

# TIGER TALES

SUMMER 2022



## Superintendent's Message

# Shaking Off Pandemic Shackles, '21-22 School Year Ends With Traditional Events

### Students, staff, and community members:

We did it! We completed another school year. While this year continued to present challenges, I'm so grateful that we were able to end the year on a positive note. Our students enjoyed traditional events like prom, field days, end-of-year band and choir performances, sports competitions, and academic achievement ceremonies - without masks and surrounded by unlimited friends and family. Read on to learn about these events and more. Oh... did I mention we also celebrated our class of 2022 at graduation on May 29? We can't wait to see what the next chapter has in store for them and wish them the best of luck.

At Seneca East, we strive to continuously improve. One way we did this throughout the 2021-2022 school year is by earning a USDA Distance Learning Technology Grant. The grant provided us with



Dr. Laura Kagy, Superintendent

ViewSonic display boards and other interactive technology for every classroom. The new equipment was installed in April and we look forward to seeing how the new technology will broaden horizons for our students and staff.

Additionally, we are making final preparations for opening

our brand new preschool at the start of the 2022-2023 school year to help our early learners get a jumpstart on their kindergarten readiness. The preschool will have two classrooms and a maximum capacity of 40 students. An application form and additional details are available on our website at [se-tigers.com](http://se-tigers.com).

Stay up-to-date on all of the latest Tiger news at [se-tigers.com](http://se-tigers.com), or follow us on social media:



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I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing summer. We'll see you in August!

Laura Kagy, Superintendent

## Congratulations Class of 2022



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## Treasurer's Update • • • • •

# Community Has Provided State-of-the-art Facility For Students and Staff

When I started as Seneca East's treasurer in 1999, the district was responsible for managing funds for the Heartland Scholarship which is presented to four seniors annually at graduation. The seed money for the scholarships came from the Heartland Communication System.

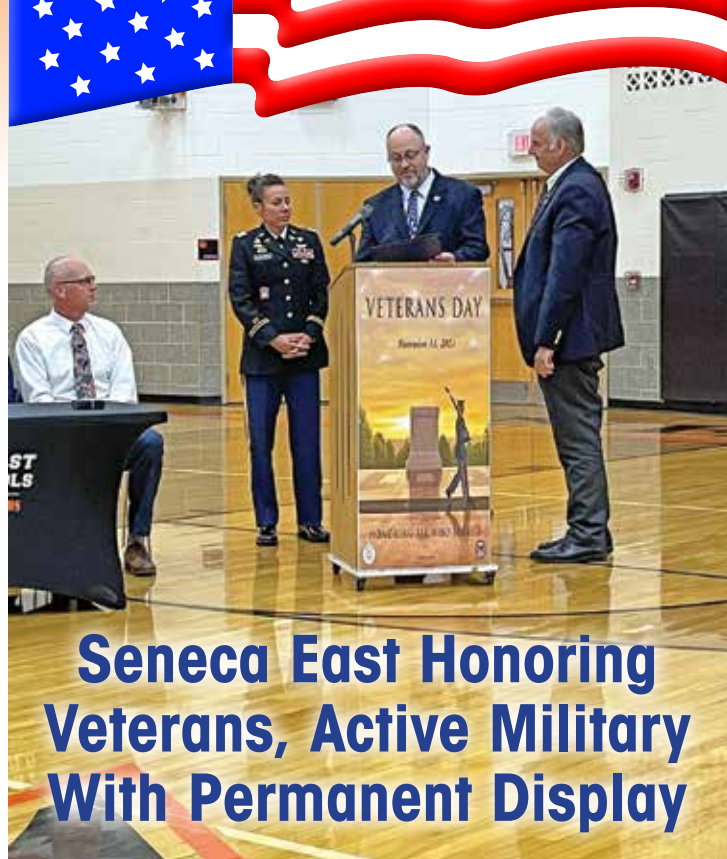
Today, thanks to generous donors within our community, our senior class is eligible for five additional scholarships for which the monies are held in district accounts. In 2009 the Wade and Maxine Benfer Scholarship was established. The monies are distributed to the school as part of the Benfer Trust and are awarded to one boy and one girl each year.

Then, in 2012, Attica Raceway began granting scholarships. Depending on the number of applicants, they award between five and eight scholarships each year. In 2015, Gary Michalkiewicz started a scholarship to honor his late wife Tammy. Again, one boy and one girl are awarded a scholarship each year. J & F began granting one scholarship each year in 2016 to a student who plans to study construction management. Most recently, in 2021, the family of Dick and Virginia Zurbuch started two scholarships. The Lucky Star Farms' Scholarship awards one agricultural scholarship and the Zurbuch Family Foundation Athletic Scholarship is given to one boy and one girl student-athlete.

