

## RIDGEMONT BOARD MEMBERS

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**Thank you to all who kindly donated for  
the new concession stand!**



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## Ridgemont Superintendent, Brian Hogan

What a great start to the school year it has been! We have completed the first grading period and are well into the second grading period. I want to make sure I recognize and commend all of our students that achieved honor roll for the first semester and hope that they continue to strive for academic excellence and other students continue work in that direction. All students are reminded that achievement comes from learning gained and lessons learned getting to that point. Failure is not failure, if improvement and effort are positively impacted into lessons learned!

Academically, the students and staff are showing continuous improvement in many ways and the state report card showed just that. The state report card was released in September and Ridgemont Local Schools was given 3 out of 5 Stars for the 22-23 school year. The MS/HS building was a 3.5 Star building and the Elementary was a 3 Star building. Achievement continues to climb with the statewide Performance Index improving. We are working daily to educate and empower our students to succeed at the highest level and continue work towards achieving even higher. Congratulations to our students and staff for their hard work at growing and improving their knowledge in all curriculum areas.

We congratulate our FFA Chapter and students for completing another successful year at the Hardin County Fair and we commend all students that will achieve at high levels at the National FFA Conference in individual competition. Good luck to our students and advisors! An update on results for this will be found on our Nov. 16th Board Agenda at BoardDocs on our website.



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We also extend a sincere congratulations to all of our fall athletes for their all NWCC league recognition. Special recognition to our very own Collin Wallace, Ridgemont Golf Coach, who once again garnered Coach of the Year honors for the season! The Golden Gopher football team has had a tremendous season and we want to recognize them for their efforts and wish them the best of luck! We commend our athletes' dedication and efforts in competing and improving as teams and individuals, day in and day out. To our seniors, thank you for giving your all to Ridgemont during your careers and we wish you the best of luck the rest of the school year and your future seasons. To the athletes that will be back next year, follow your coach's guidance, put in the work in the weight room, and in the field of play, and you will find success.

The concession stand addition at the athletic fields is an amazing addition to our campus! We want to again thank all of the donors and supporters that made this project a reality and cannot express our gratitude and excitement for how it turned out! It truly has added to the experience for our students and community and we are forever grateful.

Finally, I am still constantly amazed by all of you and how you are a community that cares deeply about their school's success and supports it passionately. We will continue to work towards improving everyday and helping our students grow into the successful young adults that we know they will be. We really appreciate the constant support for our students and want to thank you for all that you do.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions, concerns, or just want more information: 937-354-2441 or [brian.hogan@ridgemont.k12.oh.us](mailto:brian.hogan@ridgemont.k12.oh.us).

*Brian Hogan,*  
Superintendent

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Nick Stuck - 6-12 Principal

Hello Ridgemont Community,

The first quarter is now complete. I have seen excellent teaching in the classrooms and outstanding responses from our students. I have also witnessed many sports successes and personal growth from our athletes. Students are involved in clubs and other activities and doing well with those as well.

Please be prepared as a number of our students attend the FFA national convention. We have experienced a lot of success at the convention in the past and we expect that success to continue.

I would like to remind all parents that you have 24/7 access to your student's gradebook. This is an easy way to stay engaged with the progress of your child. If you have any questions about accessing the Gradebook, email [tom.mustain@ridgemont.k12.oh.us](mailto:tom.mustain@ridgemont.k12.oh.us).

My door is always open. I am here for our students as well as our community. Go Ridgemont!!!

*Nick Stuck*  
6-12 Principal

## Tana Mull, K-5 Principal

Happy Fall GOPHERS! How is it already fall and the second quarter of learning?

Students have been busy learning everything from letters and sounds in kindergarten, to completing escape rooms about lessons in 5th grade. In math, students are learning to count and recognize numbers, all the way up to multiplication and division. I have seen planet reports, learned about students' favorite animals and about students' hopes and dreams for the future.

Congrats to Mrs. McKee's class, Mrs. Stuck's class and Mrs. Thompson's class who all filled in their Perfect Attendance form and received extra recess and popcorn!

