations that keep our schools running, from budgeting and forecasting to payroll and state reporting. The goal of the treasurer's office is simple: provide our students with the best education possible through responsible financial stewardship.

## Fiscal year 2025 recap and the five-year outlook

The district finished fiscal year 2025 in a positive financial position. Total revenues exceeded the prior year by \$1,092,693, while total expenditures decreased by \$51,785 compared to the previous fiscal year. This careful management of resources allowed the district to provide excellent educational programming while maintaining financial stability. Fiscal year 2026 revenue is projected for \$19,348,055 which includes the full 12.9 mill levy passed in May 2024 and the fifth phase-in of Ohio's Fair School Funding Plan. Total expenditures for fiscal year 2026 are projected at \$18,437,738, covering salaries, benefits, purchased services, supplies and capital improvements. Revenue estimates for fiscal years 2027 through 2030 remain conservative, with little increases projected beyond current funding levels, due to uncertainty with state funding changes and local tax dollars.

The full Five-Year Forecast and additional financial resources are available on the treasurer's web page at <https://www.ohschools.org/about-us/treasurerfinancials>.

## It takes a Village: Funding quality education

Our main source of revenue, residential property tax dollars, remains largely stagnant due to HB 920 rollbacks. This means that even as property values increase, the district does not receive

proportional increases in funding to voted levies. Meanwhile, the costs of providing quality education continue to rise with inflation, salary and benefit increases, curriculum needs and facility maintenance.

State funding from the Ohio Department of Education depends

on two main factors: the average cost to educate a student in Ohio and the district's residents' real estate and income valuation. The state funding formula is designed so that districts with higher real estate and income values are considered to have a greater capacity to fund their schools through local tax revenues. Since our district is in the top 10 in median income valuation

in the state, this decreases the amount of funding that we receive from the state. Ottawa Hills Local Schools only receives 23%, or \$1,947 per student, of the state funding formula, shifting the funding burden to our residents to support our school district.

To maintain the excellence that defines Ottawa Hills Local Schools, and due to the low state funding share explained above, our district historically must continue to ask voters to pass operating levies every three years. To avoid spending cuts and maintain current programming, the district intends to return to voters in the spring of 2027 for approval of new operating funds.

Watch the latest episodes of Green Bear Finance



EPISODE 4 -  
DISCUSSION OVERVIEW

Understanding State Revenue

1. The Fair School Funding formula
2. Base cost
3. State vs. local share
4. Our local capacity
5. Ottawa Hills & the Fair School Funding Plan
6. Advocating for our district's state funding





I welcome questions from all district stakeholders

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More resources can be found at: [ohschools.org/about-us/treasurerfinancials](https://www.ohschools.org/about-us/treasurerfinancials)

- Treasurer/CFO Tom Siloy

# Ottawa Hills High School earns top national rankings



**U.S. News & World Report released its 2025 Best High Schools rankings, and Ottawa Hills High School earned exceptional recognition:**

- No. 169 in National Rankings
- No. 3 in Ohio High Schools
- No. 1 in Toledo Metro Area High Schools
- No. 266 in STEM High Schools

These rankings recognize what our community already knows: when families prioritize education at home, teachers bring passion to the classroom and the community invests in schools, excellence becomes the standard. Ottawa Hills High School's success reflects the collective effort of everyone who plays a role in growing our Green Bears.

The recognition places Ottawa Hills among an elite group of high schools nationwide, validating the district's commitment to academic rigor, innovative programming and preparing students for college and career success. From advanced coursework to personalized learning opportunities, our high school provides the foundation students need to succeed.

Thank you to our dedicated faculty and staff who inspire learning every day, to our students who embrace academic challenges, and to our families and community members who make education a priority. These rankings belong to all of us.

# District equips teachers for AI era

The district is taking thoughtful, strategic steps to integrate artificial intelligence into classrooms, led by Assistant Director of Technology and Integrations Paige Bergsma. The district recognizes that AI is transforming education and the workplace. Preparing teachers to use these tools effectively and students to use these tools responsibly gives them a significant advantage in their future careers.

AI is here to stay, and like any technological advancement, it will reshape how we work and learn. The key is understanding that AI won't replace teachers or eliminate jobs, but people who know how to use AI effectively will have clear advantages over those who don't. By equipping our students and staff with AI skills now, we're preparing them to succeed in a world where these tools are standard practice.

The district has implemented a comprehensive plan to ensure AI enhances education while maintaining student privacy and keeping human connection at the center of learning. The district began by forming an AI strategic planning team to research solutions and develop policies. After careful evaluation, Brisk was selected as the district-wide AI solution for the 2025-26 school year.

Brisk embeds directly into everyday tools like Google Docs, Slides, etc. through a Google Chrome extension, making it seamlessly accessible for teachers and students.

Faculty and student AI policies were created and implemented to establish clear expectations for appropriate use. The current focus centers on comprehensive training for staff and professional development throughout this school year. Through in-house training sessions and curated online resources provided by the technology

department, teachers are learning effective prompt engineering strategies that boost productivity, reduce workload and improve teaching and learning outcomes.

## Brisk supports teachers and students

For teachers, Brisk instantly creates materials, provides feedback and adapts content for every student at their individual level without starting from scratch. The platform assists with lesson planning, substitute plans, quiz generation, syllabus creation and much more, allowing teachers to focus more time on student interaction and instruction.

For students, Brisk serves as an excellent support resource. Reading levels and languages can be changed instantly with the click of a button, ensuring every student can access content at their appropriate level. This personalized approach helps meet diverse learning needs across all classrooms and grade levels. While students do not have direct access to Brisk, teachers can create activities and content for students to interact with and make that accessible for classroom use.

## Responsible AI use

The district's approach prioritizes three critical factors in AI implementation: maintaining student data privacy and confidentiality, properly crediting AI usage and keeping the human element central to our work. While AI provides powerful tools to enhance education, the relationships between teachers and students that make learning meaningful remain irreplaceable.

This strategic approach to AI integration demonstrates Ottawa Hills' commitment to preparing students for the future while staying true to our core values. By equipping teachers and students with cutting-edge tools and comprehensive training, the district ensures our Green Bears will be ready to succeed in an AI world.



While the schools were closed on Election Day, teachers and staff participated in professional development, seen here learning how AI can be used in the classroom and beyond.



## Five-year plan guides facility upgrades

Led by Tom Siloy, in his additional role as operations director, our operations team provides the essential framework that makes learning possible each day. From maintaining safe, clean facilities to managing grounds and athletic spaces, this dedicated team ensures our buildings are ready for students, staff and community use.

Several permanent improvement (PI) projects were completed this summer as part of our Five-Year PI Plan including music room renovations at both buildings, bathroom improvements and safety and security upgrades. The Five-Year PI Plan was created through campus walkthroughs, teacher surveys and community feedback, with projects prioritized based on direct impact on classrooms and learning, routine use, safety and security, and general maintenance needs. The plan remains flexible to address changing priorities and needs, how best to use available resources, and the potential of available grant funding. The plan includes a reserve of \$50,000/year for unforeseen expenses.

## Upcoming tentative PI projects include:

- Refurbishing second story classrooms at the junior/senior high school, including brickwork to prevent further water damage
- Adding a new bus to our fleet through a lease to own option and establishing a regular replacement cycle
- Resurfacing and restriping the asphalt parking lot at the elementary school
- Setting aside savings for planned replacement of the turf and track
- Completing the final repayment of the 2017 loan back to the general fund

See something on school grounds that needs attention? Let the operations team know at: <https://www.ohschools.org/about-us/operations>.

### Ottawa Hills LSD Operations Team: Community Feedback

We value your partnership in maintaining our facilities and grounds! As a community member, your observations are incredibly helpful in ensuring our school buildings and properties are safe, well-maintained, and conducive to learning.

Please use this form to report any issues you notice with Ottawa Hills LSD buildings or grounds. Your input helps our Operations Team address concerns promptly and effectively.

# The Village behind every Green Bear

Growing a Green Bear takes more than excellent teachers, dedicated administrators and supportive parents and guardians. It takes a village of volunteers who invest countless hours ensuring our students have enriching experiences. Within our district there are three school support organizations that play a vital role in raising funds, volunteering and giving back to our schools and students: Ottawa Hills Schools Parents Association (OHSPA), Ottawa Hills Athletic Boosters (OH Boosters) and Ottawa Hills Music & Theatre Association (OHMTA). Each of these support organizations plays a distinct role, yet all share a common commitment to making our schools exceptional. To these dedicated volunteers who give their time, energy and resources: thank you for being the village that helps every Green Bear thrive.

## OHSPA

OHSPA serves as a bridge between families and the district, working to enrich student life through programs and events while building stronger community loyalty. OHSPA provides a crucial forum for the interchange of information, opinions and ideas among parents, administration and faculty. Through fundraising efforts and volunteer initiatives, the organization ensures students benefit from experiences and opportunities that extend beyond what traditional funding can provide. OHSPA's work strengthens the connections that make Ottawa Hills feel like family. **OHSPA's largest fundraisers** are the hot lunch program, the school supply packet sale, and special events like Celebrity Wait Night.



