



Success

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QUARTERLY UPDATE FROM SHELBY CITY SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Honoring a Year of Whippet Excellence



Michael Browning
Superintendent

Dear Shelby Community,

The energy and pride across Shelby City Schools this spring have been nothing short of remarkable. With the final days of this school year behind us, it's a perfect time to reflect on all that our students and staff have accomplished.

Over the past nine weeks alone, our students have made headlines and history: setting new records, winning championships, and excelling in academics, the

arts and service. We saw inspiring performances, packed banquets, joyful senior traditions and our Class of 2025 walk across the stage ready to take on the world. And thanks to the

incredible generosity of our local partners, nearly \$300,000 in scholarships were awarded to help launch their next chapter.

Read ahead to see more of what our students have been up to. This issue is packed with Whippet success stories, community connections and a snapshot of what makes Shelby City Schools such a special place.

To the families, staff and community members who show up for our students time and again, thank you. Your support is at the heart of everything we do.

Enjoy a well-deserved summer break filled with sunshine and making memories!

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Bowman Blazes to New Record

Shelby senior Ava Bowman lit up the track at the 92nd Mehock Relays, breaking the school 200-meter record with a 25.57 finish as part of a triple-gold day that also included wins in the 100 and 4×100. She went on to earn MOAC Girls Track Athlete of the Year, winning the 100, 200 and 4×100 (a meet record) plus a second-place finish in the 4×200 to help Shelby clinch its fifth straight league title. Ava then won both sprints at Districts, helping the Whippets claim their first District title in two decades, and capped her season with a school-record 24.63 in the state 200 prelims, finishing third overall. Bowman graduated holding school records in the 100, 200 and 4×100—a legacy of speed and determination.

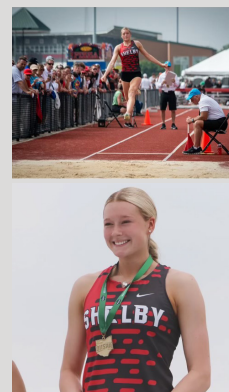


A Big Whippet Welcome to Madison Ratliff

Shelby City Schools is proud to welcome Madison Ratliff as our new treasurer. With a strong background in school finance and a passion for public service, Ratliff brings energy, expertise and a fresh perspective to the role. We're excited to have him on Team Whippet and look forward to all the ways he'll help strengthen our schools and community!

Henkel Makes History

Shelby student Madison Henkel has officially leapt into the record books, capturing the OHSAA Division II state long jump championship! With speed, strength and sheer determination, Madison outperformed the state's best, brought home gold and made all of Whippet Nation proud. Congratulations, Madison!



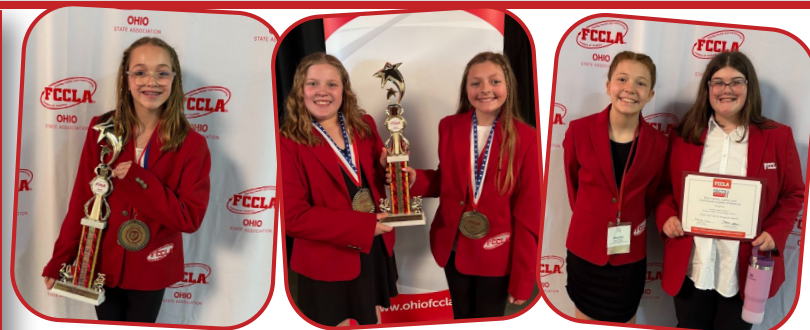
D.A.R.E.

We're bursting with pride as we celebrate our latest group of D.A.R.E. Program graduates! D.A.R.E., which stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education, teaches students the importance of making safe and responsible choices, building confidence through fun and interactive lessons. From learning how to handle peer pressure to practicing real-life decision-making skills, our students wrapped up the program stronger, smarter and ready to lead.



High School Academic Challenge Team Success

Shelby High School's Academic Challenge team recently competed in the Small School National Quiz Team Tournament in Chicago. Led by senior captains Dawson Gove and Avery Mongold, the team earned their spot through strong performances during the regular season and placed 69th out of 87 top teams nationwide. The team extends heartfelt thanks to the Shelby High School Alumni Association, Shelby Eagles and Shelby Moose for making the experience possible.



Young Leaders Shine at State

Shelby Middle School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Pioneers made a stellar impression at this year's State FCCLA Conference. Tatum Dewald and Hayden Davidson qualified in the National Programs event, Karlie Bowman and Paysen Senseimer earned 2nd place in Focus on Children and Sydney Gunder took home 1st in the entire state for Sports Nutrition. Way to lead the way, Whippets!

Art on Display

The PreK-8 Art Show was a vibrant celebration of creativity and imagination, and our students truly wowed the crowd with their incredible work! Thank you to everyone who came to cheer on our talented artists and make the night unforgettable!



