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QUARTERLY UPDATE FROM SHELBY CITY SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

A Successful Year For Shelby City Schools

As we enter the final weeks of the school year, I want to thank everyone throughout our district and the community for their help in making the year a successful one. Success doesn't happen by accident. Success takes diligence, flexibility, creativity and most of all, cooperation by many different people to achieve goals and aspirations. And the 2022-2023 school year has been a wonderful example of the great things that can happen when you combine all of the above ingredients into one recipe.

To list just a few examples...to open the school year, our students in preschool through eighth grade moved into our beautiful new PK-8 building, our athletic complex was given a complete facelift, students in all grades achieved outstanding academic success, and our performing arts and athletic programs attained unparalleled accomplishments. It's been a great year to be a Whippet!

And speaking of being a Whippet...I have spent the past thirty-one years working in various roles in the Shelby City Schools; the last twelve years as the superintendent. This past October



Tim Tarvin
Superintendent,
Shelby City Schools

I announced that I would be retiring at the end of July and I want to thank the Shelby Schools and the community for giving me the opportunity to work alongside of you to make a positive contribution to our young people, to our school system and to the city of Shelby. It has been an honor and I am deeply humbled to have had such a memorable opportunity. Thank you!

As you read this newsletter, it's very likely that the board of education has already, or is certainly on the verge of, hiring a new superintendent to lead the district in the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. In early March the school district began the search for the new superintendent with the hope of hiring an individual in late April or early May. The Shelby City Schools is an outstanding school district that

enjoys tremendous community support and I am confident that the new superintendent will, with the same assistance and encouragement that I received, help the Shelby City Schools flourish for many years.

Thank you again for a fantastic school year and for your support throughout my career. I hope you all have the opportunity this summer to spend quality time with your family and close friends, be safe; go Whippets!

Whippet Wall of Honor

The Whippet Athletic Complex boasts new facilities for baseball, football, soccer, softball and track and field; it is truly a beautiful facility that our students and community will enjoy for generations.

Gracing the entrance to the complex is the Carton Service Whippet Plaza, which features the Whippet Wall of Honor; the Wall will bear the names of individuals and companies who have made a contribution of at least \$250 to the complex.

If you would like to make a contribution to the athletic complex and get your name on the Wall, please contact the Board offices at 419-342-3647 (DOGS), or go to our website, www.shelbyk12.org, hover your cursor over facilities project and click on athletic complex. From there, simply follow the directions to make your donation.

The deadline to make a contribution and get your name on the Wall is June 1, 2023.





Academic Challenge Team Heads to Nationals

Shelby High School's (SHS) Academic Challenge team has qualified for the NAQT Quiz Bowl tournament in Chicago this April! The group, composed of Cole Jenkins, Sam Alonzo, Case Mongold, Alexis McClain, and Sadie Howarth, will be representing SHS against public schools from all over the country.

This achievement has been a long time coming for the senior class, who have been contributing to the quiz team since their freshman year. Their success in tournament play has been impressive, with runner-up in the massive MOESC and NCOESC fall tournaments and first place overall in the MOESC spring tournament, outscoring 45 other teams.

Coach Grayson Murray has been impressed with not only the seniors, but the entire team and their weekly practices are a testament to their dedication and camaraderie. Practices typically involve answering NAQT quiz bowl questions and playing games. Murray said, "Not only are these some of the highest-achieving students in the school, but they're also hilarious and fun to be around. I enjoy practice as much as they do."

In fact, these practices have caught the attention of the student body, and the team has gained many recruits. Year after year, members return with no turnover aside from graduating seniors. Cole Jenkins, a member of the team, said, "Practices always feature new games every week which makes each of them fresh and exciting. You never know what you'll get into at quiz team practice."

We wish the Shelby High School Academic Challenge team the best of luck as they travel to Chicago April 28-30. Go Whippets!



Small Hands, Big Signs: High School ASL Students Share Skills With Kindergarteners

What do our high school American Sign Language (ASL) students and kindergarteners have in common? They can now communicate with each other in a different language!

ASL students recently stopped by Mrs. Mitchell and Miss Wasilewski's elementary classrooms to teach ASL basics, including the alphabet, numbers and basic food signs. The high school students loved being able to teach younger students what they have learned and can't wait to return later this spring to teach more lessons.



Shelby Schools Officially One Campus

As a reminder, the Shelby Schools Board office has moved to the old middle school at 109 W. Smiley Ave. This means all students, staff and administrators are now officially on one campus.

Previously, the Board office was located at Central Elementary, which was also home to the preschool. This building is scheduled for demolition and the project is expected to be completed by the end of May. Please be safe if you are traveling in the area.

We are excited to be able to serve our community better through this one-campus approach!



Shelby Schools Hosts Inaugural Art Show

On March 29, Shelby Schools welcomed family and community members to its first-ever art show! The event featured art from students in grades pre-K-8 — and a cookie reception.

Art forms included painting, weaving, ceramic art, cardboard sculptures and drawings. All students in kindergarten through fifth grade had creations on display, while select students from sixth through eighth grade were invited to participate.

The students' artwork was created throughout this school year and a fun time was had by all. Thank you to Ms. Sharfenberg and Ms. Olewiler for all of their hard work planning this incredible event, which we hope will be the first of many!






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Important Dates



at 9am

Community Breakfast
in the PK-8 Cafeteria



at 3pm

Graduation



Memorial Day



Last day for students

Exceptional Students Delivering Exceptional Espresso

Karli Ingle, an intervention specialist for grades 5-8, recently started a business venture alongside her students that's taking Shelby Schools by storm.

Exceptional Espresso involves students delivering coffee and other morning treats like muffins and cinnamon rolls to teachers. The deliveries began in the 6-8 pod and they plan to expand to the K-2 and 3-5 pods soon, a bonus of everyone now being under one roof.

The business, which involves typical students as well as those with disabilities, was named for the students. Ms. Ingles said, "We are trying to break the stigma for students with exceptionalities or disabilities because they can do so many exceptional things."

The group of students has partnered with Mrs. Miller and Student Council on the project. Teachers have already expressed that they are seeing a difference in the students, who are learning invaluable business and social skills, including how to count money and proper sanitation when serving others.

"We're creating a more inclusive setting for our students, and I'm so proud of that," said Ms. Ingles.