### 2024-2025 OHSPA Impact

- OVER \$54,800 disbursed to support
- Extracurriculars like Robotics Club, Speech and Debate, Power of the Pen, Math Counts, Model UN, Quiz Bowl, Safety Patrol, Science Olympiad, Student Council and more.
- Experiences like Author in Residence visits, travel expenses for clubs to compete at state and nationals, the Challenger Learning Center field trip, and reading intervention training for teachers.
- Equipment like jr./sr. high music room chairs, classroom materials for teachers, biology lab and gym equipment.

## OH Boosters

OH Boosters champion the junior and senior high school athletic programs while fostering community pride in Green Bear athletics. From supporting teams with equipment and resources to celebrating achievements that bring the community together, OH Boosters ensure student athletes have what they need to compete and grow. The organization's dedication helps create the culture of excellence that defines Ottawa Hills athletics, reminding students that an entire village stands behind them every time they take the field, court or course. **OH Boosters' largest fundraisers** are operating the Bear Cave selling spirit wear, OH Boosters athletic memberships and season passes, concessions at home athletics events, and special events like Celebrity Wait Night.



### 2024-2025 OH Boosters Impact

- OVER \$68,600 disbursed for uniforms, team and field equipment
- Athletic Trainer support
- Sports media and coaching support

## OHMTA

OHMTA ensures students across all grade levels have access to music, theatre and art enrichment opportunities. OHMTA actively supports choral, band and theater programs while contributing funds that enhance arts education throughout the district. The organization's commitment means students can explore creative passions, develop new talents and experience the transformative power of the arts. Through OHMTA's work, every student has the chance to find their voice, whether on stage, in the band, or behind the scenes. **OHMTA generates most of its funds** through private donations, production sponsorships, Carols for hire, and theatre concessions.



### 2024-2025 OHMTA Impact

- OVER \$15,000 in disbursements for jr./sr. high music room chairs
- New equipment for the band
- Acting Out! Leadership and Development training



**We'd be a mess without you**

OHSPA and Boosters joined forces on National Custodial Appreciation Day to thank our eight custodial staff members who keep our buildings clean, safe and ready for learning every day. Their behind-the-scenes work ensures classrooms stay spotless, grounds remain welcoming and athletic facilities are competition-ready. Thank you for creating the environment that makes learning possible.



## Forbes celebrates student's advocacy work

Current senior Piper Downing distinguished herself as a standout participant in The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Student Visionaries of the Year campaign, a nationwide initiative that empowers teens to raise funds for blood cancer research while developing professional leadership skills.

The competitive program selects student leaders nominated by community leaders, educators or peers to develop comprehensive business plans and execute seven-week fundraising campaigns. Participants educate their communities about blood cancers while raising money for groundbreaking research and patient support programs. The experience provides hands-on practice in public speaking, networking and financial planning through real-world philanthropic leadership.

Piper's exceptional work earned recognition from Forbes as



the National Team Member of the Year for her fundraising work as part of the Student Visionaries campaign. Piper told Forbes,

"Participating in the Student Visionaries of the Year campaign taught me valuable leadership skills and about the importance of teamwork. It also enhanced my communication skills. Success in pitching to companies and conducting individual online outreach taught me to be more confident and assertive in professional settings. At the same time, the lack of response or contribution by companies taught me not to let rejection stop me from achieving my goals. Overall, I learned that a strong work ethic is the key to success, a quality that I will carry with me beyond the fundraising challenge."

Growing a Green Bear means cultivating compassion that reaches beyond our village boundaries. Piper exemplifies what it means to lead with excellence in the broader community.

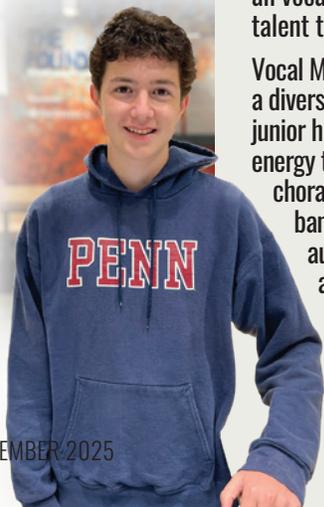
## Cub brings cuteness

The Green Bear Cub made its debut at the elementary school, bringing spirit and smiles to students. Here, the mini mascot leads the boys soccer team in a spirited send-off to the state championship.



## Acing the ACT

Ottawa Hills senior Quinton Smith achieved a perfect ACT score, joining an exceptional group of less than 1% of test-takers nationwide. The cross country and track athlete also participates in Model United Nations and helps with peer tutoring in The Foundry. Congratulations, Quinton!



The annual Fall Collage concert packed the gymnasium with over 200 junior and senior high school students ready to perform. The unique event brought together all vocal and instrumental programs for an evening that showcased the musical talent thriving at Ottawa Hills.

Vocal Music Director Hayley Hoss and Band Director Michael Leeds put together a diverse program spanning classical to contemporary pieces. The Junior Chorale, junior high choir, Choraliers and high school concert choir each brought their own energy to the stage with performances ranging from beloved classics to moving choral works. The instrumental side delivered equal excitement. The concert band offered thoughtful classical selections, while the Marching Band got the audience moving with crowd favorites including an arrangement of "Hooked on a Feeling" by senior and drum major Sahil Parikh.

The Fall Collage concert remains a favorite event of the school year, demonstrating how the Village supports and celebrates student achievement in the arts.



## Class of 2026: the world's at our fingertips

The Class of 2026 gathered at the home of Michael and Jamie O'Neill for the annual Senior Breakfast, a cherished tradition that marks the beginning of the final year at Ottawa Hills. Students enjoyed a meal together, captured group photos on the front lawn and shared summer memories before making their grand entrance at the opening assembly. The morning celebration reinforces the bonds that will carry this class through their senior year and beyond.

The 82-member class enters their final year in Green Bear Nation with the motto "Class of 26, The World's at Our Fingertips!"

Thank you to Michael and Jamie O'Neill for their hospitality in opening their home to the senior class, and to all senior parents for their unwavering support throughout their children's educational journey.

## Growing nationwide college connections for our students

School Counselor Crystal Burnworth represented Ottawa Hills at the National Association for College Admission Counseling conference in Columbus this fall, joining over 6,500 college admission professionals from across the country. The event provided invaluable opportunities to strengthen relationships with college representatives and share what makes Ottawa Hills students exceptional.

The connections Mrs. Burnworth builds with college admission counselors directly benefit Ottawa Hills students. These relationships help ensure admission officers understand the caliber of our programs and the preparation our students receive. During guided campus tours specifically designed for school counselors, she gained firsthand knowledge of campus life, academic programs and admission processes that she will use to provide personalized guidance to students and families.

The Ottawa Hill Local Schools Counseling Mission drives this work: to empower all students to achieve their fullest potential by providing comprehensive support in social-emotional well-being, academic excellence, and college and career readiness. Through collaborative efforts like conference attendance, the counseling program prepares students for success in their post-secondary endeavors and beyond.

You can view the 2025-2026 College Profile by visiting the Counseling page of the school's website at: <https://jhhs.ohschools.org/school-counseling/college-planning>.



## 5k tradition starts year on the right foot

Over 240 runners of all ages took to the streets for the annual Back to School 5K in August. Perfect weather welcomed over 170 participants in the 5K race and over 70 in the one-mile run, bringing the community together before the first day of school.

Parent Kevin Egan led the way, crossing the finish line in 17:34, followed by Hutch Carter ('25), at 19:08 and Elanora Smith ('23), at 20:37.

The event is organized each year by junior class parents as a fundraiser supporting After Prom activities. Thank you to this year's organizing team for creating an event that brings the Ottawa Hills community, as well as Green Bears past and present, together while supporting our students.



## The 2025 Homecoming Court

Sharon Lim, Emma Friedman, Emily Timmerman, Charlotte Ellingson and Karis Connelly. Timmerman was crowned Homecoming Queen.

## The Foundry fuels academic success

### Peer tutoring builds skills and earns credit

Students can now earn one-half or one full credit over their high school career by serving as peer tutors in The Foundry. These student leaders work alongside two dedicated adult tutors, four math teachers and one STEM teacher to assist classmates with both subject-specific challenges and essential skills like organization and time management.



The program creates a collaborative learning environment where students reinforce their own knowledge while helping peers navigate

coursework. Whether tackling a difficult math concept, refining an essay or developing better study habits, students find the right combination of peer and adult assistance to meet their needs.

### Exam study sessions offer structured preparation

Lead Tutor Jessica Loudermilk organized exam study sessions to give students in grades 7-12 the tools and confidence they need before their end of semester finals. These opportunities provide practical strategies like creating study maps while offering subject-specific review in a supervised, welcoming atmosphere. Ms. Loudermilk has structured the sessions to ensure each student has opportunities to study successfully for exams. The study sessions provide consistent adult oversight and encouragement, creating a focused space where students feel comfortable asking questions and clarifying concepts before test day.

