

GHS Trojan Spotlight

Graduation Day

Celebrating the GHS Class of 2026

On Friday, May 29th, the atmosphere inside the Passavant Center at Thiel College was electric with pride, nostalgia, and immense joy as GHS celebrated its 144th Commencement Ceremony. Families, friends, faculty, and community members gathered to honor the 106 remarkable graduates of the Class of 2026. This year's theme, "The Hands That Helped Us Grow," echoed throughout the evening, serving as a beautiful reminder of the community, educators, and families who supported these students along educational their journey.

Board of Education member Laura Leskovac delivered a deeply moving speech focusing on this connection, showing the profound impact family members have on our lives and the reciprocal impact these graduates will continue to have on their families as they step into the future.

The ceremony was further elevated by an incredible act of dedication: senior Dallin Richins volunteered to play the organ for the processional and recessional, sharing his musical talents to uplift his peers even while wearing his own graduation cap and gown.

The audience was also treated to inspiring words from a stellar lineup of senior speakers, with Jaylen Torres, Hannah McKinney, Sam Campman, and Gianna Solderich all taking the stage to share reflections and wisdom with their peers. A massive congratulations goes out to this year's academic leaders who set a phenomenal standard of excellence throughout their high school careers: Valedictorian Lydia Wig and Salutatorian Gianna Solderich.



Valedictorian Lydia Wig and Salutatorian Gianna Solderich

As they look ahead, the Class of 2026 is stepping out into the world with diverse, ambitious, and inspiring goals.



Senior Riley Misavage is congratulated by Mr. Nemeth and Mr. Tokar

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The outstanding Class of 2026 celebrates at the conclusion of the Commencement Ceremony at Thiel's Passavant Center

An impressive 75 members of the class plan to attend a two- or four-year college or university. Our graduates are representing Greenville near and far, with many staying local at institutions like Thiel, Westminster, and Slippery Rock. Others are heading just outside of our immediate region to schools such as PennWest Edinboro and Clarion, Laurel Technical Institute, Youngstown State, Penn State, Seton Hill, Kent State, and West Virginia. GHS will even have representation all the way across the country at universities like Brigham Young and Washington State.

Beyond higher education, we are incredibly proud to highlight the four brave members of the graduating class who have chosen to answer the call of duty and enlist in the United States Military. Please join us in thanking and honoring Alina McCoy, Horatio Calvin, Jaylen Torres, and Skye Brocklehurst for their commitment to serving our country.

As you leave the halls of Greenville High School, remember the hands that helped you grow, and never forget that you always have a home here. We cannot wait to see how you change the world. Congratulations, Trojans!

Awards Assemblies Acknowledge GHS Students

Senior High Awards Assembly



2026 Recipients of the Greenville Education Association Scholarships

On Wednesday, May 20th, Greenville High School Juniors and Seniors gathered to celebrate the incredible achievements, hard work, and academic dedication of our students at the annual Senior High Awards Assembly.

The generosity on display during the ceremony was nothing short of staggering, with 50 different scholarships awarded to a total of 95 well-deserving recipients. In total, over \$146,000 in scholarship money was handed out to help our students pursue their dreams and next steps. This life-changing financial support is a testament to the dedication our community has to seeing its youth succeed, and we could not be more thrilled for the students who earned these prestigious awards.

An event of this magnitude requires incredible coordination, and we want to extend a huge thank you to Linda Welch, the Administrative Coordinator at the Community Foundation of Western PA & Eastern OH, for her invaluable help in organizing and managing these opportunities. We also want to give a massive thank you to all of the generous donors and families who make this event so incredibly special each year.

Hearing the stories of the individuals who started these scholarships, or learning about the loved ones in whose memory they were established,

is always a deeply humbling experience that reminds us of the tight-knit, supportive community we are so fortunate to call home.

Adding to the excitement of the season, the highly anticipated 2026 yearbook was officially released at the assembly! We want to send a huge thank you to our yearbook advisor, Mrs. Jen Jewell, and her dedicated team of students for creating such an amazing product. Their tireless effort and creativity perfectly captured the memories, milestones, and spirit of this past school year, giving our seniors a beautiful keepsake to cherish for a lifetime.

