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**SHS Journalism Class - The Sidney Buzz Staff**



The Sidney High School Journalism class, an elective for juniors and seniors, has been working hard to create the first school issue and the first *Sidney Daily News* issue of *The Sidney Buzz*. The class meets every morning during 3rd period from 9:19 to 10:00am and is taught by Mandi Croft.

Responsibilities for the journalism class include creating a monthly school newspaper and the weekly half page for the *Sidney Daily News*. The

monthly school newspaper will be available to students in print form, and to students and the public online via the Sidney High School web page.

Students use the time in class to determine stories, coverage, conduct interviews, gather pictures, edit, layout and create the monthly school newspaper. The stories in the monthly issue will then be featured throughout the year on Wednesdays in the *Sidney Daily News*.

Students involved in the 2008-2009 Journalism class, pictured from left to right are: (top row) Emily Ocke, the daughter of Greg and Dawn Ocke, Hillary Fishbaugh, the daughter of Michael Rickert of Kettlersville and Janice Fishbaugh of Sidney, Sasha Hoover, the daughter of Doug Hoover and Sara Henman, both of Sidney, Anthony Ordway, the son of Karen Ordway of Sidney, Thomas Kimbler, the son of Aaron and Sheila Kimbler of Sidney, Jon LeMaster, the son of Patrick and Mary LeMaster of Sidney, Chad Blue, the son of Jim and Betty Blue of Sidney, (bottom row) Jen Scott, the daughter of Helen Hovestreydt-Scott of Sidney, Camille Yerkey, the daughter of Matt and Julianna Thompson of Sidney, Jenna Branam, the daughter of Ray and Cheryl Branam of Sidney, Samantha Mooney, the daughter of Phil and Amanda Mooney, and Bailey Carter, the daughter of Stan and Sherry Carter of Sidney.

**Dr. Sherry's vision of responsibility and success for 2008-2009**



As students begin a new year at Sidney High School they will see old friends, make new friends, see new faces, and focus more on Responsibility, this year's theme. Dr. Sherry, Sidney High School Principal, began focusing on this year's theme long before we got to school. One of the biggest changes for this

year has been the creation and implementation of the Freshman Transition Program. Dr. Sherry wanted to implement a program like this to "help incoming freshmen who are struggling with the difficulties of high school life." To implement a program such as this it took a lot of teacher and administrative input and planning. Now that the program is up and running the administration and faculty will be looking at ways to fine tune it and do more to

help the freshmen. This program in itself helps the freshmen with responsibility and sets a wonderful example for the other classes as they see the freshmen participating.

When asked about what responsibility in the high school means to Dr. Sherry she replied, "responsibility at this school would mean for the students to be doing the right things at the right time. Responsibility would also mean for the students to be prepared for

school, respect each other and to keep honest promises to others and to ourselves."

Dr. Sherry is very proud of the students at Sidney High School and is especially happy with their efforts at striving for success. Overall, she wants to focus on pride, respect, and responsibility, and for the students to focus on their studies and keep their eyes on the goal, graduation, but also to get involved and have a good time with their four years here.

# Superintendent invited to journalism class



The journalism class invited Sidney City Schools Superintendent, Pat O'Donnell, to their class to learn about his

new position, the levy, and the school rating. On Monday, September 8, O'Donnell welcomed questions from the students who wanted to get to know their new superintendent. One of the first things the students wanted to know was how the job as superintendent was different than his former job as principal. O'Donnell explained that he loves his job as superintendent and the biggest difference between being principal and being the superintendent are the hours worked, which have greatly increased, his schedule, which is a little more flexible to do things out in the schools such as meeting with the class, and also, in the ability to work with the city.

Students then began to ask questions about the upcoming levy. "How can the students become involved?" one student asked. O'Donnell explained how the best thing that the students can do is become informed. One of the ways he suggested that they find out more about the school levy was to visit the webpage, [theneedisreal-thetimeisnow.com](http://theneedisreal-thetimeisnow.com). The website explains the levy and answers questions that people may have about why the school system needs this levy. Mr. O'Donnell thoroughly explained the financial state of Sidney City Schools. Although \$800,000 of cuts have already been made, they are not even close to the cuts that will have to be made if the levy does not pass. Students learned that the budget changed drastically when funding from the state changed. The funds that were previously given to the district through Tangible Personal Property taxes will be com-

pletely phased out by 2010 causing a \$5 million dollar a year loss to the school system. On a positive note, O'Donnell added that there have been no new operating funds from the community since 1995 showing that the district has used its money successfully, but with the state tax change and inflation, the need is real and the time is now.

In efforts to get the message out, O'Donnell said there would be 2000 yard signs going out, two billboards, and also a district-wide flyer sent to explain the levy to the public. All of these resources come from levy campaign money that is donated and raised by the public specifically for the levy campaign. We have a great school system and we want to keep what we have.

