



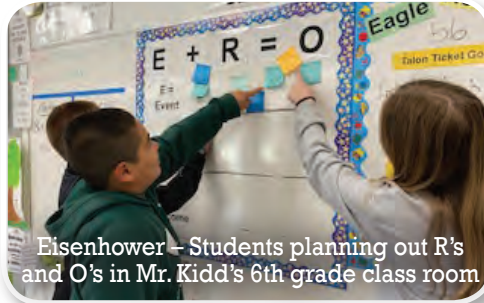
# OREGON CITY SCHOOLS Bird's Eye View

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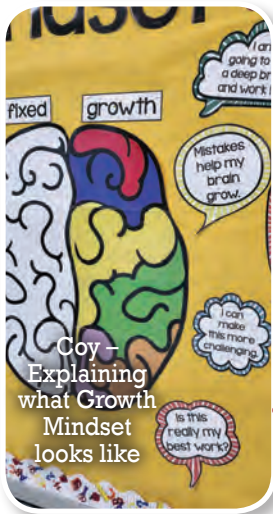
Clay – Podcast by EagleManiacs members



Eisenhower – Students planning out R's and O's in Mr. Kidd's 6th grade class room



Jerusalem – Focus 3 "Family Units"

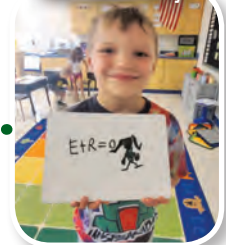


Coy – Explaining what Growth Mindset looks like

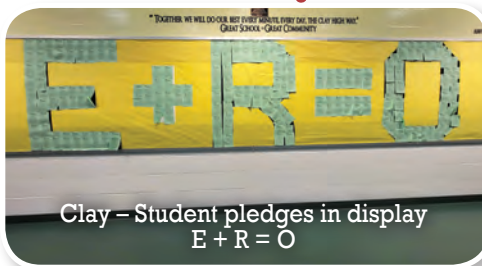
OREGON CITY SCHOOLS		
CULTURE PLAYBOOK		
Our core beliefs provide the standards for how we behave toward each other, our students, and our community.		
Belief	Behavior	Outcome
Together We are One!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Think team first.</li> <li>Respect and value everyone.</li> <li>Listen and foster positive relationships.</li> </ul>	Great place to be. Trust in one another.
Passion for Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop our craft.</li> <li>Act with self discipline.</li> <li>Get better every day.</li> </ul>	Outstanding results. Unlimited possibilities.
Own It!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Own our words, actions and choices.</li> <li>No BCD.</li> <li>Solve problems. Be solution focused.</li> </ul>	Best version of you!



Coy – The Ram Way



E+R=O



Clay – Student pledges in display E + R = O



Jerusalem – Learning about your personal 20 sq ft with a hula hoop.



Fassett – Assembly teaching "Step Up"

## Our Culture Playbook

Oregon City Schools introduced Focus 3 concepts to students in grades K-12 during the 2022-2023 school year. Focus 3 is a way to teach students specific behaviors to improve relationships and have our students achieve better relationship outcomes. The core concept is **Event + Response = Outcome... E+R=O**. Each student received a wristband with these three letters on it. The letters are a reminder that each person controls their behavioral Response to Events that happen in their lives. This program emphasizes a controlled/disciplined response as the appropriate response, not our typical reactionary/emotional responses, and is designed to help students get positive Outcomes in difficult situations. It addresses the overwhelming need to help students learn how to handle social media and peer interactions without escalating the situations.



Starr – Students that Pressed Pause (Paws), Stepped up and Made a Difference



## Kayleigh Bauer '23, National Merit Scholar



The **National Merit Scholarship Program** is a nationwide scholarship competition based on the PSAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Of the 1.5 million high school students who submit

their PSAT score, only 7,500 are National Merit Scholarship winners. This means you have a 0.5% chance of becoming a National Merit Scholar, making this one of the most competitive merit-based scholarships.