Seeing the incredible rewards of our seniors' hard work serves as a powerful inspiration for the rest of our student body. We want to issue a challenge to all of our rising underclassmen to continue to work hard, push your academic boundaries, and involve yourselves in our school community. By staying dedicated to your goals today, you put yourselves in a positive position to walk across this stage and be the proud recipients of these many awards and scholarships in the future. Congratulations again to all of our award recipients, and thank you to everyone who made this memorable evening possible.

Junior High Awards Assembly

On Thursday, May 21st, the Greenville community gathered at 8:30 A.M. to celebrate the incredible hard work, talent, and achievements of our remarkable students at the annual Junior High Awards Assembly. Mr. Nemeth opened the morning by welcoming students, families, and faculty, noting that junior high is a vital time of discovery and transformation. He reminded students that true success is defined by their daily choices, integrity, and curiosity. Highlighting the strong bond across our schools, the stage was then turned over to two incredible senior emcees: Student Council President Sam Campman and Senior Class Vice President Hannah McKinney.

A wide array of talents were recognized throughout the morning, spanning academics, the arts, athletics, and leadership. Prestigious honors included the Students Offering Service recognition, the American Legion Award, the 8th Grade Jim Newell History Award, and the 7th Grade George Rowland Rowe History Award. Students were also celebrated for their creativity and passion through the Kahoot Championship, GHS Track Records, the 7th Grade Top Inventor and 8th Grade Top Engineer awards, the 8th Grade Tom Bartholomew Memorial Math Award, the YSU English Festival Awards, "The Raven" Award, and recognitions for Student Council, Top Trojan, and GHS Scholar Athletes.



8th Graders Madison Emrich, & Blake Hinson recognize the Jr High student council members with advisors Amy Hollobaugh & Madison Hawthorne

Among the special highlights of the morning was the presentation of the Perfect Attendance Award. These students were commended for the extraordinary discipline and personal accountability required to attend every one of the 173 school days leading up to the assembly. Big praise goes out to Lamont Austin and Brianna Fleming for earning this award.

The assembly concluded with the presentation of the highly prestigious 2026 Presidential Award for Academic Excellence. To earn this national honor, 8th grade students had to meet rigorous scholastic criteria by maintaining straight A's for four consecutive quarters across 7th and 8th grade, while also scoring advanced or proficient on every PSSA exam. A massive congrats to our 4 outstanding recipients: Madison Emrich, Blake Hinson, Ashton Schuver, and Zane Tokar.



Recognition of the Inaugural Junior High Student Council Members

National Honor Society Induction

On Wednesday, April 29th, at 7:30 P.M., Greenville High School held its prestigious National Honor Society (NHS) Induction Ceremony, welcoming a new group of exceptional leaders into its ranks. The evening began with a beautiful and time-honored tradition with the current NHS members moving onto the stage as they passed the "light of knowledge" to the new inductees, symbolizing the eternal flame of wisdom, achievement, and learning.

NHS President Dallin Richins addressed the audience, emphasizing that admission to this national organization is one of the highest honors a high school student can attain.

He reminded everyone that true excellence requires far more than just high marks in the classroom; it requires a balanced dedication to scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

To illuminate these core pillars, the student officers took turns defining the values of the society as Mr. Nemeth and Mr. Karpinski lit corresponding candles on the stage. Vice President Liliana Butcher spoke eloquently on Scholarship, describing it as a lifelong commitment to diligence, effort, and the cultivation of the mind. Treasurer and Historian Peyton Swank followed with a reflection on Service, defining

it as the willingness to volunteer one's time and abilities for the benefit of those in need without seeking recognition or compensation.

Secretary Kaitlynn Arbuckle spoke on Character, calling it the product of constant action, self-control, and daily striving to make the right choices through honesty and reliability. Finally, President Dallin Richins closed the reflections with Leadership, urging candidates to exert a wholesome influence on the school, take initiative, and sacrifice personal interests for the benefit of others.

Following these powerful speeches, Mr. Nemeth administered the official NHS pledge to the new members as they stood proudly with their candles raised. Vice President Liliana Butcher then called the candidates forward to receive their official lapel pins from Mr. Karpinski and Mr. Nemeth, accompanied by the proud names of their parents.