Of course the students could not let the opportunity pass to find out exactly how the superintendent makes the decision to delay or cancel school. Many were very surprised of the number of steps and contacts that need to be made on a morning with questionable weather. What is new to the delay or cancellation process is the One Call Now system which will be in place this year. This system will allow for an automated phone call to go out to all students, faculty, and staff about delays, cancellations and other information that needs to get out to the district. O'Donnell explained that it will only take one call on his end for the automated calls to be sent out. He also reminded students that while the weather is looked at for safety purposes, it is bus safety that is what determines the need for the delay or cancellation. We also have to remember that the district is only given 5 days a year for cancellations and after that the school must make up the difference, which can affect those important events at the end of the year, such as graduation.

## Earn college credit while in high school BY SAMANTHA MOONEY

Sidney High School offers two ways to earn college credit during a student's high school years- The Post Secondary Enrollment Option Program (PSEOP) and the Dual Enrollment Program. The Post Secondary program takes place at Edison Community College and the Dual Enrollment Program consists of classes offered here at the high school.

There are nine classes one can take at the high school for college credit, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP American History, AP Government, AP English 11 and 12, AP Calculus, AP Statistics and Spanish IV. In order to be enrolled in these classes you must complete all the prerequisite classes. For example a student has to take Pre-Calculus before they take AP Calculus. To enroll, a student will be given a form to fill out and their parents must sign the form. It is advised that the student talk to the teachers before they start the class, that way they know how difficult the class will be and what to expect. Jenna Branam, who takes AP Calculus and AP Biology, says that the best thing about taking Dual Enrollment classes is that you won't have to take the classes when you get to college, and you won't have to pay for them.

For PSEOP, there is a much

more detailed process to go through in order to be accepted. A student must fill out a form and turn in a \$20 application fee. After a student mails in their application they must call the campus and schedule a date to take a COMPASS test. This will determine whether a student can take English classes, Math classes, or both English and Math classes. Students have to make sure that they call to schedule the test before March because there are only a few chances to take the test. When a student has successfully passed the test, they must make an appointment with an advisor to schedule classes. Students are advised to do this as soon possible because classes fill up fast. Most students that go to Edison take Psychology, Sociology, Communications (like a speech class), Composition I, and Government. Camille Yerkey says that the best thing about the PSEOP program is that you get to leave school early. She is taking Sociology at Edison and she likes it because she has a good teacher.

So if a student wants to cut college costs and save time in the future, they should consider taking Dual Enrollment classes or going to Edison. The classes may be a little bit more challenging, but it's worth it in the end.

## News from the Guidance Office

Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>- last day to sign up for the ACT. Sign up today to avoid the late fee!

Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>- Edison College day. Juniors and Seniors can sign up in the office, it will be from 12:30-2:00, only 100 students can go so sign up as soon as possible.

Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>- Making High School Count Assembly. This assembly is for the freshman, it will be held in the Auditorium from 8:00-9:00.

Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>- ASVAB testing. This is a test for juniors, and it will be especially helpful if you are looking for a career in the military. It will be in the cafeteria for periods 1-4.

Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>- PSAT testing for freshman and sophomores who sign up in the main office. It will be held in the cafeteria for periods 1-4.

# Students help students in Freshman Transition Program

BY SASHA HOOVER



A new transition program has been introduced at Sidney High School to help freshmen get a better grasp of high school. The transition program is broken down into lessons based on the *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* by Sean Covey. The class is taught for 15 minutes, three days a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday), right before school and is taught by volunteer juniors and seniors who underwent training before school started to prepare themselves to mentor the underclassmen. "The purpose of the class is to help freshmen get organized for the year," says Mr. Eric Combs, SHS Assistant Principal. The mentors want to show the freshmen that all four years of high school are important to their future. "It's really about caring for the kids," Combs said about the program in general. When asked what kind of positive outlook this class is going to have on freshmen, Combs responded with, "more support from the school populace, and a lot less confusion."

The program will last all year and a 1/4 credit is available to freshmen who have attended.

## Don't be late!

BY CAMILLE YERKEY



The new time management class is just one more to add to your list if you get more than three tardies. The class will be held in your own lunch hour and students will have 15 minutes to eat and report to class. It's taught by tape and a test is given at the end, but if a student does not pass the test they must remain in the class until doing so. Classes will teach students to be on time to class with the material changing each time a student attends.

The class came about because Mr. Combs, SHS Assistant Principal, felt that students didn't learn any lesson from staying in detentions. Combs also felt that it wasn't fair how teachers had to stay late to supervise the detentions on their own time and this way teachers will not lose their time and students will learn on their own time. The bottom line, don't be late to class.

## Green Ink Club begins recycling at SHS

BY JEN SCOTT

Green Ink is a school club that has started recycling in Sidney High School again. Recycling is a good way to help the environment and save or make money. "Green Ink is a club made to teach students about the environment," Donna Wirz, Green Ink supervisor, stated. The club investigates humanity's "footprint" on earth and tries to make it smaller. Members meet after school on Thursdays for about 45 minutes in Mrs. Wirz's room.

