

OAKWOOD SCENE

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CITY NEWS

Family Fall Festival

Sunday, October 14, 2:00-5:00 P.M., Shafor Park. Come to Shafor Park for the second Annual Fall Festival and enjoy an afternoon of fun games, food, hayrides along Shafor Boulevard to see Scarecrow Row, pumpkin painting and other entertainment for the whole family! Kids can dress up and join the "Costume Parade" around the park. Don't forget to mark your calendar! Look for more information in the newspapers and on flyers distributed through the schools.

Beggar's Night-October 30

See page 2 for more details!

SCHOOL NEWS

Staying in Touch Through Neighborhood Meetings

Launched in June 2007, the Oakwood School District's *Staying in Touch* Program is designed to provide community members with opportunities to talk with the Superintendent and representatives of the Board of Education about school matters in comfortable, informal settings. Residents are invited to host meetings in their homes and invite their neighbors. Meetings are scheduled for 2 hours with the following agenda:

- District News
- Advice for Us – Topics About Which We Are Seeking Participant Input

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LIBRARY NEWS

Wright Library Joins Ready to Read Initiative

Wright Library is joining other Ohio public libraries in the *Ready to Read Initiative*, a joint venture of the Ohio Library Council and the State Library of Ohio. Young children need to have specific skills in place before entering school so they will be ready to learn to read. Skills that have been identified as being especially important are letter knowledge, awareness of sounds, narrative skills, vocabulary, and being interested in print materials and knowing how to follow words on a page. Children at Wright Library's story times are not only hearing a story, but are also being coached in these skills. Librarians are incorporating "dialogic reading" which encourages pre-schoolers to think and talk by asking open-ended questions. To learn more about the project, the six early literacy skills, and the importance of dialogic reading, visit the Ohio Ready to Read web site at www.ohreadytoread.org/aboutreadytoread.htm.

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Scarecrow Building Contest

The Oakwood Community Center is very excited to announce the fifth "Annual Scarecrow Building Contest". We encourage families, neighbors, organizations, co-workers and their groups to participate in this special, festive community event. Registration packets are now available at the OCC. The building and placement of the scarecrows will take place on Sunday, October 14 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. with judging to commence at 3:30 P.M. If you have any questions, please call the OCC at 298-0775.

Beggar's Night-October 30

Watch for ghosts and goblins on Tuesday, October 30 from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. If you plan to hand out Halloween treats, please turn on your porch or front door lights. If you're driving during those hours, please use extra caution.

Free Record Destruction Services Available to Citizens October 27

As a service to our citizens, the city has made arrangements with Shred-it - the world's leading mobile document destruction company - to be on site at the J.D. Foell Public Works Center at 210 Shafor Blvd. on Saturday, October 27 from 9:00 A.M. to Noon to provide free document destruction services. Besides paper products, Shred-it has the capability to destroy microfilm, microfiche, CD Rom diskettes and other material of a secure or confidential nature. All material will be destroyed beyond recognition onsite and, if recyclable, will be baled and shipped to paper mills to be remanufactured into new paper products. Any non-recyclable material processed will be disposed of in a secure location. If you have confidential papers or other material of a private nature being stored at your home and would like to have it destroyed by professionals in the document destruction industry, we urge you to take advantage of this opportunity.

Thanksgiving Dinner

All Oakwood residents are invited to attend the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on November 22 from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. at the Oakwood High School Cafeteria. This free dinner is sponsored by the Oakwood Fraternal Order of Police 107 and by the Oakwood Rotary Club and is provided in cooperation with Oakwood City Schools. Come and enjoy turkey and all the trimmings with fellow neighbors and friends. Home delivery is available to those who prefer that option. For more information, call FOP Guard Fred Wilson at 298-2122.

