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# The Greyhound



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## District and Schools are rated by ODE

Each year Ohio public schools are rated by the Ohio Department of Education. During the 2008-2009 school year, the New Lebanon Local School District met 19 out of the 30 performance indicators, met the Value-added measure, and achieved a performance index rating of 93.8, earning an overall Effective rating. Our district scored higher than the state average on 23 of the 30 indicators.

We are proud to announce that Dixie Elementary earned an Excellent rating. Dr. Charles Wilkins and his staff continue to work toward ensuring that all students, including those with disabilities, meet their student performance goals. The school made "To Excellent and Beyond" their motto this year.

Dixie High School also earned the Excellent designation. This is the fourth year that the high school has received this rating. The high school has maintained a performance index score over 100 for the last three years. Mr. Doug Dunham and his leadership team continue their hard work, striving to keep Dixie High School at the top of its game.

Dixie Middle School's new principal, Dr. Gary Schomburg, and his leadership team are already busy implementing their Ohio Improvement Process Plan. Although they earned the state designation of Continuous Improvement last year, Dr. Schomburg has experience in improving school performance. He and the highly qualified middle school staff will be taking a more targeted approach towards student achievement to improve the rating for this school year.

The entire district is committed to improving student achievement for each and every student. We have set high goals and are well on our way to becoming an EXCELLENT school district.

## Dixie Middle School has P.E.P

This year Dixie Middle School introduced a new plan for student success called P.E.P. (Preparation, Effort, and Poise) during the first week of school. The plan provides students with positive steps they can take in order to be well prepared each day, put forth continuous effort, and demonstrate poise consistently. When difficulties do arise and school discipline is necessary, staff will help students understand where they went wrong in these three areas.

The academic focus for the middle school this year is to increase the quality of students' writing. Teachers will be including extended responses on most of their regular assessments and giving students structured writing prompts. Research has shown that writing improves student performance in many areas. Parents can help at home by finding opportunities for their children to write in complete sentences. They can encourage children to write letters to family members, keep a diary about what they did at school that day, or write stories to share.

## Greyhound Spirit Store Opens

The junior class at the High School has been very busy with the Greyhound Spirit Store to earn money for the 2010 Prom. The store is a joint operation of the junior class and the Dixie Athletic Department.



Last year the Spirit Store was open during our home football and basketball games. It was so successful that the juniors expanded it to the elementary and middle school throughout the school year. The first day at the elementary school was very successful, and the juniors cannot wait to go back.

In addition to the very popular Mean Dog T's, the store offers book bags, lanyards, various T-shirts, hoodies, and a limited supply of Dixie footballs. If you have suggestions for new products, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Moses, at [lmoses@newlebanon.k12.oh.us](mailto:lmoses@newlebanon.k12.oh.us).

## Golfer Places in Divisional Tourney

Senior **Tyler Harris** competed in the Sectional Tournament at Moss Creek Golf Course. He placed 3rd with a score of 91. His third place finish qualified him for the District Division II Golf Tournament, where he battled the cold, wind, and rain to turn in a score of 99. Tyler had a very successful senior season with an average of 46 strokes per nine holes. Congratulations Tyler!



## Good Samaritan Hospital Agreement

Good Samaritan Hospital and the New Lebanon Local School District announced a 10 year agreement to support our sports facilities and programs. Good Samaritan will pay the district \$10,000 per year, for a grand total of \$100,000. The new partnership was announced at the homecoming game, where school administrators were presented with the first check from the hospital. The football stadium and other sports venues will display signs that reflect the partnership: "Dixie Athletic Programs supported by Good Samaritan Hospital." In addition, Good Samaritan Hospital will also provide resources and support such as:

- Sports programming to encourage healthy lifestyles for our students.
- Health screening and wellness education opportunities.
- Access to resources for teachers in the areas of science, healthcare, nutrition, and technology.

We are excited about the relationship with Good Samaritan Hospital and the many benefits our students will enjoy as a result.

## Winning Cross Country Teams

Front Row – Sarah Star, Erin Cummins, Danielle Kneisley, Lindsay Seim 2<sup>nd</sup> Row – Jessica Skaggs, Courtney Hawk, Madison Buxton, Sarah Good, Megan Uzzel, Coach Via 3<sup>rd</sup> Row – Luke Burnett, Chris Evans, Micah Moore, Spencer Moses, Garrett Moore, Andrew Barnett 4<sup>th</sup> Row – Bo Phillips, Matt Buxton, William Stapleton



## Cross Country Teams SWBL Champs

The Dixie Cross Country teams finished another successful season by winning the 2009 SWBL Championships! Both teams had to battle the weather at this year's league meet, and both met the challenge with fierce determination.