Adult tutors remain present throughout study times, circulating to offer assistance and maintain the supportive environment that helps students prepare with confidence. The structured approach ensures no student faces exam preparation alone, with guidance readily available.

The academic resources in The Foundry reflect Ottawa Hills' investment in student achievement. By offering accessible tutoring and supervised exam preparation, the school reinforces the high standards that define the district and helps every student access the tools needed to thrive.

## Student artists shine at historic focus show

Ottawa Hills student artists earned recognition at the 54th Annual Historic FOCUS Show at the University of Toledo's Center for the Visual Arts. Savio Deiger, Sloan Clausen and Sahil Parikh showcased their work alongside more than 100 pieces from students representing over 17 high schools across Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan.

Sloan Clausen received the Principal's Choice Award and Savio Deiger earned the Superintendent's Award for their outstanding work. The massive exhibition, running through December 13 at the Toledo Museum of Art, celebrates the passion students and teachers share for visual arts.

Dating back to 1971, the Focus Show stands as one of the region's longest-running and largest high school art exhibitions, championing the importance of arts education and connecting young artists across communities.

Art teacher Kristin Johnson captured the spirit of the awards ceremony: "There were hundreds of people at the awards ceremony. Local artists and art educators highlighted the importance of art in our lives and the impact it has on our world."

The student achievements reflect the dedication of art teachers Kristin Johnson and Caitlin Shawker, along with support from the Ottawa Hills Schools Parent Association and Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation. Their investment in the fine arts program creates opportunities for students to participate in exhibitions deeply rooted in Toledo's artistic legacy.



## Honoring the service of village veterans



The elementary 5th grade class recognized 46 veteran relatives at the annual Veterans Day assembly. The event honored those who served in the Coast Guard, Air Force, Marines, Army and Navy. The Bowling Green State University ROTC posted the colors while high school physical education teacher Stacy Richards sang "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Among those honored were village residents Senior Master Sergeant Anna Bennett and Colonel Michael Bennett, both retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve. SMSgt Bennett served 20 years in logistics and planning roles with deployments supporting Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Col. Bennett, a command pilot with over 4,100 military flying hours, flew combat and medical evacuation missions during the Iraq War.

The assembly taught students about duty, courage and sacrifice while honoring those who serve our nation.





## Historic run! Girls XC brings home state title

The Ottawa Hills girls cross country team made school history this fall, capturing the program’s first state championship in dramatic fashion. The journey began at regionals, where the team claimed their first regional title and Natalie Nixon became Ottawa Hills’ first individual regional champion.

The momentum carried to the Division IV State Championship, where the Green Bears competed against 214 runners from across Ohio. Nixon led the way with an outstanding fifth-place finish, followed by strong performances from Mercy Alamina, Emily Chen, Molly Mullan, Freya Klaas, Piper Padgett and Evelyn Sandretto. Together, these runners showcased incredible teamwork, grit and determination.

In a dramatic finish, the Green Bears edged out 17-time state champions Minster High School, marking a truly special victory for Ottawa Hills. The boys team also represented the green and white with pride in the Division III Championship after securing third place at regionals. Coaches Jeremy Nixon, Mark Sandretto and Emily Nixon guided both teams through a season of breakthrough achievements with leadership and commitment that inspired excellence.

When the champions returned to the village, the Ottawa Hills Police Department greeted them and led a parade to coach Nixon’s home on Orchard Rd. Hundreds of community members lined the streets to cheer and congratulate the team.

The team was honored at a school-wide assembly where Village Mayor Marc Thompson presented each member with a proclamation, and State Representative Michele Grim gave the team special recognition. Athletic Director Ryan Wronkowicz joked that the school will need to make room for more trophies as Ottawa Hills continues to excel in athletics. Coach Jeremy Nixon closed the assembly with moving words about the privilege of competition: “To be able to run, or do any sport, is a gift. When students step into their athletic arena or the classroom, it is an opportunity to show off your gifts, to be the absolute best we can be. Give it your best every time.”



# O Highlights



## Championship journey: Boys soccer earns state runner-up

The boys soccer team brought home a district championship by ousting Ottoville in a 2-1 victory, propelling the team into the regional tournament. In a thrilling battle against area rival Maumee Valley Country Day School, the team captured the regional final with a 3-2 victory at Lake High School. The nail-biter showcased the Bears' talent, resilience and heart, with fans on their feet throughout the match.

The regional crown sent the team to the state semifinals, where the Bears defeated Central Christian 1-0 in a tight battle. The victory propelled them to the state championship game, where the Green Bears faced Cincinnati Summit Country Day in a hard-fought contest. The Bears finished as state runners-up, capping an extraordinary season that brought the entire community together.

Congratulations to coach Rodcliff Hall and every member of the team who fought for every goal and every win. Thanks to Athletic Director Ryan Wronkowitz for managing team logistics. Special recognition goes to the Green Bear faithful who packed the stands throughout the postseason run. Students, staff, parents and community members brought energy that made a real difference on the field.

## Girls tennis delivered at districts

Bryn Tangeman finished runner-up in singles at districts; Lorena Guardia and Olivia Stumbo took home third in doubles. All three went on to compete in the state competition under the leadership of head coach Jeff Harst.



## Bronze for boys XC

The boys cross country team also had an impressive showing in the Division III State Championship, finishing 18th in the state.

## Bears post 14-3 record in impressive field hockey season

Field hockey had an exciting season that included a dominant 8-0 shutout of Cleveland's Laurel School during the regional tournament. The Bears advanced to the regional semifinals, where they fell after a hard-fought battle. Coaches Tiffany Mullins ('95) and Brook Rasmus ('95) guided the team through a season filled with memorable moments and competitive play. The impressive tournament run gave the community another reason to celebrate Ottawa Hills field hockey and the dedicated athletes who represent the green and white.



## Three years, three TAAC championships

The Ottawa Hills girls volleyball team continued its conference dominance this season under head coach Heather Holly and assistant coach Abby Dewhirst ('21). The Bears carried their success to the state tournament appearance, capping a remarkable run that showcases the strength of the program and the competitive spirit that defines Green Bear athletics.

## Friday night lights Student Section always brings the cheer!

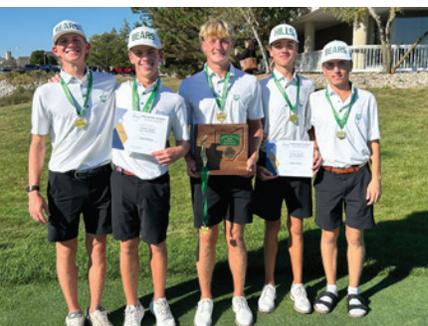


## Green Bear golfers finish fourth in state

The boys varsity golf team capped a remarkable season with a fourth-place finish at the OHSAA state championships at NCR Golf Course and Country Club in Kettering. The strong state performance placed Ottawa Hills among the elite high school golf programs in Ohio.

The Green Bears earned their trip to state by capturing their third consecutive district championship at Maumee Bay Golf Course, successfully edging out strong competitors including Liberty-Benton, St. Marys and Ottawa-Glandorf. Leading the charge were Walker Peterson and Cooper Friedman, who both tied for second place overall in the individual district competition. Their consistent performance, along with solid contributions from Graham Hill, Yale Feniger, Charlie Swigart and Greyson O'Neill, propelled the team through districts to the state tournament.

At state, the team competed at the highest level against Ohio's best programs. The second round was canceled due to rain and unplayable conditions, reverting the final results to round one standings, where Ottawa Hills secured fourth place. This season demonstrates the continued strength of Ottawa Hills golf under the leadership of head coach Justin Kruse ('01) and the commitment of student-athletes. Congratulations to our golfers on an outstanding season!



## Two teams, two causes, one community spirit

Our boys' and girls' soccer programs continued a cherished tradition of using athletics to give back, hosting events to support the Multiple Sclerosis Society and Tiny Hooves Farm. The girls' team delivered an impressive 7-0 victory over Catholic Central during their Match for MS event, while the boys fought valiantly in a competitive 2-1 match against St. John's. The boys' game included a special halftime kickoff challenge versus alum and starting UT kicker Emilio Duran ('23), with all proceeds, including a matching gift from Nooney Co., benefiting Tiny Hooves Farm. This Northwest Ohio nonprofit, inspired by the life and compassion of Charley Bauer, partners with local grief support groups to offer a peaceful, animal-filled space for group healing and connection.

The Match for MS holds special meaning for the girls' soccer program. Three years ago, assistant coach Colin Armstrong was diagnosed with MS, inspiring the team to dedicate this annual event to supporting the MS Society in his honor. "If you talk to any of the soccer girls about Colin, you will quickly learn what an incredible coach and teacher of the game he is," said girls varsity soccer coach Jessica Kozy. "I honestly can't imagine coaching without him." The team raised \$2,665 to donate to the MS Society.