Recycling makes items we buy cheaper because the packaging does not need to be made from scratch. There are many opportunities for a person in the area to recycle. One can take items to the recycling center on

route 47 or place their recycling bin out on garbage days. Some places even pay for your recyclables. For example, Recycling Haus, owned and operated by Brent and Dwight Althaus, found on Canal Street/Broadway, will pay for aluminum cans and other metals.

Recycling at the high school started on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September and will be collected by Green Ink members throughout the year. Recycle bins are located in any participating teacher's room.

High school recycling bins are for paper only, and not for tape, plastic, laminations, magazines, cardboard, and trash (ex. Paper towels, tissues, gum wrappers, old pencils, etc.).

## Betty, the skeleton in health class

BY BAILEY CARTER

The 120 year old student and class aid has proved that there is something different at SHS, and her name is Betty. When Sidney High School opened up 1959, Betty was purchased for the biology lab. Betty is very unique because she is actually a real skeleton. Back then they didn't have plastic skeletons, so everything was real.

In late 1999, Coach Roddy was helping clean out the storage closet, which is now the book room. He was cleaning, until he came across the back of a tall wood booth. When he turned it around he was stunned to find an old skeleton. Once he cleaned off the skeleton, he decided to keep it in his classroom. He was shocked to find out that they would put a unique skeleton in the storage closet. So he did a little studying on Betty and he found out that she had been there when the school opened. Coach Roddy was also excited that it was a real skeleton. He knew it was rare. Once he put her in his room, he came up with the name Betty; there was no real specific reason for the name. He often uses Betty in his teaching methods, especially when he talks about first aid.



# WELCOME SHS NEW TEACHERS AND GUIDANCE!

**Mr. Damion Skeans**  
*9th and 10th grade*  
**Language Arts**  
**Room A230**



**When did you start teaching?** Three years ago.

**How long have you been teaching?** This is my third year.

**What made you decide to become a teacher?**

I was inspired by my wife's work with foster children.

**Where are you from originally?** Gainesville, Florida

**What activities were you a part of in high school?** cross country, school plays

**Where did you go to college?**

Wright State and Antioch-McGregor

**Can you tell us about your family?** My father is from a small village north of La Costa, Italy. There he crafted fine leather shoes for wealthy American tourists. He met my mother in 1972 while she was traveling in Italy by way of a prize package she won on Name That Tune. Four years later, I was born.

**What are you looking forward to this year?**

My son *sleeping* through the night!

**What is one of your favorite things to do outside of school?** Disc golf

**Favorite TV Show/Movie:** Lost/Family Guy

**Favorite Food:** Chipotle Burritos

**Favorite Music:** Phish

**Do you have a favorite quote or saying? If so what is it?**

Control for smilers can't be bought.

**Is there anything else that you would like to share?**

Don't forget to write your name on it.

**Mrs. Lauren Leininger**  
**Math: Algebra I**  
**and Algebra IIA**  
**Room A-122**



**When did you start teaching?** This year

**How long have you been teaching?**

This is my first year!

**What made you decide to become a teacher?**

One of my teachers in high school was such a big influence on me that I wanted to have the chance to have the same kind of impact on the lives of other high school students.

**Where are you from originally?** Lancaster, Pennsylvania

**What activities were you a part of in high school?**

Orchestra and chorus

**Where did you go to college?** Cedarville University

**Can you tell us about your family?** My dad's an orthodontist and my mom's a preschool teacher in Lancaster. I have an older sister who teaches kindergarten in Carlisle, PA and a younger brother in college in New York studying to become a veterinarian.

**What are you looking forward to this year?** Getting to know my students more and seeing how they grow in their math skills throughout the year. I'm also looking forward to getting to know the teachers I work with and learning from them.

**What is one of your favorite things to do outside of school?** Run in the park or play tennis or basketball with my husband and cook pretty much anything

**Favorite TV Show/Movie:**

Right now, Lost. I'm catching up on all the seasons I missed!

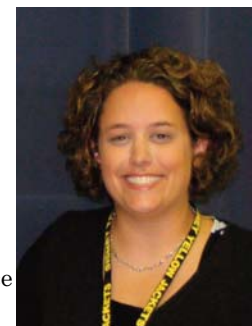
**Favorite Food:** Chocolate and coffee, preferably together

**Favorite Music:** Country

**Do you have a favorite quote or saying? If so what is it?**

"It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well." Rene Descartes

**Mrs. Mandi Croft**  
**English 9G, English 10G, and Journalism**  
**Room E114**



**When did you start teaching?** I began teaching in 2000, with kindergarten.

**How long have you been teaching?** Almost 8 years

**What made you decide to become a teacher?** During college my major changed a few times, education, art, advertising... I ended up graduating with a degree in Art/Marketing, however my first job was with a Children's Resource Center and then I worked with the Wood County Prosecutor's Office as the Youth Violence Prevention Program Assistant Director. I ended up working with the schools so much I chose to go back and finish my Secondary Education Degree. Since 2001, I have taught English in grades 5 - 12, and I have not looked back once! Ok, I may have looked back once when I was grading essays.

