

# THE **Kirtland** CONNECTION

A Quarterly Newsletter for Kirtland Local Schools

Fall 2022

## KIRTLAND LOCAL SCHOOLS EXCEEDS STATE STANDARDS ON 2021-22 STATE REPORT CARD

On September 15, the Ohio Department of Education released the 2021-22 School Report Cards for the more than 600 districts in the state. Kirtland Local Schools received five stars on the Achievement and Gap Closing components. The district received four stars on the Progress, Graduation, and Early Literacy components. Five stars is the highest rating for districts and means the district significantly exceeds state standards in academic achievement. Four stars means the district exceeds state standards in academic achievement. Kirtland's scores ranked in the top 10% of the state.

The Ohio School Report Cards include performance information provided by schools and districts including academic, financial, and opportunity to learn data. Some of this data is then combined into six components that receive star ratings to indicate the level of performance for the school and district.

Components include...



### ACHIEVEMENT

This component represents whether student performance on state tests met established thresholds and how well students performed on tests overall. Kirtland Local Schools received five (★★★★★) stars and **significantly exceeds** state standards in academic achievement.



### PROGRESS

This component looks closely at the growth all students are making based on their past performances. Kirtland Local Schools received four (★★★★) stars and **exceeded** state standards in academic growth expectation.



### GAP CLOSING

This component is a measure of the reduction in educational gaps for student subgroups. Kirtland Local Schools received five (★★★★★) stars and **significantly exceeds** state standards in closing educational gaps.



### GRADUATION

This component is a measure of the four-year adjusted graduation rate and the five-year adjusted cohort graduation rate. Kirtland Local Schools received four (★★★★) stars and **exceeded** state standards in graduation rates.



### EARLY LITERACY

This component is a measure of reading improvement and proficiency for students in kindergarten through third grade. Kirtland Local Schools received four (★★★★) stars and **exceeded** state standards in early literacy (K-3).



2021-22  
QUALITY  
PROFILE  
INSIDE!!

## BECOME INVOLVED!

Parent involvement is so important in providing the best experience for our students throughout the year...please consider joining one or more of these support organizations:

### PTA

The Kirtland PTA, which encompasses all three schools in our district, is thankful for parent and community support, which allows us to serve all the students in our district. Our mission statement is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Follow us on Twitter: @kirtland\_pta

Join our Facebook Group: KPI (Kirtland Parent Information) and Facebook page: Kirtland PTA  
<https://www.kirtlandschools.org/PTA.aspx>

### Band Boosters

We are a dedicated group of parents, faculty, and friends that support the district's music programs. Booster-raised funds are used to supplement Board of Education support and provide additional funding for the special educational opportunities requested by the music directors. Our purpose is to enhance the overall music experience for our students.

Join our Facebook Group: Kirtland Music Boosters  
<https://kirtlandmusicboosters.com/>

### Athletic Boosters

The Boosters provide support for the Kirtland Local School District athletics and academics. Through membership and fundraising, the Boosters are able to contribute and subsidize the Kirtland Middle School and High School athletic budgets as well as provide support

to several school and community activities. The cost to join the Boosters is \$50 yearly per family.

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.  
<https://sites.google.com/view/kirtlandboosters/home>

### Academic Boosters

The Kirtland Academic Boosters support academic programs and improvements in all three Kirtland schools.

In 2021-22 the Academic Boosters funded several programs, including:

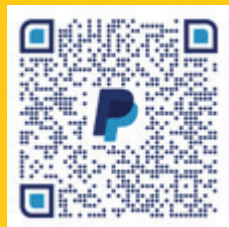
- KES: Classroom Technology Upgrades (replacing outdated smartboards)
- KMS: Project Lead the Way STEM Program; KMS Scholars Breakfast
- KHS: Great Lakes Theater Residency; 9th/10th Scholars Lunch; 11th/12th Scholars Dinner

In 2022-23, the Academic Boosters are currently raising money for new gym equipment for the KES physical education program.

We do not sell memberships. We depend on donations from our community to help us fund academic programs.

Donations: [paypal.me/KEF44094](https://www.paypal.com/merchot?p=KirtlandAcademicBoosters), or use our QR code to donate.

100% of every donation goes to the Kirtland Schools. 501(c)(3) - Most donations are tax deductible.



## KIRTLAND LOCAL SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE IN NATIONWIDE "START WITH HELLO WEEK"

Kirtland Local Schools participated in the nationwide "Start with Hello" advocacy program that was created by the nonprofit organization Sandy Hook Promise, September 19-23. Schools across the country participated to stop social isolation in schools and help students feel connected and provide a sense of belonging.