Beautification Awards

Congratulations to the owners of the following residential and business properties for being selected to receive July and August Beautification Awards:

July

- ⊗ 542 Acorn Drive—Mr. & Mrs. Paul Piechota
- ⊗ 830 Acorn Drive—Mr. & Mrs. Micah Jones
- ⊗ 1019 Delaine Avenue—Mr. & Mrs. Mark McLaughlin
- ⊗ 347 Aberdeen Avenue—Ms. Caroline J. Proffitt
- ⊗ 223 Telford Avenue—Larry R. & Sophie Skolnick
- ⊗ 240 Monterey Avenue—Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Fry
- ⊗ 249 Claranna Avenue—Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Scott
- ⊗ 360 East Drive—Mr. & Mrs. John McGuire
- ⊗ 2500-2512 Far Hills Avenue—Max & Darlene Gutmann

August

- ⊗ 905 E. Schantz Avenue—Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Kravitz
- ⊗ 410 Irving Avenue—Mr. James A. Buehler
- ⊗ 136 Far Hills Avenue—Costan Properties, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Braun
- ⊗ 20 Patterson Road—Mr. & Mrs. Larry V. Crawford
- ⊗ 138 Greenmount Boulevard—Mr. & Mrs. Scott W. Rife
- ⊗ 1900 Shroyer Road—Mr. Jay A. Vitali
- ⊗ 1501 E. Schantz Avenue—Mr. & Mrs. Joseph P. Holcomb
- ⊗ 1502 E. Schantz Avenue—Mr. & Mrs. Michael P. Robinette
- ⊗ 2300 Shafor Boulevard—Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Randolph
- ⊗ 2410 Shroyer Road—Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Andrews
- ⊗ 2001 Far Hills Avenue—Chabad of Greater Dayton, Rabbi Mangel
- ⊗ 78 Park Road—Dr. Daniel S. German
- ⊗ 2115 Far Hills Avenue—Mr. Charles E. Weir

September

- ⊗ 532 Shafor Boulevard—Mr. & Mrs. David Oertel
- ⊗ 537 Hathaway Road—Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Taylor
- ⊗ 335 Aberdeen Avenue—Ms. Linda Charlton
- ⊗ 433 Hadley Avenue—Ms. Sandy McGhee
- ⊗ 321 Monterey Avenue—Ms. Diane Drummer
- ⊗ 101 E. Peach Orchard Avenue—Mr. & Mrs. Philip Wittmer
- ⊗ 249 Park Road—Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Schreck

Thanks to members of the Property Maintenance Board and Environmental Committee for selecting the monthly winners.

Mark Your Calendars!

City Council will meet on Mondays, October 1 and November 5 in regular session at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers. You are invited to attend or view meetings live or rebroadcast on cable television (now Cable Channel 6). Please check your cable guide for broadcast times. All televised regular sessions are preceded by an open work session beginning at 6:00 P.M. Council will also meet in work session on Mondays, October 15 and November 26 at 5:00 P.M. in the conference room at 30 Park Avenue.

Lighting Up Oakwood & Holiday of Lights

The City of Oakwood with assistance from the Oakwood Environmental Committee is "LIGHTING UP" Oakwood with luminarias on Sunday, December 9 beginning at 6:00 P.M. Residents are invited to put luminarias out in front of their house and to consider participating with their neighbors. Then at 6:30 P.M. come to Shafor Park for an evening of community fellowship with songs, refreshments as well as horse drawn carriage rides throughout the city to see the beautifully lit night and, as always, enjoy a visit from Santa Claus.

City Offices Closed

Veteran's Day—City offices, the Public Works Center and the OCC will be closed on Monday, November 12. However, the refuse collection department will be open on November 12 and trash will be collected that week on the regular schedule.

Thanksgiving—City offices, including the public works department and OCC, will be closed on Thursday, November 22. Additionally, city offices, the Public Works Center and the OCC will be closed on Friday, November 23. However, the refuse collection department will be open on November 23. Trash collection during the week of Thanksgiving will run its regular schedule, except that Thursday's route will be collected on Friday.

The OCC Business Office and Health Center will re-open with special hours on Saturday, November 24 from 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

2007 Curb, Sidewalk and Apron Program

Construction on this annual program is nearing completion. All affected property owners should inspect the work to verify that it meets their approval. If you have any questions or concerns about the quality of the work or the billing procedures, please call Bart Bornhorst at 298-0777.

Leisure Services News

American Red Cross Babysitting Course: The course will be taught at the OCC on Saturday, October 27 from 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Students must be at least 11 years of age to enroll.

Flu Shots: The Montgomery County Combined Health District will once again offer flu shots. Appointments are not necessary. Anyone 18 years of age and older is eligible. The event is scheduled for Friday, November 2 from 8:45 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. at the OCC.

Mother/Son Dance: This dance is scheduled for Saturday, November 17 from 7:30-9:00 P.M. The dance is open to all Oakwood Moms and Grandmothers with sons and grandsons between the ages of 5 and 11 years. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the OCC.