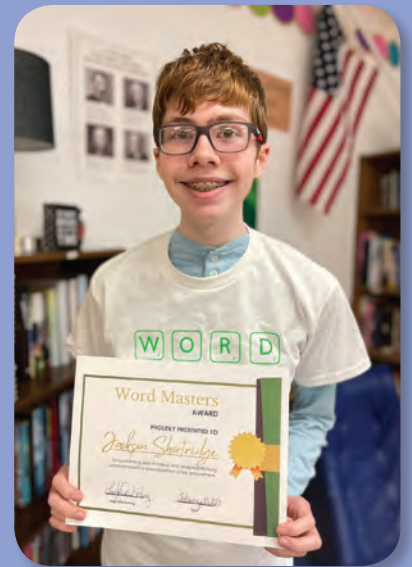
**Senior Kayleigh Bauer** was awarded the distinction of being named a **2023 National Merit Scholar**. She plans to attend Case Western Reserve University to study Biomedical Engineering. Congratulations Kayleigh!

## Jackson Shortridge, Fassett

made OCS history when he earned his **SECOND** perfect at the **WordMasters Meet!**

When asked to describe what a WordMasters Meet is, Jackson replied, "In the WordMasters Challenge™, we were to utilize words we had already studied in order to solve analogies, which are logic problems demonstrating the relationship between words. One example of an analogy would be **Eagle : Talon :: Human : Foot**.

WordMasters was challenging, but it was a good competition."



## Career Tech (C/T) Fun Facts

- There are **91 CTPDs** (Career Technical Planning Districts) within the state of Ohio.
- All public school districts must offer **C/T programming** which can take place through a **Comprehensive High School (Clay)**, compact (school districts working together to offer programming at various buildings) or joint vocational school district (Penta and others).
- **Clay is 1 of only 25 comprehensive high schools in the state of Ohio.**
- **Clay Career Tech scored a 107.5%** in the Career & Post-Secondary Readiness measure.
- **68.7% of the Class of 2025** enrolled in a **Junior C/T Program** for Fall 2023.



## Teacher Impact

Ever wonder how many students one teacher can Impact? Thousands!

**Mrs. Robin McConnell** began teaching at Clay in 1988 and will retire this year in June. She has made a poster of every single class that she taught for 35 years! Pictured here with two of three walls of posters.



**Mr. Brandon Roberts** will be the instructor. Thirteen (13) Juniors and (10) Seniors have enrolled for Fall 2023.



# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Arts • ATHLETICS • Clubs

## Theater Arts are a BIG DEAL in Oregon!



The **Limelighter** production of "NEWSIES" was performed March 17-19.

### FUN FACTS

- NEWSIES 3-tiered wooden set was built by the **Clay Construction Trades class**.
- Lumber and materials included: (160) 2x4s, (40) 2x6s, (30) 2x12s, and (25) sheets of plywood
- 175 Rehearsal Hours over nine weeks
- 15 pairs of tap shoes were worn
- 65 different costumes
- 32 Wireless Mics and 200 AA batteries
- \$14,000+ Production costs paid for by ticket sales and **Limelighter Boosters**
- 26 graduating senior actors and techies took their final bow on the CHS stage on closing night.



The **Ram Drama** production of "Aladdin Jr." was performed April 20-23. Over 70 students from 6 schools, grades 2-8 practiced for over 4 months to bring Aladdin Jr. to life. Flying carpets, a life size camel and even fireworks made this year's show something special. The team of theatre dads spent 9 weekends building the set and special effects. Over half of the Ram Drama Team crew were **Ram Drama Alumni** including the original Aladdin from 11 years ago. It was the biggest show to date, including 2 sold out shows!



Clay Alum, **Liv Vincent '09** stopped by **Fassett** in **The Physics Bus** headquartered in Ithaca, NY! The bus delivers science content to schools all across the country, and students were able to explore the bus and the activities brought with it.

## Athletic SUCCESS

### TRAC Champs

- Clay Girls Lacrosse
- Clay JV Baseball
- Clay JV Softball
- Fassett 8th grade Boys Basketball



**Congratulations to the Girls Lacrosse team for their 1st TRAC Championship!**



### State Placers

- Micah Medina placed 2nd in wrestling
- Garrison Weisner placed 4th in wrestling

**TRAC Pitcher of the Year** – Jarod Hoersten

**NWO Hockey League Rookie of the Year** – Ethan Van Hersett

**NWO Hockey League Coach of the Year**  
– EJ LeMay





## Alumni Dean Davis '96 visits Art students at Clay

Artist and Clay Alum, **Dean Davis**, CHS '96 met with current Clay Art students for a presentation, and Q&A session. Students had the opportunity to ask Mr. Davis about his artistic background, how he came to work on the Glass City River Wall on the Maumee River, and how to pursue next steps to build a career in the arts.



