

# VISUAL ARTS ON DISPLAY

## get a closer look into the arts festival

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The high school held its very own arts festival on Sunday, April 26. The arts festival is a fan favorite event every year and was a way to come together to show all of the art that was created this year.

Many seniors displayed their four year art compilation in their own way as well.

“Planning the show takes a year. We actually start planning the next show once this one is over so that we can reflect on what went well and what didn’t,” Visual Art Teacher Stephanie Forney said.

This arts festival takes a lot of time and is harder than it looks to prepare for. Forney is the main person who takes time and works with students to make this festival happen. However, art isn’t the only thing that is at this festival. They have a bake sale and art sale every year that goes to a foundation of their choice.

“We have a huge art sale and bake sale to fundraise and give back to the community. For the last few years, we’ve chosen the Humane Society of Delaware County as the benefactor,” Forney said.

The arts show isn’t only for seeing art. It is also a way to give back to the community. Even if visitors don’t like art, there are many other things they can do at the festival.

“I have a series that I love that I’ve been working on for a couple of years now, and another piece that I started that’s like a butterfly that was very

emotional and has a lot of meaning behind it. It’s the most important part of my art space that I’m going to get,” senior Quinn Bordine said.

Every senior who wants to have a senior wall or walls is able to combine all of their work and put it on the same wall. There are all different types of art like ceramics, sculptures, paintings and drawings. Typically, students don’t put out their elementary art or even art I because they want their best art shown.

“It’s really cool. I’m a senior, and I get a lot of space. It’s really cool to see all of the work I’ve done over the years come together because I’ve never been able to see it all together, so it’s going to be a lot of fun to see people get joy from my work,” Bordine said.

Not many of the seniors have seen all of the work they have made in the same room. Bordine has been in art since freshman year and is excited to show all she has done and watch people get excited and emotional about the work that has been created.

“My dad passed away when I was 8 years old, and the day he died there were blue butterflies everywhere so it’s a blue butterfly, and it’s their interglow and strength within them and cracking through and coming out, with a bright light source behind. This piece shows how you can grow from something bad that happens you are stronger than you think,” Bordine said.

Many kids with art in the show made the art because of some meaning behind it. It makes the art show have more meaning and excitement. Students who are not even in art were still able to contribute by making art with sidewalk chalk.



The photo above displays a dress made out of receipts at the art festival



The photo above displays a collage of different fruit made by many students



This photo above shows a 3D fish hanging from the ceiling at the art festival

## SPRING SPORT UPDATE

### spring competition in full swing

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As all of the winter sports have wrapped up, it is time to take a look into the spring sports. A few of these sports include track, boys tennis, men's volleyball and boys lacrosse.

#### **Boys Volleyball:**

The boys have had a few tough losses, but started their post season tournament with their first game on Wednesday, May 13th against Olentangy.

#### **Track and Field:**

The track and field team has had an outstanding season so far with many team and individual successes. The team focuses on support of each other and their consistency of their work on the track and on the field. There have been a lot of school, and individual records broken this season.

The season has been going pretty well. There have been some records broken which is always impressive," varsity discus thrower Tessa Byers said. The team participated in the OCC meet this week and finished second and third in the county meet.

#### **Boys Tennis:**

The boys tennis team has had an incredible season so far, as of May 5, 2026 the team is 13-2 with two close losses. The boys tennis team has a very inclusive and supportive culture that helps it thrive on and off the court. Their main focus to help its success as a team is to focus on its development rather than its results.

"Our main goals are to win the district and make the state final four for the third time in four years. Additionally, qualifying multiple players to the state tournament in singles and doubles. Finally, we improved exponentially in tennis skill and character as the season

progresses through the post-season," Math Teacher and Head Tennis Coach Matthew Rutherford said.

#### **Boys Lacrosse:**

The boys lacrosse team has also had an incredible season. The boys pulled through and beat an extremely tough team, Saint Francis DeSales. Going into its post season the boys are focusing on their training and being prepared for their first post-season games starting on May 18th, against Westerville North.

#### **Softball:**

The softball team is currently 8-11 in its regular season after going 5-4 in the conference season putting it in third place for tournament play. One of the biggest wins the girls grabbed this season was a revenged 7-6 win against fifth best team in the state, Hilliard Bradley. This year, the girls have been working toward having a fun and successful season. Last year, the team went 18-7 overall but took a loss in the first round of tournament play. As the season continues, the girls will continue to work hard in preparation for the tournament.

#### **Baseball:**

The baseball team is currently 14-5 in its regular season. The boys went 11-3 in the conference placing them in second place in the tournament. One big win this year was when the boys beat Liberty in a 6-2 game. This year, the team has focused on staying connected with each other and consistency on the field. Last season, the boys went 23-6 ending the season with an almost 80 percent winning record. As the season continues, the team hopes to keep preparing itself to make a run in the state tournament.

#### **Girls Lax:**

The girls lacrosse team are 7-8 for the overall season and 2-2 in the conference, putting it in ninth place in its conference. The girls wanted

to have a fun season while making sure they maintain a serious and committed environment. This year, the team has focused on creating stronger bonds with one another.