**Where are you from originally?** Sidney **What activities were you a part of in high school?**

Cheerleading, Marching Band, Concert Band, Class Officer, Student Council, Muse Machine, Art Club

**Where did you go to college?** Bowling Green State University

**Can you tell us about your family?** I am married with a son in kindergarten. We also have a dog named Rocky.

**What are you looking forward to this year?** Not driving very far to work and spending very little on gas.

**What is one of your favorite things to do outside of school?** Relax!

**Favorite TV Show/Movie:** I love all crime shows! Especially The Closer, CSI, Monk, and Psych! I also still love Friends!

**Favorite Food:** pizza **Favorite Music:** Pretty much anything but rap.

**Do you have a favorite quote or saying? If so what is it?** "We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors ... but they all have to learn to live in the same box."

-Robert Fulghum

# WELCOME SHS NEW TEACHERS AND GUIDANCE!

**Mrs. Lynn Colman**  
*Integrated Science*  
*and Earth Science*  
 Room C110



**When did you start teaching?**  
 2006

**How long have you been teaching?**  
 3 years

**What made you decide to become a teacher?** I went to space camp in high school and decided that I wanted to do something in the field of science. I want others to like science as I do, so I became a teacher.

**Where are you from originally?** Toledo, OH

**What activities were you a part of in high school?** Cross Country, Track, Spanish Club, Drama Club

**Where did you go to college?** Ohio University

**Can you tell us about your family?** Most of my family is up north in Toledo. I have a few relatives in the Dayton area. I am married and have a dog (Diesel) and a cat (Spaz).

**What are you looking forward to this year?** I look forward to getting to know all of the students here at SHS and doing some exciting experiments in class.

**What is one of your favorite things to do outside of school?** I love to go hiking.

**Favorite TV Show/Movie:** OSU college football & Reba

**Favorite Food:** Mac & Cheese

**Favorite Music:** a mix of rock & country

**Mr. Matt Dillon**  
*High School Counselor, A-E*  
 Guidance Office



**How did you start your profession?** I started teaching in 2004. I taught one year of language arts at Twin Valley South High School in West Alexandria, Ohio and two years at St. Marys City Schools as their speech and communications instructor. I most recently completed my school counseling internship at Mississinawa Valley Local Schools in Darke County, OH.

**How long have you in the education field?** This is my fourth year in education. **What made you decide to become a teacher/counselor?** My father recently retired as a school counselor, my mother is a mental health therapist, and I am married to a school counselor. It's the family business.

**Where are you from originally?** Eaton, Ohio in Preble County

**What activities were you a part of in high school?** Ice hockey, yearbook, FFA

**Where did you go to college?** Undergrad at Miami University in Integrated Language Arts Education from 99-03 Master's in School Counseling K-12 from Wright State in March '08

**Can you tell us about your family?** I'm married to a wonderful woman, Danielle. We also have a puppy named Samson.

**What are you looking forward to this year?** Meeting the students of Sidney and being available to help them be successful in all areas of their lives. **What is one of your favorite things to do outside of school?** ice hockey, pumping iron, blogging about technology, and working with computers

**Favorite Movie(s):** *Shawshank Redemption, Star Wars, Happy Gilmore* **Favorite Food:** cold pizza or a bowl of cereal at night.

**Favorite Music:** Country, Christian, Classic Rock

**Do you have a favorite quote or saying? If so what is it?** "Do to others what you would have them do to you"

**Is there anything else that you would like to share?** I'm thankful to be working with such a wonderful and supportive staff. I work with the finest ladies in the business. I look forward to a great year.

## Mr. Wagner nominated for Teacher of the Year

BY THOMAS KIMBLER



Being nominated for teacher of the year has many components. After being nominated, you have to write 6-7, two page essays on different subjects. The essays are then submitted to a board of individuals that read all of the essays from the teachers nominated throughout the state of Ohio, and then narrow the race down to the top four candidates. The top four nominees to advance are then interviewed. Once a teacher has won the teacher of the year, they go on to compete for the title of National Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Wagner has been nominated by his peers for teacher of the year. With his OBJ (class objective) chants and unique way of teaching, he has taught over 30 years of Sidney high students. Mr. Wagner said that it was an honor to be nominated by his fellow peers since the staff is so outstanding at the high school. He never thought that he would be nominated for the award, but to his students, it comes as no surprise.

