Canton Local Community:

We are excited to see our students return in August, as they are the reasons we come to work everyday! Our parents, guardians and community members are just as important. Without you, we will not reach our full potential as a school.

This year, we will begin an extensive community and staff engagement project to develop a strategic plan. Our strategic plan will function like a blueprint, designing the vision for Canton Local Schools in the future and outlining the steps necessary to attain the vision.

There will be many opportunities for community members to provide input on the strategic plan over the course of the year. Our goal is to begin the project this fall and end with a presentation of our recommendations to the Board of Education early in 2017.

This is a team effort and will take the entire staff and community coming together in order to be a success. We invite you to take part in the process and join us for another exciting school year!

Sincerely,

Stephen Milano
Superintendent
Canton Local School District

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New Website Launched July 1

Canton Local Schools

On Twitter follow:
Stephen Milano@wildcatchat80

Walker/FMMS Ready Fest
Meet Staff • Visit Classrooms
Meet Community Groups • Have fun!

Walker Ready Fest • August 16 • 3:30 - 6:30 pm
Grades K, 1, 2 • 3:30 - 6:30 pm
Grades 3/4 • 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Faircrest Ready Fest • August 18 • 4:30 - 7 pm
Grades 5/6
Parent Meetings @ 5 pm & 6 pm
Grade 7/8
Student Schedule pick-up
Grade 8 Washington DC Trip Meeting @ 5:45 pm
Grade 7/8 All Sports Student/Parent Meeting @ 6:30 pm

CSHS Open House
CTE Open House • August 18 • 6:00 - 7:30 pm
CSHS Open House • August 22 • 6-8 pm
College Fair 4:30 pm • Financial Aid 5 pm • Senior Mtg 6:15 pm
Back to School Information

Breakfast & Lunch Information

Walker Elementary
Faircrest Middle School
Breakfast & lunches are free for all elementary and middle school students. A la carte items will be available for purchase.

Canton South High School
Regular Lunch $2.75
Adult Lunch $3.25
Extra Milk $.50
9-12 Reduced Lunch $.40
9-12 Reduced Breakfast $.30
Extra Entree $1.50

Building Schedules

Walker Elementary
Drop off  8:20 am
Starting time  8:30 am
Ending time  3:00 pm

Faircrest Middle School
Drop off  7:25 am
Starting time  7:40 am
Ending time  2:20 pm

Canton South High School
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Starting time  7:40 am
Ending time  2:30 pm

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Consumable Fees

No student fees for elementary and middle school students this year.

As per the Ohio Revised Code, Section 3313.642, the Canton Local Board of Education has approved the collection of fees for consumable supplies to be used during the school year.

CSHS Student fees 2016-17: Fees for high school students depend on their course selection.

Please make all checks payable to Canton Local Board of Education. A receipt will be issued for all student payments. Course fees for second semester only classes will be due and payable from semester break through February. Parents may arrange a payment plan.

Wise & Wonderful Luncheon Dates
(formerly Sr. Citizen Luncheon)
October 13
November 10
March 17 (Friday)
April 13
1:00 pm • Cost $3.75
Call in reservations to Walker Elementary 330-484-8020.

Professional Development Days

No School for Students
October 10, January 13, March 10
Staff reports for Professional Development Days

Food Service Information

Food Service updates:

☐ A new ID system will be used for purchasing student lunches this year. The Biometrics program works with a finger scan linked to lunch accounts. The new system reduces the worry of students forgetting their pin numbers and speeds up the check out process.

☐ New cycle menu offers different meals every day and repeats after a number of days or weeks.

☐ District charge policy allows one forgiven charged lunch. Students that obtain a regular meal and cannot pay for the meal following their “1st charge” will be offered an alternate meal.

☐ Breakfasts and lunches are free to all elementary and middle school students. High school meals and a’ la carte items can be purchased with cash, check or credit card through the PayForIt online service available on the district’s website.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Class of 2017

Seniors: There will be an informational meeting on Monday, August 22nd at 6:15 pm in the cafeteria. At this meeting, counselors will be going over a lot of important information for your senior year such as ACT/SAT tests, the college applications process, and your senior year timeline. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting with their students.

Before the school year starts, every senior will need to schedule a SENIOR INTERVIEW with his/her school counselor. This meeting should only take 15-20 minutes and parents/guardians are invited to attend with their child. To schedule an appointment, go to: www.ptcfast.com/reg1.