The goal of the Sandy Hook Foundation is to end school shootings and create a culture change that prevents violence. Through programs like "Start with Hello," students and adults are taught to recognize the signs of someone who may feel socially isolated and is at risk of hurting themselves or others. By simply saying "hello" to another person, it can help keep them from feeling isolated and alone.

### Kirtland Elementary School

On Monday, students were encouraged to expand their friend groups and try playing with someone new to make sure no student plays alone. Staff and students also wore name tags and practiced greeting each other with friendly "Hello" while using each other's names. On Tuesday, students were asked to wear articles of clothing displaying something important about themselves or a favorite shirt and then were encouraged to reach out to others and ask them about their clothing choice. On Wednesday, students wore hats and asked

to do something nice for someone else for "Hats off to Kindness" Day. Thursday's "Green Out" had everyone wearing green and making a pledge to be the one that makes someone's day with a hello and kind words.

### Kirtland Middle School

Tuesday was "Green Out Day" to show support for the "Start with Hello" campaign. On Wednesday, students were asked to say hello in different world languages including French, Spanish, Italian, and German. Students wore their favorite shirts and articles of clothing that were important to them on Thursday to spark conversations among the students. Friday was "Hats off to Kindness Day" where everyone wore their favorite hats and were encouraged to go out of their way to do something nice for someone else. Students also participated in "Start with Hello" activities in their home bases all week such as creating kindness chains. Students wrote an act of kindness that they intended to do on a strip of colored paper. These then were linked together to create the kindness chain that displayed the connection they have with one another.

### KHS

Kirtland High School students will participate in their own "Start with Hello" week later in the school year to coincide with their Sources of Strength programming.

## KIRTLAND LOCAL SCHOOLS SENIOR BOBBY WHITTAKER NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALIST



Robert (Bobby) Whittaker has been named a Semifinalist in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSC).

The 2021 PSAT/NMSQT served as an initial screen of entrants to the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. The

Selection Index scores of students who met program participation requirements were used to designate a pool of more than 16,000 Semifinalists on a state allocation basis.

Semifinalists are the highest scorers in each of the 50 states and represent less than one percent of each state's high school seniors. Although Semifinalist qualifying

scores vary from one state to another, the scores of all Semifinalists are extremely high.

Before Semifinalists can be considered for Merit Scholarship awards, Semifinalists must qualify as Finalists by completing the National Merit Scholarship Application using NMSC's Online Scholarship Application and fulfilling several other requirements. Finalists will be announced in February.

Whittaker is on the football, basketball, and track teams. He is the treasurer of the National Honor Society and a member of the Student Council and Math Club. He plans on going to college to study materials science and engineering.



## KIRTLAND STUDENT-ATHLETES GET EMPOWERED

Kirtland student-athletes were among the 40 volunteers who assisted during the Chagrin Valley Conference's (CVC) inaugural Inclusive Sports Day with Empower Sports at West Geauga High School on Wednesday, September 28.

Empower Sports is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization committed to providing sports and exercise programs for children and adults with various physical and cognitive disabilities and additional programs for typically-developing kids. The 12 Kirtland student-athletes served as coaches at one of the multiple stations set up on Howell Field introducing the Empower Sports athletes to skills and drills in football, soccer, and overall athleticism.

"It was great," said senior Luke Chuko. It was so fun and I'm happy I was able to be out here and help some people out."

Chuko was joined by Nick Barisic, Will Bradshaw, Adam Knaak, Sophia LaVerde, Nina Loncar, Grace Mastrangelo, Max Paul, Bella Piazza, Aria Ray, Will Sayle, and Sylvia Vosicky.

The Hornets joined student-athletes from three other CVC schools including Beachwood, Orange, and West Geauga in serving as sports coaches.

In addition to assisting the Empower athletes at their respective skills stations, the Hornets also had the opportunity to make new friends among their peers from the other schools.

"Meeting so many people," Chuko said when asked about his favorite part of the day. "It was fun to be here and be around them. We got to play sports, play football, it was great."

Piazza was especially proud to have served as a volunteer after she saw so many smiling participants. "This was probably one of the best days I've had all year," said Piazza. "Seeing the smiles you can put on



everyone's faces was the best thing ever. Making other people happy makes me happy."

The smiles she witnessed inspired her to share her experience with those around her in the hopes that even more people will get involved in making a difference in the lives of others.

"I'm going to go home and tell my parents about this and I'm going to be able to tell other people that I made other people happy," said Piazza. "It's just like a new world to me. I'm always stuck in my everyday routine. I'll go to school and talk to my friends—but branching out and seeing everything else that's out there is so eye-opening. I love it and it makes me happy."