Thank you to coaches Rodcliff Hall and Jessica Kozy for their leadership, and to Kim Grimm, Jim Nooney and everyone who came out to support these causes. These events remind us that athletics can teach more than skills and strategy. They teach our young people the importance of supporting one another and giving back to the community that supports them. For the girls' team, the evening held a double celebration: raising funds for a worthy cause while also commemorating their newly won conference championship.



## Village investment supports student-athletes



The Village of Ottawa Hills celebrated the completion of reconstructed tennis courts with a ribbon-cutting ceremony this past fall. The Robert B. Brown Family Fund of the Greater Toledo Community Foundation donated \$200,000 to make the project possible, honoring Mr. Brown's love of tennis.

"Our newly renovated tennis courts will serve our athletes, students, families and neighbors for years to come," said Councilman Wimmers at the ceremony.

The village-owned tennis courts, along with other green and athletic spaces throughout Ottawa Hills, provide primary practice and competition venues for our student-athletes. This partnership between the village and school district ensures Green Bears have facilities to develop their skills and compete. The renovated courts represent an investment in both community recreation and student athletics, demonstrating the collaborative spirit that defines our community.



## Soccer scrimmage embodies Green Bear school spirit

The boys junior high soccer team faced the high school JV squad in a Sunday scrimmage that ended with a 5-4 JV victory in a penalty kick shootout. Beyond the final score the real victory was the opportunity for athletes at both levels to grow through competition.

These spirited scrimmages strengthen our athletics programs by allowing junior high players to test their skills against their older peers while reminding JV players of their role in mentoring the next generation of Green Bears.

JV head coach Drew Hoffman ('20), returned to lead the program after finishing his undergraduate degree at Vanderbilt. He is currently attending medical school at the University of Toledo Medical Center while giving back to the program that helped shape him.

Adding to the school spirit, current Ottawa Hills high school students happened to be scheduled as referees for the match, gaining work experience while supporting youth athletics in their community.

From players to coaches to referees, this scrimmage exemplified how our athletic programs create opportunities for Green Bears to grow, lead and give back.



## Bears give back through Special Olympics football

Ottawa Hills welcomed Lucas County's Special Olympics athletes this summer for an annual tradition that brings together Green Bear football players and participants from the Lucas County Board for Developmental Disabilities. Junior high and high school football team members led drills, ran plays and shared their love of the game with Special Olympics athletes during the day-long event.

"This is my favorite volunteer project that we do," said Brandon Carter, head football coach. "I think our guys enjoy it even more than the kids coming out to participate." The Lucas County Board for Developmental Disabilities works to ensure people with developmental disabilities live life to the fullest with freedom of choice, inclusion and acceptance, and with a sense of worth and opportunity to contribute to their community.

For the Green Bears, the event exemplifies how athletics builds character beyond the field, creating young leaders who understand the value of service and inclusion.

## FOUNDATION LETTER

### Fortifying the Ottawa Hills Standard of Excellence for Future Generations

#### Dear Friends, Alumni, and Community Members,

As the semester draws to a close and we prepare to gather with family and friends for the winter holidays, we are reminded of what makes Ottawa Hills so exceptional: our families and the community that keep education at the heart of the home. The Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation exists to ensure that this high standard of excellence, which drew us all here, remains robust for the next generation of Green Bears.

Our commitment to you and our students is focused squarely on preserving the OH Standard of Excellence. This standard represents the continuous investment made by the Foundation across every grade level and academic area, from the elementary classroom through the high school science labs. Whether funding cutting-edge technology, providing professional development for our dedicated faculty, or supporting programs in the arts and humanities, our goal is clear: to guarantee opportunities for every student, every year.

The Foundation's vital role is to act as the vehicle through which the community can contribute philanthropically to support Ottawa Hills Local Schools. While tax dollars cover the core curriculum, your generosity through the Foundation fuels innovation and specialized programs that constitute the renowned "OH Difference."

We don't just fund projects; we preserve the quality and future of this educational environment. It truly takes a village to grow a Green Bear, and your partnership makes all the difference. Thank you for joining us to safeguard this incredible legacy. Your support ensures that the high standard achieved by one generation is confidently passed on to the next.

With gratitude,

Judd Silverman  
Board Chair, OHSF

Erica Silk  
Director of Development, OHLS



**Judd Silverman** ('74) is chairman of the Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation. **Erica (Gatchel) Silk** ('89) is Director of Development, Ottawa Hills Local Schools.

## Foundation funds vs. District funds

Use the QR code to learn the difference between Foundation funds vs. District funds in this educational video with Treasurer/CFO Tom Siloy and Development Director Erica Silk.



## IMPACT SNAPSHOT

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TOTAL FUNDS GENERATED SINCE 2013

### Endowment Fund

Ensure long-term financial stability by generating ongoing investment income for consistent funding.

\$2.5 Million+

### Investments in Capital Projects

\$4 Million+

**Kadens Family Fitness Center**  
and renovations of the Mens & Womens Locker Rooms  
**Full STEAM Ahead Capital Campaign**

The Foundry, The Wondry with the MacMillan Family Golden Sycamore Tree, The Gupta Family Science & Research Corridor, The Sue and Jim White, Jr. Family Art Studio, The Claire and Caroline Arnos ARTLab, and renovations to STEAM spaces throughout campus.

### Funding Over 200 Student Experiences

Provide essential support to K-12 students to enrich learning in the arts, athletics and academics.

\$1 Million+

The mission of the Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation is to permanently enhance and extend the unique experience of excellence that defines Ottawa Hills Local Schools.

Learn more at [www.ohschools.org/about-us/development](http://www.ohschools.org/about-us/development)

# Granted! Enhancing education through Foundation support

The Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation plays a vital role in enriching our students' educational experiences. Through grant funding, the Foundation enables learning opportunities that extend far beyond traditional classroom walls. From field trips to cutting-edge technology, specialized equipment to guest speakers, Foundation grants allow teachers to transform curriculum into unforgettable hands-on experiences. The following stories showcase how Foundation support brings learning to life for our students.

## Home-to-Home ignites leadership across school communities

### FUND: Kadens Family Leadership Series

The Home-to-Home partnership continues building bridges between Ottawa Hills High School and Scott High School through shared leadership experiences and meaningful connections. The program brings students from both communities together to develop skills, broaden perspectives and forge lasting friendships.

Students spent a powerful day this fall with David Bush, the City of Toledo Youth Commissioner, centered on the theme "Ignite." Bush led the group through activities designed to strengthen communication skills, enhance leadership abilities and deepen the connections between the two schools. The foundational experience set the tone for collaborative work planned throughout the year.

An exciting Chicago trip awaits the group later this year, where students will meet Pete Kadens ('93), whose vision inspired the entire program. The experience will combine continued leadership development with David Bush and exploration of the city that connects both communities.



## AP Environmental Science students explore Great Lakes ecosystem

### FUND: The OHS Foundation STEM Fund

Paul Genzman's environmental science students spent a day conducting real-world research at The Ohio State University's Stone Laboratory on Gibraltar Island near Put-in-Bay. Led by Stone Lab instructors, students measured wind speed, air and water temperature, water clarity and wave height near Rattlesnake Island. They collected water samples to identify zooplankton, phytoplankton, fish and benthic invertebrates.

"This trip is a truly unique experience

for our students," shared Genzman. "It's one thing to discuss how special the Great Lakes are, but to be on a boat with fresh water as far as you can see and to interact with these surroundings is really special. You are able to observe microscopic organisms you didn't know existed or observe the biodiversity of fish species captured in the trawl. It is so rewarding to see how excited our students are to be there."

Students also learned about the ecosystem, environmental challenges caused by human impact, conservation success stories and the region's history. Assistant Principal Dr. Mandy Ricketts joined the trip and noted, "It was wonderful to spend time with the AP Environmental Science students and see them apply what they've learned in the classroom to real-world research. The trip was an incredible opportunity to get to know our students better outside of the school building."

Following Stone Lab, Genzman's classes visited the Ottawa River to conduct similar tests, comparing chemical and physical properties of water at each location. In recent years, the Village of Ottawa Hills has made considerable improvements to the river through community cleanups, including dam removal and elimination of invasive species.





engagement and creative problem-solving while expanding the shared

## Ottawa Hills Invitational at Inverness FUND: The Swigart Family Golf Fund

The Foundation helped bring championship-level competition to Ottawa Hills this summer by supporting the Green Bears Golf Invitational at the historic Inverness Club. The event drew some of the state's top high school golf programs to Toledo, providing Ottawa Hills players with the opportunity to compete on one of the nation's most prestigious courses. The experience of hosting and competing alongside elite teams offers invaluable preparation for the Green Bears as they continue building their program. Foundation funding ensures Ottawa Hills athletes can showcase their skills while representing the community on courses that challenge and inspire. "With all six varsity lettermen returning next season, optimism is sky-high for what lies ahead," said head varsity golf coach Justin Kruse ('01).

materials available to the entire Ottawa Hills VEX Robotics program under the direction of Mrs. Patty Dowd.



