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Annual Veteran's Day Breakfast

By Lian Anderson and Jahbari McKissack

Harding Middle School hosted over 90 Veterans for breakfast on Veterans Day.

Over 100 students from the LEO Club—sponsored by the Lions Club—and others shared breakfast with Veterans to learn about their years of service in the United States Military.

Veterans that attended the event have served in WWII, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Among the many attending is John Panza, a 103-year-old Army veteran.

The National Anthem was sung by the Jazz Choir with a Military Medley being played by Veteran Valerie Stewart. This is the eighth year

for the event and it was held in the Harding gymnasium.

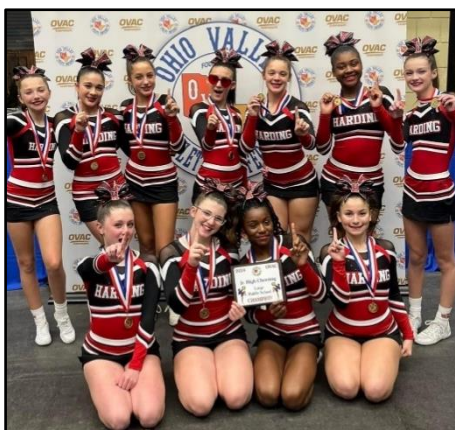
John Panza, the oldest veteran in attendance, just recently celebrated his birthday. After being drafted, his service was done all over the United

States. His daughter joined him for breakfast, and she shared how heroic her father's service was as he was stationed on the front line.

The Harding community extends its deepest gratitude to each veteran!



Harding Cheer Team Wins OVACs



By Giovanni Harper

On Saturday, October 26, the Harding Stallion Cheer Team competed at the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's annual cheer competition held in Wheeling at WesBanco arena. For the first time in school history, the Stallions took home first place!

This competition features tumbling, dancing, and a crowd interactive section. This competition is important because the OVAC is the largest athletic conference in the nation—allowing Harding to show-off their talent and hard work against schools from Ohio and West Virginia.

Eighth grade cheerleader, and returning team member, Makena Holzopfel shared her favorite memory from the competition. "When they announced the Stallions of Harding Middle School as the first-place winners, all of us jumped into each other's arms. It was the best feeling and something that I'll never forget!"

Teammate Avery Zorne adds, "I think our team's strength is our sharpness. We also really kept our energy up during our performance."

Coach Walkosky shared, "The competition team has been working hard since the summer. The girls conditioned, perfected their counts, tightened their motions and it all showed on the mat at OVACS." Walkosky continued, "We were against 5 local schools in the Large Middle School Division. We came out on top with the most points in the entire competition that day. The girls truly cheered their hearts out and left it all on the mat for HMS. The competition team came together and made all of [it] worth it. Amber and I are so proud of these girls for their hard work and dedication. We are honored to be a part of a 1st place for Harding Middle School at OVACS. We are looking forward to more championships in the future with this team."

Harding Celebrates Fall Sports with Assembly

By Alexa Lancia and Lucciana Petrides

On October 29, Harding had a fall sports award assembly. This assembly honored kids that participated in volleyball, cross country, cheer, and football. All athletes worked really hard this season to receive these awards. Several athletes were interviewed about the assembly and their seasons.

Student athlete, J’Veon Harper, received a seventh-grade football award. He stated, “It is an honor to get this award because it shows all the hard work I put in this season.” Harper is excited to play another year of Harding football.

Seth White, returning eighth grader, states, “I received an 8th grade football award. This award is an honor because it is my last year playing Harding football.”

Parker Peeler, seventh grade cheerleader, was excited to be awarded. “It felt great to receive this award because I worked really hard and accomplished a lot.”

Teammate, Kyiah Wilson, is a returning eighth grade cheerleader. “My advice for younger athletes is to have confidence in yourself, work hard, and never let a loss get to you.”

Eighth grade volleyball player, Lizzie Hoover, states, “the advice I would give to someone looking to improve in their sport is to work as hard as you can.”