Update from The Treasurer

Dear Shelby Community,

As I prepare to close this chapter, I want to take a moment to say thank you. Serving as Treasurer for Shelby City Schools has been one of the most meaningful roles of my career. It's been an honor to be part of this incredible district and community. I've truly enjoyed being a Whippet and getting to know the staff, families and community members who make Shelby such an incredible place.

Shelby is more than numbers and budgets. It's a place where people care deeply about students and work hard every day to support their success. I have seen that commitment firsthand, and it has been a privilege to play a part in supporting that mission.

As I step away, I do so with full confidence in Madison Ratliff, who will begin serving as Treasurer on August 1. Madison brings the right experience, professionalism and heart to lead Shelby's financial operations. Most importantly, I know he will always keep the best



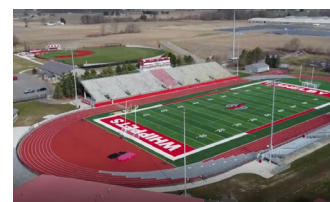
Shelby Students Take the Wheel

This year, approximately 100 Shelby student drivers earned their licenses thanks to our grant-funded Driver's Education program. Much of this success is due to the incredible dedication of instructor Debbie Addison, who goes above and beyond to support students. Debbie understands the demands of student life and is known for her flexibility, even offering pick-up and drop-off services to ease the burden on families. Her commitment has made the program not just accessible but truly exceptional. Thank you, Debbie, for helping so many Whippets hit the road safely and confidently! For questions or to enroll, visit mvesc.org or email addison.debbie@shelbyk12.org.



Shelby Named One of Ohio's Best Places to Live

Shelby has been named one of the 14 best places to live in Ohio by WorldAtlas, praised for its small-town charm, strong community spirit and quality of life. The recognition highlights Shelby City Schools, which recently earned a 4-star rating on the state report card. We're proud to call Shelby home, where families thrive, neighbors connect and Whippet pride runs deep.



Celebrating the Class of 2025

A round of applause for the Shelby High School Class of 2025! We can't wait to see how these bold, compassionate and determined Whippets shape the future. Your journey has inspired us all, and we're so proud of who you've become.



FFA Banquet

Congratulations to the Shelby FFA students honored at this year's banquet, where more than \$16,000 in scholarships were awarded and Addi Shira and Jack Stover were crowned FFA Royalty. The evening also included a heartfelt tribute to retiring adviser Randy Eisenhauer, celebrating 22 years of dedicated service.



interests of our students, staff and community at the center of his work.

Thank you for your support over the years and for the many kind connections we've shared. I will always look back on my time at Shelby with gratitude and pride.

Wishing all of you the very best in the years ahead. May Shelby continue to thrive.

Sincerely,
Beth Lykins
Treasurer





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Important Back-To-School Dates

August 11

- ▶ High School Open House
 - ▶ 9th Grade & New Student Orientation: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 - ▶ 10th-12th Grade: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

August 12

- ▶ Grades 6-8 Open House: 5:00 p.m.

August 13

- ▶ 3rd Grade Open House: 6:15-7:15 p.m.
- ▶ 4th Grade Open House: 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- ▶ 5th Grade Open House: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

August 14

- ▶ 1st Grade Open House: 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- ▶ 2nd Grade Open House: 6:15-7:15 p.m.

August 19

- ▶ Preschool Open House
 - ▶ A.M. Class: 5:00-5:45 p.m.
 - ▶ P.M. Class: 6:00-6:45 p.m.
- ▶ First Day of School (Grades 1-12)

August 20

- ▶ Kindergarten Open House
 - ▶ Group A: 5:00-5:45 p.m.
 - ▶ Group B: 6:00-6:45 p.m.
- ▶ Staggered Start for P.M. Preschool

August 21

- ▶ Staggered Start for A.M. Preschool
- ▶ Staggered Start for Kindergarten Group A

August 22

- ▶ Staggered Start for Kindergarten Group B

August 25

- ▶ Staggered Start for Kindergarten Group A
- ▶ All Preschool Start

August 26

- ▶ Staggered Start for Kindergarten Group B

August 27

- ▶ All Kindergarten Start

Whippet Words Win Big

A huge congratulations to Sadie Buzard from Mrs. Ball's 3rd-grade class for winning the Mansfield-Richland County Spelling Bee, rising above 74 fierce competitors! Shelby showed up in style with five students landing in the top 30 and three earning top 15 honors. Way to spell success, Whippets!



Middle School Finishes Strong

Shelby's sixth-grade Academic Challenge teams ended their season with a bang at their final competition on May 13 at Mid Ohio Educational Service Center (MOESC). Competing against 26 teams from across the region, our Whippets proudly claimed 3rd and 18th place finishes!