Pumpkin season is upon us and learning about pumpkins is always FUN, especially when you get to dig into the goop and pull out the seeds. How many will your pumpkin have? All students grades K-2 will be heading to Lehner Farms at the end of October to explore and learn more about pumpkins and farming.

Thank you for all the Pep Roller orders! Students and teachers are excited to plan more field trips for the remainder of the school year.

Students are working on building their leadership skills through The Leader In Me. Students have learned all 7 Habits and are working on diving deeper and living the habits daily. Leadership roles, jobs and responsibilities are seen daily throughout the building. Students are taking ownership of their goals, ask them about their WIG, and learning and working on supporting others. Student leaders are seen daily around the building helping their peers and teachers.

Clubs have started! Students picked their top 3 clubs and now get to spend time doing something they love with their peers once a month. Ask your students about what club they are in and what they got to do in September. Student Lighthouse members will get to travel to Findlay in November to attend a Leadership Conference and bring back ideas to share with their peers!

Thank you all for continued support for your students and our amazing staff. Together we will make all students successful.

We ARE Ridgemont #wegetto

Tana Mull  
K-5 Principal



### Music Programs-

November 8th and 9th- Company R Extravaganza - 7:00 pm Ridgeway Gym  
November 26th- Marching Band in Kenton Holiday Parade - 6:30 pm Start  
December 4th - Kindergarten Concert - 6:00 pm Mt. Victory Commons  
December 4th - First Grade Concert - 7:00 pm Mt. Victory Commons  
December 18th - Holiday Concert-Bands/JH/HS Choir - 6:00 pm Mt. V Commons

**Ridgemon Local School District has a renewal on the November 5th ballot.  
We have included answers to Frequently Asked Questions for this renewal.**

**1) Will this levy renewal increase my taxes?**

This is a levy renewal; it is NOT a new tax.



**2) What is the background of this levy?**

In 2010, voters originally approved a five year 0.75% income tax levy. The levy was renewed in May of 2015 and again in November of 2019. The current levy will expire in December of 2025. The levy on the November 5th, 2024, ballot will RENEW the levy and provide school funding for the next five years (2026-2031).

**3) How will the levy renewal dollars be used?**

This money is earmarked for the daily operating expenses of our school district. Operating expenses include busing, utilities, maintenance, salary and benefits, and classroom resources for staff and students.

**4) How much money is the levy expected to generate?**

Ridgemon Local School District is asking voters to approve a renewal of our five year school levy. Approximately \$600,000 (six hundred thousand) of the districts regular operating budget comes from the 0.75% income tax levy. When one levy expires, citizens must vote to continue providing local school support through levy dollars.

**5) What happens if Ridgemon voters do not support this levy renewal?**

State funding provides only a portion of the total dollars needed to operate our public schools. Local funding through school levies makes up the difference. If Ridgemon voters do not support the 0.75% income tax renewal, our funding over the next five years will be reduced by approximately \$3,000,000 (three million dollars). This could create a deficit in spending to maintain our facilities and pay our staff.

**6) Why ask the community for tax dollars?**

Over the last 33 years, state funding for public schools has failed to keep pace with the rising costs of educating our students. While there is a new funding plan, it is not 100% funded as of yet and the future of state funding is uncertain. School choice initiatives could further dwindle this funding by redistributing our tax dollars to private schools. Therefore, public schools have been forced to rely more heavily on local sources for funding. This levy is essential in providing operational revenue that has been determined to be necessary to maintain quality programming that our community has come to expect.

**7) Why an income tax?**

Typically school building and facility projects are paid for through real estate taxes as that is a longer term need and solution. For operating expenses, it is not unusual to seek income tax levies as all who live in the district share in the day to day cost of our school, unlike real estate tax that is only paid by land and homeowners.

**Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2024.**





**Ridgemont is heading towards a historic football season that seems to have our first ever playoff berth on the horizon!**



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**Follow Ridgemont Athletics and Ridgemont Local Schools on Facebook for future updates. Thank you for your support. See you at the games!**



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**RIDGEMONT!**



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## 2024-2025 School Calendar

Thursday, November 7 and Friday, November 8  
No School for KG-5th Grade Students - Parent Teacher Conf.  
Thursday, November 7 - 6th - 12th Grade will be in session with Parent Teacher Conferences PM  
Friday, November 8 - 6th - 12th Grade Students Job Shadow Day  
Wednesday, November 27 to Friday, November 29 -  
No School - Thanksgiving Break  
Thursday, December 19 - 2 Hour Early Dismissal (1:15 pm)  
Friday, December 20 - No School - Teacher Prof. Development  
Monday, December 23, 2024 to Friday, January 3, 2025 -  
No School - Christmas Break  
Monday, January 6 - School Back in Session  
Monday, January 20 - No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Monday, February 17 - No School - Presidents Day  
Thursday, March 13 - Parent Teacher Conferences in the Evening  
Friday, March 14 - No School - Teacher Prof. Development  
Monday, March 17 and Tuesday, March 18 - No School -  
Spring Break  
Wednesday, March 19, 2025 - School Back in Session  
Friday, April 18 - No School - Good Friday  
Wednesday, May 14 - Last Day of School -  
2 Hour Early Dismissal (1:15 pm)  
Sunday, May 18 - Senior Graduation - Mt. Victory Gym Time-TBA

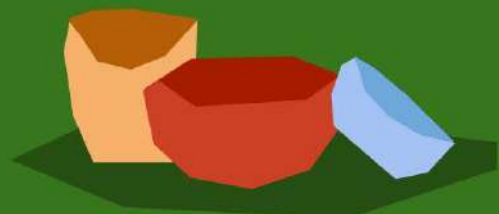
## Empty Bowls

*Sponsored by Ridgemont National Honor Society and Art Department*

**November 20th, 2024**

**5:30-7:30 pm**

**Ridgemont Cafeteria  
560 W Taylor St, Mt Victory, Ohio**



- **Cost? Donation!**
- **Dinner is provided by local restaurants and businesses.**
- **Raffle and silent auction! Proceeds will go to Not By Choice Outreach in Hardin County.**

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## Winter Athletic Schedules

Click on Athletics on our website for updates or changes to schedules. Thank you for supporting our student athletes!

### Varsity/JV Girls Basketball

11/22 @ Lima Central Catholic 6:00 PM  
11/26 @ Troy Christian 6:00 PM  
12/5 @ Waynesfield 6:00 PM  
12/7 @ Arlington 12:00 PM  
12/12 vs Perry 6:00 PM  
12/19 @ Ridgedale 6:00 PM  
12/21 @ Cory-Rawson 6:00 PM  
12/28 vs Calvary Christian 1:00 PM  
12/30 vs Cardington 6:00 PM  
1/6 @ Triad 6:00 PM  
1/9 vs Elgin 6:00 PM  
1/13 vs Crestline 6:00 PM  
1/18 vs Riverdale 12:00 PM  
1/20 vs Ada 6:00 PM  
1/23 vs USV 6:00 PM  
1/25 vs Vanlue 1:00 PM  
1/27 vs Ben Logan 6:00 PM  
1/30 @ Hardin Northern 6:00 PM  
2/1 vs Northmor 1:00 PM  
2/3 vs Mount Gilead 6:00 PM  
2/6 vs North Baltimore 6:00 PM  
2/10 @ Calvary Christian 6:00 PM

### Varsity/JV Boys Basketball

11/27 vs Ada 6:00 PM  
12/3 vs Allen East 6:00 PM  
12/10 vs Calvary Christian 6:00 PM  
12/13 @ Perry 6:00 PM  
12/14 @ Kipp Columbus 6:00 PM  
12/17 @ River Valley 6:00 PM  
12/20 vs Ridgedale 6:00 PM  
12/23 @ North Union 6:00 PM  
12/28 vs Mount Gilead 6:00 PM  
1/7 @ Riverdale 6:00 PM  
1/10 @ Elgin 6:00 PM  
1/11 @ West Jefferson 6:00 PM  
1/14 @ Mohawk 6:00 PM  
1/17 vs Temple Christian 6:00 PM  
1/24 @ USV 6:00 PM  
1/31 Hardin Northern 6:00 PM  
2/1 vs Van Buren 6:00 PM  
2/4 Vanlue 6:00 PM  
2/7 @ North Baltimore 6:00 PM  
2/14 vs Cory-Rawson 6:00 PM  
2/15 @ McComb 6:00 PM  
2/21 vs Waynesfield 6:00 PM