The next time you see Mr. Wagner tell him congratulations, or good luck on his nomination journey to Ohio Teacher of the Year. Many students feel that no matter the outcome, Mr. Wagner is already the Teacher of the Year.

## New Athletic Director for Sidney

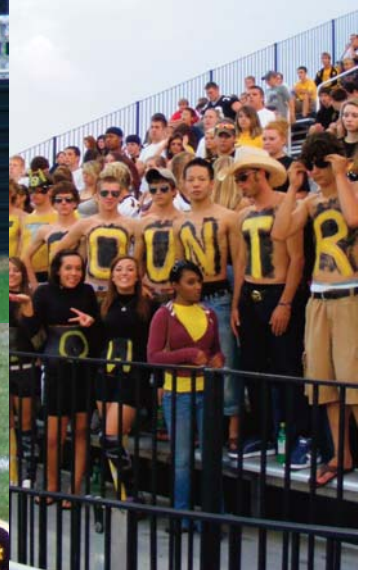
BY SASHA HOOVER

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, Jeff Courter was hired as the new Athletic Director for Sidney City Schools. "I've always wanted to be an Athletic Director, it was such a good opportunity," said Courter when asked what made him decide to apply.

Being an Athletic Trainer for 13 years at Sidney helped a lot with preparing him for the position. Courter said being an Athletic Director is much different than Athletic Training. Both require long hours, but the new position is busier, with a lot more responsibilities.

As for the future, Courter has made plans to "paint the town black and gold" for the Sidney vs. Piqua football game. Along with the Bonfire on Thursday night, there will be a tailgate on Friday for staff and the whole town will be decorated black and gold on streets and windows. When Jeff was asked what he's looking forward to most during this school year, he replied with "everyday, because there's always something new."





**GO JACKETS! GO JACKETS! GO JACKETS! GO JACKETS!**

# Homecoming 2008

BY EMILY OCKE

Homecoming week is a week for fun, spirit, and making memories. The awaited Powder Puff Game will kick off the week. At 6 pm, the Sophomores, who are 0-1 on their career, will play the debuting Freshmen. Following the '10-'11 faceoff, the Juniors posting a 2-1 record will take on the 4-1 Seniors. The two victorious classes will go head to head in the championship game. No trophies will be handed out, but t-shirts and bragging rights for the year will be awarded. If you aren't participating, come out and support your class. Cost of admission is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults, and no passes are accepted since this is a fundraiser. After a two day break in the festivities, the action resumes Thursday for another battle of the classes—the parade. Each class is required to construct a float representing our school and homecoming. If you haven't been in touch with your class advisors or officers, do so. This is a great way to get involved and show your spirit. The parade will begin at Holy Angels and proceed to the SHS Soccer Stadium for the boy's soccer game against Northmont. Other Homecoming Activities Include: Pep rally during school, King and Queen Crowning preceding the football game against Fairborn, and the homecoming dance "Under the Sea" on Saturday Night.

## What are you most looking forward to during homecoming week?



**Chelsie Murray**  
Senior

"The Powder Puff Game.  
Seniors will kick butt!"



**Logan Burns**  
Junior

"The parade."



**Darian Ginter**  
Sophomore

"The game.  
Definitely the game."



**Shianne Saunders**  
Freshman

"To get out of the  
house and have fun."

## HOMECOMING EVENTS

Monday (Sept 22)*	Powder Puff Game - 6pm
*Due to the schedule change, the powder puff game is being rescheduled. Listen to the announcements for the new date.	
Thursday (Sept 25)	Homecoming Parade - 6pm
Thursday (Sept 25)	Boys Soccer Game(Northmont) -7:30pm
Friday (Sept 26)	Pep Rally - 1:45pm
Friday (Sept 26)	Court Intro./Crowning - 6:50-7:20pm
Friday (Sept 26)	H.C. Game(Fairborn) - 7:30pm

## Check out the SHS library

By: Bailey Carter

Have you read a good book lately? With the estimated 10,000 books in the library, there is a book for everyone. The library is also full of technology, from the ability to access book information online (find out if the book is available, how many copies, or a review) to the computers available for use, the library has what you need.

With such a high demand for books last year, the library ordered more Twilight series, Ellen Hopkins books, and other new books. There are also more graphic novels and non-fiction

books. However, in efforts to keep the library budget low, students are only able to check a maximum of two books out for, at most, four weeks. If you like to listen to books, there are also the audio books. You can actually listen to a book being read to you! There are a variety of audio books available as well. They, too, can be checked out for a maximum of four weeks.

Students can visit the library during study hall, before and after school. Make sure if your coming during study hall that you have a pass and your student ID.



Visit Mrs. Fultz and Mrs. Lewis in the library.