Nearly 100 participants were included in the event ranging in age from elementary school children to adults who regularly take part in Empower Sports activities.

The event was dreamed up by CVC assignor Sandy Siegler and CVC assistant commissioner Rakayla Iwais and sponsored by Lakeshore Insurance and Arbor Group Advisors. A post-event pizza party was provided by Dominos.



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## KIRTLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS HELP WITH THE OPENING OF THE HORNET CLOTHING CO.

Kirtland Local Schools had a grand opening on September 15 of their new spirit gear store, The Hornet Clothing Co.

While Kirtland has been in-housing their spirit gear for several years already, this project was born when staff members asked the Kirtland Elementary School STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) teacher Bob Lasecki for new items.

The Hornet Clothing Co. is located in a room at KES and is stocked with several spirit gear options for Kirtland staff members throughout the district. There are higher end, name brand items that can be ordered and delivered a few days after purchase. The Hornet Clothing Co is open to staff all day. There is also select gear available for students. "Giving staff an option to get some nice gear at a reasonable price is awesome," said Lasecki.

Lasecki's fourth and fifth-grade STEAM students are heavily involved in the behind the scenes work to keep the Hornet Clothing Co. up and running. They helped prepare for the opening by creating price tags for the shirts and building the rack and shelf needed to display the products. The students will continue to set up the store, create designs, and stock items.

The spirit gear is a mixture of in-house work and designs from Transfer Express, a company based in Mentor, Ohio that manufactures custom heat applied

transfers. The Kirtland High School art department (teacher Brian Harvey) and the Hornet Hackerspace (teacher Scott Greenlee) help create designs that are able to be produced using their laser printer/cutter. "Having students help create designs and be involved in the store is a great entrepreneur experience," said Lasecki.

The profits from The Hornet Clothing Co. go to the Kirtland Elementary School Make It Club which helps fuel the STEAM program at Kirtland.

The Hornet Clothing Co. joins the Kirtland Football Moms' spiritwear store to give the Hornets in the community plenty of options to show their Hornet pride.



## KIRTLAND HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1972 CELEBRATES 50TH REUNION

Members of the Kirtland High School class of 1972 came back to the place they once called home when they visited the Kirtland campus on August 7.

The class kicked off their 50th high school reunion weekend by gathering at the Kirtland Community Center on August 6 to talk and reconnect with one another. The next day, approximately 50 alumni took a tour of Kirtland's campus.

Morris Beverage, class of 1972, and president of Lakeland Community College, said it was a good turnout as the class only had 90 graduating students. "Many of us have known each other since kindergarten," he said. "We were the first class to go through all three grades in the new middle school."

Beverage helped plan the reunion. A newsletter was sent to class members outlining what happened in history during their time in high school, 50 years before they started high school, and now, 50 years after. "We are looking at a spectrum of 100 years of local history," said Beverage. "It's who we are, who we became, and who the class of 2022 will become."

During the tour, alumni saw how the facilities are now all connected as opposed to stand alone buildings. Beverage said his class saw more advanced technology that was added to classrooms during the renovations, noting that the concept of the library has drastically changed.

"Everybody appreciated how the school district remained viable for its students," he said. "The district has kept up with changes in an environment that's constantly changing."



Of course, the class was glad to see that some of the traditional school locations remained like the gyms and hallways. That familiarity was felt among the students themselves as they returned to their old stomping grounds.

"There is a level of comfort in being with high school chums that you carry with you to future reunions," said Beverage. "That's a lesson for future graduating classes; you develop a network that will stay with you for life."

## KIRTLAND LOCAL SCHOOLS PILOTS NEW ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS PROGRAM

During the 2021-22 school year, teachers examined the resources and instructional practices of the district's English language arts (ELA) curriculum. The teachers were educated on the latest research based on the science of reading to support best instructional practices moving forward. The science of reading is based on

years of research conducted from around the world and is derived from thousands of studies. The research is clear about what matters to teach in early literacy instruction: phonological awareness, phonics and word recognition, fluency, vocabulary and oral language comprehension and text comprehension.

Principals and teachers in grades K-8 listened to presentations from multiple vendors and assessed the programs before deciding to pilot Amplify Core Knowledge Language Arts® (CKLA) in this school year. They value how well this program is aligned with the Science of Reading and that it provides a balance between paper/pencil materials and digital content.

Ongoing professional development is taking place to support the teachers with the implementation of these materials. Feedback on the program will be provided from the teachers and students. Rubrics and student learning data will be used to analyze the effectiveness of the program to decide if it will be adopted for the upcoming school year.



## KIRTLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR LOCAL HEROES

On September 12, in honor of Patriot Day, the staff and students at Kirtland Elementary School honored all of the community's first responders in an outdoor parade. The parade began at 1:15 p.m. at Kirtland Elementary School.

Officers in their vehicles drove through the school parking lot as students lined the driveways showing appreciation for their noble service. Students and staff of Kirtland Elementary showed gratitude and appreciation by applauding and sharing signs, letters, and cards. In classrooms, teachers talked to students about the heroic work of first responders.

The school has been fortunate through the years to welcome Kirtland Police Officers into the school as guest readers. "All of these experiences allow our students to understand the work that first responders do and to be assured that they are here to help us anytime we need it," said Principal Katy Nagaj, Kirtland Elementary School.

First responders from Kirtland Police Department, Kirtland Fire Department, Lakeland Police Department, Lake County Metro Parks, Waite Hill Police Department and Kirtland Hills Police Department attended.



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*Katy Nagaj, Kirtland Elementary School Principal*

## KIRTLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S WALK-A-THON RAISES MORE THAN \$15,000

Kirtland Elementary School held its annual Walk-a-Thon fundraiser on Friday, September 30 at the Kirtland High School track. This year, the Kirtland school families successfully raised more than \$15,000. The funds will be put towards wellness-related resources for the students.

Students, faculty, staff, family and friends joined together for this fun and healthy event as everyone walked the high school track before the varsity home football game vs. Perry Local Schools. Officers from the Kirtland Police Department joined the fun, too.

Students started their laps during gym classes throughout the week and then completed more at the walk-a-thon.

They counted their laps using a lap card that was designed by Kirtland High School student Greg Ihnat, with the help of art teacher Brian Harvery.

Many thanks to the generous families and friends for their donations and support. "Thank you to our staff for encouraging participation and joining the fun, and to the PTA for helping plan and organize this event. Finally, thank you to our Hornet students for their enthusiasm and commitment to wellness, as they walked many laps together," said Principal Nagaj.



*A successful school district places a high degree of importance on ensuring that all students have the opportunity to reach their full potential inside and outside of the classroom. This Quality Profile helps characterize the overall educational value provided by the Kirtland Local School District in areas that matter to our community.*

# Kirtland

QUALITY PROFILE | 2021-2022



## MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

Hello Kirtland Local School Community,

I am so thankful for the support of all of our stakeholders which ensured we had a very successful start to the 2022-23 school year.

As we returned to school, safety has been a major topic of discussion. Over the summer, the Kirtland Local School District was awarded \$131,579.46 from the state in a grant for safety enhancements. Over the past few years, the district has enhanced numerous safety features around the campus and will continue looking for ways to improve. The schools will continue to work closely with the Kirtland Police and Fire Department with safety planning, discussions and quarterly meetings. The district has also established a threat assessment team that participated in training at the end of last school year and again this August. We have a full time Student Resource Officer on campus as another layer of protection.

This school year, the district is piloting a new reading and writing program in grades K-8 that aligns with the latest research on literacy called the Science of Reading. Last school year, teachers spent time learning about this research and analyzed it at a variety of literacy programs. They collectively selected Amplify as the top choice to pilot. We will be evaluating the program throughout the school year before deciding if this program will be adopted for the future. Grades 6-12 will also be going through a science curricular audit this school year. Our current materials will be analyzed to see how they can be improved and teachers will be receiving ongoing professional development on best science instructional practices. All teachers will be receiving high-quality and ongoing professional development throughout the school year to review best instructional and assessment practices.

I would like to congratulate our trailblazing girls' flag football team. Not only are they the two time champs, they were invited to play in the NFL Hall of Fame Game at halftime on August 4 and were featured on national television. These Hornets have been pioneers of this sport and have represented our school district and community very well!

Over the summer, we have had numerous permanent improvement projects take place on campus. All the grade three classrooms received new carpet, blinds and flexible furniture. The high school science lab demolition work took place and the space is expected to be ready by the start of the second semester. The stadium renovation will begin in April 2023 and is expected to be ready for the start of the 2023 fall athletic season. Updates and pictures can be found on the district's website home page: <https://www.kirtlandschools.org>.

Thanks for all of your support, and Go Hornets!

Chad VanArnhem  
Superintendent

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### WE BELIEVE IN:

- Cultivating a personalized learning environment for all students.
- Providing a safe, positive and productive atmosphere.
- Increasing communications within the schools, families and the community.
- Encouraging innovation and cultivating a sense of intellectual curiosity.
- Treating all persons with respect and dignity.
- Empowering students to have a voice in our democracy.