We are incredibly thrilled to congratulate the newest inductees of the Greenville High School National Honor Society: Noah Albaugh, Wyatt Albaugh, Ava Banic, Andie Brumbaugh-Giering, Athena Chen, Isabel Dickson, Autumn Leonard, John Lovewell, Kaysom Mataria, Addyson Nguyen, Perihan Oguz, Ella Parker, Gwen Pears, Raleigh Robertson, Sawyer Scales, Jaden Schuver, Ezra Shoaf, Blaine Swartz, Nora Taylor, Cael Thurber, Lucius Varion, Nolan Wilkerson, Sawyer Williams, Grace Wingard, and Isabel Wingard.

The memorable evening concluded with a sweet treat for all the students, a group photo, and the opportunity for proud parents to join their children on stage to capture the moment. Congratulations to our new NHS members, may your character always be worthy of the faith placed in you!



2026 Inductees photographed after the NHS Induction Ceremony

2026 Top Ten Dinner

Honoring Academic Excellence at GHS

On the evening of Wednesday, May 20th, a beautiful tradition continued as Greenville High School celebrated its ten academically highest-performing seniors at the annual Top Ten Dinner. Hosted at the lovely Bridgeworks Restaurant, this event serves as a well-deserved recognition of the immense dedication, discipline, and intellectual curiosity these outstanding students displayed through their first 7 semesters of academic work at GHS.

What makes this dinner so incredibly special is its focus on gratitude and connection.

Each of the top ten seniors was asked to bring along one staff member from their educational journey who made a profound, lasting impact on their life. The room was filled with heartwarming moments as the evening provided a formal platform for students to publicly thank the educators, coaches, and counselors who helped shape them into the successful young adults they are today.

During the dinner, each senior took the floor to share their upcoming plans after high school, highlighting the exciting college & professional



Top Ten Students from left to right: Liliana Butcher, Brooke Williams, Kaitlyn Arbuckle, Eliany Myers, Dallin Richins, McKenna Anderle, Gianna Solderich, Lydia Wig, and Peyton Swank

paths awaiting them. Following their future announcements, the students shared moving tributes detailing exactly why they chose to invite their respective staff members. It was a deeply humbling and emotional experience for everyone in attendance, demonstrating that academic success is not just about test

scores, but about the powerful relationships, and support systems built within our school community.

Congratulations to our Top Ten seniors for setting the bar of excellence so high, and a heartfelt thank you to the dedicated GHS staff members.

GHS Celebrates Prom 2026 at the Avalon



Teacher Matt Crawford announces the names at the Grand March

On Saturday, May 2nd, the glitz and glamour of Tinseltown came to Mercer County as Greenville High School hosted its highly anticipated annual prom. This year's dazzling theme, "Hollywood," was brought to life beautifully at the elegant Avalon at Buhl Park in Hermitage, PA, providing our students with a sophisticated and unforgettable backdrop for a night of celebration.

The festivities kicked off back at the high school with the time-honored tradition of the Grand March. A spectacular crowd of 189 students gathered at GHS to glide down the walkway, showcasing their stunning gowns and sharp tuxedos to a packed house of cheering family members, and friends. A massive thank you goes out to Nick Mauceri and his dedicated team for their

hard work in constructing the beautiful custom runway in the HS auditorium that made our students feel like true Hollywood stars.

Following the public presentation, the celebration moved to the Avalon, where a grand total of 247 students gathered to dance the night away. One of the major highlights of the evening was the crowning of the 2026 Prom Court royalty. Amidst roaring applause from their peers, Rudy Gentile was crowned Prom King and Preslie Kirila was named Prom Queen, capping off a magical evening for the senior pair.

An event of this scale requires months of meticulous planning and coordination, and it was a massive success thanks to our incredible leadership. Karen Giroski, the



GHS students dance the night away on the Avalon dance floor

advisor for both the Junior and Senior classes, did a truly remarkable job overseeing and preparing every detail of the star-studded event. Additionally, the Junior Class Officers deserve immense praise for their leadership leading up to the big night, tirelessly promoting the event, handling ticket sales, and successfully navigating the complex task of creating the evening's seating charts.

