

# ON THE EDGE

## WORLD AT THE WOOD



McKenna Vencill stands with all the new inductees to take the NHS oath.

### National Honor Society Inductions

ABBY CLUTTER

On November 16, new NHS members were inducted into the society during a ceremony and dinner that was held. Current members of NHS are Minelys Alicea, Brady Andrejack, Abby Clutter, Gabby Evans, Rachel Kemmerle, Logan Kray, McKenzie Lemmo, Katelynn McCollister, Wade Myers, Austin Paneto, and Jadynn Rivera. The new inductees include Phoebe Calaway, Madeline Crooks, Addison Ettinger, Morgan French, Morgan Haywood, Gianna lanetta, Rylee Messent, Kylie Miller, Michael Ochoa, Joseph Painter, Jacob Ranck, Rylee Schor, Benjamin Schwartfigure, Joseph Skwera, Sean Steed, and McKenna Vencill. These students will be working together in numerous service projects around the school and community to help better the morale of the school and community.



New members are joined by the returning members of NHS. The ceremony took place on November 16, 2023.

## Thanksgiving Traditions

JADYNN RIVERA

Sean Steed (12th grade)- Along with the classic apple and pumpkin pie, Sean’s family also makes a delicious peanut butter pie.

Austin Paneto (12th grade)- Interestingly, Austin and his family never eat on Thanksgiving Day. They enjoy their feast on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, every year. According to Austin, he does not know why or how his family started this.

Robert Walker (10th grade)- In accordance with all of the classic Thanksgiving foods, Robert and his family also make and enjoy homemade applesauce.

Evan Rantanen (12th grade)- Evan says that his family also enjoys watching and cheering for football while enjoying their Thanksgiving meal.

Gabby Evans (12th grade)- Gabby and her family also use Thanksgiving as a time to draw names for a gift exchange for Christmas.



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# POPS, PIZZAZZ, AND ALL THAT JAZZ

ABBY CLUTTER

On November 15, the Edgewood Warrior Soundsations hosted another POPS, PIZZAZZ, AND ALL THAT JAZZ where the show choirs from Conneaut High School, Geneva High School, and Pymatuning Valley High School with the addition of their jazz band travel to Edgewood to perform their shows for the 2023-2024 season. This year the Edgewood Soundsations performed their jazz show that included songs *Sing, Sing, Sing, Take The a Train, Bye Bye Blackbird, What A Wonderful World* (soloist Henry Lebzelter), and *All That Jazz* (soloist Sasha Bowers).

The members of the Edgewood Soundsations hope that those who came to the show enjoyed all of the performances they saw that evening and for those who may have missed this performance they can watch the show on December 6 during the choir concert.

Soundsations will be hosting another POPS, PIZZAZZ, AND EVEN MORE JAZZ in the spring where other high schools will attend to perform their shows. The Edgewood Soundsations will also perform but it will be an entirely different show with all new songs.



Henry Lebzelter practicing his solo in *What A Wonderful World* during their last practice before the show.



Edgewood Soundsations getting their groove on during Pops, Pizzazz and All That Jazz.

## NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

### Hey, Hey, It’s Election Day!

MCKENZIE LEMMO

Ohio General Elections occurred November 7, 2023 with some important items appearing on the ballot. Voters turned to the polls at locations all across the state to exercise their voting rights and appreciate the power of democracy.

General, primary, and special elections occur in Ohio when voting for government officials and special issues. A general election allows citizens to decide which candidates will fill positions in office whereas primary elections determine which candidates within a certain party will represent them in the general election. Lastly, a special election occurs when citizens vote to fill a position that is empty before the next election. This usually happens when someone dies or quits in a position of public office.

Edgewood’s United States History and Government teacher, Mr. Sardella, explains that voting “is our way of expressing gratitude to those who fought and died for our right as Americans to make decisions for our country.” It is important that even as high school students, individuals stay educated about issues facing their country. This allows for an increased voter population at 18 years old and encourages people to take part in their democracy.

Stay educated, aware, and a part of democracy. Share opinions and show pride in being American.