Breakfast with Santa: This special event is held for children under 10 years old on Saturday, December 8, from 9:00 to 11:30 A.M.

Residential Sign Regulations

The city of Oakwood's sign regulations are intended to limit the proliferation of signs in residential areas thereby enhancing the appearance of the city. Besides real estate signs, which are limited to one sign per lot not to exceed twelve (12) square feet in area, the following restrictions apply to the three categories of signs most commonly seen in residential areas.

- **Political signs**—These signs are defined in the Oakwood Zoning Code as temporary signs and only one single or double-faced, non-illuminated sign, no larger than 12 square feet in area, may be located on a residential lot at any given time. Temporary signs may not be erected for more than 30 days.
- **Advertising signs**—These signs are typically used by contractors during or after a construction or remodeling project and are prohibited under all circumstances.
- **Garage or yard sale signs**—These signs are limited to 12 square feet in area and may not be placed in the city right-of-way; on boulevards; on street sign posts or DP&L and RTA poles; or on any zoning lot other than the lot where the sale is taking place.

If you have any questions or need further clarification regarding the city's sign regulations, please call the zoning inspector at 297-2920.

Annual Leaf Collection

We will begin our annual leaf collection program on Monday, October, 15th. As in previous years, the program will provide bi-weekly leaf pickups of all areas throughout the city. The city is divided into ten sections with each being collected on a 2-week interval as shown on the attached map. The program is scheduled to continue until Friday, December 21, but will be shortened or extended if conditions warrant. The map below shows the scheduled dates for leaf pickup in each of the ten sections. We will make every effort to stay on this schedule, but may vary a bit from time to time based on weather conditions and other factors.

To help us provide the best possible service, please remember the following:

- During the 10-week collection season, all leaves should be raked directly into the street gutter or, if conditions demand, in the area just behind the curb. Please make an effort to do this just a day or two before the scheduled pickup and make sure to pile the leaves in a narrow row to least obstruct the traveled roadway.
- Under no circumstance should you place brush, branches or other yard debris, pumpkins, corn stalks or bales of straw in the street gutter with the leaves.
- Do not bag the leaves – leave them loose.
- Do not park vehicles in the street on the day your area is scheduled for leaf pickup.

The standard yard debris pickup and dumpster programs will continue through the leaf collection season. **However, as in the past, we will suspend the special pickup program.** If you anticipate the need for a special pickup over the next few months, please schedule it to be completed prior to the week of October 9 or plan to wait until the week of January 1st to schedule it.

If you have any special needs during leaf season, please contact Theresa Caldwell or Kenneth Perkins at the Public Works Center (298-0777).

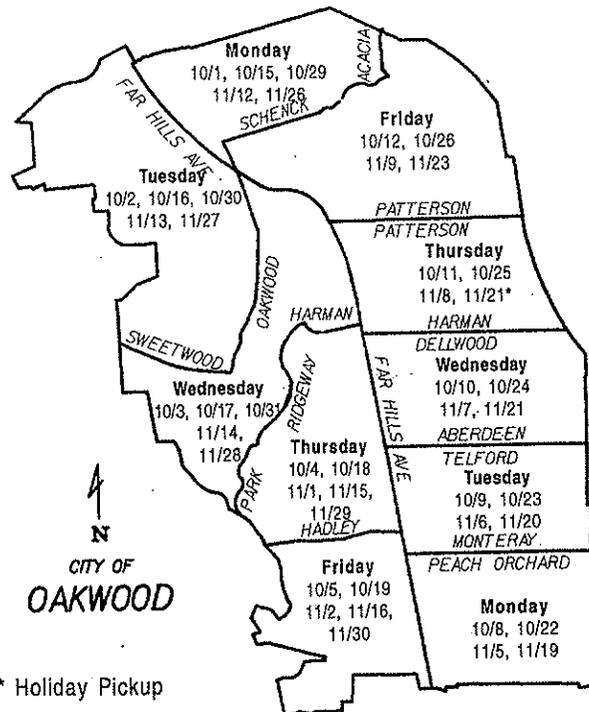
Trimming of Overhanging Vegetation

As school begins, it is important that all sidewalks are free and clear of obstructions. Therefore, property owners are reminded that in order to ensure safe pedestrian and vehicular passage, any bushes, tree limbs and other forms of vegetation overhanging sidewalks, alleys or the public street must be trimmed back to a height of no less than eight (8) feet above the public sidewalk and fourteen (14) feet above the public street. Your cooperation in keeping these areas clear of overhanging vegetation is greatly appreciated.

