

TIGER TALES

WINTER/SPRING
2022/23



Dr. Laura Kagy, Superintendent

Message from the Superintendent

It seems like yesterday I was writing a message detailing the first few weeks of the 2022-2023 school year, yet here we are about to round the bend into the final stretch of the year. Our staff and students continue to astound me with their innovative projects and progress. There certainly hasn't been a shortage of things for us to celebrate since the new year.

First, on Jan. 21, we celebrated our first Hall of Fame class. The legacy of these individuals — from former teachers to donors — is on display in our gymnasium lobby, so stop by and take a moment to reflect on the achievements of some of Seneca East's finest the next time you're here.

Our winter student-athletes represented our Tigers well. The esports team won big against Tiffin Columbian; the boy's basketball team finished the season with 16 wins; and wrestlers Nathan Parks, Nicholas Parks and Will Bischoff qualified for the state meet. Additionally, Bischoff won the 100th match of his wrestling career. Congratulations! Now, signs of spring are here and our student-athletes are gearing up for another successful sports season.

Third, as always, we have several opportunities for students to get involved in the perform-

ing arts. Congratulations to Lily Jensen, Coda Gahrns and Parker Edwards, band members who recently participated in a solo and ensemble contest. Lily and Coda both received superior ratings and Parker received a rating of excellent. They followed up their win with a fun performance to a packed grandstand at the varsity boy's basketball game.

Fourth, we are proud of our efforts to build our culture of kindness this school year. Learn more about these activities on page 2.

Looking ahead, our juniors are gearing up for their long-awaited trip to Washington, D.C. (it was postponed in 2020 as a result of the pandemic). We also have prom, graduation, and our senior trip to look forward to.

Read on to learn more about an important staff announcement, the safety features of our new buses, and all of the ways our students are giving back to the local community. Keep up the good work Tigers!

Dr. Laura Kagy
Superintendent

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Kindergarten Registration Open

We can't wait to welcome our class of 2036! Kindergarten registration forms are now available at our website at se-tigers.com or in the school office. Please complete and return them to the elementary office by April 5 and save the date for the parent meeting on April 13.



NEW BUSES

Mean Cost Savings, Increased Safety

Four autogas buses joined the Seneca East fleet in January. This has resulted in significant cost savings for the district in addition to improved safety for staff and students.

First, unlike diesel buses, propane buses don't expel black smoke, so students can breathe cleaner air. Second, propane-powered buses are significantly quieter than diesel buses. This allows bus drivers to better hear noises inside and outside the bus and better communicate with riders.

Propane buses are also better for the environment. We are excited to be able to add these buses to the transportation department.



DISTRICT PROMOTES KINDNESS, Provides Training to Create Stronger Community

Seneca East Schools is hosting a series of events this school year to teach students how to be more inclusive and connected as a school community.

Activities kicked off with Start With Hello Week in September, which encourages students to reach out and help those who may be or feel alone. Staff and students also participated in the Kindness Club's Cultivating Kindness Spirit Week Feb. 13-17. Kindness exercises were based on grade level and included things like making a locker tag for someone during lunch.

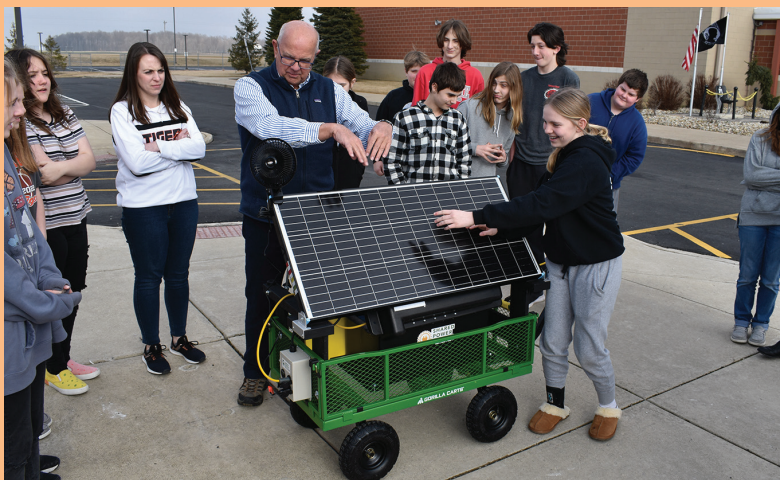
Administrative and counseling staff were also recently introduced to training on restorative practices, which help students resolve disagreements, take ownership of their behavior, and engage in acts of empathy and forgiveness.