## Foundation invests in athlete mental performance FUND: The Mindel Family Athletic Fund

Girls basketball players across all levels are building mental toughness this season thanks to Foundation grant funding. Coach Tim Lambert secured Plug & Play Elite Mental Game for Teams, an online curriculum now available to all 7th through 12th-grade players. The program focuses on developing confidence, resilience, focus and communication, creating a unified approach to mental training throughout the entire basketball program. Beyond improving performance on the court, the cognitive skills players are learning translate to success in the classroom and personal growth, equipping young athletes with tools they will use long after the game clock stops.

## 8th-grade class connects with history and each other FUND: The Irene A. Aubin Student Assistance Fund

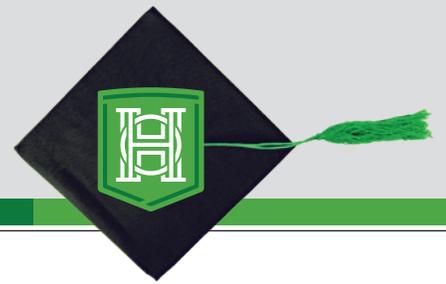
8th-grade students traveled to the nation's capital in November for an immersive educational experience made more accessible through Foundation funding. The annual Washington, D.C., trip brought American history to life as students explored Capitol Hill, paid respects at Arlington National Cemetery and walked through the Smithsonian museums lining the National Mall. Foundation support helped offset costs for families, ensuring every 8th-grader could participate in this transformative journey. Students stood before iconic monuments including the Lincoln Memorial and World War II Memorial, traced the events of Lincoln's assassination at Ford's Theatre and tested their skills at the International Spy Museum. The trip extended to Gettysburg, where students walked the historic battlefield and deepened their understanding of the Civil War. Thanks to trip organizer and chaperone Cheri Palko's cell phone free policy, students also forged stronger connections with each other. Taking a break from screens allowed genuine conversations to flourish, friendships to deepen and shared experiences to create bonds that will carry into high school. These experiences outside the classroom created lasting memories while reinforcing the lessons learned throughout their junior high years, preparing students for high school with a stronger connection to the history that shaped our nation and to each other. Thank you to our teachers and staff for chaperoning this trip and making it a memorable experience: Dylan Bush, Janelle Fowler, Paul Genzman, Jessica Loudermilk, and Cheri Palko.



## Enhancing robotics in junior high STEM FUND: The OHS Foundation STEM Fund

Junior high STEM students gained valuable new resources this fall thanks to Foundation grant funding. Five additional VEX robot kits now support the Automation & Robotics unit, which all junior high students study concurrently as part of the unified STEM course implemented this year. The 10 new robots provide more opportunities for hands-on





## Reunited and it feels so good!

Ottawa Hills welcomed home alumni from the classes of 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1993, and 1995 for reunions. These special weekends bring former Green Bears back to reconnect with classmates and rediscover the campus that shaped them.

Reunion activities often include on-campus tours led by Director of Development Erica Silk, giving returning graduates the chance to see how the facilities have evolved. Alumni consistently marvel at updates like The Foundry, state-of-the-art science labs and vibrant art classrooms, yet express no surprise at the continued tradition of excellence.

The tours serve as a reminder that while the building evolves, the spirit of Ottawa Hills remains unchanged. These reunion weekends reinforce the lasting bonds that connect Green Bears across generations and demonstrate that it truly takes a village to grow and sustain the Ottawa Hills experience.



Get in  
Touch!



## Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1976 Contact Shelley Wolson: [threebears@nyc.rr.com](mailto:threebears@nyc.rr.com)

## Award-winning journalist Sarah Bloomquist ('90) returns to inspire students

Ottawa Hills welcomed back alumna and award-winning journalist Sarah Bloomquist ('90) for a day of inspiration with students in Sara Eisenbaum's Professional Networking and Communication class and Sam Abbott's AP English Language class.

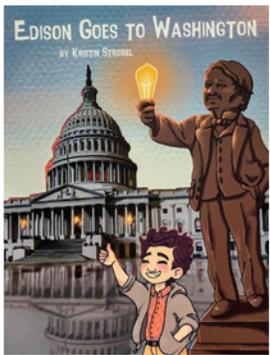
As a prominent anchor and reporter at WPVI-TV in Philadelphia, part of ABC and the Walt Disney Company, Sarah has covered major stories over three decades. Her work has taken her around the world to cover Presidential Inaugurations, the Super Bowl and international events. Before moving to Philadelphia in 2002, she earned Associated Press recognition and two Emmy nominations for her coverage of the 9/11 attacks from Ground Zero while working at Toledo's WTVG.

Sarah's passion for storytelling began in sixth grade at Ottawa Hills Elementary School, where she participated in a



kids' journalism program on WGTE. In eighth grade, her English teacher Ms. Alice Lora, a former teacher of ABC News anchor Diane Sawyer, encouraged her to pursue journalism.

Students gained valuable insight into career pathways and the importance of effective communication and networking. Thank you to Director of Development Erica Silk, our dedicated faculty and staff, and Sarah for sharing her story and bringing motivation to our students.



## Alumna author inspires next generation of Green Bears

Ottawa Hills welcomed back alumna and author Kristin (Strobel) Emery ('03) this past fall for a day with students from second grade through high school. She shared her journey as a writer with 2nd and 4th graders in The Wondry, signing the author's wall outside the space in the elementary hallway, before visiting several high school classes, including Sara Eisenbaum's AP English Literature and Darrin Broadway's Public Speaking class.

Students learned about her book "Edison Goes to Washington" and gained valuable insight into their own future career and college paths. Later that day, Kristin continued to the Sanger Branch Library for a public event, where she read her book and signed copies for enthusiastic young readers.

Our district is fortunate to have alumni who take time to return to campus and share their work and life experiences with current students. These visits create meaningful connections across generations of Green Bears, allowing students to see the possibilities that lie ahead while learning from those who walked the same halls. When alumni share their journeys, from challenges to successes, they provide real-world context that brings classroom learning to life.

A sincere thank you to Kristin for sharing her experiences with our students. We are grateful to all our alumni who invest their time in the next generation of Green Bears.





# Goal: Reconnect

The annual alumni soccer game brought Green Bears together at Niedermeier Stadium, with 22 current players welcoming back 11 alumni for an afternoon of competition and camaraderie. The tradition proves that once a Green Bear, always a Green Bear.

## Annual alumni football reunion



### Trading the gridiron for golf clubs

Varsity football coach Brandon Carter and Green Bear alumni were looking forward to the annual flag football game, but the summer heat led to a change in plans. Instead, the group pivoted to pizza at Stubborn Brother and enjoyed a golf outing together.

## Reunion: Meet-up in Midtown!

**new york**

Green Bears are invited to a Midtown meet-up in NYC on Saturday, January 17, 2026 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

For more details and to RSVP contact Director of Development Erica Silk at [esilk@ohschools.org](mailto:esilk@ohschools.org).

## Cheers! to the happy couple

Will Petro ('11) married Natalie Grady with Ottawa Hills alumni cheering them on. Here's to the happy couple and a lifetime of love!



# Celebrating Alumni Achievement



The following pages honor **the Class of 2025 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients and Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees.**

The Distinguished Alumni Award was established in 2017 to recognize Ottawa Hills Local Schools' attendees who have made a meaningful contribution to society, and whose accomplishments, affiliations, and careers have honored the tradition of excellence at Ottawa Hills.

The Ottawa Hills High School Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 2019 to formally honor the memory and contributions of the many outstanding athletes, teams, coaches, and supporters of our athletic programs. The Hall of Fame serves as a symbol of our appreciation of the excellence, honor, and devotion displayed by these celebrated individuals and teams.

## Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients



### 2024 INDUCTEES

Amy (Robbins) Kadens ('99)  
Brad Rubini ('79)  
Penny (Katchka) Staelin ('64)  
Steve Staelin ('63)

### 2023 INDUCTEES

Kristján Gíslason ('74)  
Steve Jenks ('77)  
Shelley Wolson ('76)

### 2022 INDUCTEES

Dr. Jessica Ciralsky  
Carl Heiles ('57)  
Phil Mattingly ('02)  
Cleveland O'Neal III ('74)  
Jim White, Jr. ('58)

### 2021 INDUCTEE

Dr. David Glow ('55)

### 2020 INDUCTEES

Barbara Barker ('79)  
Mary (Carson) Fedderke ('65)  
Constance Hauman ('79)  
Robert (Bob) Hinkle ('56) (in memoriam)  
Amul Thapar ('87)  
Gary M. Woodbury ('58)

### 2019 INDUCTEES

Betsy (Carson) Brady ('64)  
Pete Kadens ('96)  
Rustin "Polly" (Steele) Levenson ('65)  
Robert (Bob) Shopneck ('68)  
Dr. Catherine Webb ('66)

### 2018 INDUCTEES

Dr. James Geiger ('79)  
Roa Lynn ('55)  
Larry Mindel ('55)  
M. Scott Peeler ('89)  
Frederic Roberts ('79)

### 2017 INDUCTEES (INAUGURAL CLASS)

Christine Brennan ('76)  
Craig Burkhart ('69)  
Russell Carson ('61)  
Richard DeVore ('51) (in memoriam)  
John Galbraith ('41)  
David Staelin ('56) (in memoriam)  
Sally Stuckey ('74)

## Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees



### 2024 INDUCTEES

Coach Chris Hardman  
Jeff Gehring ('61)  
Andy Lott ('88)  
Jack Loy ('77)  
Lindy Redmann ('74)  
Kimberly (Kos) Southall ('93)  
1992/93 and 1993/94  
Field Hockey Teams  
1986 Varsity Baseball Team

### 2023 INDUCTEES

John Buckley ('69)  
Craig Burkhart ('69)  
Coach Richard Kuzma  
Michael Tanner ('73)  
**Girls Athletic Association ('63)**  
Penny Carver Dean ('63)  
Marianne Fleck Gehring ('63)  
Diane Smith Kerin ('63)  
Jane Ulmer Kuta ('63)  
Gretta Fleck Laskey ('63)  
Margo Seney Morrow ('63)  
Joan Ulmer Fisher ('63)

### 2022 INDUCTEES

Paula (Wagoner) Conway ('94)  
Norm Niedermeier, Coach  
Sandy Osterman, Coach  
John Spengler ('77)  
Jim White, Jr. ('58)

### 2021 INDUCTEES

Wendy (Roberts) Pavicic ('97)  
David Roadhouse ('62)

### 2020 INDUCTEES

Jamie O'Hara ('68)  
Katherine (Jamieson) Folino ('10)

### 2019 INDUCTEES (INAUGURAL CLASS)

Kelly Coleman ('82)  
John M. Hill ('56)  
Laurie Imes ('81)  
Jim Tenney ('56)

# Susan Feniger

James Beard Award winner, food television star and culinary pioneer



Susan Feniger, Ottawa Hills High School Class of 1971, is an award-winning chef, restaurateur, cookbook author and television personality who revolutionized Los Angeles' culinary landscape. Born in Toledo, Ohio, to parents Ruth Alice and Yale Feniger, and raised in Ottawa Hills, she credits her mother as a major inspiration.

Susan graduated from Pitzer College in 1976 with a degree in economics, business and psychology. While studying at Pitzer, she worked in the school cafeteria where her supervisor, a former Army cook, recognized her affinity for the kitchen and suggested culinary school. She convinced her economics professor to let her complete her degree by doing an independent study at the Culinary Institute of America (CIA). After graduating from the CIA in 1977, she made a groundbreaking move joining the nearly all-male kitchen at Chicago's Le Perroquet, where she serendipitously met the only other woman in the kitchen, Mary Sue Milliken.

After working for Wolfgang Puck at Ma Maison in Los Angeles, Susan went to the French Riviera to further hone her skills and returned to open City Café with Milliken in 1981. In 1985, they opened the Mexican restaurant Border Grill in the original City Café space, and later that same year, Susan earned a James Beard Award cementing her impact on the culinary world. The restaurant later expanded to Las Vegas' Mandalay Bay Resort. In 1998, they opened the Latin-flavored restaurant Ciudad in Los Angeles.

The duo became pioneers of modern Mexican cuisine and broke barriers as female restaurateurs in a male-dominated industry. They brought their innovative approaches to The Food Network with nearly 400 episodes of "Too Hot Tamales" and "Tamales World Tour" in the 1990s. In 1993, Susan and Mary Sue appeared with Julia Child in her PBS series "Cooking with Master Chefs."

In 2009, Susan opened her first solo project, Street, a

multi-ethnic eatery featuring street foods from around the world. The restaurant name reflected her philosophy: "There's a cultural connection found on the street. I connect that way to food and to the people making it." In 2013, she opened Mud Hen Tavern at Street's former location, named after childhood memories of attending Toledo Mud Hens baseball games with her father. Most recently, she and Milliken opened Socalo in Santa Monica in 2019 and Alice B. in Palm Springs in 2023.

Susan appeared on the second season of "Top Chef Masters" in 2010, raising \$32,500 for the Scleroderma Research Foundation. She has co-authored six cookbooks and received numerous honors, including the 2018 Julia Child Award and the Elizabeth Burns Lifetime Achievement Award from the California Restaurant Association in 2013.

Susan is deeply committed to community service, serving on the boards of the Scleroderma Research Foundation since 1988, the Los Angeles LGBT Center, and the Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board. She co-founded Women Chefs & Restaurateurs and Chefs Collaborative, organizations promoting women's advancement in the restaurant industry and building better food systems.

Today, Susan continues her culinary innovations through Mundo Hospitality Group, which includes multiple restaurants, food trucks and catering services, always guided by her passion for exploring global cuisines and bringing authentic flavors to Los Angeles diners. Sharing in her life is Susan's wife, Liz Lachman.

# Sarah Bloomquist

Award-winning journalist, master storyteller, and community champion



Sarah Bloomquist has become one of the most recognizable and trusted reporters in Philadelphia, the fourth largest television market in the United States.

As an anchor and reporter at WPVI-TV, part of ABC and the Walt Disney Company, she has covered the most important stories of the last three decades. At the anchor desk, she leads 6abc's Noon and 4 p.m. newscasts and is a host of the political roundtable program "Inside Story". As a reporter, she has developed a reputation as a master storyteller with interviewing skills that can get everyone from top elected officials to people on the street to share their tales.

Sarah has traveled extensively to cover events that matter most to Philadelphia viewers. Her work has taken her around the world, including stories in Italy, Egypt and Kenya. In the United States, Sarah has covered multiple Presidential Inaugurations, political conventions, wildfires, hurricanes, as well as the World Series and Super Bowls and, of note, the season finale of "Dancing with the Stars".

During the COVID lockdown, she repeatedly converted

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rooms in her home into television studios, and in addition to covering the daily news during that uncertain time, she delivered uplifting stories to 6abc's viewers, with the goal of keeping positivity and hope in their lives.

Sarah's versatility as an anchor and her commitment to local philanthropy have her hosting annual telethons, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for nonprofits including Philabundance, the region's largest charity serving food-insecure people.

Before coming to Philadelphia in 2002, Sarah had an award-winning career in her hometown at Toledo's WTVG. She covered many local and national stories including the Columbine Massacre and she traveled to New York to cover the 9/11 attacks. In 2001, she was named Best Reporter in Ohio by the Associated Press and in 2002, she was awarded First Place in the Spot News Category for her coverage from New York. She was also nominated for two Emmy awards for her live coverage from Ground Zero.

Sarah's storytelling career began in sixth grade at Ottawa Hills Elementary School where she was selected to be a part of a kids' journalism program on WGTE called "The Right Side Up" where young people discussed current news events. In eighth grade, her English teacher, Ms. Alice Lora, suggested she consider a career in journalism. Ms. Lora had taught the legendary ABC News anchor Diane Sawyer

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during her early teaching career in Kentucky and noticed Sarah shared a similar interest in writing and reporting. In 10th grade, Ms. Lora recommended Sarah to a scholastic journalism program at Columbia University in New York. She would later select Sarah to be a co-editor of The Arrowhead newspaper. Later, Sarah contributed to the Miami Student newspaper at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She went on to get her master's degree in broadcast journalism from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University in Chicago.

Throughout her career Sarah has been a champion of journalism and its power to impact lives. She tells stories that are important to everyone in the community, and as a member of that community she is proud of the impact she has made.

In her free time, Sarah enjoys playing tennis with her husband, Justin, and daughter, Andie, who is entering eighth grade.

## Geof Meyers

Corporate finance leader,  
community board champion,  
and philanthropic leader



Geoffrey "Geof" Meyers is a prominent business leader and dedicated community volunteer whose roots run deep in Ottawa Hills. A native son who attended Ottawa Hills High School from kindergarten through graduation in 1962, Geof represents the values of excellence and service that define the community. His father, Dr. Ward Meyers, moved to Toledo to establish a successful surgical practice, while his mother Ruth was actively involved in community organizations, most notably the Toledo Museum of Art. During his time at OHHS, Geof demonstrated early leadership qualities by playing football and serving as Student Council vice president.

After graduating from Northwestern University in 1966 with a bachelor's degree in history and comparative literature, Geof furthered his education by earning an MBA from Ohio State University. He also fulfilled his military obligation by serving six years in the Ohio National Guard. He launched his distinguished corporate career at Owens-Illinois (O-I), where he spent two decades advancing through increasingly responsible financial and planning supervisory positions. His expertise was particularly evident when he supervised the O-I Treasury Department during the late 1980s, a critical period when Kohlberg Kravis Roberts (KKR) partnered with O-I management in a major leveraged buyout of the company.

Following the O-I restructuring and the subsequent sale of numerous company divisions, Geof participated in the strategic acquisition of Health Care and Retirement Corp (HCR) in 1991. He assumed multiple executive roles as executive vice president, chief financial officer, treasurer, and board director, positions he held until 2006. During his tenure, Geof played a pivotal role in HCR's acquisition of the former Manor Care Inc. in the late 1990s, creating HCR ManorCare and nearly doubling the company's size to 60,000 employees with more than \$3 billion in annual revenue.