Johnny Appleseed Tree Planting Project

The City of Oakwood under leadership of the Oakwood Environmental Committee is again offering the Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Planting Project. Applications and detailed brochures describing the project and tree species are available from the Oakwood Community Center or by calling 298-0775. The trees selected are approximately 2" in diameter and discounted 50% to residents. One tree will be allocated for each approved property site at the discounted price and must be planted in the city right-of-way. Trees will be planted by a local nursery in late November or early December. All trees will be wrapped, staked, mulched and guaranteed for one growing season. For more details, call Carol Collins or Brian Caldwell at 298-0775.

Curbside Yard Debris Collection Schedule



The following two roads are scheduled as follows:
 Far Hills Avenue: 8/9, 8/23, 9/6, 9/20
 Shroyer Road: 8/2, 8/16, 8/30, 9/13, 9/27

Refuse and Recycling Programs

The city staff works hard to maintain an efficient and comprehensive back door refuse collection program. There are several key areas with which we can use your help: please limit cans to 35 gallons and under 60 pounds; please have cars out of the driveway and cans easily accessible on your collection day; and please have your trash and recycling out by 7:30 A.M. on your collection day. These simple actions will allow us to be as efficient as possible and minimize the properties where we are unable to collect the refuse.

Regarding recycling, the city has an extensive co-mingled recycling program. At this time you may commingle newspaper, junk mail, catalogs, magazines paperboard, cardboard (small quantities - flattened), plastics (1 and 2 in the little triangle on the bottom), various metal cans, and glass. Larger amounts of cardboard may be taken to the containers at the Creager Field parking lot just north of the Public Works Center. For a complete listing of recyclable materials, see Montgomery County Solid Waste District's daily drop-off recycling listing at www.mcswd.org. The city of Oakwood's requirements are driven by our hauling and sorting contractor, Waste Management, Inc. which uses the Montgomery County standards listed above. Any questions, please contact refuse foreman Kenneth Perkins at 298-0777.

Storm Water Management Program

The city is continuing to strive to meet the goals of its storm water permit which include street sweeping, dry weather screening of storm water structures, public education and pollution prevention. As part of this process we would like to issue a few reminders about your storm sewers.

Please keep in mind that these are direct conduits to creeks and streams in the area. Water quality is directly affected by the material that gets into the storm sewers. One thing that the public can do to help is to never place any material into a catch basin. Items that we see commonly when we clean the sewers are grass clippings, brush and trash. Also, please do not put any material in the street unless directed to do otherwise (the only example we have are the leaves in the street between mid-October and the end of the year).

This will help keep material from inadvertently washing into the sewers. Please pick up after your pet as the bacteria in pet waste is extremely harmful to wildlife down stream.

Finally, please try to limit the herbicides and pesticides used in lawn care as they have a direct impact on the water quality down stream. Thank you for your help in preserving our natural resources!

Neighborhood Watch

The Safety Department encourages citizens to become involved in Neighborhood Watch. The program is easy to start. All it takes is for one neighbor to organize a block meeting. A safety officer would be happy to attend your meeting and answer any questions the neighbors may have. Neighborhood Watch is an excellent way to meet your neighbors and work in a partnership with the Safety Department to keep our city a safe place to live, work and play. The Safety Department has developed a pamphlet further explaining the program and how to become involved. Pamphlets can be mailed to you by calling 296-5134.

Sugar Camp Update

Construction is already underway to convert Building C into the new home of Beth Abraham Synagogue. Ohio Eyecare Specialists relocated to Sugar Camp in early July, and the developer is actively pursuing prospective tenants to fill the remaining space.

Work will be getting underway yet this month on construction of the new access road and parking lots serving the existing commercial buildings along W. Schantz Avenue. The new access road will be located opposite Kramer Road. The east entrance to the site, near Maysfield Road, will be eliminated, and the existing west entrance will be maintained. Concurrent with the access road work will be construction of additional parking areas immediately adjacent to Building D, the office building closest to W. Schantz Avenue. A new traffic signal will also be installed later this year at the Kramer Road intersection along with other street improvements. The developer hopes to have the access road and parking lots available for use before the end of the year.