These efforts are aimed at decreasing bullying and building on our culture of belonging for every student at Seneca East. If your child or another student you know is experiencing bullying or another personal crisis, you can report it anonymously using our STOPit app. It is available on every student's Chromebook, the district website at se-tigers.com, and can be downloaded to a student or family member's personal smartphone. Additionally, the district has Gaggle, a monitoring device, in place on all Seneca East devices. This helps detect potential issues, such as bullying. Thank you to our community for your continued partnership in creating a safe and welcoming environment for all students.

Seneca East Offering **GREEN TECHNOLOGY** With Help From Grant

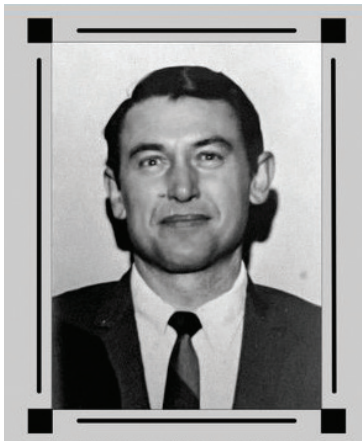
Thanks to Mrs. Lynch and her grant writing skills, Seneca East is now the proud owner of a Green Energy Machine (GEM)! The GEM will be shared across Seneca East's science departments and was presented to the school at a special assembly for seventh and eighth grade students and staff.

The GEM will allow students in grades K-12 to learn about solar energy generation, and older students will use real-time data from an app. Thank you to the organizations supporting the grant, including AgCredit Mission Fund and the North Central Electric People Fund.



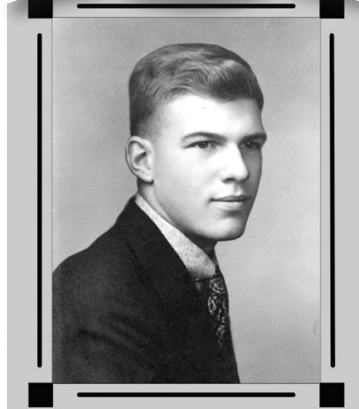
Tigers Recognize Inaugural Class of HALL OF FAMERS

On Jan. 21, 2023, Seneca East inducted its inaugural Hall of Fame class, comprised of an elite group of community members, athletes, and former staff. Get to know members of this year's class below or by visiting our Hall of Fame wall in the gymnasium lobby the next time you're on campus.



Glenn Brooks, Sr.

A 1949 graduate of Attica High School, Glenn returned a few years later and spent his career teaching and coaching Attica High School's next generation with academic and life lessons. He taught math, science, physical education, and driver's education before becoming a principal. Additionally, he coached baseball and cross country and was inducted into the Ohio High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.



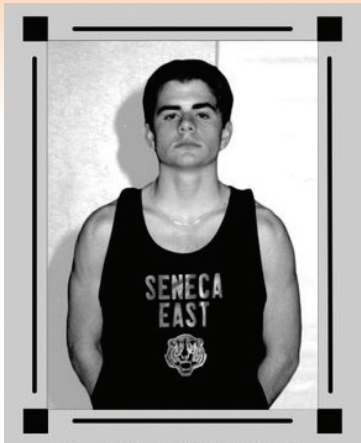
C. Howard Cook

C. Howard lived by the words, "You should use all available time, for time passes on too quickly." He certainly made good use of his time during and after high school. A 1938 graduate of Republic High School, he was involved in several activities, including the newspaper and yearbook, Boys Glee Club, and FFA, and was a four-year member of the basketball and track and field teams for which he was named "Highest Scoring Player" and won the Class B discus competition at the state meet. After high school, he remained active in the community, giving back wherever and whenever possible.



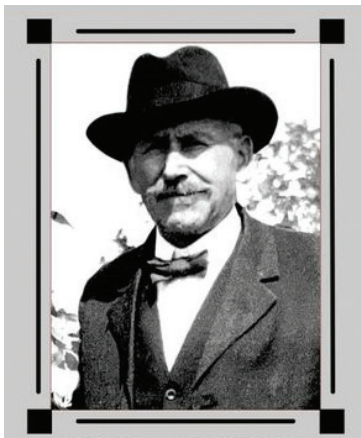
Kelly Elmlinger

Kelly is a 1997 graduate of Seneca East, where she excelled in cross country, basketball, and track and field. After high school, she enlisted in the U.S. Army, served her country on multiple deployments, and was even awarded the Bronze Star for her actions on the battlefield. In 2010, she completed her degree in nursing and went to work helping wounded warriors. After cancer led to the amputation of her leg in 2016, she began participating in adaptive sports, eventually making her way onto the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic team, where she earned a seventh-place finish for Team USA.



