



Coding in Maker Space

The kindergarten and first-grade students have been busy learning early coding concepts in the Maker Space. Students used hands-on coding tools—Cubelets and Code and Go Mice—to learn about robots and coding. Pictured are first graders Gabby and Noah who created a robot from three cubes that could roll, light up, or spin using their hand as a sensor!



2024 SJA Science Fair Winners

Congratulations to all of our Middle School students who participated in the Science Fair! Again this year the judges were impressed with the quality and depth of our students' projects. Thank you to our Faculty and the judges from our community who helped with this year's Science Fair. Grand Prize Winners were Lyla Kocemba, seventh grade, first place; Eddie Gleine, eighth grade, second, and James Vecchio, seventh grade, third; eighth grade winners were Ethan White, first place, Grace Krueger, second place, and Addison Smith/Tyler Smith, third place (tie); seventh grade winners were Paige Bittner, first place and Colin Fitzmaurice, second place; sixth grade winners were Lucy Gleine, first place, Lilly McHale, second place, and Cece Hamsmith, third place.



GET TIX

SJA Night @ CLE Cavaliers
An open invitation to all families of St. Joan Of Arc Parish for the Cavaliers vs Miami Heat game on March 20 at 7 p.m. We will have designated sections reserved for families of SJA, and we hope to see as many of you there as possible! The children of the first 25 families that purchase tickets through this QR code only (see above) will have the opportunity to high-five the players on the Cavaliers court! Call 440-247-6530 with any questions.



Kindergarten Visit 3/20

Register Now for Kindergarten Visit Day 3/20
St. Joan of Arc School invites incoming Kindergarteners to see what it is like to be an SJA Crusader! Use the QR code to register for either the morning or afternoon session. Questions? Call the school office at 440-247-6530.

VBC Save the Date

Make sure to mark your calendars because St. Joan of Arc Church will be holding our Vacation Bible Camp for children four-years-old through 6th grade on June 17-21. Details coming soon!

The Difference Faith Makes

At St. Joan of Arc we believe in the difference faith makes in teaching the whole child to learn, lead, and live in a safe environment where each student is free to explore their ideas while growing closer to God.

A Catholic education at St. Joan of Arc is now more affordable than ever with scholarships available to all families for up to 100% of tuition costs.

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Kenston senior bowlers, from left, Emma Robertson, Faith Smith and Lauren Stever.

Kenston Bombers Senior Night

Kenston bowlers Emma Robertson, Lauren Stever and Faith Smith were honored at Senior Night, escorted by their parents. Brian Smith coaches the team. Faith also did her college signing with Muskingum University. Her choice of college was based on their academic program combined with their bowling program. She plans to major in animal studies and continue her bowling. Her goal after college is to join the PWBA and pursue a career on tour. Her future college coach, Doug Smith, was also here for the signing. Faith was also a WRC Scholar Athlete the past two seasons. She is captain of the team, has the highest average on the team and currently sits in fourth place in our league. She is proud to have qualified for the District Tournament in 2022 and won her first individual tournament in November, 2023.

Emma has been a member of the girls' Varsity team for four years. She is a four-year letter winner. She is also a two-time WRC Scholar Athlete. Emma also received conference honorable mention in 2021 along with being the team's most improved bowler in 2021. Emma is also the co-captain of the team.

Lauren is a three-year member of the Lady Bombers. Last year she was recognized as a WRC Scholar Athlete and earned a Varsity letter last season. Lauren will be attending Bowling Green State University in the fall. She plans to major in literature and minor in film studies. She has not decided if she will continue her bowling career at this time. She has a passion for performing and the theater.



KHS Mock Trial Team Qualified for State Competition

The Mock Trial Team from Kenston High School has had an impressively successful season which continues to carry on. At Regionals, Alexa Hebert and Grace Voudris both won Outstanding Attorney in the trial for the second tournament in a row. The team won both trials at the Regional Competition which qualified the team for the State Competition on March 7 and 8 with the case of the State of Buckeye vs. Ash Espinosa. Kenston will be one of 28 teams competing at the State Competition.



KHS Cheerleaders Host Camp

The Kenston High School Varsity and J.V. Basketball cheerleaders hosted their annual mini-cheerleading camp on Friday, February 2, 2024. Over 80 students in grades Kindergarten through 7th grade attended an after-school camp where they participated in team activities, learned sideline cheers, and a half-time dance they performed for fans.

Kenston Spirit

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is underway for children entering Kindergarten this August. Children must be five years old on or before Sept. 30, 2024. Please complete your online registration by visiting Kindergarten Registration at kenstonlocal.org and then schedule your registration appointment to complete your paperwork and turn in supporting documentation.

Nominations for the 2024 Hall of Fame

The Kenston Alumni Assn. is seeking outstanding individuals for induction into the 2024 Distinguished Hall of Fame. These people will be graduates or staff members of Auburn, Bainbridge or Kenston Schools who have achieved success in their careers and made significant contributions in their fields and to society. To be eligible, nominees must have graduated in the Class of 2014, or before or retired/resigned from the district by June 1, 2014, or before, and are not currently employed by the Kenston Schools.

Please visit www.kenstonlocal.org/alumni for more information and to complete an online nomination, or visit the Kenston Board of Education or Kenston Community Education for a Nomination Form.