## Vote



Voters receive a sticker after placing their vote to promote awareness and pride in taking part in the democratic process.



NOVEMBER SPORTS

Rivalry Season in the NCAA and NFL

AUSTIN PANETO

UM vs. OSU - One of the most infamous rivalries in college athletics is the matchup between Ohio State and Michigan in football. On November 25th, the two teams met for their 119th time, and Michigan leads the series all time 61-52-6. On November 25th, the Wolverines took down the Buckeyes for the third year in a row with a final score of 30-24, meaning Mr. Notar gets to gloat for an extra year. Ryan Day is 1-3 against Michigan as a head coach, and it is rumored that with his third straight loss to Michigan, his job may potentially be in jeopardy.

Browns football - In the month of November, the Cleveland Browns faced off against two division rivals, the Baltimore Ravens and the Pittsburgh Steelers. On November 12, the Browns took down the top seeded Ravens 33-31, the Ravens lead the all-time series 36-14. The Browns also took down the Pittsburgh Steelers the following week on November 19th with a score of 13-10, bringing the all-time record to 81-63-1, with the Steelers leading.

Some other scores from big college rivalry football matchups include:

- Kentucky defeated Louisville, 38-31, Nov. 25
- Florida State defeated Florida, 24-15, Nov. 25
- Georgia defeated Georgia Tech, 31-23, Nov. 25
- Oklahoma defeated TCU, 69-45, Nov. 24
- Oregon defeated Oregon State, 31-7, Nov. 24



Rachel Kemmerle during a varsity soccer match this fall. Rachel is involved in a variety of school activities such as soccer, Student Council, Principal’s Advisory, and National Honor Society.



Senior Spotlight  
Rachel Kemmerle

JADYNN RIVERA

For the month of November, Mr. Notar has chosen Rachel Kemmerle as the spotlighted senior. Mr. Notar says that Rachel “is an amazing young lady who excels academically in the classroom,” and that she is “kind and caring to not only her classroom teachers, but all of her classmates.” Rachel says, “It feels good to be chosen.” After high school Rachel plans to further her education at a private university, “leaning towards Mount Union,” and she aspires to study early childhood or special education. Mr. Notar also adds that Rachel always has a smile on her face and he is proud of all of her accomplishments throughout her four years at Edgewood. Great job, Rachel!

THANKSGIVING

Edgewood Staff Gives Thanks

GABBY EVANS

Thanksgiving is one of the biggest holidays in the United States. It was officially declared a national holiday to be observed on the fourth Thursday in November in 1863 by President Abraham Lincoln.

Some of the most important parts of celebrating are being with family and friends, acknowledging what we are thankful for, and having lots of good food. Some of the teachers around the building were asked what they were thankful for this Thanksgiving and their favorite dish for Thanksgiving dinner.

Mrs. Rapose said that she is thankful that she is not sick for the holiday and for the people in her life. Her favorite food at Thanksgiving is a family recipe for baked beans.

Mrs. Kato is thankful for her family and good health as well and loves mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie.

Spending quality time and being together with his family is what Mr. Notar is most thankful for, because he doesn’t always get to see everyone all together. His favorite food during the holiday is stuffing with gravy.

Mrs. Evans is grateful for family, good health, a job and loves pumpkin pie.

Mrs. Hartzell is happy for her family and likes stuffing.

Miss Fischer said she is thankful for her mother and brother, her dog and cat, and that she has a really good friend base. Her favorite food is her mom’ stuffing. Take a minute this holiday season to think about who or what you are grateful for and remember to give thanks!

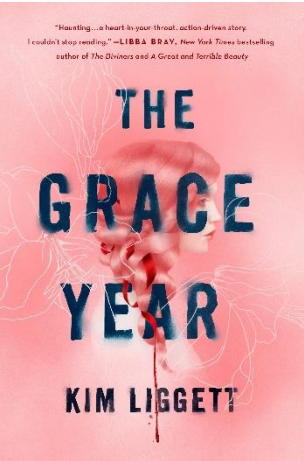


Mrs. Evans spending time with her family on Thanksgiving. She is enjoying watching the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade with her niece, Lane.