Vincent Fries

Vincent is the most decorated male athlete in the sport of cross country in the history of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Between cross country and track and field, this 1998 graduate compiled three individual state championships, three individual state runner-up finishes, ten individual state qualifying performances, nine All-Ohio performances, ten regional championships, ten district championships, and ten league championships. He continues to hold the school record in both the 1600 and 3200-meter runs. He still lives in the area today and graciously volunteers his time at district cross-country meets.



Andrew Jackson Meyers

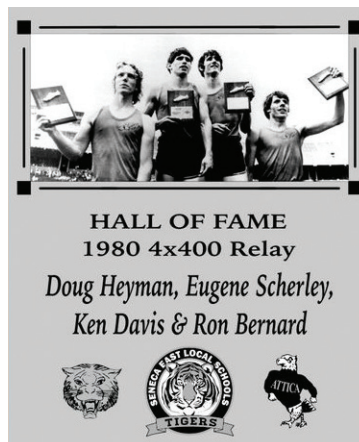
Andrew died in 1926, but his legacy lives on almost 100 years later. One of his last acts was donating approximately 200 acres of land to the school district. The

land is where our current PK-12 building stands today. His generosity and kindness have impacted thousands of Seneca East graduates and will continue to do so for decades to come.



Briana Shook

Briana is a 1999 graduate of Seneca East and is one of the greatest female athletes to grace our hallways. She set course, track and meet records that continue to stand today. After graduating, she went on to do more of the same at the University of Toledo, where she was a member of the 2010 Hall of Fame class. She was the USA record holder for four years in the 3000-meter steeplechase and has since coached 13 All-Americans and two National Champions.



1980 Boys 4x400 Meter Relay

Seneca East's 1980 4x400 relay team of Ron Bernard, Ken Davis, Doug Heyman, and Eugene Scherley won the first-ever

state championship of any sport in school history, finishing over two seconds ahead of the next team with a time of 3:24:9.



1998 Girls Cross Country Team

The 1998 cross country team of Briana Shook, Niki Hines, Sarah Ruffing, Kristen Elmlinger, Jennifer Niedermier, Stephanie Phillips, Madelyn Fries, Jennifer Riddlebaugh, Sarah Reiter, Melissa Moomaw, and Margo Phillips finished the 1998 season with a 148-2 record, their only losses being to Division I schools. They accomplished the first-ever team state championship in school history.

Slow the Summer Slide With BOWLING GREEN ACADEMIC CAMPS

Are you worried about your child experiencing learning loss over the summer? Bowling Green State University (BGSU) is offering Academic Enrichment Camps to Seneca East students in grades 3-8. Students can participate in up to two camp

sections (a section consists of one subject or pair of subjects per time slot) free of charge!

Camps will take place June 12-23 and July 10-21 and include:

- Two weeks of virtual daily instructional content
- A camp crate with items needed for coursework
- AA workbook filled with lessons and activities
- Additional items including a BGSU T-shirt

Learn more and register at bgsu.edu/pre-college-programs/summer-academic-and-youth-programs/academic-summer-programs/academic-enrichment-camps.html

Student Council Focused on GIVING BACK

Seneca East High School's Student Council is always looking for opportunities to give back to the community. Most recently, they collected 144 items for the Salvation Army. They also collected greeting cards that they delivered to a local nursing home in Tiffin. Way to be a shining light in our community!



Pep Club Raises Cancer Awareness Through Fundraiser

Last fall, Seneca East's Pep Club created a fundraising opportunity to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month. They sold shirts, from which the proceeds were donated to FACT (Financial Assistance for Cancer Treatment). FACT is dedicated to serving Seneca County cancer patients and their families. Pep Club members were grateful for the support of staff, students and the community, which allowed them to donate more than \$600 to the organization and raise awareness of breast and other types of cancer.





From the TREASURER'S DESK:

It is with mixed emotions that I announce that after 24 years as Treasurer of Seneca East Schools, I am retiring at the end of this school year.

It has been an honor to steward the funds for the district to bring innovative programs and provide a high-quality education to the students of Seneca East. We have made incredible progress over the last two decades, such as our recent purchase of four propane/autogas buses that you can read more about in this newsletter. We have been able to improve our fleet and reduce the mileage on our buses over the years. Seneca East definitely has one of the best looking and well maintained fleets on the road and now we are on the cutting edge by purchasing propane buses. Seneca East has grown so much as a district since I started here in 1999. I am the most proud of the new building that brought all of the separate communities together into one building. This has not only helped financially but it has allowed the students to meet each other and grow together all the way from Kindergarten through graduation. Although most of the students in the building would think of this as odd, when I started I might have received an email or two a day. Now, I received that many in 5 minutes. Technology has grown tremendously over the 24 years and I am very happy that Seneca East has had the funds to be able to keep up with the ever changing technology for both students and staff

The friendships I've formed with staff, board, and community members are irreplaceable and I want to thank you for your support throughout my time with the district.