The night was also a tremendous point of pride for our school district regarding the character of our student body. The professional staff at the Avalon at Buhl Park went

out of their way to be overly complimentary of the behavior, manners, and overall demeanor of the GHS students in attendance, proving once again that our Trojans represent their community with class wherever they go.

An extraordinary evening like this is only possible with the help of a dedicated volunteer network. The district extends a huge thank you to our School Resource Officers, Wes Carson and Joe Reichard, as well as Crystal Schuver, for their invaluable assistance in ensuring the night ran safely and smoothly from start to finish.



Crowning of Prom King Rudy Gentile by class officer Nora Taylor & Crowning of Prom Queen Preslie Kirila by class officer Blaine Swartz



Prom Queen Preslie Kirila and Prom King Rudy Gentile show off their crowns

Book 2027 your calendars now!

Prom 2027 will occur at the Avalon at Buhl Park on May 1st 2027!

See you there!

Academics Spotlight

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GHS Offers Experiential Learning

Quarter Four Field Trips Designed to Provide Authentic Experiences

GHS Art and Ceramics Students Visit HopeCAT

Greenville High School art and ceramics students recently stepped outside the traditional classroom to explore new artistic horizons during an exciting field trip to HopeCAT in Sharon. Accompanied by art teacher Megan Gruver, 36 talented students participated in specialized, hands-on workshops that allowed them to experience unique materials and professional procedures not available in our school studios.

The day was packed with creative exploration, offering each student the opportunity to dive into three distinct artistic processes. First, students glazed a premade ceramic piece and got to witness a live raku firing. This was a particularly thrilling highlight for our young artists, as the dramatic, fast-firing raku process offers a stark contrast to the standard electric kilns used back at GHS.

In addition to working with clay, the students explored the world of studio printmaking by creating original art pieces using various specialized printmaking materials. To round out the day's activities, the group took on a collaborative textile project. Each student screen printed a custom design, originally created by one of our very own Art Club students, directly onto a t-shirt, which they then personalized and decorated using vibrant paint markers.

This immersive trip provided our students with invaluable exposure to advanced artistic techniques and real-world studio environments. A huge thank you goes out to HopeCAT for hosting our students, and to Mrs. Megan Gruver for organizing such an enriching, memorable experience for Greenville's young creators!



Top: GHS students outside of the HopeCAT facility in Sharon

Top Right: Students work to screen print a T-shirt

Right: Students watch a live Raku firing



GHS Biology Students Watch an Open Heart Surgery



Mr. Chapman, Mr. Solderich, and Mr. Crawford attend an AHN open heart surgery with students in CHS Biology



Greenville High School's College in the High School (CHS) Biology students traded their traditional classroom for a front-row seat in the medical world. Accompanied by biology teacher Kris Chapman, the students traveled to Allegheny General Hospital for an incredible, hands-on learning experience: viewing live open heart surgeries.

Across two separate trips, due to only being allowed 12 students in the viewing area at a time, the students had the rare and awe-inspiring opportunity to watch real Open Heart Bypass Surgeries performed by medical professionals at AHN. It was an unforgettable way to see

multiple complex anatomical and biological concepts come to life in a real-world, high-stakes environment.

Mr. Chapman noted that the experience was absolutely awesome and added with a smile that, despite the intense nature of the procedures, nobody passed out, even fellow chaperones Matt Crawford and Brad Solderich! A big thank you to Allegheny General Hospital for hosting our students and providing them with such a unique window into the world of medicine and healthcare careers. It is our hope at GHS that experiences like these propel our students into a future filled with confidence and compassion.

Jr. High Science Club Explores Conservation



The Greenville Junior High Science Club recently took their passion for the environment out into the field for an exciting hands-on conservation project. Led by science teacher Mark Russell,

a dedicated group of 7th and 8th-grade students partnered with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).



Working alongside state environmental experts, the students helped build and deploy specialized fish habitat structures, commonly known as fish cribs, at nearby Pymatuning Lake. These wooden structures provide

crucial shelter and breeding grounds for local fish species, directly contributing to the health and sustainability of the lake's aquatic ecosystem.

The project gave our junior high students a wonderful opportunity to apply their classroom knowledge to real-world ecological conservation while giving back to our local environment. A big thank you to Mr. Russell, the PA Fish and Boat Commission, and the DCNR for providing our students with such a meaningful, impactful outdoor learning experience!

