

STAY CRESTY MR. SMITH the school welcomes a new principal

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The school is saying goodbye to the face of the building in just a few weeks after many years of being a part of this school, Principal Trond Smith. He brought CREST to the community and has been the driving force behind the massive amount of school spirit the students have. Smith will not be stepping down though; he's moving up to be the Director of Administrative Services for the district that includes overseeing all principals in the district and supporting building level administrative teams.

"The special relationships I've been privileged to build with the staff and students here will always be the thing I remember most," Principal Trond Smith said. "Of course, there were incredible and lasting moments each one of the 12 years I've spent at Orange High School, but what will stick with me the longest are the amazing teachers, staff, families and young men and women who I've come to know and care about."

Smith has left a very clear mark on the school that will only continue to flourish once he passes the torch.

"I hope that Orange High School continues to grow in its ability to adapt to a changing educational landscape, and that it prepares its students to be productive, compassionate, and caring citizens. There has always been tremendous pride here, and it is my expectation that that will never change!" Smith said.

With that, a decision has been made as to who will be the one to step up and take on the seat in the Orange chair. The school's new principal is Monica Asher; she has been in education for 17 years, where 13 were spent as an administrator with the last five as principal of Chagrin Falls High School outside of Cleveland.

"I spend a lot of time in the

Columbus area, so I do a lot of work with the Ohio Department of Education. I'm sent in by the board of directors for the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators (OASSA), so I'm down here doing advocacy work quite a bit and am familiar with Olentangy by reputation," Asher said. "I decided at the beginning of the year that I wanted to look into this area and when this position opened, I could not apply fast enough. I really wanted to be here so I'm happy that it worked out that way."

Asher will be coming in with just having left her school of five years, making sure she feels welcome is key to a smooth transition.

"My first year will really just be building relationships and getting to know people. This school belongs to you, and it belongs to the teachers. It belongs to the people that have been here, so I don't want to come in and put my stamp on it. I want to be able to amplify your voices and the things you want and give you ownership and leadership," Asher said.

A balanced leader is what's kept this school running the way it has, one that cares that the students are doing well academically but also doing well with one another. Making sure that their students leave the school as good people; Smith is leaving the school in good hands.

"The focus is on the whole child, so I look at the learner profile and the fact that creativity and kindness are things that are mentioned. Being able to work with kids in more than just academics but who they want to be as people," Asher said. "It's really easy to lean into the academic side of things, which I love, but it's more important that we're good people so I think the focus there is really cool."



Top: New OOHs principal Monica Asher
Middle: Principal Trond Smith removes his nameplate from his office door
Bottom: Smith and Asher talk to faculty and students about the changes in the school



The Frontier

THE FUTURE AWAITS plans after high school



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As the school year comes to a close and seniors decide what their next steps are going to be, there are a variety of paths being chosen.

Senior Jossell Bakheet plans to attend Georgia Military College this fall through the Falcon Foundation Scholarship Program in preparation for the United States Air Force Academy. She will be majoring in biology and be on the pre-med track.

“Through the STEM academy, I was able to shadow a couple doctors, one being a Pediatric General Surgeon at Nationwide Children’s,” Bakheet said. “My internship experiences confirmed to me that I want to pursue a future in medicine.”

Through this opportunity, she hopes to get out of her comfort zone in a new place with new people.

“I am looking forward to being surrounded by like-minded individuals who strive for excellence because this will only make me better,” Bakheet said. “I am so blessed for the opportunity I have been given and I cannot wait to see what the future has in store for me as I embark on this new journey.”

After senior Emma-Cait Cogan graduates, she will be majoring in Biology at Gannon University.

“Biology is something I’ve always been interested in and been good at and it’s always clicked with me,” Cogan said.

A degree in biology would open her up to a new perspective on the sciences and how they impact the world.

“[Biology] is a pretty broad degree, and you can do a lot of different things with it. But I am planning on going into research sciences.”

Additionally, she committed to playing lacrosse for the team there and is excited for the opportunities that it will bring with it.