Laura Brickner,
Treasurer

Seneca East's Student Council recently made a \$4,800 donation to FACT (Financial Assistance for Cancer Treatment) Seneca County thanks to the community's generosity at the 22nd Annual Tiffin Polar Bear Plunge.

Grant Spurs STUDENT LEARNING

Thanks to a grant from the White Family Charitable Trust, Seneca East Schools has been able to bring its shop curriculum and equipment in line with today's industry standards and ignite students' interest in welding and metal fabrication careers.

Funding from the grant was used to purchase a Torchmate CNC Plasma Arc Cutter, related software, and the curriculum to teach CNC technology as an independent course. The curriculum includes 11 comprehensive chapters created by a team of professional welding and fabricating educators. Students are learning about the history of the technology, its applications, and how to program and operate the plasma cutter.

The grant was awarded by the Tiffin Community Foundation, whose mission is to build bridges to help the citizens of Tiffin and Seneca County, Ohio, access charitable and educational services and programs that will enrich their lives. We are so grateful for the support and continued partnership of area organizations that aim to make a better tomorrow for our students and community.



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2023 SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

VARSITY BOYS BASEBALL

3/14	Bellevue (Scrimmage)	A	4:30 pm
3/20	Shelby (Scrimmage)	A	5:00 pm
3/22	Oak Harbor (Scrimmage)	A	5:00 pm
3/25	New Riegel	A	11:00 am
3/27	Liberty-Benton	H	5:00 pm
3/28	Carey	A	5:00 pm
3/29	Carey	H	5:00 pm
3/30	South Central	H	5:00 pm
4/1	Willard	A	11:00 am
4/4	Upper Sandusky	A	5:00 pm
4/5	Upper Sandusky	H	5:00 pm
4/11	Buckeye Central	A	5:00 pm
4/12	Buckeye Central	H	5:00 pm
4/13	Old Fort	A	5:00 pm
4/18	Colonel Crawford	H	5:00 pm
4/19	Colonel Crawford	A	5:00 pm
4/21	Edison	A	4:45 pm
4/22	Hopewell-Loudon	H	11:00 am
4/25	Mohawk	H	5:00 pm
4/26	Mohawk	A	5:00 pm
5/2	Wynford	H	5:00 pm
5/3	Wynford	A	5:00 pm
5/4	Plymouth	A	5:00 pm
5/5	Bucyrus	A	5:00 pm
5/8	Bucyrus	H	5:00 pm
5/9	Sandusky	A	5:00 pm
5/10	Tiffin Columbian	A	4:45 pm
5/11	Norwalk	A	5:00 pm
5/13	Margaretta	H	11:00 am

VARSITY GIRLS SOFTBALL

3/20	Bellevue (Scrimmage)	A	4:30 pm
3/28	Carey	A	5:00 pm
3/29	Carey	H	5:00 pm
3/30	South Central	H	5:00 pm
4/1	Arcadia / New Riegel (DH)	H	10:00 am
4/4	Upper Sandusky	A	5:00 pm
4/5	Upper Sandusky	H	5:00 pm
4/11	Buckeye Central	A	5:00 pm
4/12	Buckeye Central	H	5:00 pm
4/13	Old Fort	A	5:00 pm
4/18	Colonel Crawford	H	5:00 pm
4/19	Colonel Crawford	A	5:00 pm
4/21	Edison	A	4:45 pm
4/22	Tiffin Columbian (DH)	A	11:00 am
4/25	Mohawk	H	5:00 pm
4/26	Mohawk	A	5:00 pm
5/2	Wynford	H	5:00 pm
5/3	Wynford	A	5:00 pm
5/4	Plymouth	A	5:00 pm
5/5	Bucyrus	A	5:00 pm
5/6	Liberty-Benton	A	11:00 am
5/8	Bucyrus	H	5:00 pm
5/9	Sandusky	A	5:00 am

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

3/25	Seneca East Invite	H	10:00 am
4/1	Margaretta Relays	A	10:00 am
4/3	Mohawk	A	4:30 pm
4/8	New London Relays	A	10:30 am
4/10	Upper Sandusky	A	4:30 pm
4/14	Buckeye Central Inv.	A	4:00 pm
4/17	Colonel Crawford	H	4:30 pm
4/22	Fostoria Invitational	A	9:00 am
4/24	Bucyrus	H	4:30 pm
4/28	Margaretta Invite	A	4:30 pm
5/1	Wynford	A	4:30 pm
5/5	Elmwood Invitational	A	4:30 pm
5/12	N10 Championships	A	4:30 pm

Check the website or follow our social media for JV games and changes to the schedule.