YSU English Festival

GHS Students Shine at Annual English Competition

The Youngstown State University (YSU) English Festival is always a highlight of the academic year for our young readers and writers, and this year was no exception. Greenville High School and Junior High School students proudly represented our district, showcasing their critical thinking, artistic talents, and writing prowess. Despite navigating a bit of campus construction chaos, our students rose to the occasion, taking home an impressive haul of prizes and making the entire Trojan community proud.

Senior High Recap

Our sophomore, junior, and senior participants proved that adaptability and intellect go hand in hand. Festival advisor Rhonda Kelly reported that the "campus construction chaos" did absolutely nothing to slow down our Senior High competitors, who dominated across several categories.

In the highly competitive Not So Trivial Pursuit contest, Eliany Myers captured 1st

place. The artistic talents of our students were also on full display, with Justine Ferchalk securing an Honorable Mention in the Art category. Justine was far from done, however; she went on to secure a massive 1st place victory in the Graphic Essay competition, taking home a book and a \$100 cash prize.

Karsyn Shilling also enjoyed a multi-award-winning day. Karsyn earned an Honorable Mention in the Writing Games and backed it up with another Honorable Mention in the Impromptu writing contest, taking home a pair of books and pins for her stellar efforts. Finally, in the prestigious Candace Gay Memorial Essay contest, Justine Ferchalk and Contessa Studnicki both achieved the distinction of being named finalists.



Senior High YSU Competitors



Junior High
YSU
Competitors

Junior High Recap

The success continued into the late-week sessions when Mrs. Kelly joined an enthusiastic group of 25 7th, 8th, and 9th graders down to the YSU campus. The group enjoyed a beautiful, sun-drenched day dedicated entirely to the celebration of reading and writing. A major highlight of the trip for our younger students was the unique opportunity to meet and hear three esteemed authors speak about the very books the students had spent months reading in preparation for the festival.

When it came time for the awards, our Junior High students proved they are a force to be reckoned with. Kason Woodward kicked off the accolades by winning an Honorable Mention in the pre-festival Art contest.

In the Not So Trivial Pursuit rooms, our students displayed their extensive book knowledge. Brianna Fleming

took an impressive 3rd place. Meanwhile, Laurel Kresge, Adonaia Scott, and Corrine Putt absolute ran their sessions, each capturing first place finishes.

Greenville students also showed a deep understanding of literary themes in the Connections contest. Zachary Suntheimer and Bella Reid teamed up to take 3rd place. Kason Woodward added to his daily haul by taking second place, while Lauren Montesano claimed the top spot with a spectacular 1st place finish.

The day concluded with massive wins in the Writing Games. Emilee Deeter and Kaitlyn Romesberg both earned an Honorable Mention. Elizabeth Iverson placed 4th overall, winning \$10, a festival t-shirt, and a book. Rounding out an exceptional day, Lauren Montesano captured 3rd place in the games, taking home \$30, a t-shirt, and a book.

GHS Government Students become "Senators for a Day"



Seniors Lily Thomas, Mallorie Perrine, Olivia Walker, Liliana Butcher, Dallin Richins, and Jaylen Torres join Senator Michelle Brooks and teacher Matt Crawford



Senior Jaylen Torres delivers an argument to the group at the Senator for a Day program

Greenville High School government students recently stepped out of the classroom and into the shoes of state lawmakers by participating in the annual "Senator for a Day" program. Hosted at Thiel College in partnership with Pennsylvania State Senator Michele Brooks' office, the event provided a unique, immersive look into the inner workings of the legislative process.

Accompanied by government teacher Matt Crawford, our students had the invaluable opportunity to collaborate directly with Senator Brooks, as well as several other current and retired government officials. This direct mentorship allowed the students to gain real-world insights into what it takes to draft policies, build consensus, and lead in public service.

During the program, the students were divided into various legislative committees, including Education, Health and Human Services, and Law, to discuss actual pieces of proposed Pennsylvania legislation. In these committees, our Trojans debated the merits of the bills, negotiated changes, and worked together to draft amendments.

The high-energy event culminated on the Mock Senate Floor at the conclusion of the day. There, students put forth their newly amended bills, initiating lively debates and casting votes alongside student peers representing numerous other schools from across Mercer and Crawford counties.

