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SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

The 2022-23 school year is a wrap! On May 20, 2023, 234 seniors walked across the stage to collect their diplomas at their graduation ceremony on Smithville Athletic Field. We are so excited for them, and for all of our students, as we watch them move on to the next leg of their journeys. The Smithville School District has much to celebrate:

The Board of Education approved our next 5 year strategic plan which puts an intense focus on retaining, attracting and growing our staff, prioritizing a student centered culture, expanding learning opportunities, academic excellence, outstanding facilities, and community partnerships.

Thank you for providing valuable input for this plan. We are eager to assist our students K-12 in developing the characteristics of a Warrior defined in the Portrait of a Graduate and look forward to implementing the steps it takes to make the Smithville School District the very best it can be.

Second, voters passed the no tax rate increase GO Bond for 17.5 million dollars for progress on our 10 year master building plan. This work has already begun and will be completed over the next two years.

Third, the Smithville School District is one the highest performing schools in the entire KC metro and the top school in the Northland based on our Annual Performance Report provided by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. We have wonderful students, teachers and parents that work together to ensure our kids are successful.

Finally, SSD partnered with our local emergency response services and updated the comprehensive Emergency Operating Plan to ensure school safety for all students and staff.

We are very proud of these accomplishments and for meeting our goals of increasing the focus on academics, safety and parent partnerships. Collectively and collaboratively we can overcome any challenges and look forward to bringing to life the shared vision of our school district. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your interim superintendent.

For Our Kids,



Denise Harwood,
Interim Superintendent



SCAN to view the
2024-2028 Strategic Plan

BOND PROJECT TIMELINE

Safety enhancement projects will immediately start once the materials for the different projects become available

Transportation Facility
Groundbreaking



Summer
2023

Sidewalk Improvements
Complete



Summer
2023

Horizon Elementary HVAC
Rooftop Unit Replacement



Summer
2023

Middle School HVAC
Rooftop Unit Replacement



Summer
2023

Demo of High School
Gym/Mezzanine Walls



Summer
2023

May
2024



Middle School Turf Field
Complete

June
2024



Transportation Facility
Complete

Summer
2024



Horizon Variable Air
Volume Installation

Summer
2024



Middle School Variable
Air Volume Installation

Summer
2024



Gym Bleacher Replacement
& Stage Renovation

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TEACHER & SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR

Smithville School District announced its
Teacher and Support Staff of the Year.
CONGRATULATIONS!

Joelie McCrary,

Smithville High School
Social Studies teacher, is the
2023 Teacher of the Year

*"Her classroom is a place
where students feel they
belong and are cared about.
Her approach has had a
significant impact on her
students' lives and their
success in learning."*



Joelie McCrary

Tarryn Hickman,

Horizon Elementary School's
Administrative Assistant,
is the 2023 Support Staff
of the year.

*"Tarryn has proven time and
again that she has what it
takes to handle any situation
that may arise, and to make
sure that every school year
starts and ends successfully."*



Tarryn Hickman

CONGRATULATIONS

to our additional
Teacher and Support Staff
of the Year finalists -

- Lacey Boydston -
Behavior Interventionist
@ SMS
- Genna Cornelisse -
Early Childhood Special
Education Teacher @ MES
- Leah DeYoung - Reading
Specialist @ EHES
- Linda Garner -
Long-term Substitute
@ EHES
- Courtney Matthews -
Instructional Assistant
@ MES
- *Drew Newhart -
PE Teacher @ SMS
- Tracy Platt -
Principal @ SHS
- Kim Roske -
1st Grade Teacher @ HES

SMITHVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2023 RETIREMENTS



Angela Herndon
6th Grade Teacher



Elaine Stewart
2nd Grade Teacher



Cheryl Spears
Accounts Payable Specialist

PERSPECTIVES

PERSUASIVE

Second Grade students in the Smithville School District were given a challenge to write a persuasive article. The students researched persuasive writing by reading magazine articles of this type. The Smithville Board of Education had the opportunity to read the second graders' pieces, and vote for their favorites.

Congratulations to second grade students **Berkeley Antle** from Horizon Elementary, **Gunner Newstrom** from Eagle Heights Elementary, and **Brecken Morgan** from Maple Elementary School, for being selected to be published in the Warrior Wire!

Horizon

Teachers Should Get Paid More! By Berkeley Antle

Do you like not getting paid that much for working really hard? My opinion is teachers should get bigger salaries.

To begin with they work hard everyday and teaching is hard. Teachers also get up early to come to work and do you really want to get up early? They also give up their family time to come to work.

Secondly, teachers use their day and more to teach kids. But they shouldn't have to because students are hard to handle. Teachers should not only get paid more they should get more days off work. Teachers have too many duties and tasks. Do you really want to spend your day teaching ratty kids?