"We always have each other's backs," sophomore Captain Deviney McMillen said.

Last season, the girls went 11-9 overall, ending the season with a winning record. As the season continues, the team hopes to strengthen our understanding of the game and grow even better as a team to prepare for the tournament.



Junior Natalie H pitches for the softball team and Junior Jackson H plays shortstop for the baseball team.

## SPRING COMMITS from high school to college athletics

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As the school year comes to an end, the high school would like to recognize two of the committing spring athletes: senior Lacie Knick, committed to Kent State University for their Division I girls wrestling program, and senior Treyton Schroeder, committed to Ohio Dominican University for Division II boys basketball and football. Both athletes have shown incredible dedication to their sports and have earned recognition for their hard work, dedication and success in their athletic careers.

Knick is committed to Kent State University for their Division I girls wrestling program. Knick transferred to the high school in October 2024 and began as a two-sport athlete playing softball and wrestling until her senior year when she began to focus on only wrestling. Knick is a four time state placer, has around 165 career wins and won the state championship as a sophomore. When the offers began coming in, Knick wanted to make sure the school she would commit to had her major. After three visits to Kent State, she fell in love with the campus and the wrestling program.

"It didn't take me long to make a decision," Knick said.

Knick began wrestling when she was around 4 at a national tournament in Dixie, Oklahoma. Since then, Knick has worked hard to get to where she is today including work through tough mental blocks.

"I am my biggest opponent, and I get in the way of myself at times," Knick said.

Signing with Kent State means putting her all into academics and wrestling, with a goal of making it to

the NCAA tournament and continuing to push herself to the highest level.

Schroeder is committed to Ohio Dominican University where he will play Division II boys basketball and football. Throughout his high school years, he was a major contributor to all of the success the football and basketball teams saw. On the field, Schroeder established himself as one of the top defensive players in the state as a standout defensive back. Switching to the court, Schroeder brought the same competitiveness and athleticism as a guard for the high school. Balancing both sports at the varsity level has been a key part of his high school experience.

"My experience playing both football and basketball were pretty successful," Schroeder said. While the results have been strong, managing both sports has required constant effort.

"It's a lot to balance both sports and school," Schroeder said. "The biggest part is working on the sport I'm not in season for while in season for another to keep my skills sharp."

Schroeder began playing basketball when he was around 5 and began tackle football in sixth grade. Growing up, Schroeder's parents were his biggest supporters.

"My parents have had the biggest impact on my journey with all the sacrifices they've made for me; this is my way of giving back to them," Schroeder said.

Many factors go into deciding where a senior wants to go to college. With sports being such a big part of Schroeder's life, they weighed a big part in the choice.

"The recruiting process was unique, talking to schools for both football and basketball and seeing some schools that I could potentially play both at," Schroeder said.

Another factor that played into the decision was Schroeder's relationship with his coaches and strong support system from his family.

"The relationship with coaches was the main factor in my recruiting process, and I wanted to stay remotely close to home," Schroeder said. As he prepares for the next level, Schroeder knows that balancing both sports will continue to be a challenge.

"Signing for both sports means that I will have a lot of responsibilities in college; it's going to be a lot at the college level," Schroeder said.



Lacie K. smiles at senior night, after receiving gifts from family and friends



Treyton Schroeder grabs the ball achieving a touchdown for the Pioneers

## THE JUICE TELETHON the broadcast staff manages all-day newscast

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Every spring, the school's broadcast program, The Juice, puts on its annual telethon. The telethon is a seven-hour live news show that includes packages, live anchoring, ads and much more produced by all members of the broadcast program.

This year, the telethon had a new aspect: a theme that influenced each hour of the livestream. The theme of the show was "Back to the Telethon." Each hour of the show was represented by a different decade.

The preparation for the telethon is lengthy as well. It is a seven hour show but behind the scenes, it is a semester-long process.

"We start in January selling ads, coming up with ideas, and we get more into the nitty gritty as we get closer to the day of the show," Senior Executive Producer Abi Curry said.

The telethon is a tradition for the Juice program. The telethon has been an event that the school looks forward to for almost a decade.

"This was the eighth year for the telethon. We pulled the idea from Amherst Steele High School and then-teacher (now Gahanna teacher) Mark Lowrie," Journalism Teacher Brian Nicola said.

"All 70 people in the broadcast program are involved. There are over 100 ads and 50 vitamin Cs," Curry said.

Throughout the telethon, different members of the Juice anchor for an hour of the show. The producers had larger roles when planning the show that included more work behind the scenes.

"As a senior executive producer, I planned out the telethon, made vitamin C blocks, made crews, helped everything run smoothly and I

anchored the final hour," Curry said.

The telethon celebrates everything the broadcast program has accomplished throughout the year while raising money for the program.

"The purpose of the telethon is two-fold: to raise money to help upgrade and fund the broadcasting program and to showcase the year's work and journalism content," Nicola said.

The show is a great way to show everything the students have learned while keeping it fun and engaging.

"My favorite parts in past years have definitely been the challenges; they are so fun and you grow close to people really fast," Curry said.