I'm honored to help steward these scholarship dollars so that our students can reach their goals. In addition to the scholarship funds that are held in school district accounts, Seneca East students are able to receive scholarships from external organizations, businesses, and people in the community. Thank you to everyone who supports our students financially and otherwise.

## Community Input Welcome on Title VI-B Funding

*Title VI-B funds are federal allocations for the exclusive benefit of children with disabilities. If you have input or ideas related to how these funds should be used at Seneca East Local Schools, please call 419-426-3344.*



## Seneca East Honoring Veterans, Active Military With Permanent Display

Over the past several years, Seneca East Schools has celebrated veterans and active military personnel through assemblies and other special events and was recently named a Purple Star School by the Ohio Department of Education. Now, we are taking our initiatives one step further by creating a permanent display to honor past Seneca East, Attica, and Republic High School graduates who have served in our nation's armed forces.



The display/wall of honor will live in Seneca East's gymnasium lobby and will feature murals and paintings by Beth Sage of Sagebrush Artistry, and two 55"

interactive touch screens. We need your help to meet our goal of opening the project to the public by the start of the 2022-2023 school year. If you or someone you know is a graduate of one of the three schools listed above and served in our armed forces, please complete the form available at [se-tigers.com](http://se-tigers.com).

A photo and biography for each veteran/active military personnel who submits a form will be included in the interactive display. The military is one of many pathways for Seneca East students, and the district is looking forward to recognizing alumni in this way. Thank you to all who have served or continue to serve our country. Please contact Matt Schock at [mschock@se-tigers.com](mailto:mschock@se-tigers.com) with any questions.



# Citizenship Award Winners Named

Four students in fifth and sixth grades ended the year with Citizenship Awards. Congratulations to fifth graders Nevelle Martin and Jamison Ruffing, who were presented with awards at the end-of-year awards ceremony. Winners are selected based on their display of character and leadership in and out of Seneca East Elementary.

Similarly, sixth graders John Reer and Bristol Karl were named

Super Six Citizenship Award winners. The award is given in honor of Wyatt Polacheck, a former recipient of the prestigious award.

Congratulations to all of our award recipients, and thank you for demonstrating what it means to be a Tiger!



## State Testing Dates

Fall **Grade 3 ELA:** Oct 25-26-27

Fall **HS EOC:** Nov 29-Dec 19

**Grade 11 ACT:** March 14

Spring **Elementary ELA:** April 4-28

Spring **Elementary Math/ Science:** April 24-May 12

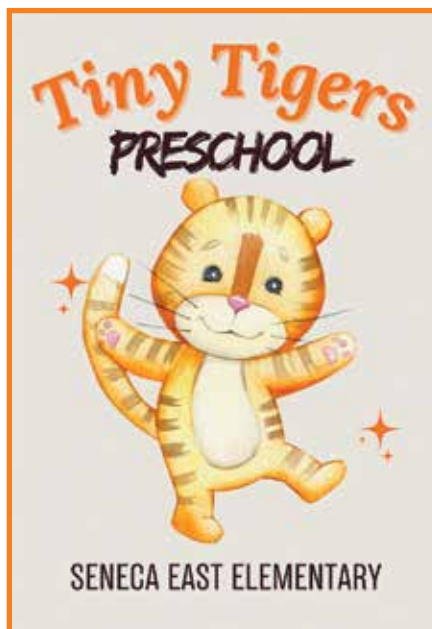
Spring **MS/HS ELA:** April 19-20

Spring **Gr 6 Math:** April 25-26

Spring **MS/HS Math:** May 2-3

Spring **MS/HS Science/Social Studies:** May 9

## Tiny Tigers Join Seneca East This Fall



Seneca East is excited to open its Tiny Tigers Preschool with the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

The preschool, which features two classrooms and a four-day school week, is already at maximum capacity to kick off its first year. If you have a child who will be 4-years-old by Aug. 1, 2022 that you would like to add to the waiting list, email Preschool Supervisor Matt Schock at [mschock@se-tigers.com](mailto:mschock@se-tigers.com).

Our earliest learners' first day is Sept. 6. If your child is currently enrolled, you will receive additional information in July, followed by an open house in August. Welcome, Tiny Tigers!



# STUDENT PICS





## Child Find

*In accordance with federal law, Seneca East Local Schools assumes responsibility for the location, identification, and evaluation of all children birth through age 21 who reside within the Seneca East Local School District and who require special education and related services. The Special Education Department of Seneca East Local Schools coordinates this child identification process. If you know of or suspect that a child may have a disability, you may contact the Seneca East Local Schools Special Education Department at 419-426-3344 or contact the building principal to discuss these concerns and determine a course of action.*

## Vaccine Requirements

Seventh and twelfth grades are crucial years for vaccines. By the start of the 2022-2023 school year, seventh graders must receive the DTaP and meningitis vaccine, while twelfth graders must have a second dose of the meningitis vaccine.