Our community is paramount to our success. We continue to focus on engaging our alumni, increasing parent communication, engaging the community, partnering with businesses, and increasing student and community interaction. Our students are working to engage with our community in a variety of ways, especially through community service projects. The Class of 2021 had more than 4,000 hours of community service! We are extremely thankful and appreciative of the partnerships with Kirtland Kiwanis, PTA, Academic Boosters, Kirtland Area Service Council, Music Boosters and Athletic Boosters. Our elementary students continue to give thanks to our local first responders on 9/11 with their annual parade. Our business partners also have been a great asset in 6-12 College and Career Pathways initiative Excite, Explore, Engage. They have been instrumental in providing our students with unique experiences to learn more about themselves and begin to plan for their futures.

### Kirtland Elementary School

- Students honored first responders during an outdoor parade on Patriots Day.
- KES held its annual Walk-a-Thon fundraiser in October and raised close to \$15,000.

### Kirtland Middle School

- Students work the concession stand for basketball games.
- Students run a recycling program.
- Kirtland Middle and High School students and staff held several fundraisers for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Overall, more than \$1,000 was raised.
- Peer leaders planned Safety Forces Day in September. They also planned a "Stick Together" against bullying event, gift wrapping at the Kirtland Police Department
- Builders Club put together Easter baskets for families in need

### Kirtland High School

- The Kirtland Hornets soccer team started off the 2021 season by winning in more ways than one. Both the boys' and girls' soccer teams partnered with their opponents from Eastlake North to host a soccer clinic as part of the Empower Sports program. Empower Sports is a nonprofit organization that provides sports and exercise programs for children and adults with physical and cognitive disabilities
- Seniors participated in a community Service Day as part of their Senior Experience, providing service to different community businesses such as Holden Arboretum, Kirtland Rehabilitation and Care, Kirtland Service Department, and Kirtland Elementary School.



The Kirtland Local Schools provide a good value for our taxpayers' investment in our schools. The district works hard to stretch tax dollars and is recognized at the state level for our efforts in fiscal stewardship.

### Financial Highlights

- Kirtland Local Schools are among the Top 20% of Ohio public school districts.
- 77.1% of teachers have a Master's degree.
- Kirtland receives only 17% of its budget from the state foundation.
- Kirtland's effective millage rate of 36.77 ranks in the middle of Lake County school districts.



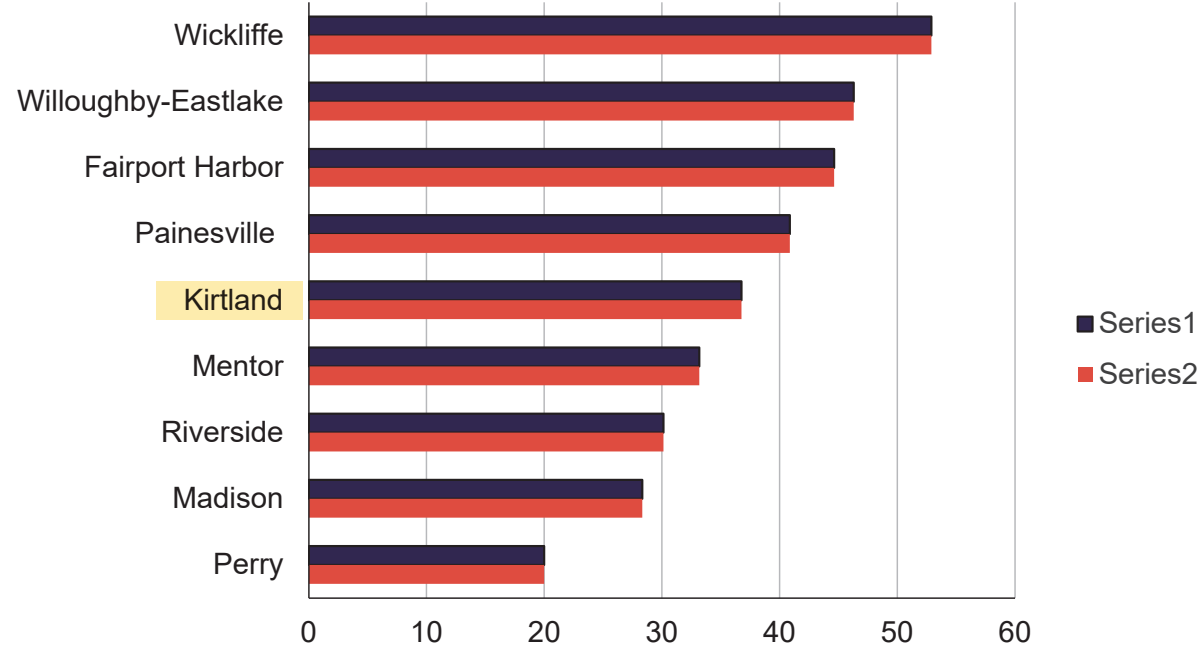
#### WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