BOOK NOOK

November’s Selection – *The Grace Year* by Kim Liggett

JOCELYN FRANKLIN



Welcome back to the Book Nook! This month’s book selection was *The Grace Year* by Kim Liggett. This book portrays the struggle of surviving as a woman in a male dominated world. Kim Liggett makes sure to keep the reader engaged with the many plot twists and surprises that come with every page. Besides *The Grace Year*, Liggett has published five separate novels, all of which are hits. If you are interested in reading books and want to get into new genres, you should join Book Club! Book Club is a club where students as well as a few teachers meet once a month in the library at 7 a.m. to discuss the book of the month. The book selection differs each month, which helps to introduce new genres to everyone in the Book Club. Even if you don’t want to join the book discussion you can still come to the library to meet some friendly people and get some book recommendations!

UPCOMING EVENTS

December Events and Activities

GABBY EVANS

Be on the lookout for upcoming activities during December. To start the month off with some holiday spirit, the **winter choir concert will be on December 6th**, starting at 6:30 PM, where the choir and Soundsations will be performing. **Conferences** for the second nine weeks are on the **7th from 3:30 to 7 PM**, as well as **Financial Aid Night from 5:30 to 6:30**. Our swim team is hosting their annual **Warrior Invitational on Saturday, December 9th** at the Spire. From the **11th to the 19th** Student Council is putting on a **holiday spirit week**, make sure to keep an eye out for the themes! If you are looking for a good book, **the book club is meeting at 7 AM on the 15th** and on the **18th the Concert, Symphonic, and Jazz bands are having a concert**. Winter break is coming up fast; **we will not have school from December 20th to January 2nd**. Don’t forget that **Art Club meets every Wednesday** after school and if you are interested in **Quiz Bowl**, ask Miss Fischer about joining or trying it out.





NOVEMBER TEACHER FEATURE

Olajuwan Cooper

MORGAN HAYWOOD

**Morgan:** Where did you go to school?  
**Cooper:** High school I went to Lakeside, college I went to Kent State and I also went to Liberty University as well.  
**MH:** So, what are the other schools that you’ve taught at or has it been just Edgewood?  
**OC:** No, actually I spent my first six years teaching at Lakeside and then I transferred over here to Buckeye six years ago.  
**MH:** Okay, nice. So, what made you become a teacher?  
**OC:** So, for me when I was in school my teachers had the most profound impact on me; and not because I didn't have a great impact at home parentally or anything like that I really did, but it was just the impact that they [teachers] had on me and I think like for me it was really history I always had great history teachers. Not saying that any of my other teachers weren’t so great but it seemed like my history teachers really did a great job of engaging me and making me want to learn history which for me I never thought history would be a big thing for me coming up. Now it changed a little bit for me when I got to college but initially my first thought process was I want to make the same impact on my students as my history teachers made on me. So that was kind of my goal for teaching first and the other aspect was that I knew I wanted to be around sports, so in order to be a coach I knew that teaching would be something that I would want to do. I just knew that I didn’t want to be a gym teacher, not that there's anything wrong with it but just as a coach there is always that stigma associated with it. You know “coach is only a gym teacher” almost insinuating that because I'm a coach I'm not getting at it quicker, I'm not smart, I can't be teaching any subject matter. So it was history for me but when I got to college I took my first history course and at that point I realized that history wasn’t going to be it, not from the standpoint of the information but from the standpoint of how they were portraying the information to me when I was in college so then it changed to just “how can I work in education” and maybe change some life skills, maybe do some different stuff, so I was able to figure that out.  
**MH:** Oh that’s nice I’ve never gotten an answer like that, so that’s nice to hear. So what do you teach at Edgewood?  
**OC:** So I have a few different things I guess you could say but the one thing I do teach is life skills. It's a 10-week course that I teach in Mr. Crooks’ English classes that pertains to both health and life skills for freshmen. It's almost like an onboarding for them and it's for them to understand A. how important it is to be healthy as people and B. to understand how important it is to be your own person and not be persuaded by some of the things that may occur in high school. The other teaching that I do is that I have some small group stuff that I do with students that are either struggling academically or that are having behavioral issues. So we go through some skill work as far as teaching them how to be better people both physically and mentally and then some of the small group stuff we kind of teach them just how to treat people cause that's a big thing with kids as far as respect and disrespect a lot of kids don't want to be disrespected. Sometimes some of the simplest things in the world can make a child feel disrespected so I think it's important that we have small group stuff where we can grow, play, model, and do some different things.  
**MH:** Oh yeah! I’m sure that’s a nice thing that separates you from a lot of the other teachers here.  
**OC:** Yeah, I would say honestly Morgan it's very rewarding because sometimes they just realize that they have an audience. So sometimes students have something going on I would say for the most part it's never typically, “I just outwardly want to be disrespectful to my peers" or “I just want to be disrespectful to my teachers” it's typically there's