“It definitely added another layer to the decision-making process because I had to not only make sure the college was a right fit for me academically, I also had to make sure that the team program and coaches were a right fit,” Cogan said. “In college, I’m looking forward to more independence and the challenges athletically and academically.”

Senior Nick Johnson plans to join the International Volunteer HQ program, an organization that takes volunteers around the globe to help different communities.

“What I’ll be doing is living with local farmers in countries like Peru and India, and helping them with daily tasks on the farm and implementing more eco-friendly farming practices.”

Through this program he hopes to gain first-hand knowledge in the field of sustainable agriculture and take that with him after it’s over.

“I’m looking forward to being immersed in the cultures of the places I’ll be going to, and also just being able to get hands-on experience in this field,” Johnson said. “It will really allow me to get a broader view of the world and how different people live in different places.”

In the future, he would like to live in similar conditions.

“I’d like to live in an off-grid community where they grow their own food, so this would provide me with a lot of experience and allow me to see what that would be like,” Johnson said.



Jossell B. is planning to attend Georgia Military College.



Emma-Cait C. will be majoring in Biology at Gannon University.



Nick J. is planning to join the International Volunteer HQ.

SPORTS CAMPS

school sports hold summer camps

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With summer approaching, so are summer sports camps run by the athletic programs at the high school.

One of the camps being held to kick off the summer is the girls soccer camp.

"The camp will be held from June 6-9 from 6-7:30 p.m.," Head Girls Soccer Coach Tim Lawrence said.

The camp is helpful for teaching and improving younger girls' basic soccer skills.

"We'll focus on games and activities that emphasize dribbling, shooting, passing and game play," Lawrence said.

The upperclassmen within the program get to volunteer to help out the girls participating in the camp.

"The juniors and seniors in the program will get to work with a group for the entire week," Lawrence said. "They will enjoy teaching the skills to the girls."

The camp is an eye-opener for many young girls interested in joining the program in the future.

"It helps give younger players a better understanding of Orange HS girls soccer. We hope this leads to many future Lady Pioneer soccer players," Lawrence said.

Football is yet another camp being held that is highly anticipated for the summer.

"The camp will run from June 20-23 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.," Defensive Backs Coach Jesse Tierney said.

Kids attending the camp will go through drills that emphasize basic football movements.

"Kids will run, jump, catch and change directions. These things improve hand-eye coordination, provide exercise and build muscle memory important to the game of football," Tierney said.

Many returning varsity players volunteer to give back to the program and share their love for football.

"Volunteering feels good in general, but it is even more gratifying when you can help teach something you enjoy to kids who are interested in it too," Tierney said.

The camp brings kids knowledge on what it is like to be a part of the program, and hopefully leads to them joining in upcoming years.

"Young players get to learn football skills from our coaching staff and our varsity athletes while also being brought into the Orange football culture," Tierney said. "It helps our staff learn more about the players who will one day be playing for our program."

To sign up for an athletic camp, go to <http://orangepioneerathletics>.

HELP WANTED

what summer jobs have to offer

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Before students are out of school for the summer, many businesses begin hiring for the new season. Around Polaris, there are many opportunities for jobs in different areas such as retail, food and more interactive jobs such as being an instructor.

Goldfish Swim School is newer to the Lewis Center area and hires people as young as 15 years old with entry level lifeguard pay being \$12 to \$15. Instructors teach kids ages 4 months old to 12 years old to swim safely.

"Being a lifeguard is so much fun, and the pay is pretty good. The staff is really nice and welcoming and anyone who enjoys helping young children would like it here," freshman and employee Caelyn Gaylor said.

Another newer store is Offline by Aerie in the Polaris Mall that sells workout clothing such as leggings and lounge wear such as sweatshirts and sweatpants. Employees generally keep the store looking neat and tidy by folding clothes, assisting customers in the fitting rooms to make outfits and helping customers at the register.

"The pay is minimum wage, but you get great benefits such as 40 percent off discounts at American Eagle and Aerie as well as 60 percent off at Offline. I would recommend this job if you're interested in retail and what the store offers," junior and employee Kendall Cadegan said.