## Here are some of the new titles you can find in the library!

Breaking Dawn – Stephenie Meyer  
Change of Heart – Jodi Picoult  
Sunrise Over Fallajah – Walter Dean Myers  
The Missing Girl – Norma Fox Mazer  
Autopsies: Pathologists at Work – Gary Jeffrey

Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee – Charles Shields  
Political Profiles: John McCain – Catherine Wells  
The Audacity of Hope – Barack Obama  
Trouble – Gary Schmidt  
Chanda's Wars – Alan Stratton

Visit the library online at <http://www.sidney.k12.oh.us/schools/shs/>

## Varsity Football

Kicking off a hopeful season, Sidney's varsity football team is off to an impressive start with a 2-2 record. The football players did a lot of preseason conditioning by starting to lift in December. In June, they started conditioning while continuing to lift a couple days a week. When July rolled around, so did 2-a-days. The team went to Heidelberg for a 3-day camp and also had summer camp for 7 days. In addition, they played in a 7 v. 7 scrimmage. Coach Cairns said that along with all of the conditioning, there is a lot of "behind the scenes" things that go on. The team breaks down films of past games to see a visual of what could be improved. The coaches had to attend clinics and they talked to different coaches. The team is the fastest it has been in the past 4 years with more depth and solid players. The only thing that is a potential setback is the age since it is a very young team. As the season goes on, Coach Cairns predicts that the team will get better every week. "Every game is a big game; there are no easy games." Keep on keepin' on Jackets!

Seniors: "Leave no regrets, take every opportunity, and think of all the hard work you've put in over the last 4 years." - Coach Dan Cairns

## Volleyball

Volleyball has spiked up a great season. The volleyball team prepared for their season by having weight training starting in March through May, and by having open gym twice a week all summer. Varsity team members also attended a camp at Wittenberg University. Coach Walker has been impressed with her team's attitude and hitting. The Sidney-Piqua rivalry will be an exciting game for the players. Keep serving up a great season,  
V o l l e y b a l l !

## Freshman Football

The newbies to the high school football program have started the season with some tough losses while the offense has struggled, but they are making great strides. The Freshman Team began their season out just like Varsity and JV did, with preseason workouts, lifting, 2-a-days, and camp. Coach Wagner says that the team is great to work with and they are all hard workers. On the upside to the struggling offense, the defense is very good. Coach Wagner predicts that as the season goes on the team will improve and should win a lot of games, hoping that Piqua will be one of the big W's. Good luck Freshman!

## Tennis

The girl's tennis team has gotten off to a slow start, but is doing much better as the season progresses. "They are a pretty good team considering the small amount of experienced players they have this year. The girls that went out for the team have a lot of enthusiasm" says Coach Brown. As the season moves along, the girls are improving their strokes greatly. To prepare for the season, the team had informal practices and went indoors sporadically in the winter. Even though the tennis courts were just repaved this year, the team has no indoor facility to use around here to better themselves during off season or to practice when there is bad weather. Getting to an indoor facility requires travel and then, problems with transportation. The team has been able to work with what they have based on their drive to win. Coach Brown believes that they will finish strong, ending up in mid-pack after their slow start. There is a doubles team who have the potential to go far in the G.W.O.C. A highlight of the season, raising team spirits, was winning their biggest match of the year against Piqua. Coach Brown would like to thank all of the seniors that went out for the team this year, and wish them all good luck for the future.  
Good luck ladies, keep up the good work!

## JV Football

Sidney's JV football team has started off the season ready to play. In the off season, the JV team did all of varsity's preseason lifting and conditioning along with the 2-a-days and 7 day camp. Some obstacles that Coach Doenges and the team had to work around was that with being a JV team, there's no telling who will be at the games from week to week. According to Doenges, the team has done a nice job so far filling in for guys who get moved up to varsity. It is a good group of hardworking guys who understand their roles on the team. A strength the team has is the upper-class leadership on the team. Coach Doenges believes that his team is capable of winning a lot of games as the season continues, while agreeing with Coach Cairns that the next game is always the biggest game. Go get 'em Sidney!



## Cross Country

The cross country team is off to a running start with a good season this year. With 40 runners, a big improvement from previous years, and 13 of which are seniors, the team started preparing for the season with conditioning starting in July. During this time they did a lot of long distance runs and core training to get back into the stride of things and build their endurance. Official practices then began in August. Each meet for cross country is a 3 mile run that takes roughly 18 to 25 minutes for boys/girls to complete. Fort Loramie is one of the toughest meets due to the rough terrain, while Greenville is a fast course with a lot to look at. Go Jacket Cross Country! Keep running strong!

## Girls Varsity Soccer

The girl's soccer team has scored an amazing 8-1-1 record to start off the season. After a lot of preparation in the spring and summer with weight training and practices 3 days a week, they attended three soccer tournaments. The team also had a Dayton Soccer Academy Coach run a camp. In order to succeed, Coach Goffena shares, "We had to learn that we are only as successful as our team. We have learned to rely on and trust one another, and to focus on the team and not oneself." Coach Goffena is very confident in the team she has this year and believes that one of the strengths of the team is the senior leadership. "They do not receive as much recognition as they should," says Goffena. The team is hoping to contend for the G.W.O.C. North title. Every game is always considered the biggest game, but depending on the league, it was either the Troy game or the upcoming Butler game. To the seniors, the season is dedicated to you. Good luck ladies!

