

October 2025 Newsletter

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Behind the **GREEN** Doors

Back in Session!

A new class of kindergarteners discovered their Big Green families by randomly drawing different colored bandanas from a punch board. They were later introduced to their families in a brief ceremony, followed by family activities such as signing banners and decorating paper leaves.



Third Grade Buddies

Kindergarteners also recently met their third grade buddies.

The buddies will help kindergarteners read new books, and will help them in other fun activities throughout the school year.



First Grade

First graders enjoying a bit of extra recess on a beautiful mid-September day!



New Golf Record

Congratulations to Evan Altenburger on beating the school record of shooting 6 under par (67) during the regular golf season!



8th Grade Marble Run

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Mr. Pitt has the eighth graders in his STEAM class create a marble run with the goal of keeping the marble in a maze for a minimum of 20 seconds. The marble run can be created out of disposable materials found in the Yet Room. One group achieved a time of over one minute and thirty seconds!



Introducing New Staff Members



Mr. Trae Schlagbaum

I am now a third grade teacher at Ottoville Elementary. As a proud graduate of this school, I am thrilled to return as a teacher. This school helped shape who I am today, and I'm excited to give back to the community that gave me so much. I look forward to creating a warm, engaging environment where my students can learn, grow, and make their own lasting memories – just like I did.



Mrs. Emma Miller

I am teaching 8th, 10th, and 11th grade English language arts! I graduated from Delphos Jefferson High School and received my Bachelor's degree from Bluffton University in English. I love reading and hanging out with my friends and family. I am beyond excited to be a part of the Ottoville community and look forward to the rest of the year!



Mrs. Brooke Balbaugh

I am teaching 6th and 7th grade science as well as 6th grade math. I graduated from Pandora-Gilboa and I went to college online at Western Governors University. I moved to Toledo, OH where I started teaching 5th grade math, science, and social studies. I taught for two years, then moved back to Putnam County. I love to read, do photography as a hobby, as well as spend time with my two dogs at home. I am excited to be back in a rural community and be teaching at Ottoville.



Mrs. Samantha Recker

I am thrilled to be at Ottoville this year as the new middle school/high school intervention specialist. I grew up in Illinois and attended Illinois State University where I received my Bachelor's in Special Education. I moved to Ohio nine years ago and live with my husband and four kids in Kalida. I enjoy spending time with friends and family, reading, and crafting on my Cricut. This year is off to a great start and I've enjoyed getting to know all the students! It's going to be a great year!



Mr. Ryan Keck

I am excited to be joining Ottoville Local Schools as the new intervention cross-categorical teacher. I will also be helping coach the freshmen boys' basketball team. I grew up in northwest Ohio and earned my degree as an Intervention Specialist from the University of Findlay. Before coming here, I was an intervention specialist for four years at Ottawa-Glandorf High School. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my wife and three kids, watching sports (Pittsburgh Steelers, Boston Celtics, Ohio State football, and Duke basketball), and going on small trips. I look forward to becoming a part of this great community. Go Big Green!

October Events

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- Oct 8 → Senior Class BBQ Meal
(4:00 – 6:00 PM, Lock 16)
- Oct 14 → NHS Blood Drive
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Parsh Hall
- Oct 15 → School Board Meeting
(7:00 PM)
- Oct 17 → NHS Induction Ceremony
→ End of 1st Quarter
- Oct 23 → Picture Retakes
- Oct 27 → Red Ribbon Week
- Oct 30 → Halloween Parade
- Oct 31 → No School (Fall Break)

Board Meeting Minutes

Updated School Board meeting minutes and agenda can now be found in the School Board tab on our website: www.ottovilleschools.org

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Ms. Lauren Hermiller

I am very excited to be the new first grade teacher! I graduated from Miller City and received my teaching degree from Bowling Green State University. Last year, I taught third grade at Napoleon while earning a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction from Western Governors University. I will be moving to Ottoville next fall when I get married. This community is so welcoming and I am grateful to be a small part of the journey kids will experience here! I am looking forward to creating lasting memories here at Ottoville!

Senior Class Fundraiser Meal (Lock

S If you missed out on purchasing a BBQ meal ticket, there will be sales on the day of the meal on October 8, 4:00 – 6:00 pm (\$12 per meal). Thank you for supporting our Class of 2026!

Ottoville Class of 2026
BBQ ROASTED PORK DINNER - \$12
6 oz BBQ Roast Pork – Buttered Redskin Potatoes
Buttered Corn – Homestyle Noodles – Dinner Roll - Cookie

When: Wednesday, October 8
Where: Lock Sixteen Catering, Ottoville
Time: 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

The Class of 2026 thanks you for your generosity!



NHS Blood Drive



Ottoville High School Blood Drive

Location: Multipurpose Room of Parish Hall
580 W. Third
Ottoville, OH 45876

Tuesday, October 14, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Yearbooks & Advertising



We are still selling our new 2024-2025 yearbooks (\$50 per book). Stop by either office to pick one up today!

Does your business want to help sponsor our yearbook? Email Mr. Kyle Kumfer:
kkumfer@ottovilleschools.org
for information about pricing.

Thank you for your support!

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