Another eighth grade volleyball player, Maliyah Feaster, says “It was an honor to receive an award because it was nice to see all my hard work pay off.” Feaster also adds, “It was fun to be on the volleyball team for both my seventh and eighth grade years.”

Finally, Lidia Rea—a cross country

athlete—received an award to finish up her season. “Cross country is a very difficult and underrated sport,” shares Rea.

Teammate, Max Henderson, adds, “Cross country is mostly an individual sport that can give you the opportunity to improve yourself.”

Congratulations to all of the fall sport athletes. Harding fans hope to see you throughout the winter and spring sports seasons. Good luck to all eighth graders in their last year, fans hope to follow you at Big Red next year!

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Staff Spotlight: Ms. Ribar

both sixth and seventh graders this year, has contributed to Harding beyond teaching in many ways throughout her career—including coaching and mentorship. Whether it’s in the classroom or in the hallways, Ribar’s presence can be felt by coworkers and students alike. She is known for being positive and fair.

Gianna Harris, a former student in Ribar’s class, shares why she feels Ribar is an extraordinary teacher. “I love when Ms. Ribar shares funny stories. She can make us laugh about anything.”

Stephen McShan, who had Ribar last year, adds, “She always helps me with my math work, whenever I need help.”

Mr. Petrelle, whose room has been next to Ribar’s for the past two years, shares his gratitude to his “neighbor.” “She is assertive in the hallway and always helps me out.” Petrelle also adds, “Ribar is always prepared to work her students to be better.”

Mrs. Hill, who works just down the hall from Ribar, shares, “I would have been lost without Ms. Ribar my first year. I look up to her as a teacher and, honestly, as a person.” Hill adds, “I am beyond grateful for her friendship.”

I chose Ms. Ribar for my article because she is always there for me. She was my favorite teacher when I was in seventh grade, and she makes a large difference.

Ms. Ribar, we are lucky to have you!

By Maliyah Feaster

For fifteen years, Harding students have had the pleasure of learning math from Ms. Ribar. Ribar, who teaches

Harding Inducts News NJHS Members

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By Jaxon Greiner and Anthony Pietro

This past October, Harding’s National Junior Honor Society inducted 70 new seventh and eighth grade members—the most in school history! The organization aims to help the school and local community.

One exciting aspect of becoming a member is the induction ceremony. Held within the gymnasium, Harding students sported their best attire and participated in lighting candles, walking the stage, and speaking before the gathered crowd.

Teddy Gorman, new seventh grade member, shared, “I liked being called on stage. I am excited for next year when I get the chance to speak in front of the audience like our eighth grade did this year.”

Classmate, Jace Wojtas, added, “It felt really great to see my family in the audience when I was called onto the

the stage to be inducted.” Wojtas continued, “I heard being in NJHS is a great way to help the community, so I was excited to join for that reason and for my future college plans.”

Angelo Geary was also inducted as a new member. “I am excited to help with good and different causes.” Geary added, “It was great getting to walk onto stage and put my name on the notebook that has all of our members names.”

The first community service act the group will be completing is a trip to the Urban Mission.



The Greatest Varsity Show

By Alyrah Stackhouse

Each year, the best band in Buckeye land invites the Harding Stallions to play in their Varsity Show. Varsity Show is an opportunity for both the high school and middle school bands to perform. This year’s performance will be held at the Big Red auditorium on November 14 and 16.

Eighth grader, Avery Kittle, shares that the band has been working hard in preparation for the big show. “We have been improving and really focusing on this performance.”

Seventh grade band member, Alexa Hayden states, “I am a little nervous, but I am mostly excited!” As a first-year performer, Hayden is experiencing many of the same feelings as her classmates. “It’s a real privilege to get to perform on this

scale,” shares Hayden. Many students may be anxious, but Mr. Hicks’ hard work helps things to go smoothly.

Last year’s show, “Welcome to the Jungle,” packed a large crowd. This year’s theme is inspired by the Disney hit *The Greatest Showman* and is entitled “The Greatest Showband.” The band is expecting another year of large crowds for the performance.

Please consider coming to the performance. Tickets are \$12 and the show starts at 7pm!