To schedule with Mrs. Boyd, enter NL91138481
To schedule with Mr. Kern, enter LAC1138482
If you do not have internet access, please call to schedule an appointment at 330-484-8000.

Important Transportation Reminders

The “yellow bus information postcards” were only mailed to incoming kindergarten and 4th grade students moving into 5th grade. We do not anticipate any changes in the bus routes. If you have any questions or need to report a change, please call Joyce at 330.484.8006 and leave a detailed message or email at joyce.kirkpatrick@cantonlocal.org.

*Please let us know if your child will NOT be riding the bus this year.
*It is important that your house number is clearly displayed.
*Students should arrive at the bus stop 5-10 minutes early and wait in an orderly manner.

Welcome Ashley Ritz, a Canton South graduate, as the new Food Service Director. She has been with the district for the past 4 years serving as an assistant in the food service department and as a receptionist at the Administration Center. Contact her at 330-484-8010 or ashley.ritz@cantonlocal.org.
Many great things happened in the 2015-16 school year. Below I have listed a few and have posted a list on my web page (http://www.cantonlocal.org/teaching--learning.html.) I am so proud to be a Wildcat!

- State of the Art Career Tech Programs (newest Animal Science)
- School wide community health & wellness events
  - GetFit Challenge, Wildcat Glow Run, Turkey Trot, Free Summer Meals Program
- Outstanding Educators
  - Brenda Pachan (left) named East Central Region’s Outstanding Educator for Arts Education (shown with Terri Bradshaw, Walker Art Teacher)
- FMMS Veterans Day Celebration with over 280 veterans/guests - November 2016 will be the 25th Annual Program
- New Canton Local Board of Education Student Representative program
- Project Lead the Way launched at Walker Elementary
- New Peace, Love and Wildcat Pride event with over 280 staff and students participating
- World Class Musicals: Mary Poppins & The Little Mermaid Jr.
- Consistently strong performance at Math Contest
- Canton Local District Art Show Festival
- Treasurer received Ohio Auditor of State Award for exemplary financial reporting
- Canton Local Preschool Program received 5-Star Award Step Up to Quality by the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
- Summer Learning Opportunities
  - Seamless Summer Camp, Aultman Science Camp, Camp Invention, Kindergarten Camp

Partnering with SPARK now will create the greatest opportunity for your child’s long-term success. A child develops the ability to reason by the age of 5. Children who enjoy high-quality, early-learning experiences are more likely to stay in school, attend college, earn more money and land a high-skill job.

The Parent Partner delivers monthly home and group-based lessons and activities to families of 4-year-old children who will be going to Kindergarten in 2017.

To participate in the SPARK program, call 330-484-8019 ext. 719 or email Heidi Lieser at heidi.lieser@cantonlocal.org.

Do you have a newborn and reside in the Canton Local School District?

If so, we want to welcome your new addition into the Wildcat Nation. You are your child’s first teacher and it is never too early to begin the learning process with your baby. We have a welcome literacy packet for you. Please call Wendy at the Administration Center at 330-484-8010.

Congratulations!

Kent State University Stark Campus thanks Kent State Stark

Kent State University Stark Campus sponsors area high schools through “Bleacher Jerseys,” all-weather stadium wraps featuring each school’s mascot. Canton South appreciates the partnership to enhance the look of our stadium and benefit from sponsorship dollars.
Canton Local Schools are getting a Technology Refresh

Nick Stepanovich, Educational Strategist Instructional Design

Thanks to the community support this past year, Canton Local is able to keep a strong technology focus for its staff and students. Although each building will have a different technology refresh, the focus continues to be providing students access to digital tools to support and enhance the learning process.

Canton South High School students are able to receive a new Lenovo N22 Chromebook or a Lenovo N22 Winbook. There are two different options available for the students because there are some courses that require the use of a Windows Operating System. The students can also continue to use their own device for this year as our network is setup to allow this. Whichever device is being used, the same rule will apply: Have your device available daily with a full charge. This rule is important as our course content and activities rely more and more on the use of technology. Each student receiving a school owned-device will turn it in at the end of the year and receive the same one the following school year, as this applies to our Freshman through Junior class.

Faircrest Middle School students will also have access to a new device this year, a new Lenovo N22 Chromebook. Each student will receive a computer that is assigned that they use throughout the school day. For the 2016-17 school year, the district plans to keep the Chromebooks at school in each student’s homeroom. Computer carts have been purchased to charge the devices throughout the evening so they are ready for the next day. Our teachers continue to learn and grow with the technology and it is a part of the everyday learning at Faircrest. Students will get the computer from their cart in the morning, use it throughout the day, and return it before they leave for the day.