## Boys Varsity Soccer

Goals are in the making well before the soccer season begins. In the spring, the team participated in two indoor tournaments in addition to playing in the futsal league at Sidney's YMCA. During the summer months they played in six tournaments and Coach "Rug" Harlamert held many open fields for potential players to attend. One of the obstacles that Harlamert had to work around was losing a great long-time assistant, Coach Don Wenrich. To fill those cleats, Josh Danklefsen, 2003 SHS high school grad, slid into that position after graduating from ONU. "He's doing an awesome job," says Harlamert. The varsity team this year is very young, having only two seniors. They are great kids with some excellent talent. Harlamert admits that it is a really great experience being their coach. One of the team's strengths is how close the players are and how much they care about each other. Based on the beginning of the season, Harlamert believes that the team will get even better by playing hard every game. Northmont is always a big game, but this year the boys get to play the Division I State Champions, Hilliard-Davidson at the Columbus Crew Stadium. "It should be an awesome experience to play in a world class venue. As for the seniors, Jarrod Woodbury lives 30 minutes away and has been a devoted and energetic player, along with being this year's team leader.

## Golf

Golf is off to a swinging start! With five returning lettermen from last year's sectional champion team and four of the top five players returning, the greens are looking good for the SHS golf team. Preparation for the golf season is different from other sports because the players need to be continually working to improve their game throughout the offseason. One of the biggest difficulties for the golf team is the team size, having only 8 students come out for the team this year. The biggest match for this year comes with league tournaments and the head to head match with Butler, which also will determine the G.W.O.C. title. Even with the numbers, Coach Barhorst tells us that they have good golfers with experience.

Go Jacket Golf!

# The Sports Buzz

by Hillary Fishbaugh

## Boys JV Soccer

The boys JV soccer team has opened up a great season so far this year. They have worked hard and seem to have adjusted to new coach, Josh Danklefsen, who is an Ohio Northern alumnus and was a four-year varsity letter winner. In the off season, the team did their conditioning with the varsity team. The JV team is full of great kids who have a lot of potential. It is a very young team who is growing and developing every time they step on the field. "They are all willing to learn and try new things" says Danklefsen. Each and every game they play is their biggest game. They prepare separately for each game and try to work off their strengths and weaknesses from previous games. "Each game provides us a chance to improve on points we have worked on and each game allows us to get better as the season progresses," mentions Danklefsen. Good luck with the rest of the season, boys!

## Girls JV Soccer

The JV soccer team has shot out a record of 7-1-1 (so-far) to start off a fantastic season. To prepare for this season, Coach Schriber had the girls doing a lot of running, cardiovascular workouts, and footwork. The biggest obstacle in their way was learning to play together as a team. Schriber believes he has a very strong team who works well together. They are a good group. The team hopes to finish strong. Their biggest game was Troy, where they played an awesome game and ended up with a tie. Keep up the good work Lady Jackets!