In 2006, Geof transitioned from corporate executive to focus on his expanding role as a community leader and corporate board member. His commitment to public service is evident through his extensive involvement in local organizations. He served multiple years on the Ottawa Hills Zoning Commission, contributed to the Mercy System board, and was appointed to the prestigious Board of Trustees of the State Teachers' Retirement System. His financial expertise proved invaluable when he joined the Toledo Community Foundation board, where he chaired both the Finance and Investment committees. He also brought his leadership skills to the Trust Company of Toledo, serving as its chairman.

His corporate board experience includes chairman roles at PharMerica Corporation (NYSE) until its sale to Walgreens/

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Geof married Molly Murtagh in 1982 while both worked at O-I, including assignments in Düsseldorf, Germany. They have four children: Amy (Cincinnati), Geoff Jr. (Ottawa Hills), Tom (Los Angeles), and Jack (Raleigh), all OHHS alumni through junior high, plus five grandchildren. Geof also has two children: Kurt and Melinda (North Carolina) and four grandchildren from a previous marriage. While Geof enjoyed the challenges of corporate life and governance, he also enjoys his family, Ottawa Hills and friends, many of whom he's had since Ottawa Hills school days. He has pursued golf, skiing, shooting and waterfowl hunting. He and Molly live in Toledo, Naples, Florida, and Harbor Springs, Michigan.

## James M. Klein

Distinguished law professor, legal education innovator and access to justice advocate



James (Jim) M. Klein, Class of 1962, enjoyed a distinguished 38-year career at the University of Toledo College of Law before retiring in 2009. Originally planning to become a dentist like his late father and brother, Jim was a pre-dental major at the University of Michigan. However, in his third year at Michigan he decided that he wanted to be an attorney. In May 1966 Jim received his B.A. in English and chose to attend law school at Case Western Reserve University. In May 1969 Jim graduated in the top 15 percent of his class and served as an editorial board member of the law review.

In August 1969 Jim was awarded a fellowship with the Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellowship Program sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania Law School. After completing the Program's training session,

Jim was placed with Contra Costa Legal Services Program in Richmond, CA. He served as a legal services attorney from 1969-71, representing low-income clients in federal and state court actions.

In July 1971, Jim joined the University of Toledo College of Law faculty and significantly impacted clinical legal education, helping establish the school's Legal Clinic to allow students to gain practical experience. In 2000, he founded the Public Service Externship Clinic for students to engage in public service work.

During his tenure, Jim served six years as a member of the ABA Accreditation Committee and participated in more than 20 law school accreditation inspections. He was the University's NCAA faculty athletics representative for 17 years and was the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs from 1992 to 1993 and the Interim Dean from 1993-1995. He also was a visiting professor at the University of New Mexico, the University of San Diego, the University of Western Australia, and several other law schools. In 2015, Jim was awarded a Fulbright Specialist grant to teach a course in U.S. civil procedure to Chinese law graduates at East China University of Law and Political Science in Shanghai.

Jim received the Access to Justice Distinguished Service Award in 2001 and he authored articles and books on various legal topics, including Ohio civil practice and employment law. Upon his retirement in 2009, the law school established an endowed fund in Jim's honor to support law students working with indigent clients.

Jim and his wife, Heide, moved to Charleston, South Carolina, in December 2009. From January 2010 to January 2018, he was a full-time visiting faculty member at the Charleston School of Law, where he taught Civil Procedure I and II and directed the law school's Externship Program.

Jim has served as a part-time labor arbitrator since 1980. For nearly a decade, he has served as co-trustee on an asbestos bankruptcy trust established by a company that filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code to pay personal injury claims caused by exposure to asbestos. He also volunteers as a mentor to a junior high student each school year.

Jim emphasized the importance of diversity in legal education for effective teaching and learning throughout his career. Reflecting on his formative years, he said, "I cannot emphasize enough the positive impact of growing up in the Village of Ottawa Hills and how lucky I was to receive the best K-12 education one could possibly hope for."

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# Megan Jamieson

Big Ten Distinguished Scholar and Sportsmanship Award recipient



Growing up in Ottawa Hills, Megan Jamieson could not wait for her chance to put on a Green Bear uniform, like her father, aunts, uncles and cousins had before her. She was born into a family that valued the excitement of competition and dedication to hard work.

From a young age, Megan's world revolved around playing sports. Her summers were spent swimming, playing catch in the backyard, shooting hoops, and playing pickup games with her neighbors. Sports were always her favorite pastime, and as she got older, she could see a future as an athlete. For Megan, sports brought not just competition but also joy.

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"Megan was devoted to practicing and setting goals at a young age. She didn't cry if she lost. She just worked harder the next day, and elevated those around her with her work ethic," her father, Burt, reflected.

During her athletic career at Ottawa Hills, Megan went on to earn 14 varsity letters across four sports. Megan began her field hockey career as a member of the 2003 State Runner-Up team and went on to be the team MVP and third-team all-state in 2006. On the basketball court, she captained the 2006 district championship team and the 2007 TAAC championship team, and led the Green Bears to a top three ranking in the state in 2007. She became the third female at OHHS to score 1,000 points and took home numerous first-team TAAC and district awards for her performance and academics throughout her tenure as a Green Bear.

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Some of Megan's fondest memories as a Green Bear were team dinners at friends' houses, singing the fight song after huge wins, but the memories she cherishes most are from sharing the field and court with her younger sister, Katherine, during her senior year. "Since we had played with each other so much growing up, I instinctively knew where she was going to be on the court. It was hard to stop us, and it made every game more fun."

Megan went on to play field hockey at Northwestern University and completed her undergraduate and master's degrees as a Wildcat. She was a three-year starter, a Big Ten Distinguished Scholar, and the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award recipient in 2011.

Megan lives in Chicago and stays active through CrossFit and walks with her dog, Coach. She is now in her second year coaching high school field hockey, and has been thrilled to give back and return to a sport that has given her so much in return.

# Burt Jamieson

Record-setting basketball scorer, three-sport athlete and collegiate competitor



The youngest of five boys and a sister, Burt was blessed with many mostly loving coaches at home who taught him how to catch, throw and shoot. His favorite sport was whatever season it was at the time. As he grew, basketball became his favorite sport. It didn't hurt that his best friends and teammates Paul Abendroth and Reeves Northrup shared this passion, and he developed a goal of playing college basketball. His off-season sports were golf and baseball.

Burt played three years of varsity golf for the Green Bears and was fortunate to be on teams that qualified for state all three years (1977, 1978, 1979). The 1978 team was state runner-up. Burt finished eighth, third and second individually. His senior year he was a district medalist. Later in life he enjoyed multiple successes as club and senior club champions at local country clubs.

After basketball season ended, Burt headed to Geresy Field where he started for the varsity as a freshman (it was good to be left-handed and pitch). His coach was Chris Hardman in his first year as varsity coach. Burt's career batting average was .349. As a senior, he hit .426 with five home runs when a ragtag team put together the best OHHS winning record at the time, making it to regionals.

On the hardwood, Burt and his best friends had considerable success. He was a three-year starter for the 1977-80 Green Bear teams that only lost eight games in three years. Burt had a magical night in December 1978, when he set the single-game scoring record of 45 points in front of all

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his siblings who were home for the holidays. For his career, Burt averaged 12.2 points and 8 rebounds per game for the Green Bears. Burt went on to play for Wittenberg University, a Division III school with a great basketball tradition. Burt was sixth man on the 1983 Tigers national runner-up team. He also played one season of golf and baseball for Wittenberg.

Burt credits his success to loving parents who never pushed but provided opportunity, siblings who helped hone both his desire and skills, and two notable coaches: Chris Hardman and Larry Hunter (Wittenberg). "Coach Hardman had a knack for infusing confidence in me and has become a lifelong friend." Coach Hunter taught leadership skills, how to compete at a higher level, mental toughness and how to win. These lessons have served Burt for a lifetime.

Burt also volunteered his time to help young Ottawa Hills athletes, coaching Little League, travel baseball and basketball. He also worked with varsity basketball players who wanted to get better, stressing fundamentals and the little things and giving back some of what he received from others. His advice to youth is to find some activity (sport or other) that you love and then pursue it. Join a "winning" program and learn the process of success. "Make sure you thank those who have had a positive impact on you."

## Eliot Browarsky

Two-sport standout and Division I collegiate soccer star



Eliot Browarsky, class of 2010, was a basketball and soccer standout who grew up with a ball either in his hands or at his feet. His parents got him into sports at an early age where he developed a deep love for competition and winning. Growing up playing travel basketball, soccer,

and baseball – he was constantly at a game, practice, or tournament. He credits both of his working parents as the real MVPs of his athletic success.