Visit your family doctor, the local health department, Walmart, Kroger, Drug Mart or CVS for these important vaccines. Documentation showing that these vaccines have been given must be submitted to the school via email at [aferrres@se-tigers.com](mailto:aferrres@se-tigers.com).

## Cafeteria News

### Free Meal Program Ends, SE Welcomes New Supervisor



After two years of free lunches as part of the USDA's COVID-19 relief program, Seneca East students will return to paying for their meals in the 2022-

2023 school year. The price of school lunch for grades K-5 is \$2.90 and \$3.10 for grades 6-12. Breakfast is \$1.75 for all grade levels.

You can check your child's lunch account balance at [k12paymentcenter.com](http://k12paymentcenter.com). This is also where you will add money to your child's account when the school year starts or you can send a check or cash to school with your student.

Everyone is encouraged to apply for free/reduced lunch for the 2022-2023 school year. If your family qualifies, this not only helps your child, but the district receives more aid from the state. You can apply beginning in July at [lunchapplication.com](http://lunchapplication.com). Hard copies will also be available at school when the offices open in August.

Lastly, Seneca East is excited to welcome a new cafeteria supervisor in August. Trudy Margraf has years of experience and is joining the team from Tiffin City Schools. Welcome Trudy! We look forward to working alongside you to continue providing high-quality food and service to our staff and students.

## Welcome Class of 2035



On May 19-20, Seneca East held kindergarten screenings, where they welcomed our newest class of Tigers! If you still need to register your child for kindergarten, please contact Brad Powers at 419-426-1854 or [bpowers@se-tigers.com](mailto:bpowers@se-tigers.com) to schedule an appointment.





CLASS OF  
2022

# GRADUATION GALLERY





# SENECA EAST 2022-2023 CALENDAR

NOTE: School will start at 8:00 AM next year instead of 7:45.

9-13 Attica Fair

16 In-service Day  
17 In-service Day  
18 Workday/Open House K-12  
22 In-service Day  
Gerry Brooks at OF 1-3

23 First Day of School

AUGUST '22						
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Presidents' Day

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5 Labor Day NO SCHOOL

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17 End of quarter

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21 End of quarter

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6&11 e-In-Service Days  
6-11 Spring Break

10 Part/Teach. Conf.  
11 Veterans Day  
17 Part/Teach. Conf.  
21-25 Thanksgiving Break

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25 Last Day of school  
26 Teacher Workday  
28 Graduation 1:00  
29 Memorial's Day

12/22-30 Christmas Break

DECEMBER '22						
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25-July 4 NO CONTACT

2-3 Christmas Break  
13 End of quarter  
16 NO SCHOOL MLK Day

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## Seneca East Elementary School Open House Announcement

Parents and students are invited and encouraged to attend an **OPEN HOUSE** at Seneca East Elementary School (Grades K-5) on Thursday, August 18, 2022 from 6:00-7:30 PM. Teachers will be available to welcome and meet with parents and students in their classrooms throughout the evening. Note: Kindergarten teachers will hold formal meetings with parents from 5:30-6:00 PM in the classrooms. In addition to classroom visits, lunchroom cashiers will be on hand in the cafeteria hallway that evening to accept deposits made into student lunch accounts.

This **OPEN HOUSE** is also a nice opportunity for students to bring their school supplies and organize the items in their desks before the first day of school. The first day of school will be Tuesday, August 23. If you have any questions and/or need more information pertaining to the beginning of next school year, please contact Brad Powers (principal). Office phone number: (419) 426-1854. Email: [bpowers@se-tigers.com](mailto:bpowers@se-tigers.com). Note: Class Lists and Bus Route information will be posted on the district website ([www.se-tigers.com](http://www.se-tigers.com)) in August.

## Seneca East High School Named to List of Top High Schools in Ohio

*Seneca East High School was once again named to U.S. News & World Report's list of Best Ohio High Schools for 2022. The school was ranked 122 of 874*



*high schools across the state. When compared to other similarly sized schools, Seneca East is tenth in the state.*

*The rankings are based on college readiness scores, college curriculum breadth, reading and math proficiency scores, reading and math performance scores, underserved student performance, and graduation rates.*

*This award demonstrates Seneca East's dedication to providing a well-rounded education that makes students future-ready. Thank you to our teachers, staff, and students for all of your hard work and to our families for supporting our educational efforts.*