## All-Class Florida Clay Reunion

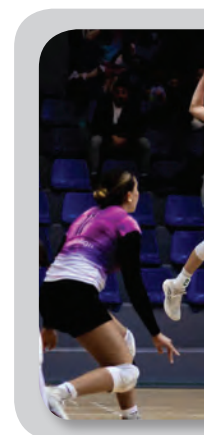
The All-Class Florida Clay reunion on April 1 had many familiar faces. Memories were shared, stories were told, and laughs were plentiful. We see all you EAGLES next spring!



Elaine (Carter) Gladieux '53

## Class of 1973 - 50th Reunion "Crystal Class"

The Crystal Class of 1973 held their 50th reunion gathering May 26-27. The weekend began with a tour at Clay High on Friday afternoon, then a gathering for dinner at the Black Forest Café. Saturday's reunion event at Oak Shade Grove had an incredible turn out and was attended by 176 in total.



## DISTRICT HISTORY

Ten acres of land was purchased in 1936, and the new school was built by the start of school in 1937 at a cost of \$120,000, replacing the (10) one-room schoolhouses in the township. Glenn Mills was the first principal of Jerusalem Consolidated School, serving K-8th grade students that lived in the township that the school was named after. Enrollment at that time was 340 in grades K-8. Continued growth in the region increased the need for classroom space. In 1948, six classrooms, a cafeteria and storage room were added, and in 1955, an additional eight classrooms were added. High school students attended Clay High School in neighboring Oregon Township through a partnership between the Jerusalem Board of Ed and Oregon Board of Ed until 1958. A new law enacted in 1960, changed the formula for funding public education going forward, requiring a district to have its own high school. Since Jerusalem Consolidated did not have its own high school, they would lose state funding to send high school students to Clay. Therefore, in 1957-58 the two systems became one to serve Oregon Township and Jerusalem Township students. Today, Jerusalem enrollment is 420 for grades K-4, with Mr. Jeff Straka as Principal.



## COMMUNITY

Clay held TEAM TRISTAN DAY that is fighting to win a battle of bone cancer. After learning



in our class since 2016. We hold dear to our hearts. Tristan's every room he enters. Believe in all of his many friends. Clay High were all very supportive! It is a compassionate community", the proceeds will go to Tristan's family.



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Ed Croak '62, Sandy Croak  
Molnar '64, Joe Toth '60



Tom Miller '66, Fritz Ackerman '59,  
Donna (Mackey) Ackerman '62



Joanne (Kelderman) Turnow '64,  
Marlene (Bachmayer) Kurek '68,  
Joelle (Backmayer) Snyder '60



Ron Buehrer '63, Barry Ramlow '63,  
Macklin Rothenbuhler '63



## Alumni Athletes Find Success

**Shannon Coughlin CHS'18** –  
Shannon played for Lemesos  
Volleyball, on the island of  
Cyprus, January through April.

In honor of **Tristan Feher**, a Clay senior  
with Adamantinoma Cancer (rare form  
of Tristan's 2nd cancer diagnosis, his  
sisters, Miss Johnson and Ms. Adkins along  
with Paraprofessionals; Dylan, Julie and Mac  
developed a t-shirt campaign to help support  
Tristan in any way possible. They teamed up  
with several of Tristan's buddy's (students that  
he came down to see him), the Avedum club and  
the Clay emblem to help with the design. The "T" in the shirt design is Tristan's very own signature.  
Clay staff and students purchase t-shirts, as well as many community members. On **TEAM  
CLAY DAY**, staff and students with Tristan tees were invited to the gym to take a picture and  
celebrate with Tristan on ZOOM (still in isolation at home from treatment).

We have had the pleasure of having Tristan  
and each and every one of our students near  
his smile and bubbly personality lights up  
the room when I say he remembers and loves  
Clay High School, and the community of Oregon  
is truly an honor to teach in such a supportive,  
caring community. I dedicated Tristan's teacher, Ms. Adkins. All  
community members help with expenses.