One of Eliot's most cherished soccer moments includes the 2008 soccer state championship. Coach McElroy and senior captains Ben Bryant, Jack Jamieson, and Sam Kuehnle were remarkable leaders. In the state final, it was McElroy's motivating words at halftime after being severely outplayed but keeping the game tied, saying "We bent but didn't break, all it takes is one" before Kuehnle scored an incredible game winner.

In basketball, one of Eliot's most cherished moments came in 2010. After making it out of the district for the first time in 20+ years, Ottawa Hills took down two Putnam County powerhouses in the regionals at Bowling Green State University in front of electric crowds. Qualifying for the state semi-finals for the first time in school history, they finished the season 24-2 and proved that Coach Lindsay's program belonged for the years to come.

Eliot credits several people for their significant impacts on his athletic career. Prior to coaching at Ottawa Hills, McElroy had coached Eliot at Pacesetter Soccer Club. McElroy was never easy on him and instilled discipline that he still carries today. Eliot also credits teammate Ben Bryant; in the sixth grade after breaking his ankle, Eliot decided to quit soccer and switch to football. Ben called Eliot and refused to let him quit. In basketball, Eliot credits his dad for spending countless hours in the driveway and getting him heavily involved on the Toledo basketball scene, often playing on 2-3 teams across the city. He credits Coach Lindsay for believing in him, always pushing him, and giving him a chance to prove himself on the varsity team as a freshman.

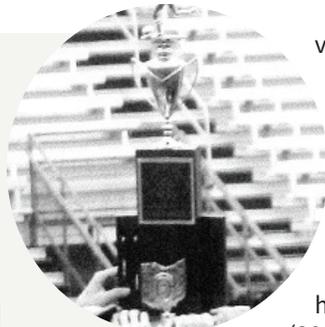
Growing up in Ottawa Hills, Eliot benefited from a tight-knit community that valued organized sports and celebrated achievement. His success in high school propelled him to play division one soccer at Elon University, where his team finished the regular season in the top 25 nationally twice and qualified for three NCAA tournaments. Today, Eliot resides in Miami, Florida and has worked in sales at Paycom Software

for nearly a decade. He credits much of his professional success to lessons learned in athletics and growing up in Ottawa Hills.

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# 2008 Boys Soccer Team

State championship team and Toledo-area trailblazers



victory: Senior midfielder Sam Kuehnle's 30-yard strike in the 51st minute through an unsuspecting Worthington Christian defense gave Ottawa Hills a 1-0 win in the boys Division III soccer state championship game in rain-soaked Columbus Crew Stadium. It marked the first time a Toledo-area school won a boys or girls soccer state championship.

Unranked entering the tournament and never having advanced past the regional finals, Ottawa Hills (20-3-0) knocked off the state's top-ranked team, Gates Mills Hawken, 3-0 in the state semifinal and then the state's second-ranked team, Worthington Christian, to cap off their season-ending 14-game winning streak.

Ottawa Hills, which overcame an 0-2-0 season start, also beat sixth-ranked Bluffton in the district final and shut out 17 of its 23 opponents.

In the 51st minute, Ottawa Hills senior Ben Bryant took a 35-yard free kick from outside the top-left corner of the 18-yard box that Worthington Christian junior goalkeeper Alex Scott punched out of the penalty area. As the WC defense relaxed, Kuehnle rushed up on the ball as it bounced outside the top-right corner of the 18. His line-drive shot hit the back-left corner of the net, stunning Scott and the WC defense.

Entering the finals with a 14-game winning streak, Worthington Christian applied most of the pressure during the first half, outshooting Ottawa Hills 9-4 in the first 40 minutes. The Warriors ended the game with a 14-12 shot advantage and nearly tied the game with 9:15 left when senior midfielder Eric Stevenson's shot went off the fingertips of Ottawa Hills senior goalkeeper Kevin Elliott and bounced off the left post.

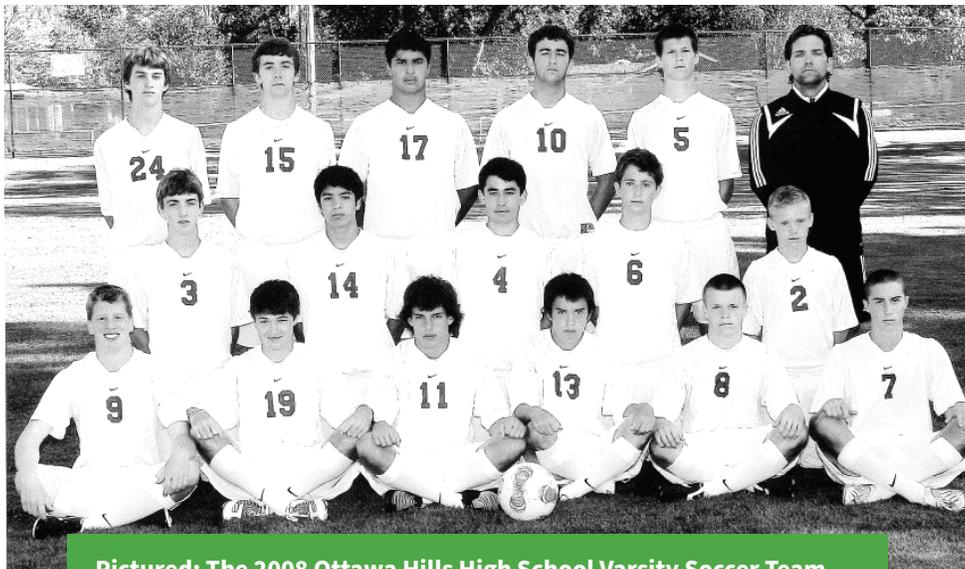
Ottawa Hills' Elliott ended the game with five saves. His first big one came with 12 minutes left in the first half when Stevenson sent a corner kick into the box that senior Luke Helmuth nearly headed in from just four yards away.

The 2008 boys soccer team had a shaky start to the season but rallied to produce the best season in Ottawa Hills history. Led by team captains Ben Bryant, Jack Jamieson and Sam Kuehnle, along with fellow seniors, Kevin Elliott, Kevin Nugent, and Emerson Saum, this team could not be stopped.

They entered the tournament exceptionally well-prepared, proving their long and strenuous practices were worth the extra time. Throughout districts and regionals, the team jumped out to early leads, ensuring victories in these games. After hard-fought battles in the early part of the season, the team went all the way, winning game after game through the final match, where they emerged as state champions.

"Our success that season came down to one thing: we truly were a team. We had talented individual players, many of whom went on to play in college, but our focus was always on winning together. That team mentality showed when we faced and defeated those highly ranked teams in the playoffs." -Ben Bryant

The OHSAA summarized the exciting Green Bear state



**Pictured: The 2008 Ottawa Hills High School Varsity Soccer Team**

Front row: Kevin Nugent, Jack Jamieson, Kevin Elliott, Emerson Saum, Ben Bryant, Sam Kuehnle. Middle row: Reed Glosser, Jack Saddemi, Nick Gore, Ian Monroe, Logan Glosser. Back row: Alec VanHeyst, Tim Bosserman, Josh Bruner, Eliot Browarsky, Sam Rumpf, Coach Greg McElroy. Not pictured: Coach Jorge Diaz.





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PLEASE JOIN US

The district invites our community to stay connected by attending any of these upcoming school-related events.

**Tickets to plays and regular season athletic events can be purchased online at [www.ohschools.org/tickets](http://www.ohschools.org/tickets)**

In case of schedule changes, please visit [ohschools.org/calendar](http://ohschools.org/calendar) for the latest event information.



### January

- 5 Monday** – School resumes
- 9 Friday** – Coffee & Conversation at district offices, 8:30 a.m.
- 16-19 Friday-Monday** – Choralier Trip to NYC
- 31 Saturday** – Snowball Dance

### February

- 6-8 Friday-Saturday** – Musical: Disney’s “Newsie’s Jr.”
- 11 Wednesday** – State of the District in the auditorium, 7 p.m.
- 25-26 Wednesday-Thursday** – Elementary Art Fair Breakfast

### March

- 8 Sunday** – Spring Choir Concert 3 p.m. / Spring Band Concert 7 p.m.
- 16-20 Monday-Friday** – Spring Break
- 27-29 Friday-Sunday** – Spring Musical: “Grease”

### April

- 17 Friday** – Coffee & Conversations at the district offices, 8:30 a.m.
- 23 Thursday** – smART Show at the Jr./Sr. High School, 6-9 p.m. 6-9 p.m.
- 28 Tuesday** – Brown Bag Chorus Concert in the auditorium, 7 p.m.

### May

- 9 Saturday** – Prom
- 12 Tuesday** – Jr./Sr. High School Choir Concert 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Wednesday** – All District Band Concert 7 p.m.
- 15 Friday** – Coffee & Conversations at the district offices, 8:30 a.m.
- 29 Friday** – Last day of school  
Commencement at Niedermeier Stadium, 6 p.m.;  
Graduate parade to follow

Coffee & Conversations  
8:30 a.m.  
District Offices  
4035 W. Central Ave.