General Property Taxes - 74%  
 Tangible Personal Property Tax - 6%  
 State Aid - 6%  
 Homestead and Rollback - 11%  
 Other Revenues - 2%

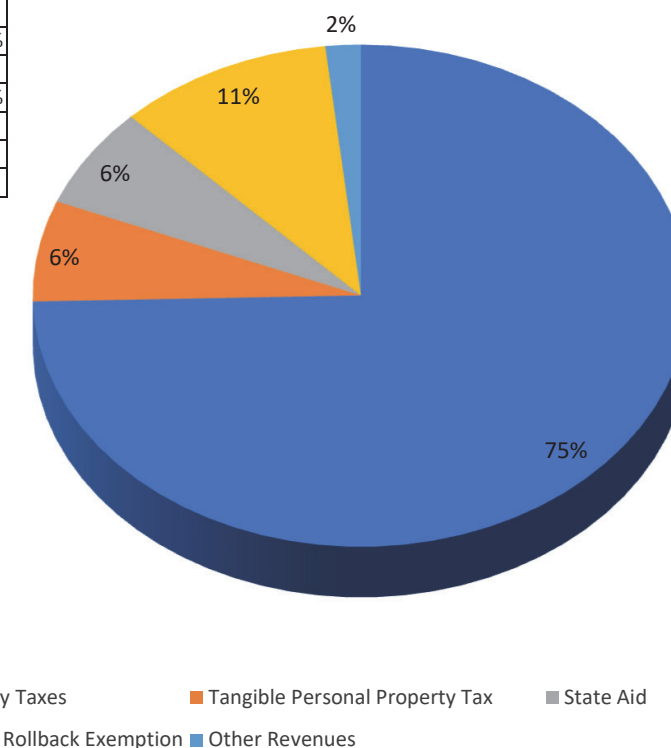
#### WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Personal Services - 84%  
 Purchased Services - 10%  
 Supplies and Materials - 3%  
 Capital Outlay - 1%  
 Other Objects - 2%

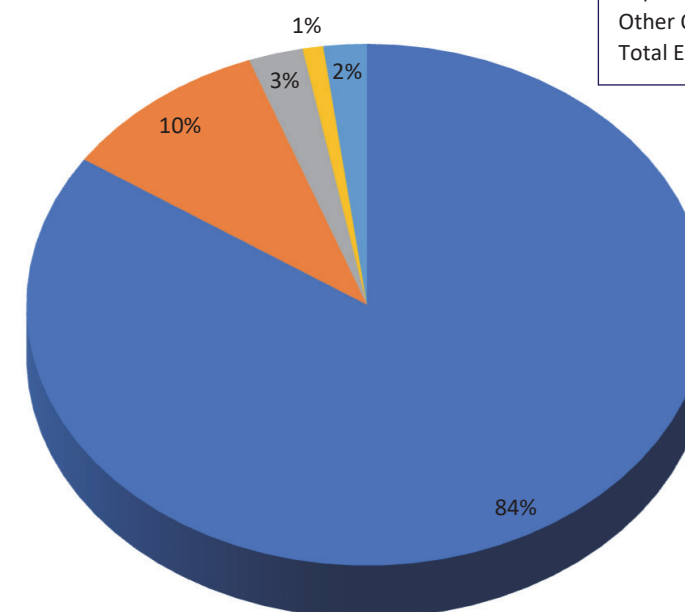
Total Effective Tax Rate (Mills)- Lake Co. School Districts



Kirtland Local Schools Revenues	2021-2022		Statewide
General Property Taxes	\$ 11,308,326	74%	43%
Tangible Personal Property Tax	\$ 984,933	6%	
State Aid	\$ 987,145	6%	41%
Homestead and Rollback Exemption	\$ 1,611,558	11.0%	
Other Revenues	\$ 263,504	2%	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 15,308,199</b>		



Kirtland Local Schools Expenses	2021-2022 FY 22	
Personal Services	\$ 12,410,655	84%
Purchased Services	\$ 1,466,333	10%
Supplies and Materials	\$ 381,727	3%
Capital Outlay	\$ 143,680	1.0%
Other Objects	\$ 302,366	2%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 14,704,761</b>	