Walker Elementary students are most familiar with Chromebooks. For the last couple of years the district has piloted the use and functionality of the devices in labs, mobile labs, and classroom computers. Several additional carts have been purchased for the new school year to add to the 300 Chromebooks available to the students. This will allow carts to be shared more frequently with teachers, allowing their students access to digital content that will enhance teaching and learning.

The district continues to add reliable resources to each school building. The increase in resources is only as good as the network that surrounds it, and we continue to improve this as well. Walker’s network equipment has been updated over the last couple of years and will see an increase in bandwidth for this year. A project has been approved for the middle school which will get all new network equipment and cabling. This is all centered around the construction of the New Canton South High School that will be a true 21st Century building.

The district is excited about providing these opportunities to the staff and students and thank the community for their support.

Making Normal Happen at Multi-County

Dale Rush, Principal Multi-County Juvenile Attention System

Tucked between Hillcrest Cemetery and Faircrest Park, the Multi-County Juvenile Attention System (MCJAS) has been around for over 45 years. For the last several years, Canton Local has provided the education for youth who are placed in the facility. The faculty and staff working at MCJAS provide educational opportunities for over 1,200 students each year. Placements for the students are both long-term and short-term and are distributed between three sections of the facility.

Students in the long-term areas have the opportunity to receive high school credit in over 30 courses. These courses include core subjects ranging from algebra to calculus, freshman to senior English, physical science to biology, and American history to global studies. Electives include art, life skills, nutrition & wellness, personal fitness, and technology.

At MCJAS, we like to say our goal is to “make normal happen” for our students. This means that we want to give students a rigorous and relevant education experience because so many have not had the opportunity to be successful in school. For many, school has been a disappointing endeavor and academic success has not been part of their world. At MCJAS, we strive to engage students in learning experiences that will give them the tools to go back to their home schools and turn their academic careers around.

No matter the challenges that our students have faced in the past, the faculty and staff of MCJAS create an atmosphere of unlimited opportunities and “normalcy.” For youth who previously may have only known discouragement and obstacles, we strive to be that life-changing ray of hope that opens up a world of possibilities.

Multi-County students work cooperatively to move a “nuclear reactor core” into a “containment module.”
In June, Canton Township and Canton Local teamed-up to make improvements to Walker Elementary and the Township Parks. By working together we were able to buy mulch in bulk at a discounted price, saving money for both Canton Township and Canton Local. This has been a nice improvement to both Canton Township parks and Walker Elementary playground.

Wildcat Cafe opens September 29th!
- 2 Evenings Open for Dining in 2016
  - Tues. October 4th, 5-8 pm
  - Tues. December 6th, 5-8 pm
- Days/hours for 2016-17
  For lunch Thursday and Friday 11 am–1 pm

AARP Canton South Chapter, Inc.
Fall Meetings
All meetings are at noon at NICC (425 - 45th St SW)
Wednesday, September 28th & October 26th.
AARP membership available to those 50 and over
For more information, call Linda Jones at 330-484-5576.
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Ticket Information

Sports Pass Information
Year Tickets: (all home athletic events at high school and middle school)
Adult General Admission $100.00
Student Pass $ 50.00
Wildcat Pass* $125.00
*general admission pass for all home athletic events plus season tickets in football and basketball ($77 basketball season tickets)

Senior Citizen Pass
Canton Local residents age 60 or older may request a Canton Local Senior Citizen Pass at the Board of Education Office, 4526 Ridge Avenue S.E. This pass entitles seniors to free admission to all school events held within the district except tournaments.

*There are no season tickets for football season this year.

Ticket Prices for Athletic Events
Faircrest Middle School:
Students $ 2.00
Adults $ 5.00

Canton South High School:
Students (Presale) $ 4.00
Adult General Admission $ 7.00
Reserve Seats $ 7.00

Canton South High School
Athletic Director - Andy Harms
Athletic Secretary - Terri Collinsworth
Athletic Trainer - Cassie Maley

The Athletic Booster Club

Patron Drive Neighborhood Canvass
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH

CANTON SOUTH ATHLETIC
2016–17 PATRON DRIVE

Print name(s) as you wish them to appear
(Limited to 1 line)

Cost $5.00 Family/Individual
Cost $25.00 Business Name

Deadline August 14th

The patron drive supports all athletic teams.