On the residential side of the development, site clearing and grading on the east side of the property will get underway shortly and will continue through the winter months. The developer intends to have the site ready to begin residential construction as early as next spring.

As part of the Agreement the city entered into with NCR on the purchase of the Old River Soccer Fields, the city is required to construct an access road from Far Hills Avenue to the soccer field site. This road will also serve as the entrance to the residential portion of the Sugar Camp development. Included with the installation of the access road will be other improvements along Far Hills Avenue, south of the Schantz Avenue intersection. These improvements will be getting underway around March, 2008.

Library News (continued from page 1)

Author Visit with Carrie Bebris November 29

Carrie Bebris, author of the *Mr. & Mrs. Darcy Mystery Series* will talk about her work and sign books in the Library meeting room at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 29. She has been a professional wordsmith for more than fifteen years and a Jane Austen admirer far longer. A fan of romance, mystery, fantasy, and historical fiction, she blends them all in her books. Set in Regency England and featuring sharp dialogue and romantic interplay, the novels entangle some of Jane Austen's best-known characters in intrigue with a dash of gothic atmosphere.

Carrie began her career in publishing after previous roles as a newspaper reporter and college English teacher. Carrie holds a master's degree in English literature with an emphasis on 19th-century authors and studied Austen on the graduate level with one of the country's most respected Austen scholars. She is a longtime member of the Jane Austen Society of North America and has taken research trips to England to enhance her understanding of Austen's life and work. Originally from Wisconsin, Carrie now lives in Centerville.

Youth Services Newsletter Keeps You in Touch with Library Programs

Many Wright Library patrons are keeping up with the latest books and events with BookLetters, which are e-mailed newsletters that can be selected on the Library's web site at www.WrightLibrary.org. Youth Services Coordinator Jennifer Sommer has added a new BookLetter to the offerings. The *Youth Services Newsletter* will be published monthly to keep parents and kids informed about upcoming programs and recommended reading. To sign up, visit the Library's web site, and then click on "BookLetters Sign-up." Select *Youth Services Newsletter* from the top of the list, just below *Wright Library Monthly Newsletter*. Remember, BookLetters are a great way to keep up with the latest books and get your name on the "holds" list early.

2007 Book Sale Was a Big Success

Wright Library's annual book sale raised about \$6,500 to support the annual budget. Members of the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation Board volunteered again this year to work at the opening night preview. Special thanks to everyone who volunteered to help make this year's sale successful. Many of the books are donated and others are library copies discarded because of poor condition or lack of use. The Library accepts donated books year round. You can drop off your donations at the front desk any time the Library is open.

School News (continued from page 1)

- Questions for Us – Topics Participants Would Like To Discuss

To volunteer to host a neighborhood meeting or to let us know you would like to attend a meeting, please contact Mrs. Sandy Maresh at the Board of Education Office: 297-5332, maresh.sandy@oakwood.k12.oh.us.

Meeting dates are available for October 12, October 22, October 26, November 9, and December 13.

2008 National Merit Scholarship Program Recognition

Last fall, more than 1.4 million juniors in nearly 21,000 high schools entered the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). The National Merit Scholarship Program honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

Oakwood is pleased to announce the names of seven (7) seniors who have been named as *National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists*. Congratulations to Brian Beck, Sarah Deitz, Jacob Mays, Erin Miller, Erin Mooney, Lauren Smith, and David Wang on being named *National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists*. These students scored in the top one-half of 1% among college bound high school students on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. These students are eligible to become National Merit Finalists and possibly receive National Merit Scholarships.

2007-08 Oakwood School District Staff	
Teachers	148.8
Counselors	5.6
Psychologist	1
Speech Pathologists	2
Nurses	3
Educational Aides	17
Library Aide	.3
Building & District Office Staff	16
Buildings & Grounds Service Staff	15
Cafeteria Staff	5
Technology Support Staff	4
Van Drivers	5
Alumni Office Staff	.5
Administrators	9

Oakwood City School District

IRN: 044586

2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR REPORT CARD

20 Rubicon Rd, Dayton, Oh 45409-2239 Montgomery County

Ohio report cards use multiple measures to determine each school's designation. To earn one of the 30 indicators for 2006-07, at least 75% of students tested must score proficient or higher on a given assessment. Any result at or above the state standard is shown in bold.