- 49**

RECEIVED HONORS DIPLOMA INCLUDING A STEM HONORS DIPLOMA
- 44**

GRADUATED WITH A FOUR YEAR ACADEMIC LETTER
- 1**

NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED SCHOLAR
- 18**

GRADUATES EARNED A 28+ ON THE ACT
- 4,000**

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS LOGGED
- \$425K**

SCHOLARSHIPS EARNED OVERALL BY CLASS OF 2022

- 8**

STUDENTS GRADUATED FROM AUBURN CAREER CENTER
- 308**

AP EXAMS TAKEN BY KHS STUDENTS IN 2021-2022
- 260**

AP EXAMS OVER A 4 YEAR PERIOD FOR OUR SENIORS
- 3**

STUDENTS EARNED ASSOCIATE DEGREES
- 2**

STUDENTS WON A STATE COMPETITION IN WELDING, ON TO NATIONALS

GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 2022 WILL BE ATTENDING 39 DIFFERENT COLLEGES.



- Arizona State University
- Bowling Green State University
- Brown Aveda Institute
- Bucknell University
- Cleveland Institute of Art
- Cleveland State University
- Cleveland State University School of Film & Media Arts
- Emerson College
- Florida Gulf Coast University
- John Carroll University
- Kent State University - Geauga & Twinsburg Location
- Kent State Stark
- Kent State University (Kent)
- Lakeland Community College
- Mercyhurst University
- Miami University
- Muskingum University
- Naval Academy Preparatory School
- Notre Dame College
- Ohio University
- Otterbein University- Westerville Ohio
- Paganini Culinary School
- Purdue University
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Santa Fe College
- School of Visual Arts (NYC)
- Slippery Rock University
- SUNY University at Buffalo
- The Ohio State University
- University of Akron
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Dayton
- University of Denver
- University of Georgia
- University of Mount Union
- University of Northwestern Ohio
- University of Rochester
- West Liberty University
- Youngstown State University

86%

OF THE CLASS OF 2022 ARE CONTINUING THEIR ACADEMIC PURSUITS AT HIGHER LEARNING INSTITUTIONS IN FALL 2022

Academic Highlights

- Kirtland High School is a 2022 Best High School, based on rankings from *U.S. News & World Report*.
- Kirtland High School is ranked #1 in Lake County
- Kirtland High School is ranked #21 in Cleveland
- Kirtland High School is ranked #81 in Ohio (out of 750 schools ranked in Ohio.)
- 24 KHS Students Graduated Summa Cum Laude (4.25+ Cumulative GPA)
- 21 KHS Students Graduated Magna Cum Laude (4.249 - 4.00 Cumulative GPA)
- 12 KHS Students Graduated Cum Laude (3.999 - 3.75 Cumulative GPA)



308 Advanced Placement Exams taken by KHS students in 2021-2022 (about 18% increase from 20-21)

52 KHS students were named AP Scholars in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement exams.



**17 AP SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTION FOR EARNING AN AVERAGE OF 3.5 ON ALL AP EXAMS TAKEN, AND SCORES OF 3 OR HIGHER ON FIVE OR MORE OF THESE EXAMS.**



**15 AP SCHOLARS WITH HONORS FOR EARNING AN AVERAGE OF 3.25 ON ALL AP EXAMS TAKEN AND SCORES OF 3 OR HIGHER ON FOUR OR MORE OF THESE EXAMS.**



**20 AP SCHOLARS FOR EARNING AN AVERAGE SCORE OF AT LEAST 3 ON THREE OR MORE AP EXAMS.**

2021-2022 School Year Highlights

- Another successful Senior Service Day for the community
- 1st Outdoor Homecoming Dance - Huge Success
- Drama Club Production - *Acting Can Be Murder*
- Choir - 6-12 seasonal concerts
- Band - 27 Public Performances



Athletic Highlights

- State Runner up Football Team - 2 Individual State qualifiers in Swimming and Wrestling
- Girls Flag Football Championship at The Browns Stadium
- 3 Seniors committed to playing Division 1 Athletics
- Many athletes that committed to Division 2 and 3
- Fall - 4 Regional Qualifying Teams
- 6 (7) Team Championships in the Chagrin Valley Conference
- 8 All Ohio Athletes
- 7 Chagrin Valley Most Valuable Players
- 20 ALL Chagrin Valley Conference 1st team award winners
- 14 All Chagrin Valley Conference 2nd team award winners
- 12 CVC Honorable Mentions
- Continued Sportsmanship beyond expectations



The Kirtland Local Schools offer athletic opportunities for students at the middle and high school levels. A well rounded education includes a variety of opportunities. The Kirtland Local Schools believe there is more to our students than test scores. Athletics and extracurricular activities build character, teamwork and engagement. Kirtland High School offers 15 clubs and 28 co-curricular and extracurricular opportunities for students. Kirtland Middle School offers 9 clubs and 8 athletic teams for students.