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Sudoku Rules

Each row, square, and column must have numbers 1 through 9. Each number can be used only once (not repeated) horizontally, vertically, or in the 9x9 square.

Spooky Celebration: Trunk-or-Treat

By Karol Martinez Masso, Madison Shughart, and Ivyanna Walton

Harding hosted a Trunk-or-Treat for all fifth and sixth graders who met the PBIS criteria on Wednesday, October 30.

This event brings together teachers, students, and the community for a fun-filled evening. This year, there were food trucks, games, music, activities, and many trunks for students to enjoy!

Ms. Vostatek, sixth grade teacher, notes her favorite part of the event. “I love seeing all of the children have such a great time and dressing up in costumes!”

Mrs. Simmons, also a sixth grade

teacher, said that her favorite costume was from a nostalgic Disney classic, *The Mighty Ducks*—worn by sixth grader Enzo D’Ortenzio.

Many students bring their younger siblings to participate in the fun, making the event a great night out for the whole family.

One such sibling made a lasting impression with her costume. Mrs. Scherich stated, “My favorite costume was the character of Miss Trunchbull from *Matilda*!” This was worn by D’Ortenzio’s younger sister, Nina D’Ortenzio.

Thank you, Harding, for offering a fun and safe activity as a positive behavior incentive for the first quarter of school!



Harding Humor

What do you need to make Thanksgiving s’mores?

Pil-grahams.



Activities at Harding: Forensics

Forensics is one of the several classes taught at Harding Middle School by Captain Walker. With his previous experience in criminal justice, Walker shares valuable knowledge and gets students critically thinking with hands-on activities.

One such activity is dusting for fingerprints. This activity is always exciting for students. With this activity, Walker sets up several mock-crime-scenes and students get to apply their knowledge and skills to dust for fingerprints.

This class is only available for eighth grade students—but it is one of the most highly-anticipated classes available in eighth-grade year.

Maliyah Feaster, pictured on right, had the course in first quarter. “I liked analyzing the crime scenes—and we even made up our own,”

shares Feaster. “My team analyzed blood splatter and dusted for fingerprints.”

Forensics is held sixth period daily.



Upcoming Events



November 14 and 16

Varsity Show

Sunday, November 17

“Battle of the Belt” Wrestling Tournament @ SHS

Monday, November 18

Classroom Spelling Bee

Wednesday, November 20

Make Up Picture Day

Thursday, November 21

Steelers vs. Browns
Support Your Team!

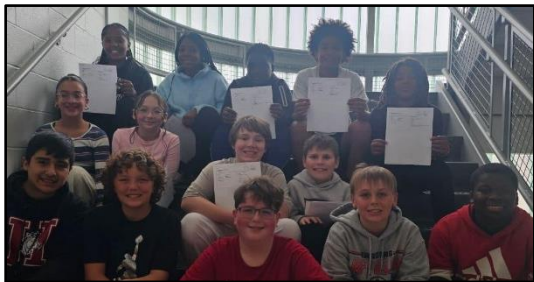
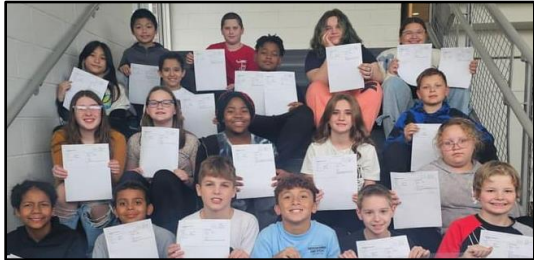
Wednesday, November 27-29

Thanksgiving Break, No School!

October PBIS

Activities at Harding: Choir

By Carlaejah Carson and Madison Hudson



Harding Middle School has many extracurricular activities for students to participate in. One such extracurricular activity is choir. Choir is both an extracurricular—with activities to participate in outside of school—and a class that is held in first and third periods. Students in fifth through eighth grade can participate in choir; the class is taught by Mrs. Macre.