## CLAY Reunions on the Horizon

**Class of 2003 - 20th Reunion** Sep. 1-2, 2023;  
Friday night football game. Sat- TBD location. Request  
further information at CHS2003Alum@gmail.com.

**Class of 1993 - 30th Reunion** Sept. 15-16, 2023;  
Friday night football game. Sat morning tour at Clay  
11am. Sat evening informal get together at Veler's in  
Oregon. Contact Denni Smith at denni.smith16@gmail.  
com or Rachel Hastings at Mcquillinrachel@yahoo.com  
for details.

**Class of 1988 - 35th Reunion** Oct. 7, 2023; Satur-  
day gathering 4pm, 1010 Bury Road, Oregon. Contact  
Amy Hansen at ahansen@oregoncs.org for details.

**Class of 1978 - 45th Reunion** Sep 29-30, 2023;  
Friday night football game 7pm. Saturday tour at Clay  
10am. Saturday event Sunrise Banquet Center 6-11pm,  
\$60/person. RSVP's due July 15. Contact Linda  
(Vanderluit) Griffith at thegrifs@amplex.net for details.

**Class of 1968 - 55th Reunion - Picnic Style  
weekend** Sep. 15, 2023; Jerusalem Fire Hall, 5-10  
pm. \$5/person. Sep 16; Jerusalem Fire Hall, 9501  
Jerusalem Rd., 1 pm. \$10/person for provided chicken.  
Bring a dish. Sep 17; Maumee Bay State Park breakfast  
buffet 9 am. Pay on your own. Contact Jacque Miles  
Keller at jacque@quantumartinc.com for details.

**Class of 1963 - 60th Reunion** Sept. 29-30, 2023;  
Friday night football game. Saturday; Bayside Board-  
walk 6pm, includes dinner - \$63/singles, \$125/couples.  
RSVP - ASAP. Contact Brenda (Osborne) Fondessy at  
bfondessy@aol.com for details.

**Class of 1952 - Summer Lunch** Thurs. July 13,  
2023; Maumee Bay Lodge Restaurant, 11:30-12:30  
mingle; 1:30-2:30 dinner; pay on your own. Contact  
Clifford Bury at 419-693-1689.

Contact Amy Hansen, Alumni Relations at  
ahansen@oregoncs.org for reunion planning information.

## Congratulations to the following OCS Retirees in 2022-23.

Thank you for your dedication and years of service  
to the students in Oregon.

**Certified Retirees**  
(avg. 31.5 years)

- Katie Blair
- Dora Corsini
- Karen Eversman
- Dave Hess
- Katy Hess
- Terri Hook
- Jackie Marquette
- Robin McConnell
- Judy Olive
- Deb Soncrant

**Classified Retirees**  
(avg. 26 years)

- Terri Halka
- Sherry Shaheen
- Karen Slomka

**Thank You!**



# FOUNDATION



## Mission

Provide resources to expand and enhance educational opportunities that inspire learning, enrich teaching for our students through community support.

"I learned that we can ALL be wonders and we all are not the same. I think that's cool."  
- Isaac, Kindergarten

Quotes you may have overheard:

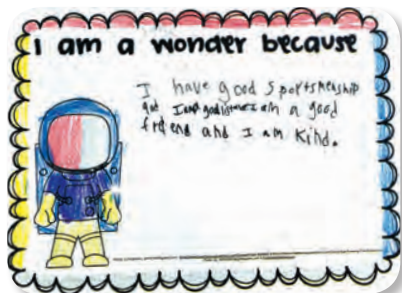
"EAT LIKE A TIGER!!"  
- James Cavalier

"This is the best day of the whole year! That was so fun!"  
- Orelia Espinoza

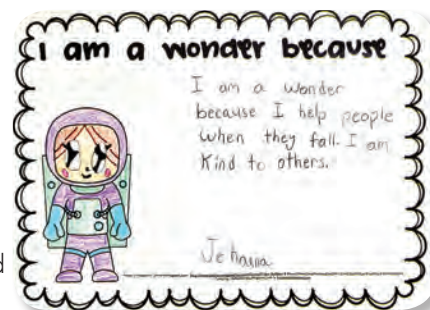
"Somebody took my noodles!!"  
- James Hooks

## Starr Impact Grant – Whole School Book Project: Wonder

Starr received an **OSF IMPACT Grant** to help fund the school-wide book project with "We're All Wonders" by RJ Palacio. Wanting to find a way to address the mental health concerns that are affecting students today, the idea for this project came to light. We want students to understand empathy and how to accept or include everyone, and that their actions, good or bad, affect others.