By engaging in this fast-paced simulation, Mr. Crawford's students gained a much deeper understanding of the complexities of state government and the power of civic engagement. Maybe one day, our state will be blessed to have one of these amazing students run for office.

A huge thank you goes out to Senator Michele Brooks, her dedicated staff, and the guest officials for hosting such an impactful, empowering educational experience for our future leaders!

Academic Games Nationals PJAS State Competition

Greenville's brightest minds recently traveled to compete against the very best in the country at the Academic Games Nationals, walking away with historic finishes. Gifted advisor Mike Lasko reported an incredibly successful tournament, with our local students dominating in highly competitive fields.

Incoming 7th graders Jackie Sepos and Gio Menold teamed up to deliver a spectacular performance in the "Presidents" category, earning a 3rd place team finish out of 29 elite national teams. Gio Menold continued his hot streak in the "Current Events" division, securing a 4th place team victory out of 24 national teams.

On the individual side, sophomore Riad Habib proved his immense knowledge of world affairs in the 10th-grade division. Competing in a massive field of over 100 national competitors in "Current Events," Riad earned a coveted top-ten individual distinction by finishing in 9th place overall.

These exceptional results highlight the dedication, quick thinking, and deep knowledge base of our Academic Games participants. A huge congratulations goes out to Jackie, Gio, Riad, and Mr. Lasko for representing Greenville so phenomenally well on the national stage!

Greenville's young scientists recently took their talents to the state level, competing against the top minds in PA at the prestigious Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) State Tournament. Under the guidance of advisor Mike Lasko, Greenville proudly sent three outstanding students to showcase their rigorous scientific research and presentations.

The results from the state competition were incredibly impressive, demonstrating the high level of academic talent spanning from our junior high to our senior class. 12th grader Dallin Richins capped off his high school scientific career in spectacular fashion, earning a coveted 1st Award.

Our 7th-grade participants also proved that they can compete with the best in the state. Cameron Cooper delivered a phenomenal presentation to secure a 1st Award, while classmate Jackson Keeling earned a highly impressive 2nd Award for his scientific project.

Achieving this level of success at the state tournament requires months of independent research, data analysis, and public speaking preparation. A huge congratulations goes out to Dallin, Cameron, Jackson, and Mr. Lasko for their hard work and for representing Greenville High School and Junior High School so phenomenally well on the state stage!

Seniors to Seniors Pen Pals

GHS Seniors bridge generations through pen pal activity

This school year marked the beautiful beginning of a new tradition at Greenville High School, thanks to a heartwarming initiative started by senior English teacher Johnna Thomas. The "Seniors to Seniors" Pen Pal Program connected the GHS graduating class with residents from St. Paul's Senior Living Community, matching young adults on the precipice of graduation with local elders eager to share their wisdom and friendship.

Over the course of five months, 75 high school seniors regularly exchanged hand written letters back and forth with their paired pen pals. In a digital age dominated by quick texts, this deliberate process of writing by hand allowed the participants to slow down, share personal stories, and genuinely learn about each other's lives, experiences, and perspectives.

The year-long project recently reached its highly anticipated culmination when the majority of the GHS senior class traveled to St. Paul's for an emotional, festive morning. For the very first time, the students and residents had the chance to meet face-to-face, putting voices to the letters they had cherished all year. The visit served as both a celebration of the unique friendships they had built and a special pre-graduation send-off for our students.



Pens given as gifts from the residents at St. Paul's to their GHS pen pals.

Seniors to Seniors meet and greet at St. Paul's Senior Center



Reflecting on the successful gathering, Ms. Thomas described it as a beautiful morning of Greenville residents building powerful relationships that truly span generations. The school district extends a massive thank you to the incredible

staff at St. Paul's, who welcomed our GHS seniors with open arms and went above and beyond to make our students feel so incredibly celebrated. Congratulations to all the participants for proving that community connection knows no age limit!



Ugandan Pen Pal Activity

Greenville 7th grade students recently had the incredible opportunity to expand their worldviews & build international friendships through a unique global pen pal program. Organized by Home Economics and Geography teacher Kim Wilson, the project connected our students with a classroom thousands of miles away in East Africa.