When she was asked what was her favorite part of teaching choir, Macre said, “Since I usually have students for up to four years, I enjoy getting to know kids and watch them grow into their true, and hopefully, improved self.” When asked about how she began in music instruction, Macre added, “I had always wanted to learn music.”

One student, Lydia Battistel, said that one of her favorite parts of being in choir is having Mrs. Macre as a teacher. “She is the best,” exclaimed Battistel.

Eighth grader, Sadie Neff, is a two-year choir member. Her favorite part about choir is learning new songs. “My favorite song is ‘Come and See the Baby,’” adds Neff. She encourages others to join choir because it’s fun and beneficial to learn about music. “It doesn’t hurt that we get to leave school from time-to-time for rehearsals,” shares Neff.

The choir has a concert coming up on December 10 at Big Red’s auditorium. Jazz Choir will be attending the Fort in downtown Steubenville, alongside the band, on December 13. Please consider coming out to support the choir and other fine arts programs.

Activities at Harding: Energy and Environment

By Nathan Thomas, Josiah Walters, and Kharmello James

Seventh and eighth grade students are excited about Energy and Environment class. This course is taught by Mr. Penebaker. This course focuses on energy sources, the environment, and it involves a lot of hands-on activities. One impactful activity, noted by student Travis Pugh, was the circuit boards. “It was cool to work with a group to build something and see it actually function,” said Pugh. Classmate, Chase Kuhn, says, “I enjoyed creating windmills and programming them.” Students agree that this class is fun—and all note that it helps that Mr. Penebaker is the teacher. “He’s really great,” adds Kuhn. If you like interactive learning, Energy and Environment is the class for you!

Seventh and Eighth Grade Fall PBIS Dance

By Nevaeh Jones

Harding held its annual Fall Dance for seventh and eighth graders as the quarter one PBIS incentive. Students with good attendance and good behavior sported their flannels and enjoyed an after-school dance.

“If I’m being honest, I kind of want to hear ‘Party in the USA,’” shared eighth grader Amaya Warnock prior to the dance. Students were excited for the return of legendary DJ, and

Harding teacher, Ms. Ferguson.

While the dance was on Halloween, that did not deter students from attending the festivities. “I left from the dance and then my friends and I got ready and still made it out for Trick-or-Treating,” shared eighth grader Alexa Lancia.

Madison Shugart, seventh grade student, enjoyed her first school dance at Harding. “My favorite dance was the ‘Church Clap,’” shares Shugart.

Students definitely seem to favor the dances that have choreography associated with them. Such dances include: “Crank Dat Soulja Boy,” “The Cupid Shuffle,” and “Wobble.”

The next dance will be held after school on Thursday, December 19 from 2:30-4:30pm. This dance will also be a Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) dance—so, be on your best behavior and be sure to have good attendance!

Harding Middle School Athlete Spotlight

Cooper Westling By Brenden Moore

Cooper, “Stump,” Westling is an eighth-grade center on the Harding football team. He also wrestles and is a returning member of the track team.

After two years at Harding, Westling is looking forward to his future at Big Red. Teammate Braylon Hayden said, “Cooper is a good teammate to everyone and I felt he improved from last season. He has grown a lot more confident also.”

Westling’s most memorable moment from football was when they beat Union Local, 22-8.

In football, the moment when a blocker overwhelms a defender and puts them on their back is called a “pancake.” This is a goal for linemen. This season, Westling racked up 15 pancakes.

Westling is looking forward to wrestling. “I’m preparing by giving 100% every day at practice. I also lift every morning and do cardio.” He encourages younger student-athletes to “not slack during practice and chase [their] goals.”



Amiyah Livingston By Kei’Azia Williams

Amiyah Livingston is an eighth-grade volleyball player at Harding Middle School.

Livingston achieved a goal she set for herself this year: serving. Coach Arlesic says Amiyah’s serves were great for the battle of the games.

Amiyah has made many memories this year during volleyball, but her favorite memory was bonding with her teammates. Amiyah’s current passing partner, Lizzie Hoover, enjoys having her as a partner. Lizzie says, “Amiyah is very cheerful and helpful.”