CURRENT SUPERINTENDENT:

Mary Jo Scalzo
(937) 297-5332

Your District's Designation: **Excellent**

The designations are *Excellent, Effective, Continuous Improvement, Academic Watch or Academic Emergency.*

Number of State Indicators Met Out of 30	30
Performance Index Score (0 - 120 points)	108.1
Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)	Met
District Improvement Status	OK

www.ode.state.oh.us/reportcard

STATE INDICATORS	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS AT AND ABOVE THE PROFICIENT LEVEL		
	Your District 2006-2007	Similar Districts ¹ 2006-2007	State 2006-2007
3rd Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
1. Reading	97.6%	94.2%	78.3%
2. Mathematics	97.6%	96.0%	84.5%
4th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
3. Reading	98.3%	94.7%	80.0%
4. Mathematics	94.8%	92.6%	75.9%
5. Writing	94.3%	93.9%	82.3%
5th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
6. Reading	98.1%	95.6%	80.0%
7. Mathematics	84.5%	85.0%	61.2%
8. Science	90.3%	89.4%	68.0%
9. Social Studies	87.7%	82.4%	57.9%
6th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
10. Reading	95.3%	93.5%	77.7%
11. Mathematics	92.4%	92.2%	74.0%
7th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
12. Reading	93.9%	93.8%	77.5%
13. Mathematics	91.6%	90.4%	71.2%
14. Writing	95.0%	95.5%	81.1%
8th Grade Achievement	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
15. Reading	97.9%	95.2%	80.2%
16. Mathematics	95.2%	91.2%	71.5%
17. Science	92.6%	87.9%	62.7%
18. Social Studies	89.9%	78.8%	49.3%
10th Grade Ohio Graduation Tests	<i>The state requirement is 75 percent</i>		
19. Reading	99.4%	97.7%	86.9%
20. Mathematics	99.4%	95.5%	81.2%
21. Writing	98.8%	98.3%	89.2%
22. Science	97.7%	92.6%	72.4%
23. Social Studies	97.7%	94.2%	76.4%
11th Grade Ohio Graduation Tests²	<i>The state requirement is 85 percent</i>		
24. Reading	99.3%	99.2%	92.8%
25. Mathematics	100.0%	98.5%	88.8%
26. Writing	100.0%	99.2%	93.4%
27. Science	100.0%	97.8%	83.6%
28. Social Studies	100.0%	98.4%	87.6%
Attendance Rate	<i>The state requirement is 93 percent</i>		
29. All Grades	96.4%	96.2%	94.1%
2005-06 Graduation Rate	<i>The state requirement is 90 percent</i>		
30. District	98.3%	97.8%	86.1%

¹ Similar Districts are based on comparing demographic, socioeconomic and geographic factors.
² Results for 11th grade students who took the tests as 10th and 11th graders.

Oakwood Schools Education Foundation

The Oakwood Schools Education Foundation works to enhance the excellence of the Oakwood Schools through philanthropy. In addition to funding teacher and administrative grants and special items, The Foundation is thrilled to administer nine scholarships for our students, thanks to the generosity of our donors. Each year through a rigorous application process, seniors are awarded partial scholarships to continue their education at universities or colleges of their choice.