Mail Payment to:
Canton South Athletic Booster Club
PO Box 80348
Canton OH 44708
http://www.cantonlocal.org/athletic-booster-club.html

Canton Local welcomes new CS Band Director
Matt Stemple

Welcome Matt Stemple as the new Canton South High School Band Director!

Mr. Stemple served as the Band and Choir Director at Strasburg-Franklin High School, leading the Strasburg Tiger Band and High School Swing Choir. He has also taught 5th grade band, 2nd grade general music, junior high concert band, high school wind ensemble, music theory, music history, pep band and jazz band.

Mr. Stemple graduated with his Bachelor of Science in Music Education in 2011 and completed his Master of Music in Conducting in 2014, both from Kent State University. While at Kent State, he was a member of the Kent Concert Band, Jazz Bands, Orchestra, Marching Golden Flashes, and the Wind Ensemble. Mr. Stemple was a field commander with the Kent State University Marching Golden Flashes where he arranged music and wrote drill for the band's halftime shows.

Mr. Stemple is excited to join Canton Local Schools and lead the Canton South Wildcat Marching Band!

Central Registration Center

All students new to Canton Local Schools MUST enroll through the Central Registration Center through August 23rd. The Central Registration Center is located at 4526 Ridge Ave., S.E., rear entrance in the Canton Local Administration Center. This central location is intended to make the enrollment process more convenient for parents this summer. Enrollment forms may be downloaded and completed prior to your appointment.

Items needed for registration are: birth certificate, proof of residency, custody papers if applicable, vaccination records, and a Social Security Card. Students do not need to attend registration. Appointments can be made by calling 330-484-8019 extension 716 or emailing registration@cantonlocal.org.

After August 23rd, students will register at the building they will be attending.
New Faces / New Places
Canton Local School District welcomes new employees:

Laurie Faye - FMMS, Language Arts/Drama
Cory Frustos - Walker, Title I
Rachel Gibson - Walker, Intervention Specialist
Jordan Hendershot - Walker, Title I
Jessica Knight - Walker, Intervention Specialist
Kristen Mayle - FMMS, Intervention
Megan Wozniak-McClaskey - Walker, Kindergarten
Matt Stemple - CSHS, Band Director
Lucy Thompson - CSHS, Science
Jessica Waidman - CSHS, Educational Paraprofessional

Familiar Faces / New Places

Marlo Ellsworth - Walker, Intervention Specialist
Angi Feller - FMMS, Instrumental Music
John Hopple - FMMS, Applied Arts Technology AM
Linda Neary - Walker, Intervention Specialist
Mark Perretta - Multi-County, English
Ashley Ritz - District, Food Service Director
Beth Rivers - Walker, Music

Cody Payne at the Wilderness Center

Camp Field Trips
Seamless Summer Campers went on field trips to the Akron Zoo, McKinley Museum/Planetarium, the Wilderness Center, Movies 10 and North Canton Skate and Entertainment Center.

Tennis courts get resurfaced
This spring, Vasco Asphalt Company resurfaced our tennis courts. Courts were repaired, and leveled with a new red and gray playing surface. Upgrades also included new poles and nets.
**Building Updates**

**from the desk of Chris Noll...**

**Local Company is big part of new CSHS**

We are very excited to have Advanced Industrial Roofing working on our new school. Advanced Industrial Roofing, Inc. - located in Massillon continues to provide its customers with professional and reliable industrial commercial roofing and architectural sheet metal services since 1988.

Owner Fred Horner was asked:

*What does having the Advanced name on this job mean to you?*

*We are proud to be part of the rebirth of the Canton Local School District.*

*What benefits do you see for our students from this project?*

Research has shown that student achievement is higher in a new, well designed facility. Also, the students will have better opportunities to keep up with the technological advancements of other districts.

*What excited you about the new Canton South?*

*Everything about the new Canton South is exciting because of the opportunities it will provide for staff, students, and the community!*  

On the staff at Advanced are 12 CS Grads: Both owners, 1 Project Manager, 1 Superintendent, 3 Foremen, 1 Office Manager and 4 employees.

If you have any questions about these topics or any others related to the construction, please contact me at 330-484-8019 x706.

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**Substitute Custodians Needed**

- For more information, please contact Chris Noll at 330-484-8019 ext. 706. Applications can be submitted online at www.cantonlocal.org/employment.html.