A panel of Kenston High School students, alumni, staff, and administrators will select inductees for the Hall of Fame. Selections will be based on nominations, information from friends and families, and an application completed by the individuals. The deadline for submission is Friday, March 15, 2024. Inductees will be recognized during Homecoming 2024. Please email alumni@kenstonapps.org with any questions or for further details.



Kenston High School Science Olympiad Places 6th

Congratulations to the Kenston Science Olympiad team for a fantastic weekend at the Mentor High School Invitational. The students placed 6th out of 42 teams overall and took home several top 8 finishes in individual events. Students placing in individual events include: Max Rossiter and Ryan Menary 6th - Air Trajectory; Lisa Markoff and Ben Fink 7th - Anatomy; Jack Beclay and Gavin Watson 4th - Chem Lab; Lindsey Myshrall, Jay Syslo, and Sophie Voudris 3rd - Codebusters; Gavin Watson and Max Rossiter 3rd - Detector Building; Sophie Voudris and Lisa Markoff 6th - Dynamic Planet; Ava Intelisano and Sam Worsdall 3rd - Ecology; Jack Beclay, Lisa Markoff, and Ben Fink 4th - Experimental Design; Ava Intelisano and Thomas Wilson 8th - Fossils; Sophie Voudris and Thomas Wilson 5th - Geologic Mapping; Michael Thompson and Max Rossiter 7th - Optics; Michael Thompson and Jay Syslo 3rd - Write it, Do it. The Regional Tournament is at Baldwin Wallace on March 2 and will determine eligibility for the State Competition on April 27.



All-State Choir

To participate in OMEA All-State, students recorded and submitted auditions last spring and were selected through a rigorous evaluation process. All selected musicians have attended regional and state rehearsals and worked many hours on their own to prepare for the concert. The All-State Band and Choirs are sponsored by the Ohio Music Education Association. Pictured above, the Kenston participants in OMEA All-State Choir (l-r) L Denno (Alto 2), Kylie Moore (Soprano 1), Kenston Choral Director Mrs. Julia Green and Jacob Spencer (Tenor 1).



Fifth Grade Students of the Month

Congratulations to the Kenston Intermediate School Students of the Month for December. Fifth graders selected for Love awards were (back row, l-r) Harper Wilson, Jack Pease, Emily Fender, Hannah Smith, and Nico Thornton; (front row, l-r) Mailen Ayala, Lily Oliver, Natalie Ackroyd, and Harper Gibson. Amelia Eliazo is not pictured.



Middle School Honors Choir Festival

Congratulations to seventh and eighth grade choir students who participated in the 2024 OMEA DISTRICT 7 Middle School Honors Choir Festival sponsored by the Ohio Music Education Assn. This special event allowed nominated vocal students from area middle schools a unique experience of rehearsing and performing in a large honors choir under the direction of a prominent vocal director. Pictured above, back row (l-r): Grace Klar, Careese Rice, and Amelia Jensen; middle row (l-r): Penelope Morales, Pearl Johnson, and Silas Berkland; front row (l-r): Will Szarka, Eva Caires.



KHS Speech and Debate Team Having an Impressive Season

Congratulations to the Kenston High School Speech and Debate Team as six additional students have been named state qualifiers. Addison Altmann, Alessia Cassina, Brett King, Nathan Rolf, William Turner, and Grace Voudris, join previous state qualifiers Jacob Spencer and Olivia White. The selected alternates to States are William Eisner, Madelyn Foerster, and Emily Hunt. The State Championship will be in Wooster on March 1 - 2.



All-State Band

Kenston High School Students participated in the OMEA All-State Band and Choir. Four Kenston High School students participated in the 2024 OMEA All-State Band and Choir in February in Columbus. Pictured is Kenston Band Director Mr. Jeff Link, with OMEA All-State Band Member, Lisa Markoff.



It's Cross Country Skiing Season

Second-grade students at Timmons Elementary School bundled up and hit the Timmons slopes to learn how to cross-country ski in our very own Geauga County winter wonderland. With the snowflakes falling in January, students were able to enjoy time outside while learning a new skill during their Physical Education Class that promotes the Play Blue health and wellness initiatives.



Middle School Speech and Debate Teams

Kenston's Middle School's Speech and Debate Team competed at Mayfield last month. . Placing first were Pearl Johnson in Declamation and Reagan Carnes in Extemporaneous Debate. In Congressional Debate, Brooke Carlson placed second while Zoey Murtha placed fourth. In Interpretation, Evie Bohac placed third, Liam Serquina placed fourth and Ayla Lewandowski placed sixth.



Kenston Middle School Science Olympiad Places Third

Congratulations to the Kenston Middle School Science Olympiad team, who placed third overall at the University of Pittsburgh tournament.



Geauga Park District's TREE-INSPIRED Community Art Show Open Now!

“Walk among the trees” in the form of drawings, paintings, photos, sculptures and other tree-inspired creations.



*Let's celebrate our
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**Open daily 10 AM - 4 PM through April 21
at The West Woods Nature Center**

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Monday, April 22, is Earth Day — and the deadline for writers of all ages to submit Nature-inspired poetry, prose or both to this annual contest. Get your application online at <http://bit.ly/gpdnwc2024> or at The West Woods Nature Center, Big Creek Park's Meyer Center, or your favorite Geauga library. In addition to cash prizes, winners are published in our Nature Writer's Chapbook and online, and get invited to a special winners coffeehouse celebration at Claridon Woodlands. Good luck!



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