### Junior High Girls Basketball

11/25 vs Cory-Rawson 5:30 PM  
12/2 vs Waynesfield 5:30 PM  
12/9 @ Perry 5:30 PM  
12/12 vs Jackson Center 5:30 PM  
12/14 vs Riverdale 10:00 AM  
12/16 vs Ridgedale 5:30 PM  
12/18 @ Van Buren 5:30 PM  
1/4 vs Vanlue 10:00 AM  
1/6 @ Elgin 5:30 PM  
1/9 vs Grant MS 10:00 AM  
1/13 vs Temple 5:30 PM  
1/18 @ McComb 10:00 AM  
1/20 @ USV 5:30 PM  
1/27 vs Hardin Northern 5:30 PM  
1/30 vs Ada 5:30 PM  
2/3 @ North Baltimore 5:30 PM  
2/8 NWCC Tournament Starts  
2/15 Championship

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2/3 vs North Baltimore 5:30 PM  
2/8 NWCC Tournament Starts



# Ridgemont FFA News! Good Luck at the National FFA Convention!

Our Ridgemont FFA Members will attend the 2024 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis from October 23rd to the 26th. All finalists listed below interviewed via Zoom in September and will be on the stage at the National Convention as they hear their results. The National Convention is a learning and educational field trip for all participants. Thank you to our chapter members for their hard work this year and devotion. You can watch the National FFA Convention online at [ffa.org](https://ffa.org/convention) and [convention.ffa.org](https://convention.ffa.org). You can also watch on RFD-TV, The Cowboy Channel, or RFD-TV Now.

## Congratulations to our American Degree Recipients:

Kevin Eckstein  
Loryn Elsasser  
McKala Grauel  
Abigail McElfresh  
Weston McKinley  
Lola Ramsey

## National Proficiency Finalists (Top 4 in USA)

Masen Joliff - Agricultural Research - Integrated Systems  
Taylor Payne - Agricultural Sales Placement

## National Science Fair Finalists (Top 10 in USA)

Joslin Henderson & Aubrie Overly - Animal Systems, Division 2  
Mason Swavel and Owen Kearns - Animal Systems, Division 4  
Gracyn McCullough - Animal Systems, Division 5  
Kelsey Ramsey and Brilynn Rudasill - Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems, Division 2  
Kennedy Stapleton and Kaeleigh Hooker - Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems, Division 4  
Laney Elsasser and Bre Vermillion - Food Products and Processing Systems, Division 4  
Hendrix Eversole and Jordan Chronister - Plant Systems, Division 2  
Mason Howard and Ethan Moore - Plant Systems, Division 4  
Eldar Musayev - Plant Systems, Division 5  
Riley Hites and Ella Manns - Power, Structural and Technical Systems, Division 2  
Luke Stacklin - Power, Structural and Technical Systems, Division 3  
Kamryn Kiser and Prezley Furer - Power, Structural and Technical Systems, Division 4  
Quinn Billenstein - Social Systems, Division 1  
Vaidea Knox and Ruth Eckstein - Social Systems, Division 4



**Thank you to Advisors, Stephanie Joliff and Lori Romie for their guidance of this amazing program.**

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Ridgemont FFA members and advisors would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our school and community for their unwavering support and partnership.



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## **Ridgemont Senior Citizens Luncheon**



**Ridgemont Local School District will be honoring Senior Citizens who are 60 years or older and currently live in the Ridgemont District on**

**Thursday, December 5, 2024, at Noon.**

We want to thank our community members for their support over the years. The luncheon will start at Noon in the PK-12 Building Commons in Mt. Victory. Students from Preschool to the Senior Class all work very hard to craft gifts, create decorations, escort guests, serve the meal, socialize with honorees, present speeches, sing carols, and the Ridgemont Band and "Company R" will provide entertainment.



**RSVP by Nov. 27th** by calling Sandy at 937-354-2441,  
leave voicemail if no answer, include names of all attending.



**The luncheon starts at Noon on Thursday, December 5th!**

*We are handicap accessible for your convenience. Please park in the front or the back of the school.*