The broadcast program is student-run with the executive producers who apply for the leadership roles, organize the day and problem solve when challenges arise.

"I love watching students plan and navigate the pre-production and live seven-hour show. The telethon is a lot of work but the kids always shine and step up," Nicola said.

With the introduction of a theme, this year's telethon was more creative and fun than those in the past, while also educating viewers in a way that tied into the theme of the show.

"With the decades theme, we got to look at decades of journalism and how it has evolved to get to where we are now," Curry said.

The show aired April 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you missed the livestream and still want to see all of the hard work put into the show, visit OOHs Juice Student News on YouTube where the full seven hour telethon is available.



Broadcast students Ally P, Maddie P, Abi C, Marianna B and Ryann H anchor and record the first hour of the telethon.

# MISSING MORNINGS

## opinion on high school ‘senioritis’

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As seniors reach the end of the school year, each and every day becomes harder and harder to show up to school. The term for the lack of motivation and often missing classes is often called “senioritis”.

According to Southern New Hampshire University, “the term ‘senioritis’ is a common affliction describing the lack of motivation felt by students who are reaching the end of their courses.” When the school year comes closer to an end, seniors begin to feel the conflict more and more each morning.

Students who participate in sports are expected to be at school in order to practice or play in their

games or competitions, which gives senior athletes incentive to come to class. However, in order to reduce the number of missed days from seniors, the school should try to include as many senior activities as they can to encourage seniors to enjoy their last couple months of school in the classroom.

When seniors begin to miss classes more and more, they often see a decline in their grades and find that catching up begins to get more difficult. When the work begins to pile up, it can become discouraging and lead to more missed days.

At the end of the school year, around the national decision day, May 1, 2026, seniors can begin to think that showing up and their grades are less important than ever before.

Also, when students commit to a post graduation plan, they can feel that their work is over and that leads them to show up less and less every week.

While coming to school during senior year becomes difficult, it is imperative that seniors persevere and maintain their academics and attendance before graduation.



Senior writer Peyton J sleeps in during first period

# PROJECTS VS. TESTS

## what’s the better final?

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As finals are starting to creep into classes at the high school, many are hoping their teachers turn to final projects compared to the infamous final tests. While both methods aim to evaluate learning, the growing debate over which is more effective has become impossible to ignore.

For decades, tests have been the standard final exam. Timed, structured and often high-pressure, they are designed to assess how well students can recall and apply information in a controlled setting.

But for many students, tests can feel less like a measure of understanding and more like a measure of stress. A single bad day, a moment of anxiety

or even lack of sleep can drastically impact performance.

Enter final projects: an alternative that has gained a lot of popularity in recent years. Projects allow students to demonstrate their knowledge over time, often incorporating creativity, critical thinking and real-world application.

Advocates for projects argue that they mirror real-life work more closely. In most careers, success isn’t determined by a one-hour exam, but by the ability to manage time, collaborate and produce meaningful results.

Science teacher Jessica Timmons is one of these advocates, doing a project and presentation for her anatomy classes. The students get to choose their topics to research,

typically choosing something they enjoy and therefore the end products tend to be really thorough

So which is better? The absolute clear answer here is projects.

Although projects can incorporate possible outside help, it allows students to deeply understand the material rather than recalling information from months ago that they already tested on. In theory, final tests are out of date and should not be in schools anymore while the option of projects are present.

In the end, tests are easier to administer and grade, final projects provide a more accurate way to assess understanding. As finals approach at the high school, it’s clear that projects are not an alternative, they are the best way for students to end their year.

## SUMMER PLANS

the frontier staff awaits fun activities

designer madeline riley

“I’m going on vacation to Myrtle Beach with my family, and I am going to ROTC training,” senior writer Peyton Johnson said.

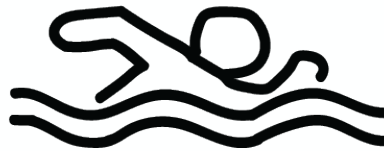
“On weekdays, I am nannying, and on the weekends, I’m playing softball,” sophomore writer Kate Purlee said.

“I am looking forward to tanning and swimming,” sophomore designer Eleanor Winland said.



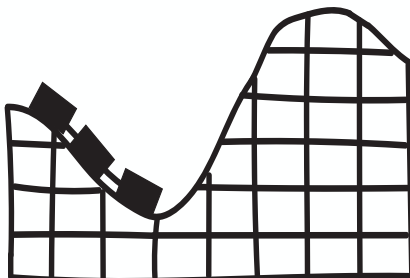
“I am going to Naples, Florida with my mom after my graduation party,” senior writer and designer Ava Mejia said.

“I am going to a lakehouse for a week with my cousins in West Virginia,” sophomore writer Riley Colvert said.



“I am going to travel out West this summer,” sophomore designer Wes Shroff said.

“I am going on a few trips with my family. We are going to Canada and Cedar Point,” sophomore writer Anniston Powell said.



### APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

- Audrey Dunzweiler
- Zaria Hafeez
- Valentina Jose Infante Hernandez
- Alana Johnson
- Drew Knisely
- Jada Richard
- Aayushi Patel
- Cameron Samu
- Leeanna Skinner