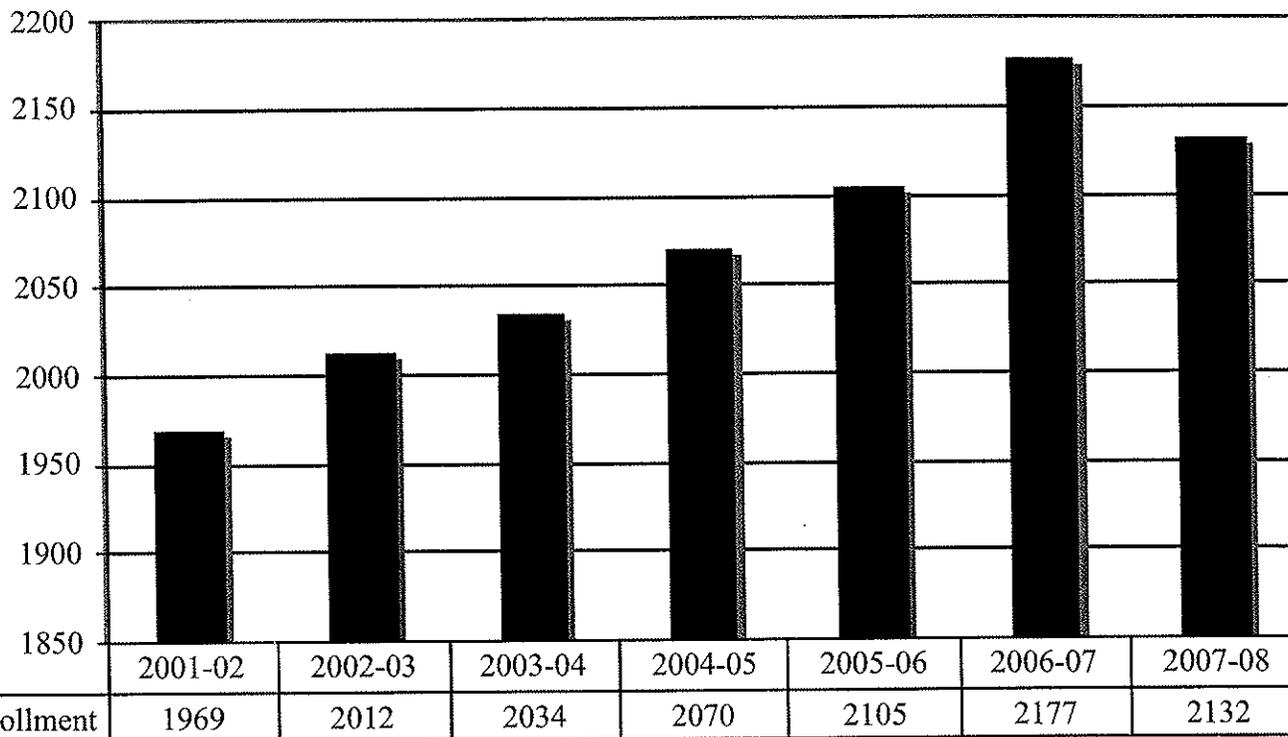
With the cost of higher education rapidly rising, these monies are more and more appreciated by our students and their families.

Our students are so deserving of these and other accolades:

- **David R. Collins Scholarship**—Awards excellence in English, creative writing, or speech and drama.
- **Comeback Scholarship**—Honors a senior who shows strength, courage, character, and integrity in overcoming adversity in their life.
- **Robert L. Davidson Scholarship**—Recognizes present and potential ability as a creative writer.
- **Sandra Lee Eisenach Scholarship**—Awards outstanding achievement in drama, theater, vocal performance, or Speech and Debate.
- **Kevin Lauterbach Memorial Scholarship**—Honors a student who plans to be a lifetime learner/practitioner in the field of fine art.
- **Barbara Nichols O'Hara Scholarship**—Recognizes an outstanding female athlete, good citizen and student with financial need.
- **Chip Seidl Scholarship**—Benefits an outstanding wrestler who meets both academic and leadership qualifications.
- **Loran and Alberta Warner Scholarship**—Awards a student dedicated to community service, who has made an impact through their involvement.
- **Helen and Louis Wozar Scholarship**—Honors a student who demonstrates an outstanding work ethic, self-initiative, and entrepreneurial spirit.

If you are interested in establishing a legacy scholarship to honor a family member, teacher or friend, please contact the OSEF at 937-297-5332.

Oakwood Schools Enrollment



Enrollment figures for school years 2001-2006 are from the official October count week. Enrollment figures for school year 2007-2008 are unofficial until October count week.

