



May 2026

Administrative Updates

Nick Sammetinger
High School Principal

➤ General:

- Building & Renovations students are building a pavilion at Safety City to replicate the downtown venue. *(pictured)*
- Jennifer Swanger has earned her certification as a Certified EMIS Professional.
- HOSA held an American Red Cross blood drive and collected 34 units of blood. This is equivalent to saving 102 lives
- Crystal Pyles, School Social Worker, received the 2026 Friend of Children award at the Allen County Children Services banquet. *(pictured)*
- Kelly Stevens (English) provided examples and PD to staff on writing letters of recommendation for students for college admittance, scholarships, employment, etc.
- Lauren Bowers (Welding/Bluffton), Benjamin Binkley (Electrical/Bath), and Gabriella Bogart (Construction Equip/Columbus Grove) all attended the Allen County Workforce & Education Forum. These student leaders had the opportunity to talk with elected officials, small businesses, educators, etc. about the opportunities they've had at Apollo, what they see as barriers/hurdles for young people to get experience, and how the bridge can be gapped between business and education. The goal is about improving experiences, opportunities, training, and retention.
- Gavin Hilleary (Advanced Manufacturing/Wapakoneta) attended a luncheon and was recognized for an essay he submitted to Ohio Northern University's Institute for Civics and Public Policy. Gavin won 3rd place overall. Mrs. Gibbs, social studies teacher, attended the luncheon as well due to her guidance during the process. *(pictured)*
- Our Health Academies received a grant earlier this year and recently used it to host a student health fair during lunches all week. *(two pictures at left below)*



- 86 students had perfect attendance for the 3rd quarter. The PBIS committee provided them pizza party in celebration. *(picture at far right above)*
- The annual senior breakfast meeting was held May 2. 449 students were in attendance.
- Approximately 65 students attended the Ohio Means Jobs Career Fair. *(pictured)*
- On May 6 we held our annual college, career, and military signing day.
- 89 students received an award or scholarship at the annual Student Awards luncheon.
- May 20 is Senior Honors Night to be held at the Elida Fieldhouse
- Our students competing at SkillsUSA State did a great job! Four were won gold medals and qualified for the national event to be held in Atlanta, GA, in early June.



Gold

Adelaide Wilver (ECE/Bath) - Early Childhood Education

Leah Johnson (Advanced Manufacturing/Shawnee) - Job Skills Open

Keegan Davis (Advanced Manufacturing/homeschooled) - CNC Programmer

Noah Moye (Construction Equip./Columbus Grove) - Masonry

Silver

Landen Twining (Advanced Manufacturing/Allen East) - CNC Milling

Blake Weber (Carpentry/Bath) - Architectural Drafting

Bronze

Ian Butler (Fire/EMS/Wapakoneta) - Firefighter

Riley Echols (HVAC/Wapakoneta) - HVAC

- The National Technical Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held April 29. Thank you to advisor, Mrs. Harruff, for putting on a great event. A thank you, also, to Mrs. Prince, Mr. Orphal and the Culinary Arts students for making and serving desserts for the event. NTHS inductees: Mayah Amerson (Shawnee), Khloey Anderson (Wapakoneta), Alcien Beck (Lima Senior), Wyatt Buell (Wapakoneta), Oliviana Burnfield (Wapakoneta), Ian Butler (Wapakoneta), Tristan Campbell (Shawnee), Zackary Culp (Wapakoneta), Isabella Dunifon (Wapakoneta), Jacob Hahn (Shawnee), Miracle Hamilton (Spencerville), Leah Hardwick (Elida), Addison Hibbard (Wapakoneta), Kylie Kennedy (Shawnee), Kortney Ley (Wapakoneta), Chloe Louth (Homeschool), Ethan McKeever (Allen East), Jadin Miller (Shawnee), Ava Overholt (Elida), Vala Penhorwood (Shawnee), Carter Schrock (Bath), Quincy Schwartz (Homeschool), Michael Sherrick (LCC), Tahricia Smith (Elida), Alivia Walters (Wapakoneta), Piper Weitzel (Wapakoneta), Mercedes Wenning (Shawnee)