“The best part about competing with other teams is going to different schools,” says Livingston. “I love trying new foods out at the other school’s concession stands.”

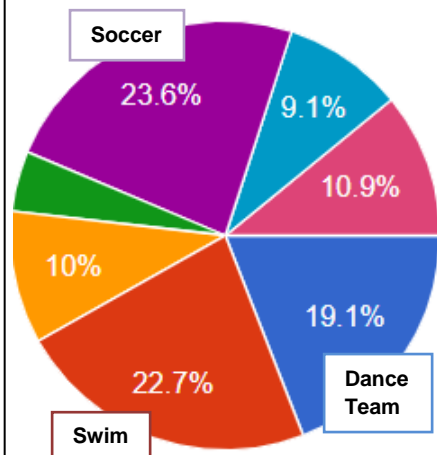
“My teammates have made an impact on me because they make the sport even better,” adds Livingston. “My teammates make the sport even more fun and they help share a good laugh while you’re feeling down.”

Livingston plans to run track in the spring.



Student and Staff Poll

What would you like to see added as an extracurricular at Harding?



Winter Orchestra

By Zain Creel

On December 5th, the seventh and eighth grade orchestra will be having their annual winter concert. They will be accompanied by a few advanced sixth graders. Songs for the concert include “Thundersnow,” “Snow Day,” “Frosty the Snowman,” and “In the Bleak Midwinter.” Many believe the concert will go well, and the select strings will be playing a sweet petite winter suite.

Ms. Tracy, orchestra instructor at Harding Middle School, is helping her students prepare for the annual show. “I’ve been teaching for thirteen years

and I think that this concert will go well,” says Tracy. “My favorite piece would be “Thundersnow,” adds Tracy, “by Juan Romero.”

Excitement has been building to this performance. “My favorite part about playing in an orchestra is having the ability to play an instrument,” says Briana Swigert.

The concert will take place at the Big Red auditorium where there will be a few volunteers helping with the concert. Students will wear all black and an orchestra uniform shirt. The event is local and free to attend—so, don’t be late!

Harding Winter Sports

By Brynn Bowers and Mikah Taylor

With fall sports having just wrapped up, student athletes at Harding are looking forward to participating in winter sports.

Wrestling

Last year, Colt Gamble was able to compete at the state level for wrestling. This year, he is looking to make some changes to improve upon his areas of weakness. "I believe, as a team, we can improve by focusing more," shares Gamble.

Teammate Niki Hawkins is excited to return. Last year, she placed sixth at OVACs. "As a team, our strength is that we are mentally strong," Hawkins continues, "An area we can improve

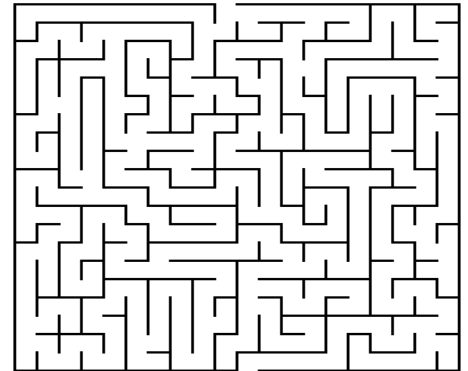
upon is realizing we are a team—even though we compete individually—and not each other's opponents." The wrestlers, both new and old, start their season with an open on November 17.

Basketball

Both the boys' and girls' teams have had try-outs to determine the final rosters. Saige Smarella, returning eighth grade center, believes that the team's strength this year will be defense. "Last year, we struggled with shooting," shares Smarella. "We're planning to improve on our ball handling skills. I believe we'll go undefeated this year," adds Smarella. The Stallions are coached by Mr. Bowers (grade 8) and Mr. Cutone (grade 7). The first game will be

November 27.

The Lady Stallions also are looking to capitalize on a loaded roster. Returning guard, Jaylin Crites, believes that the team is stacked. "Our strength is our defense. If we can focus, we will have a great season," states Crites. The first girls' game is on December 7th. The Lady Stallions are coached by Mr. Petrelle (grade 7) and Ms. Ferguson (grade 8).



By Estella Foglia