October 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	PSAT Prep Class 6:30-9 p.m. Ath Boosters 7:30 p.m. City Council 7:30 p.m.	Josten Ring Orders-Sr Hall 11:30 a.m. JH Parent Advisory Council 12 Noon JH Lego League 12 Noon	SH Panoramic-OHS Stadium 11:30 a.m. Plan Comm 4:30 p.m.	JH Lego League 12 Noon PSAT Prep Class 6:30-9 p.m.		
			Walk To School Week			
PSAT Prep Class 6:30-9 p.m.	Library Closed IOWA Testing Business Advisory Mtg 6 p.m. Board of Education Mtg 7:30 p.m.	IOWA Testing Sr Parent/Principal Mtg 11:45 a.m. Board of Education Work Session 5 p.m.	JH IOWA Testing	PTO Mtg 11:45 a.m. JH Lego League 12 Noon Zoning App 4:30 p.m.	Gr. 8 Service Learning 8:30 a.m. IOWA Testing	
	Community Lewy Presentation-JH/SH 7 p.m. Library Board 7 p.m.	JH Lego League 12 Noon Community Lewy Presentation-Smith 7 p.m.	SH PSAT 8 a.m.-12 Noon	JH Lego League 12 Noon Early Dismiss 1:30 p.m. JH Dance 8-10 p.m.	NO SCHOOL Levy Presentation to Sr Citizens-Harman 1 p.m. OCC JH Dance 9:30-11 p.m.	
	Neighborhood Mtg with Superintendent 7 p.m.	Community Lewy Presentation-Harman 7 p.m.	JH/SH Picture Retake Day	JH Lego League 12 Noon	Neighborhood Mtg with Superintendent 9:30 a.m. OCC JH Dance 9:30-11 p.m.	
Trick or Treat for Can Goods-Oakwood Giving	Low Parlett Retirement Tea 3 p.m. JH Sports Recognition 7 p.m.	Beggar's Night 6-8 p.m. SH Dome Parent Mtg 7 p.m.	JH/SH Conferences			

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Elem Conferences Early Dismiss 1:30 p.m. JH/SH Conferences JH Lego League 12 Noon	NO SCHOOL	Speech & Debate Tourm 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Fall Play 12 Noon	Band Parent Mtg 7 p.m. City Council 7:30 p.m.	Election Day Sr Parent/Principal Mtg 11:45 a.m. Marching Band Concert 7 p.m.	Plan Comm 4:30 p.m. Ath Boosters 7:30 p.m.	PTO Mtg 11:45 a.m. SH Play 8 p.m. Zoning App 4:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Mtg with Superintendent 9:30 a.m. SH Play 8 p.m.	Oakwood Giving-Leaf Raking SH Play 8 p.m.
Fall Play 12 Noon	Veteran's Day City Offices Closed	SH Fall Ath Banquet 6 :30 p.m.	PLAN Test SH Fall Ath Banquet 6:30 p.m.	JH/SH Orchestra Concert 7:30 p.m.		Oakwood Moms Group Holiday Showcase 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
	Library Board 7 p.m. Business Advisory Council Mtg 6 p.m. Board of Education Mtg 7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Work Session 5 p.m.	NO SCHOOL	Thanksgiving- NO SCHOOL City Offices Closed Library Closed	NO SCHOOL City Offices Closed	
				Carrie Bebris Author Visit-Library 6:30 p.m.	JH OCC Dance 9:30- 11 p.m.	

Referrals for Gifted Identification Now Being Accepted

According to Ohio House Bill 282, all public school districts in Ohio are required to identify students for giftedness. This law, however, does not mandate any services for identified gifted and talented students. Areas of gifted identification include superior cognitive (ability and achievement), specific academic (math, reading/writing, science, social studies), creative thinking, and visual/performing arts (visual art, dance, drama, music).

Assessment procedures vary for each area of identification. All teachers, counselors and administrators receive notification of students who have qualified as gifted in any of the domains.

If you would like your child to be assessed for gifted identification, referral forms are available in the school offices and through the building Teacher Enrichment Specialists (TES).

The referral form can be completed by parents/guardians, teachers, or peers of children who perform or show the potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment (state definition). **IF YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS GIFTED IN ONE OR MORE OF THE ABOVE DOMAINS,**

ADDITIONAL REFERRAL/ASSESSMENT FOR THAT DOMAIN IS NOT NECESSARY. Once a student has been identified as gifted in a domain, the student maintains that gifted identification throughout her/his schooling. To maintain eligibility for services, scores attained within the previous 24 months are used. Matrices for gifted services are available online on the Teacher Enrichment Specialists' websites or at your child's school.

Whole-grade gifted assessment is regularly completed throughout a child's school career. In grades 3, 5, and 7, students take the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and the Cognitive Abilities Test. These tests can be used to help identify students as gifted in the domains of Superior Cognitive, Specific Academic, and Creative Thinking. The SAT and ACT can also be used to identify giftedness. Additionally, our Teacher Enrichment Specialists (TES) coordinate assessments based on parent/teacher referrals.

Nota Bene: In first and second grade, students who are identified by their teachers as needing enrichment move in and out of the Focused Learning Experience (FLEX) groups run by the gifted teacher. In kindergarten, first and second grade, there are no gifted services that are provided based on standardized test scores.

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