The Lakes Country Club is certainly not new, but always looking

to hire new people. Hostesses set tables with menus, silverware and water just like any other hostess job however, the location is convenient and safer because only members are allowed to dine there.

"To apply, I went to the reception desk and asked for an application and was contacted by management for an interview. I am a hostess and I also run food and the people I work with are fun to be around," senior and employee Katie Holmes said.

The Lakes Country Club, Offline by Aerie and Goldfish Swim School are all currently hiring for a wide variety of positions. There are many opportunities for those looking for summer jobs.

WRAPPING UP THE MUSIC the last events for the music program

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As the school year wraps up, the performing arts did too with their final performances. With a year's worth of rehearsals and concerts under the belts of choir, band and orchestra performers, May has arrived to bring the last of them.

"There's currently not much we have left to do," sophomore french horn player Evangeline Treboni said. "We had our last performance of the year and a fundraising event at Delaware Lanes on May 10. We earned \$3 from every person that said they were with the band."

Like the band, sophomore cellist Natalya Garza Morales will be able to relax sooner rather than later thanks to the plans for the end of the year.

"We are basically finished up for the year. Our last concert was Tuesday May 3 and all that's left is for Sinfonia and Chamber. They'll be performing alongside the choir during graduation," Garza Morales said.

Choir director Cherie Brooks just came back from pulling together the choir's "Out of this World" showcase, April 30 - May 1 and has gone straight into making sure this year's performances end with a bang.

"We had the choir awards here in the auditorium on May 11. The awards are an opportunity to acknowledge all of our choir members and make sure all the kids are highlighted at some point throughout the night," Brooks said.

For future awards, anyone is welcome to come and support friends or family in choir. Several awards were given out to individuals who have gone above and beyond for the program.

"On May 16, our acapella group, Above the Noise, had their outdoor concert. It's how we get people interested in ATN! Then we go and perform at graduation, May 22 at 6 p.m. to send off our seniors and that's really what wraps up the year," Brooks said.

It's easy to get caught up in the stress of performance, but it's just as if not more important to maintain root skills in order to improve. This is what all three programs have

been focused on this year.

"Sight reading and going back to our basic fundamentals are really what's been important this year and what I'm focused on carrying with me for next year," Treboni said.



Sophomore Praketh P. preforms at the band concert on May 10.



Sophomore Alex K. plays the cello at the orchestra concert on May 3.



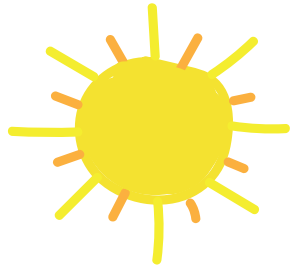
Sophomore Taanishi G. takes part in the orchestra concert on May 3.

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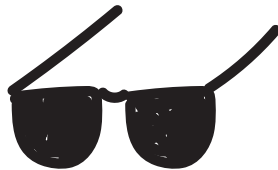
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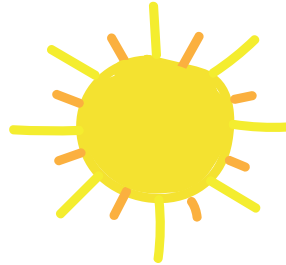
Freshman Abby Muth
"My plans are to hang out with friends, go on my boat and attend dance nationals in Myrtle Beach."



Junior Kendall Cadegan
"I plan on going to a lot of concerts with friends because I've really been enjoying them lately."



Sophomore Taylor Goudie
"Over summer break, I plan on getting my license and a job. I also plan to spend time with my friends as much as possible."



Senior Reghan Doyle
"Over the summer, I plan to spend time with my friends and family. I also plan to start preparing for college in the fall."

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH & PIONEER PRIDE BARS

APRIL

- Michelle Li
- Emily Walter
- Nicholas Heufelder
- Anna Wilming
- Mark Youssef
- Alex Fischer
- Elijah Gleckler
- Jonathan West
- Jackson Karlson

PIONEER PRIDE BARS

- Xander Simpkins
- Blaine Webb
- Daniel Jones
- Theo Franklin
- Owen Cline
- Nathan Reed
- Kaiden Kraus
- Samantha Meyers