



Elmwood Happenings 12/11/2024

Greetings Elmwood Community,



It is my hope that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving Break and now we all turn our attention to the Christmas Season. School will be in session through Friday, December 20th. Our Christmas Break goes from December 21st through Monday, January 6th. The students are looking forward to that long break and as a result, the staff are working hard to keep them focused until break starts. During the break, the front offices will be closed, and Central Office is open some of the days. It is best to call our office before coming out to make sure someone is here to assist you.

1. Congratulations to Sophomore, Alayna Beasley, for qualifying for the OHSAA Division III Cross-Country State Championships. Alayna became the fastest runner in Elmwood Girls history with a time of 18:53. At the State Meet, she finished 36th with a time of 19:10. Alayna also was First Team All BVC, finishing 3rd at the BVC meet. Most importantly she is also an Academic All Ohio this season with a 4.0 GPA. In addition, the Athletic Department would like to congratulate all the Cross-Country Regional Qualifiers. The girls qualified as a team and finished 14th (top 7 teams advanced). The lone boy qualifier for Regionals was Junior, Dylan Armentrout.



2. **Did you know that many employers in the area offer Company Matching Programs for donations to nonprofits - such as Elmwood Local Schools?**

Many companies offer donation matching programs as part of their corporate social responsibility (CSR) efforts, providing nonprofits with an additional funding source. These programs typically allow employees to donate to a nonprofit, and the company matches the contribution, often dollar-for-dollar, or even more. This helps amplify the impact of employee donations and encourages greater participation in charitable giving.

For Elmwood, this donation matching is a valuable opportunity to increase our fundraising efforts and help support our classrooms. In addition to corporate matching, many companies offer grants or sponsorships. This not only assists Elmwood financially, but also builds a relationship with our local businesses. With our STEM, Engineering, Business and Ag programs, these relationships can be a valuable tool in helping us stay current to industry standards and further guide us in preparing our students for the workforce. By tapping into these corporate donation matching opportunities, Elmwood can boost our funding and increase community engagement in meaningful ways. We would love the opportunity to partner with your employer in their CSR efforts!



3. On Friday, October 25th, a group of students from Elmwood's FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) attended the annual FCA Unity Breakfast Fundraiser in Perrysburg, Ohio. They had the opportunity to listen to many speakers, including an Elmwood graduate, Kate Keiffer. Kate spoke about the FCA and the Scholarship she earned from this group last year as a senior and how it has contributed to her academic/athletic

career and relationship with God. Students also got to listen to a panel of speakers; the panel consisted of a Bowling Green State University and a University of Toledo football player, as well as an alumni football player from BGSU and UT. The panel also included two high school students, one of whom was Elmwood senior Aubrey Johnson. After the FCA breakfast, the students visited Brookdale Senior Living in Bowling Green, Ohio, to visit and they play games with the residents.



4. **Nine Elmwood FFA Members Awarded the American FFA Degree**

Each year, the National FFA Organization honors FFA members who show the utmost dedication to the organization through their desire to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. The American FFA Degree is bestowed upon a select group of students in recognition of their years of academic and professional excellence. This year over 4,800 American Degrees were awarded. Elmwood is honored that 9 members earned this prestigious award. They are:

Madison Feehan, Will Harrison, Adam Meyer, Anna Meyer, Tanner Pennington, Anthony Veryser, Thomas Veryser, Gregory Wise, and Garrett Ziegler (not pictured).

To be eligible, FFA members must have earned at least \$10,000 or earned at least \$2,000 and worked at least 2,250 hours outside of class time through a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program in which they own their own business, hold a professional position as an employee, or conduct research. Recipients must also complete 50 hours of community service and demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities and civic involvement through the completion of a long list of FFA and community activities. Less than one percent of FFA members achieve the American FFA Degree. After being recognized at the national convention, each recipient of the American FFA Degree receives a gold American FFA Degree key and certificate. The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 1,027,200 student members as part of 9,235 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



5. Congratulations to Heavenli King and Ashton Worley who were selected to participate in the BGSU Falcon Choral Festival on Monday, Nov. 25th. They had to submit a recorded audition and were selected from among over 400 auditionees! In addition, Heavenli was chosen to be a "choral scholar" and will get to work with a collegiate voice teacher while at the event.



Here are a few upcoming events for students and/or family that you may want to be aware of:

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| • Sunday, December 15 th | Christmas Choir Concert @ 4 PM in CC Auditorium |
| • December 20 th | Last student day before Christmas Break |
| • December 21 st – January 5 th | NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break |
| • Wednesday, December 25 th | MERRY CHRISTMAS |
| • Wednesday, January 1 st | HAPPY NEW YEAR |
| • Monday, January 6 th | NO SCHOOL-Teacher Inservice |
| • Tuesday, January 7 th | Students Return to School |
| • Tuesday, January 7 th | Elementary PTO meeting @ 7 PM |
| • Monday, January 13 th | Elmwood Board of Education @ 5:30 PM, Auditoria |
| • Tuesday, January 14 th | FAFSA Completion Night @ 6 PM |
| • Friday, January 17 th | End of 2 nd Quarter |
| • Monday, January 20 th | NO SCHOOL-MLK Day |
| • Wednesday, January 22 nd | 2 Hour Delay for Teacher Inservice |

Tony Borton, Superintendent