Also teachers do their job really well, so don't you think teachers should get a bigger allowance? Teachers use that money for what they really need. So they're not trying to be selfish but they might need a little bit more. Don't you want to do your best to help them?

Now I hope you agree that teachers should get a bigger budget unless you're too cheap or don't like to spend just a little money. So now if you agree or even if you don't, you can share this information with the world.

Maple

If You Stop Working Late I Can See You More By Brecken Morgan

If you stop working late I could see you more. Now I could see you longer. Now we could go to more places like the movies, friends house, and my dad house. If dad is already home we could hunt mushrooms or watch me mow the lawn so nothing happens to me. Another thing is that you could remind me to do my chores. The end.

Eagle Heights

My Favorite Teacher By Gunner Newstrom

Do you have a favorite teacher? Mrs. Schmidt is my 2nd grade teacher ... she's the BEST! She is funny, smart, awesome, and fun.

First, she's very funny. For example she makes really funny jokes all the time. She laughs at her own mistakes and make things funny. One time she got a cramp in her leg and she said "Man down!" I laughed out loud'

Second, I think she is very smart. She is really good at teaching math. Especially shapes and three digits. She lets us all play 99 math and Boddie learning online after we finish our independent work. When she's looking at the spelling list she notices sentences that make a funny story that she remembers from a long time ago. Her stories always make me smile. She's so good at explaining the instructions. She even draws and makes helpful posters.

Next she's super awesome! I know because she is so fast and I can prove it. Once I played kickball with her and we won! She is the best teacher in the world. My older sister even had her in second grade. She is 6 years older than me. We love sharing stories about Mrs. Schmidt. She is the best teacher in the world.

Another reason Mrs. Schmidt is the best is because she gives us extra RECESS. One time I played football with the 6th graders during our extra time .. Don't worry she was right there to monitor us.

As you can see Mrs. Schmidt is the best! She is funny, smart, awesome and oh so fun!

CELEBRATIONS

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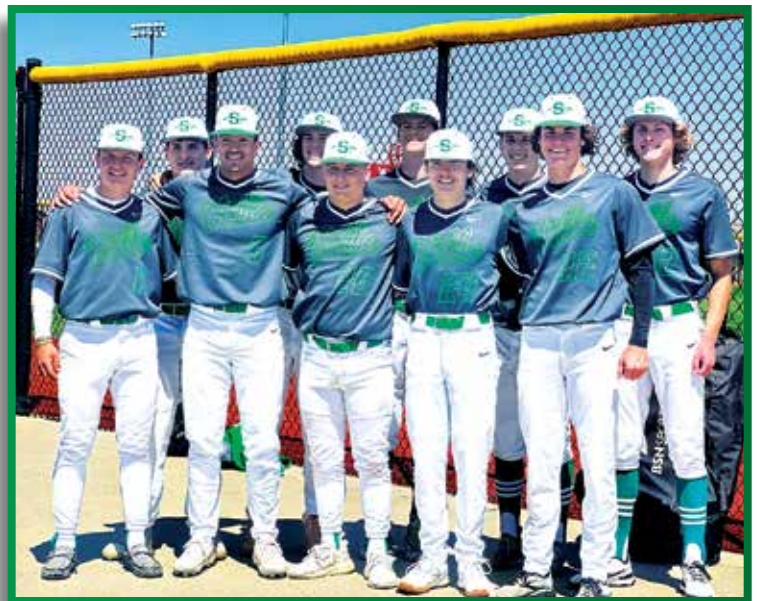


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**Varsity boys golf take 1st place in the
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Varsity Baseball places 2nd in District





Girls Soccer wins Districts and places 2nd at State

Boys & Girls Track & Field earn 2nd Place at Districts

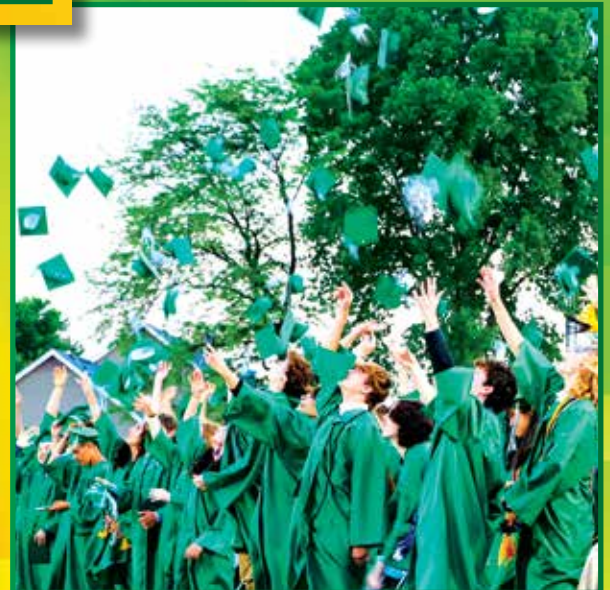




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