something going on outside of here that they may be bringing into the school. The small groups eliminate the audience so that they don't feel like they’re entertaining anybody anymore, and it really allows me to get to the crux of the issue, meaning like really help because a lot of times it's just a pride and ego thing. Like “I'm in front of people you're not going to be disrespectful to me” or you're not going to do what they perceive as disrespectful and then they’ll learn to respond respectfully. So, once we get to the bottom line of things, students are a lot better. It's also a lot easier to get them the skills and techniques they need going further once you get to the true problem.  
**MH:** Do you have any crazy stories or some of your funniest memories from teaching at Edgewood?  
**OC:** I would definitely say some of the funniest moments have happened with Mr. Fowler just because I think he has a unique teaching style. It's kind of like in your face in the standpoint of what he's going to demand from his students. So, I would say some of the funniest moments have happened in his class. I've watched him engage with students and I think he does such a great job of building relationships with students. If as just an onlooker you could say in the classroom it would be very easy for me to perceive these things as disrespectful on his part or mistreatment of a student. But what I’ve come to realize is that it is just him identifying with the student and his relationship with that student. I’ve never seen a student take it personal because it's not personal, it's just a part of the classroom environment. I’ve seen students that are the valedictorian of our school be graded and I’ve seen kids who haven't been so great in other classes, in his class they're great because he demands the respect but he also gets to know them as people so while it may be very easy for someone who’s not in that environment all the time to think he's berating a kid or belittling a kid but that's absolutely not what he's doing he is identifying with the kids because not only does it make the kid laugh or the class laugh, he has a unique ability to get the students to come right back so they can go right from laughing to taking the notes on the board. So that symbolizes the respect that they have for him and also when you talk about funny moments some of the things he says are absolutely hilarious and I hope to forward his types of friendships and relationships with my students to be able to be my authentic self with them and for them to be able to be their authentic selves with me. So, my funniest moments have occurred with Mr. Fowler and some of the others are watching Mr. Notar get shirts with Mr. Krays face on it, stuff like that or during the pep rally cheerleaders had to pick a teacher to do a dance with and Alainna Sabo chose me. We practiced the dance like probably three or four times and then we were going to do it during the pep rally and Alainna put all this time, effort, and energy into choreographing it and making sure we would get the loudest applause and I went out there and totally screwed the whole thing up. It was *awful*. I think her cheerleading background led her to be more on beat than me -now I have rhythm; I definitely have rhythm but choreograph rhythm is a little different- so that was definitely a funny moment. Especially because some of my football players recorded it so sometimes if they want to get back at me because they conditioned or they think I ran them too hard or something they will show me the video just as a means of “hey you remember this" and one time Tony Hall told me like “this kind of shows you’re not