This project combines all the district core beliefs: Family, Tradition, Community, and our Focus 3 goals of pressing pause, adjust and adapt, 20 square feet, being a difference maker, stepping up, and so much more. We also want our students to become better citizens through having empathy for others. This will help them grow as they move on in school and outside of school. **Mrs. Soltesz**, Principal, and the team of **Tracy Venia**, **Amanda Vargo** and **Julie Taylor** led the school-wide book reading project.



"Really shows a good lesson that you should treat others how you want to be treated. Treat people equally. Always be kind to other kids because you don't know what they're going through!"  
- Jacob, Third Grade

## Clay Culinary Arts Grant – Food Truck Face-Off



**Clay's Culinary Arts** received an OSF IMPACT Grant for \$3,600 to fund the infrastructure for a more portable, sustainable, lightweight version of the simulated "Food Trucks". Other Career Tech classes were also involved in the re-design process; Engineering Design, Construction Trades, Integrated Machining, Auto and DECA. A HUGE collaborative effort that paid off tremendously. The new "Trucks" are actually a printed fabric skin wrapped around an aluminum frame, secured to wooden stands.



**The Annual Food Truck Face-Off project** was invented to encapsulate many learning standards as well as industry standards for the students. Culinary math, menu development, product inventory, marketing, budgeting, accountability, entrepreneurship, and so much more are all be a big part of each team's learning outcomes. Students also gain industry experience hours that are needed for completion of the Culinary Arts program and competition hours that are needed for state reporting. This competition has also proven to be a networking resource for students to meet other business owners and industry professionals.

## Frost Fest 2023 – Monopoly Night

An energized night full of Monopoly-themed fun and fundraising raised a record \$54,000 that will provide support to



Academics, Arts and Athletics at each school, after-school Art Club supplies for K-4 and an investment to Endowment Growth.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Oregon Schools Foundation (OSF) is an independent 501(c)(3) organization that provides resources to enhance educational opportunities for the students of OCS.

We support all areas of the educational experience; Academics, Arts and Athletics, through donor gifts, partnerships and events.

For info on how to provide a gift to ensure future generations have enriching opportunities go to:

**[www.OregonSchoolsFoundation.org](http://www.OregonSchoolsFoundation.org)**

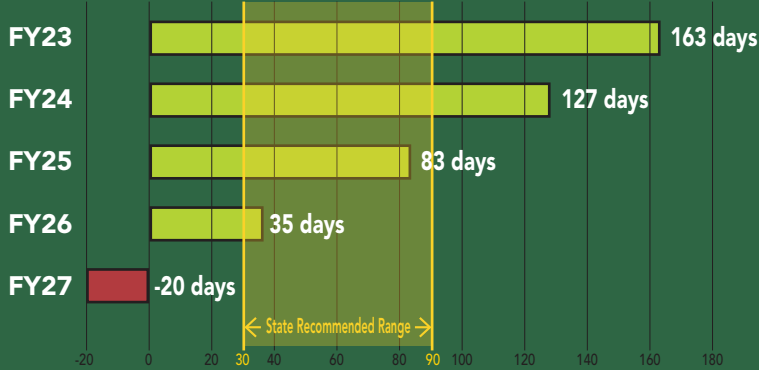
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## OCS 5 YR Forecast Summary

### OCS Year-end Cash Balances - Days Worth of Expenses

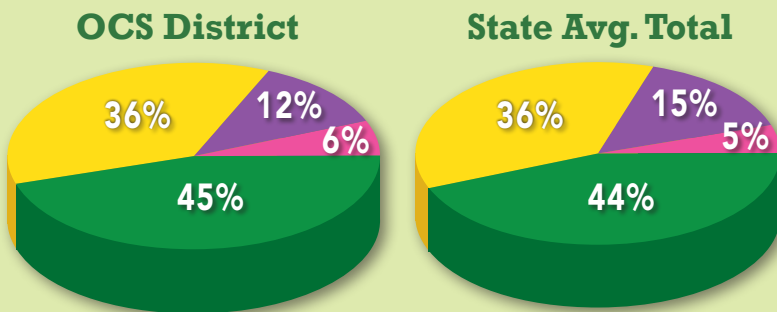
The Ohio House voted to continue the implementation of New State funding Formula (Fair School Funding Plan). If Ohio Senate allows this to proceed through State budget process **OCS looks to remain fiscally strong through FY26**. We await the final State budget which goes into effect 7/1/23.