Ugandan Classroom writing letters

The program came to life through a special connection at Thiel College, where Ms. Wilson teamed up with a former Thiel student currently serving in the Peace Corps. Stationed at a school near the border of Uganda and Kenya, the volunteer's students are currently working hard to master written and spoken English. Recognizing a perfect learning opportunity, both educators realized that exchanging handwritten letters with American peers would be a fantastic, real-world way for the African students to practice their skills while fostering a deep cultural exchange.

The letter exchange quickly turned into an eye-opening geography lesson for our 7th graders. Through the correspondence, the students discovered fascinating differences, and surprising similarities, in their daily lives. While the Greenville students described the beauty of experiencing four distinct seasons, the Ugandan and Kenyan students explained that their climate consists of just two: a wet season and a dry season. The African students also shared their passion for "netball," a popular sport in the region that prompted the GHS students to watch videos online to learn the rules of the game.

The cultural exchange also sparked great curiosity. After seeing a photograph of their

new pen pals, the Greenville students wondered why all the students in the classroom had closely cropped hair. Their Peace Corps contact responded by sending a video of the Ugandan students themselves, who proudly explained that keeping their hair short is a practical choice, it is much more affordable to take care of and keeps them looking neat for school. By turning a standard classroom into a global conversation, Ms. Wilson gave our 7th graders a priceless window into another culture.



Ms. Wilson's Classroom writing letters

Athletics Spotlight

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Greenville Boys & Girls Track & Field

Senior High Recap

The Greenville High School Track and Field team wrapped up an incredibly successful and encouraging season, marked by historic team milestones, stellar individual performances, and a remarkably bright future. Head Coach Matt Crawford commended the athletes for their immense dedication, noting that the hard work put in on the track and in the field is already paving the way for future success.

On the team side, the boys' track team achieved a major milestone by breaking .500 for the first time since 2022. This winning record highlights the program's steady climb and the competitive depth of this year's roster. In total, Greenville sent an impressive 23 athletes to the District tournament to compete against the region's best.

Several Trojans stepped up to deliver top-eight podium finishes at the District meet:

Izzy Dickson led the way as Greenville's top overall finisher, capturing an outstanding 4th place in the javelin.

The boys' 4x800-meter relay team, consisting of Connor Blackhurst, Aiden Bailey, Tyler Enterline, and Vinny Covert, clocked an excellent performance to take 6th place.

In the throwing events, Cam Reimold threw his way to a 6th-place finish in the shot put.

The girls' throwing program also flexed its muscles, with Aubrey Babcock taking 7th place and Ella Tokar finishing right behind her in 8th place in the shot put.



Zach Copeland takes off in the long jump event

While Coach Crawford noted that the ultimate goal is always to qualify for the State Championship meet in Shippensburg, the Trojans came up just a little bit short this spring. However, that narrow miss has only added fuel to the fire.

The true headline of the season is the program's incredible youth. An astounding 19 of the 23 district qualifiers this year were underclassmen, meaning the vast majority of Greenville's top-tier talent is returning to the track next season with invaluable postseason experience already under their belts.

Our student-athletes aren't wasting any time, either; many of the team's runners have already transitioned directly into their cross country preparation to keep their conditioning sharp. With so many young leaders hungry for success, the future of Greenville Track and Field looks brighter than ever. Congratulations to all of our athletes and coaches on a fantastic season!

Junior High Recap

The Greenville Junior High Track and Field program wrapped up an unforgettable season, putting their immense talent, teamwork, and top-tier facilities on full display. From hosting massive regional events to setting school records, our young Trojans proved they are the future of the sport in Mercer County.

Greenville recently served as the proud host of the Junior High County Meet, welcoming an impressive 13 schools and 489 individual athletes to our home facilities. Running an event of this scale smoothly requires tremendous effort, and its massive success continues to put Greenville's team, coaching staff, and athletic facilities in a highly positive spotlight among county schools and across District 10.

While our facilities were on display, our athletes' abilities shone even brighter at the Junior High County Track Meet. Facing off against the region's elite, Greenville put on an absolute clinic, capturing an astounding 32 total medals.