perfect either so sometimes when you’re making us run, remember we’re not perfect,” so those are probably my 3 moments so far. Obviously, the stuff in Fowlers is continuous cause any time I go in there he’s always saying something that’s pretty funny. He also has my son in class this year so he has some great stories. So yeah, I would say those situations and Mr. Notar even though he is our principal he does a great job of showing that he’s a human being and you know we get in these positions in life but these positions don’t determine who you are and I think he does a great job of that. I think that just speaks to the whole family atmosphere that makes me love being here. I heard it was a family before I got here but you don’t really necessarily know until you get here. They’ve done a great job of wrapping their arms around me and making me feel welcome as a “city” guy and someone who came from our rival [Lakeside].  
**MH:** That’s very nice to hear and I completely agree. Is there anything that you’d like to note about football?  
**OC:** I would say football wise we made it to the playoffs for the second year in a row which is the first time it has been done in Edgewood history of football. Prior to this season we had only made the playoffs two times in school history so to make the playoffs back to back years, yes it would have been nice to win the games, hut I think that’s coming you know as far as the maturation process for us as a program is for us to get there and typically in life you have to experience some type of adversity on the road to success. So, I just feel like these playoff losses haven’t necessarily been the worst thing ever. I think it’s designed for us to learn what we need to learn so eventually we can succeed and win the school’s first playoff game. But I would definitely say making the playoffs having some guys break some country records and do some special stuff. I think it speaks to us heading in the right direction but also speaks to their determination. My job as a coach is to make sure that I am positioning them to be great because that’s what we talk about all the time I don’t want to just be a leader that just talks I want to make sure that the results execute what we talk about so for them you could say the proof is in the pudding.  
**MH:** Right and as someone who goes to school with all of these kids you can really tell that their heart and their mind are in it to win. Okay so is there anything else that you’d like to add?  
**OC:** I just think that this is a great thing highlighting teachers and their work because that is a job that is tough. You know there are some parents that believe it is fully on teachers to make sure that their kid is going to be okay and I get it because kids spend a lot of time with their teachers so I think it’s important that this is done. I think it is really great and important that teachers get highlighted for all that they do because I don’t think that many recognize and appreciate all that teachers do. Because that no matter what a student brings everyday whether they’re bringing the best they have to offer or if they’re bringing a little bit of baggage with them, no matter how they show up we have to meet them where they are make sure we are doing our best to make sure that they are having the best time and best education possible. Also, a kudos to you and Ms. Fischer for making this teacher highlight because as teachers we don’t necessarily hear that we are doing a great job especially when it comes to state testing and teacher evaluations, so I think that this is a big deal that you guys do this for teachers.  
**MH:** Alright well thank you so much!  
**OC:** Absolutely, thank you. I appreciate it.



Mr. Cooper on the sidelines getting ready to face the Conneaut Spartans.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

# Reflections on National Honor Society

MORGAN HAYWOOD

**We asked present and new members of NHS some questions, here are their answers:**

**Jadynn Rivera (present)**  
What made you want to join the NHS?  
I wanted to be in the NHS because it's a prestigious recognition program for top students and I've always been a hardworking student so I felt this program would be something I could get accepted into. I wanted to be known as an NHS student because school means a lot to me.  
What are you most excited for this school year regarding the NHS?  
I am excited for the new members to experience their first year and for the new projects the group will be doing.  
What would you like to see improved throughout the school and the community that could be accomplished through NHS?  
A main thing I care about when it comes to improving the community is just trying to make it a safer environment for everyone. That doesn't necessarily mean safe as in safety but also in a way of making school a safe place where students can feel comfortable in being who they are and enjoying learning.

**Morgan Haywood (new member)**  
What made you want to join the NHS?  
I had heard a lot about it as it being a national program across the country and thought that it would be a good opportunity for me. I also have lots of friends that were inducted into the program last year and all the things that they told me they got to do really interested me and made me want to be a part of it all.  
What are you most excited for this school year regarding the NHS?  
I am most excited to get to know the NHS in its entirety and all that they do to help the school and community. The blood drives that they run have always been something I would like to be a part of as well as many of the other things that they do. What would you like to see improved throughout the school and the community that could be accomplished through NHS?  
Something that means a lot to me that I feel needs improved upon in both our school and our community is being kind and compassionate to one another. I know for myself that if someone walks by me either at school or around town and compliments me or says something kind to me it immediately brightens my day. So being that person and trying to get others to be that person as well is something that I strive towards.



Senior Jadynn Rivera



Junior Morgan Haywood

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