# HAPPENINGS AT THE HIVE

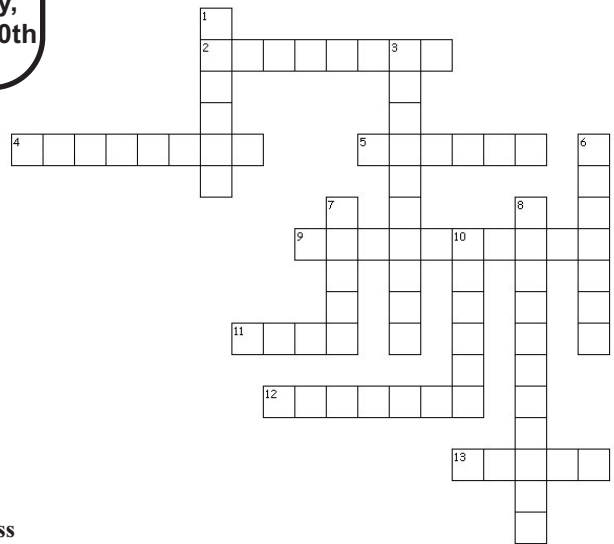
BY JENNA BRANAM

Date	Event	Time
9/18	Girls Varsity Tennis at Butler	4:30 PM
9/18	Boys Varsity Golf vs. Trotwood-Madison	4:30 PM
9/18	Girls JV Volleyball vs. Troy	5:30 PM
9/18	Boys Freshman Football vs. Springboro	5:30 PM
9/18	Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Troy	7:00 PM
9/18	Picture Day	school day
9/19	Boys Varsity Football at Springboro	7:30 PM
9/19	Waiver Day	No School
9/20	Boys JV Football vs. Springboro	10:00 AM
9/20	Girls JV Volleyball at Urbana	11:00 AM
9/20	Girls JV Soccer vs. Wapakoneta	12:00 PM
9/20	Girls Varsity Volleyball at Urbana	12:30 PM
9/20	Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Wapakoneta	2:00 PM
9/20	COED HS/MS Cross Country 31st Sidney Invit.	8:30 AM
9/20	Sensational Sounds Band Festival at the Stadium	7:00 PM
9/22	Boys Varsity Golf at Wayne/West Carrollton	4:00 PM
9/22	Powderpuff	6:00 PM
9/23	Boys Varsity Golf vs. Greenville	4:00 PM
9/23	Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Fairborn	4:30 PM
9/23	Boys JV Soccer vs. Piqua	5:30 PM
9/23	Girls JV Volleyball at Butler	5:30 PM
9/23	Girls Varsity Volleyball at Butler	7:00 PM
9/23	Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Piqua	7:30 PM
9/24	Girls JV Soccer at Piqua	5:30 PM
9/24	Girls Varsity Soccer at Piqua	7:30 PM
9/25	Boys JV Soccer vs. Northmont	5:30 PM
9/25	Homecoming Parade	6:00 PM
9/25	Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Northmont	7:30 PM
9/25	Boys Varsity Golf GWOC Tournament	8:00 AM
9/26	Homecoming Game vs. Fairborn	7:30 PM
9/26	Midterms come out	school day
9/27	Girls JV Volleyball Tri-Match at Jackson Center	10:00 AM
9/27	Boys JV Football at Fairborn	10:00 AM
9/27	Boys Freshman Football at Fairborn	12:00 PM
9/27	Homecoming Dance	8:00 PM
9/27	Girls Varsity Volleyball Tri-Match at West Liberty	9:00 AM
9/27	Girls Varsity Tennis GWOC Tournament	TBA
9/30	Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Elida	4:30 PM
9/30	Boys JV Soccer at Butler	5:30 PM
9/30	Girls JV Volleyball GWOC Tournament	5:30 PM
9/30	Girls Varsity Volleyball GWOC Tournament	7:00 PM
9/30	Boys Varsity Soccer at Butler	7:30 PM
10/1	Girls JV Soccer vs. Butler	5:30 PM
10/1	Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Butler	7:30 PM
10/2	Boys JV Soccer vs. Wayne	5:30 PM
10/2	Girls JV Volleyball GWOC Tournament	5:30 PM
10/2	Boys Freshman Football vs. Trotwood-Madison	5:30 PM
10/2	Girls Varsity Volleyball GWOC Tournament	7:00 PM
10/2	Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Wayne	7:15 PM
10/3	Boys Varsity Football at Trotwood-Madison	7:30 PM
10/4	Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Botkins	1:30 PM
10/4	Boys JV Football vs. Trotwood-Madison	10:00 AM
10/4	Girls JV Volleyball vs. Botkins	12:00 PM
10/4	COED HS/MS Cross Country Centerville Stampede	TBA

10/7	Boys JV Soccer at Lebanon	5:30 PM
10/7	Girls JV Volleyball GWOC Tournament	5:30 PM
10/7	Girls Varsity Volleyball GWOC Tournament	7:00 PM
10/7	Boys Varsity Soccer at Lebanon	7:30 PM
10/8	Girls JV Soccer vs. Lebanon	5:30 PM
10/8	Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Lebanon	7:30 PM
10/9	Boys JV Soccer vs. Chaminade-Julienne	5:30 PM
10/9	Girls JV Volleyball GWOC Tournament	5:30 PM
10/9	Boys Freshman Football at Piqua	5:30 PM
10/9	Girls Varsity Volleyball GWOC Tournament	7:00 PM
10/9	Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Chaminade-Julienne	7:15 PM
10/10	Boys Varsity Football vs. Piqua	7:30 PM
10/11	Boys JV Football at Piqua	10:00 AM

**SENIORS**  
Don't forget!  
**Senior Pictures**  
Thursday, October 30th

## Word of the Day Crossword Puzzle



**Across**

- 2. richness; wealth
- 4. dwelling in or under the earth; also, pertaining to the underworld
- 5. to entertain with something that delights
- 9. making a loud outcry; clamorous; noisy
- 11. a group; an assembly or collection
- 12. to put in order again; to set right; to emend; to revise; to set right
- 13. marked by unaffected simplicity; deficient in worldly wisdom or informed judgement

**Down**

- 1. violently hot; drying or scorching with heat; burning; parching; characterized by intense emotion
- 3. suitable to be eaten; edible
- 6. blunt
- 7. gray or white with age
- 8. one who is at home in every place; a citizen of the world; a cosmopolitan person
- 10. the act of going out or leaving, or the right or freedom to leave; departure