With their fourth consecutive Buckeye League victory, the women's team has established a tradition of hard work and excellence that shows in their team performance. Seniors **Danielle Kneisley, Erin Cummins** and **Sarah Star** individually placed 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. They were followed closely by **Sarah Good** in 11<sup>th</sup> place, making a solid lead pack. In a close battle with Waynesville, Dixie's sixth runner pulled out the win. **Danielle Kneisley, Erin Cummins** and **Sarah Good** earned SWBL First Team Honors and **Sarah Good, Madison Buxton, Lindsay Seim** and **Megan Uzzel** earned SWBL Second Team for their excellent efforts.

The men's team also ran an exciting race. Several Cross Country veterans were joined by a few newcomers for the 2009 season. In the winning time of 18:07, sophomore **William Stapleton** claimed the individual Buckeye League Championship. Teammates **Matt Buxton** and **Garrett Moore** placed 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Cross Country newcomer **Andrew Barnett** had a phenomenal season and placed 7<sup>th</sup> at the league meet. **Luke Burnett, Spencer Moses** and **Chris Evans** rounded out the varsity seven, placing 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Dixie finished with 27 points, an impressive nineteen point lead over second place! **William Stapleton, Matt Buxton, Garrett Moore** and **Andrew Barnett** all won SWBL First Team honors and **Spencer Moses** and **Luke Burnett** earned places on the SWBL Second Team. **William Stapleton** was the lone qualifier for the Regional Cross Country meet with a 14<sup>th</sup> place finish at the District meet. Congratulations to the 2009 Boys and Girls SWBL Buckeye Division Champions!

## Welcome New Staff

We welcomed seven new educational staff to New Lebanon for the 2009-2010 school year. Five new teachers grace the halls of Dixie Elementary, and the middle school added three new faculty members who are excited to be working with your children.

The elementary school's new staff are Elizabeth Fister, intervention specialist; Shari Lapinsky, 4<sup>th</sup> grade language arts and social studies; Emily Perry, physical education; Kellie Sanderson, kindergarten; and April Sauer, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. At Dixie Middle School, the new faculty members are Jonathan Bowman, math; Joe Jeffers, intervention specialist; and Dr. Gary Schomburg, principal.

Each new educator brings a fresh and exciting perspective as well as individual strengths and talents. Dr. Schomburg came to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience, and he has already made a positive impact on our students and staff. We are fortunate to have such high quality professionals. Please join us in welcoming these fantastic people into our community!

### **Directory of Administrators**

#### **Superintendent**

Barbara L. Curry, Ed.D.  
(937) 687-1301

#### **Treasurer**

Kimberly DeWeese  
(937) 687-1301

#### **Dixie High School Principal**

Doug Dunham  
(937) 687-1366

#### **Dixie Middle School Principal**

Dr. Gary Schomburg  
(937) 687-3508

#### **Dixie Elementary School Principal**

Dr. Charles Wilkins  
(937) 687-3511

#### **Transportation Department**

Director of Support Personnel  
Ronald Moore  
(937) 687-2095

## Teacher of the Year

The New Lebanon Local Schools proudly announced Jason Vince as the 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year. Jason was nominated for inspiring his students and building their self-esteem. He always seems to have a positive attitude and helps to make all of his students feel important. The nominator described Mr. Vince as having integrity, honesty, enthusiasm, dedication, and a love of teaching.

Mr. Vince has taught in the social studies department at Dixie High School for five years. During this time, he has taught Psychology, Sociology, American History, World History, and History of Sports. He also teaches summer school and coaches high school basketball and golf. Mr. Vince received his Bachelor's of Education from the University of Toledo in Adolescent Education, with a concentration in integrated social studies.



## Classified Employee of the Year



It is with great pride that the New Lebanon Local Schools announced Ann Patterson-Stork as the 2008-2009 Classified Employee of the Year. She was nominated for her "go getter" attitude, her enthusiasm, and her positive attitude. She will "pitch in and help," regardless of the task.

Mrs. Patterson-Stork has been with the district for ten years; for the last five years she has been the clerk aide in the library. She serves as the "TV Producer" of the Dixie Elementary Morning Show, working with 4<sup>th</sup> grade students to provide the morning announcements. She is also the "Good Will Ambassador" for anyone new to the elementary building, be it student, staff, or parent. Mrs. Patterson-Stork is always there to assist people in any way she can. She has touched many children's lives through her encouragement to read and to check out books from the library. Congratulations to Ann Patterson-Stork!



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## New Lebanon Local Schools District Calendar

December 5	Elementary Holiday Program
December 6	HS Holiday Concert – 2:30 p.m.
December 7	MS Holiday Concert – 7:00 p.m.
December 21	Board of Education Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
December 21 – January 3	Winter Vacation – No School

Hope your holidays are wonderful!