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From the SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK



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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, STAFF EXCELLENCE, AND SCHOOL PRIDE

The April 27 Board of Education meeting at Highland Elementary highlighted the strong collaboration between students and staff, as Principal Nick Kish shared the many ways they work together to create a welcoming, supportive school community. From strong academic achievement to moments of fun, Highland is a place where learning and connection go hand in hand. The evening was made even more special with a delightful performance by students from the Highland choir.

During the meeting, I had the pleasure of joining Board President Jason Whitacre and HR Director Mike Love in recognizing this month's **Center Stage Award** recipients for their outstanding dedication to our schools. Congratulations to Richelle Aukeman, Megan Baker, Debra Boyce, Sarah Bradshaw, Tyler Buckwalter, Melanie Hayduke, Dave Helmick, Nicole Marconi, Michael Rosa, and Laura Swinsburg—we are grateful for all that you do for our students and community.

We also had the opportunity to celebrate three exceptional seniors whose accomplishments make us incredibly proud:

- **Presley Allendorf** (Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award)
- **Kamryn Martin** (National Horatio Alger Scholarship)
- **Carson Wilhoit** (OHSAA Boys Volleyball all-time state record holder for career assists)



FINAL STUDENT-ATHLETIC COLLEGE SIGNING OF THE YEAR

Stow-Munroe Falls High School recently hosted its final **student-athlete college signing** of the year, celebrating four seniors who will continue their academic and athletic careers at the next level. **Lorenzo Fitzgerald** (football, Wittenberg University), **Mateo Garduno** (soccer, University of Mount Union), **Mason Stewart** (baseball, University of Findlay), and **Aiyana Williams** (softball, Cuyahoga Community College) have each demonstrated dedication, leadership, and pride throughout their time at the high school.

This event marked the conclusion of a strong year, with 20 student-athletes committing to compete collegiately. We are incredibly proud of these students for their hard work in the classroom and in competition, and we look forward to all they will accomplish in the future.





Click here to read more about these four athletes on our website.

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SMFHS CHOIRS EXCEL AT STATE STATE CONTEST WITH EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCES

We are proud to announce that last weekend, all three SMFHS choirs performed at the Ohio Music Education Association State Contest, earning top ratings, including a seventh consecutive Superior for Concert Choir and Excellent ratings for Treble Choir and Bulldog Varsity Singers in their state debut. *Click here to read the full story.*

Important reminders!

- The Board of Education will meet at Fishcreek Elementary School on Monday, May 4 at 6 p.m.
- There will be **no school** on Tuesday, May 5 due to election day.
- Wednesday, May 6 will be a district-wide **delayed start day**.
- STUCO's **Doggie Dash** will take place on Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the SMFHS back parking lot, with a $10 entry fee.
- Friday, May 8 at 7 p.m. is the Scotch Doubles Bowling Tourney at Kent Lanes to support **SMF ROX (Ruling Our eXperiences)**. Register here.
- Sunday, May 10 is **Mother's Day!**



SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Summer is right around the corner, and we're excited to offer a variety of camp opportunities for our Bulldogs! From volleyball and basketball to girls flag football, these camps are a great way for students to stay active, build skills, and connect with teammates and coaches.

Spots are limited—be sure to register early. *Click here for full details and registration information.*



3D DESIGN STUDENTS SERVICE UP A CREATIVE 'FAMILY MEAL'

At Stow-Munroe Falls High School, creativity and craftsmanship were on full display in our 3D Design class. While the "menu" may look good enough to eat, each item is the result of careful physical modeling. Students stepped away from digital tools to work with their hands, demonstrating that traditional artistry continues to thrive at SMFHS.

I am proud to recognize the talented students behind these pieces: Elitza Aivazis, Leia Bird, Sophie Eble, Owen Hereda, Ian Hoffman, Amanda Jevnikar, Evan Kitchen, Elijah Littell, Lane Mincks, Evie Price, and Amiya Williams.



Their attention to detail, creativity, and dedication reflect the innovation and talent we see across our district every day.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR BAND PROGRAM ON TAG DAY

On Saturday, May 2, our Stow-Munroe Falls band program held its annual **Tag Day**, with students out in the community going door-to-door to raise funds in support of the program.

We are grateful for the support shown to our student musicians. Every donation—whether given in person or online—helps sustain and strengthen the opportunities available to our band students. Contributions can still be made at: https://smfband.org/supporttheband/

Thank you for continuing to support our talented musicians and for helping our band program thrive.