Tara Shepherd

Adult Education Director

- Keith and I met with Upper Valley Career Center regarding truck driving.
- I attended the Ohio ACTE nominating committee meeting, Junior Achievement board meeting, Area 8 Workforce board meeting, Open Meetings & Public Records training, the HUB executive meeting followed by a stakeholders meeting,
- I was interviewed for 'Women in the Driver's Seat' with Taylor Kia.
- On April 8-10, Apollo Adult Ed hosted and attended the Ohio ACTE PACE Conference.
- The admin. team toured the Lima Chamber's Young Professionals.
- I participated in Apollo's Tabletop Safety Drill, Coffee with Admin., and the Truck Driving Job Fair
- I held monthly MRT and support staff meetings.
- I met with H.S. admin. to revamp truck driving for the next academic year
- The Ohio Board of Nursing did on-site review in April
- Adult Ed. Spa customer service nights were held each Wednesday evening in April.

Dana Dukes/Allison Overholt***District Communications***

- provided design and marketing support for special events/projects
- social media management and website changes/updates/maintenance
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- photos, flyers, billboards, press releases and media coordination
- coordinate AYS with Todd Walker
- staff service awards
- campus and hall monitor signage
- uniform coordination/delivery
- adult ed. catalog updates
- Cafeteria:
 - Coffee with Crystal
 - The cafeteria had a table for Every Kid Healthy Week to help promote breakfast. They handed out breakfast bars that are served in the cafeteria.
 - Ice cream treats were provided to honor roll students
 - April meals served (21 days)

Breakfast:	3,348
Lunch:	<u>12,442</u>
Total:	15,790
- **Lila Whyman, Instructional Technology Specialist:**
 - Assisted instructors/staff (HS & AE) with technology-related issues, projects, or PD, including:
 - creating a slideshow presentation on pre-trip inspection steps and procedures for Truck Driving
 - researched best tools to create digital crossword puzzles (Crossword labs)
 - researched best apps for Cosmetology students to create reels and downloaded the top-rated free ones for the instructor and students to experiment with.
 - provided help with BenQ NFC cards, Cengage digital textbook & activities, audiobooks and ebooks on OverDrive/Sora, and using new devices to cast to BenQ display boards

Nick Michel***Facility Manager***

- managed maintenance and custodial operations campus-wide
- conducted continuous monitoring of temperature, humidity, and comfort levels across all facilities
- oversaw vehicle fleet maintenance and ensured reliable transportation services
- campus grounds, turf, and green spaces were maintained
- managed lift fleet maintenance and compliance
- supervised safe and compliant disposal of campus hazardous waste.
- applied and managed insecticide treatments as needed.
- administered online training and onboarding in compliance with state
- managed setup and teardown for events held in the commons area.
- installed ground rods in all 50 welding booths per Lincoln Electric specifications.
- installed a new band saw in lab 501.
- assisted IT with the installation of new cameras throughout campus.
- completed 27 preventative maintenance tasks and closed 53 work requests in April.

Matt Kentner***Technology Manager***

- supported events in the Goare room and Apollo Room including Apolopalooza, Girl Scouts of America, Holocaust speaker, NTHS
 - assisted with driving simulator setup in room 404 - provided by Maria Tiberi Foundation
 - prepping for network switch replacement (E-rate funding) this summer by documenting and removing unneeded cables
 - removed student access to various social media platforms and Google Lens
 - supported spring End Of Course testing and makeup exams with no issues reported
 - met with Current Office Solutions as 5-year copier lease is up, will be renewing
 - started configuring new Chromebooks and carts for next school year
 - configured 3 security cameras and that maintenance installed
 - participated in the Ohio Cyber Range webinar which provides free classroom virtual Cyber Training for educators and students (CIS program is starting to use this resource)
 - attended Allen County Tech Coordinators and the Regional Tech Coordinators meetings
 - Tech Services completed 187 tickets during April.
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