## Sources of Funding FY 2022 Revenue/Pupil

	OCS District		State Avg. Total	
Local	\$7,448	45%	\$7,315	44%
State	\$5,936	36%	\$5,849	36%
Federal	\$2,022	12%	\$2,467	15%
Other	\$1,042	6%	\$826	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,448</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$16,457</b>	<b>100%</b>

Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number. Source: Ohio Department of Education Report Card.



## OCS received the 2022 Ohio K-12 School Safety Grant for \$425,989

- Upgraded district-wide door entry system
- Improved radio repeaters, radios
- New P.A. systems

## Substitute Workers Needed

Oregon City Schools is in need of Substitute workers. We are in need of **Bus Drivers and Bus Monitors**.

Are you looking for a positive work environment, competitive wages, family friendly hours and state retirement credit. Contact **Transportation** at 419-693-7727 or **Josh Shannon** at [jshannon@oregoncs.org](mailto:jshannon@oregoncs.org)



## OCS received a Safety Grant.

OCS received the **Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost's School/Law Enforcement Technology Linking Safety Grant** for **\$20,000**.

This will provide funds for:

- Improved camera coverage and linkage with our **City of Oregon Police Department**
- Provided 14 additional cameras at **Wynn** and 50 replacement cameras at **Clay**.

## Partnership Spotlights

You may have never heard of our "behind the scenes" vendor **i.b.creative** by **Irene Bland**, but we are

certain that you have seen her work. Irene is a local Oregon community member that is an independent graphic artist. Oregon City Schools contracted her work almost a decade ago to help create consistent branding on OCS's community fliers. Irene's ability to create a consistent branding design for the district, led OCS to secure her to design our first Bird's Eye View newsletter in 2016. She is immensely talented, and we are thankful for her partnership.

**i.b.creative**

## New SMOOTHIES at Clay

**Clay High School** received a Smoothie Grant from the **American Dairy Association Mideast**. The grant provided the Smoothie Kit which included recipes, point of sale terminal, an immersion blender, scrapers, storage containers, a pitcher, and beautiful signage. Clay began offering smoothies for breakfast on April 27; featuring the Purple Cow Smoothie.







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## Check Out What's Inside!

### Podcast



### Career Tech



### Theater Arts



### Physics Bus

**Oregon Schools IMPACT lives.**

"Bird's Eye View" is an accountability tool to our community, parents and business partners to remain transparent with quality indicators.

If you have any questions, please forward to [info@oregoncs.org](mailto:info@oregoncs.org)

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## CONGRATULATIONS to the Clay Class of 2023!



"Leaving your mark on Clay" Senior Handprints



Senior, **Lainey Davis** adds 2023 feature to **Senior Mural**



**Senior Car Parade**



**Class Speakers**

**Class of 2023 Graduation** ceremony held June 4th

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**OCS**  
**Dates**

**Aug. 22**  
**First Day of School**  
All Students

**Sept. 14**  
**Hall of Fame Banquet**  
Distinguished Alumni  
and Athletic Hall of Fame  
St. Michael's Centre  
6-10 pm \$35/person

### FOOTBALL GAME Schedule

AUG 18 7pm home vs. Sandusky HS  
AUG 25 7pm at Northview HS  
SEPT 1 7pm home vs. Whitmer HS  
SEPT 8 7pm at Findlay HS

SEPT 15 7pm home vs. Perrysburg HS  
SEPT 22 7pm at Bowling Green HS  
SEPT 29 7pm home vs. Fremont Ross  
- **HOMECOMING**

OCT 6 7pm at Napoleon HS  
OCT 13 7pm home vs.  
Southview HS - **SENIOR NIGHT**  
OCT 20 7pm at Rogers HS