The spectacular medal haul was highlighted by four distinct 1st-place finishes:

Zane Tokar leaped past the competition to claim 1st place in the long jump.

The 7th-grade 4x100-meter relay team, featuring the speedy quadrant of Easton Zuschlag, Lamont Austin, Jasper Brown, and Liam Scelsi, outpaced the field to secure gold.

The 8th-grade 4x100-meter relay team kept the momentum going, as Zane Tokar, Rocky Covert, Thomas Schollenberger, and Mathias Mitchell dominated their heat to take 1st place.

Ashton Schuver put on a masterclass in the javelin, winning 1st place with a powerhouse throw of 133.5 feet. Ashton's incredible launch didn't just win the day, it officially set a brand-new Greenville Junior High school record!

With a trophy case full of new medals, a school record broken, and the invaluable experience of competing at the highest level, these young student-athletes have a very bright future ahead of them. Congratulations to the entire Junior High Track and Field team and coaching staff on an exceptional season!



8th grader Ashton Schuver after setting the school's junior high track javelin record.

Boys Baseball

The Greenville High School baseball team wrapped up a spectacular spring on the diamond, cementing their status as a regional powerhouse. Head Coach Ben Brunetta and his squad put together a dominant campaign that featured high-powered offense, masterful pitching, and an unwavering winning culture that has the entire Trojan community incredibly proud.

The Trojans finished the season with a stellar 16-4 overall record. For the second consecutive year, Greenville captured the crown as Region Champions. Even more impressive was the manner in which they achieved it: the Trojans completely steamrolled through their local schedule, finishing the year with an astonishing undefeated record in region play.

Greenville's postseason run ultimately brought them to the District 10 Semifinals at Allegheny College. In a thrilling, hard-fought battle against a tough Saegertown squad, the Trojans came up just a bit short, ending their magical run. Despite the tough final loss, the season was defined by unforgettable team achievements and jaw-dropping individual performances.

The team's success was fueled by a potent mix of senior leadership and dominant junior talent. Several players put together stat lines that ranked among the best in the area:

Jackson Leskovac (Senior): Serving as the ultimate anchor in the middle of the lineup, Jackson provided elite power and run-production all year. He finished the season boasting a massive .415 batting average, racking up 22 hits and driving in 21 RBIs.

Carter Reichard (Senior): Carter was an absolute ace on the mound, carving up opposing batters to the tune of a 5-1 record. He maintained a microscopic 1.07 ERA over 39.1 innings of work and celebrated a massive personal milestone this spring by eclipsing 100 career strikeouts.

Nolan Wilkerson (Junior): Nolan did an incredible job managing the pitching staff from behind the plate as the team's primary catcher. He was equally lethal with a bat in his hand, leading the entire team with a staggering .483 batting average, 29 hits, and 20 RBIs.

Brekken Hedderick (Junior): Brekken provided the Trojans with a lethal one-two punch on the pitching staff. He was virtually untouchable on the mound, finishing the season with a perfect 6-0 undefeated record and a brilliant 1.58 ERA.

With back-to-back region titles now in the trophy case and a culture built on excellence, the Greenville baseball program continues to set the standard for success. While the team bids a fond farewell to a deeply talented senior class, the return of several dominant underclassmen ensures that the Trojans will be a force to be reckoned with yet again next spring.



Carter Smith and Landon Walker prepare to round third on their way to score against Reynolds

Congratulations to Coach Brunetta and the entire team on an unforgettable season!



Junior Raleigh Robertson delivers a pitch as Senior Carter Reichard holds a runner on at first base

Boys Tennis

The Greenville High School boys tennis team celebrated a fantastic season on the courts, finishing their campaign with an impressive 7-3 winning record. The successful season marked the second year at the helm for coaches Gary Bonanno and Kris Chapman, who have continued to build momentum and consistency within the tennis program.

A major key to the team's growth this year was a creative approach to mentorship. Coach

Bonanno shared that he really enjoyed bringing back several former GHS tennis players to help out with the instructional side of the program. He noted that the current team members responded incredibly well to the different teaching styles and insights offered by the alumni. This unique connection between past and present players clearly paid off on the stat sheet, and it leaves the Trojans in a great position to keep serving up victories in the future!



Junior Lucius Varion returns a volley at the Greenville courts