## Athletic Highlights

### FALL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Once again, Kirtland's fall sports teams raised the bar even higher in 2021 as the Hornet football team finished as the Division V state runner-up and a unanimous choice as the top-ranked football team heading into the postseason. Kirtland's boys' and girls' soccer teams won district titles and advanced to the Sweet 16. The Hornets also won a second straight district title in volleyball and the girls' cross country defended its Chagrin Valley Conference title and ran to the regional meet for the second consecutive season.

- Tiger LaVerde was named the CVC Chagrin Division Coach of the Year
- Gage Sullivan earned CVC Chagrin Division Offensive MVP honors while Mason Rus claimed the defensive player of the year award
- Rus also was named the District Defensive Player of the Year
- 9 football players earned All-Ohio honors
- J.P. Moran was named the CVC Valley Division Cross Country Coach of the Year
- Victor Alfieri earned CVC Valley Division Golfer of the Year honors
- Marco Valentic was named the CVC Valley Division Boys Soccer MVP
- Erika Zschuppe was named the CVC Chagrin Division MVP and the Ohio Player of the Year for all divisions
- Ava Golem earned CVC Valley Division Volleyball Co-MVP honors
- 20 athletes were named first-team all-conference, 17 earned second-team honors, and 14 were named All-CVC honorable mention



2021  
STATE  
RUNNER-UP  
HORNETS  
FOOTBALL

2021  
BOYS & GIRLS  
SOCCER  
DISTRICT TITLE

GIRLS CROSS  
COUNTRY  
CVC TITLE

GIRLS  
VOLLEYBALL  
DISTRICT TITLE



### WINTER SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Kirtland's winter sports teams took the baton from their fall sports peers and put together another outstanding season with both the boys and girls basketball teams and the wrestling team winning conference titles. On top of that, Kaley Ream made her third trip to the state swimming championships.

- Shawn McGregor was named the CVC Valley Division Boys Basketball Coach of the Year
- Ramon Lescano earned CVC Valley Division Boys Basketball Co-MVP honors
- Brittany Zele was named CVC Valley Division Coach of the Year
- Reilly Greenlee earned CVC Valley Division Girls Basketball MVP honors
- Scott Francis was named CVC Valley Division Wrestling Coach of the Year
- Kaley Ream was named the CVC Valley Division Swimming MVP prior to placing at the state meet for the third straight season
- Will Davidson competed at the state wrestling tournament
- 10 winter sports athletes were named first-team All-Conference, 9 more earned second-team honors, and 10 were named honorable mention



### SPRING SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Mother Nature challenged Kirtland's sports throughout the spring but the Hornets persevered, as always

- Kirtland's 4x800-meter relay team of Reilly Greenlee, Ainsley Borthwick, Sylvia Vosicky, and Delaney Kuczkowski earned a regional meet berth
- Vosicky also qualified for the regional meet in the 400-meter dash and Kuczkowski ran in the regional 800-meter race
- Gianna Cantini and Madison Matijevic both earned first-team All-Lake County softball honors while Bella Hostutler and Gianna DiFranco were named honorable mention
- Jamie Kamensky was named the CVC Valley Division Softball Co-Coach of the Year
- 4 athletes were named first-team All-CVC, 19 others earned second-team honors, and 9 were named honorable mention.



## Student/Staff Leadership Highlights

### Kirtland High School

- Student-athletes from Kirtland and Shaker Heights partnered to "Build the Bridge" towards racial equality
- Kirtland High School Student Nikolena Samac received the Affiliate Honorable Mention NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing (AiC). The award, powered by the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT), recognizes 9th-12th grade women for their computing-related achievements and interests, as part of an effort to encourage a diverse range of students to choose careers in technology.
- All senior students engaged in local service projects during our first annual Senior Day of Service
- Kirtland High School's (KHS) 2021 yearbook was inducted into the Walsworth Gallery of Excellence for the second year in a row. Walsworth, the school's printing partner for its yearbooks, inducts a select group of yearbooks of the highest caliber each year and these books are showcased to students and advisers across the country.
- Alicia Martin, Intervention Specialist at Kirtland High School, was selected as one of 10 recipients of the 2022 Woman of Achievement Award.
- The Kirtland High School chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 21 new members.

## Social and Emotional Health of Students and Staff a Top Priority

The social-emotional well-being of our students continues to be a major focus for the Kirtland Local Schools. Working closely with school counselors, every grade level took part in presentations, discussions, activities and programs to support our school community during the 21-22 school year. Students at KMS and KHS were also introduced to Sources of Strength which aims to empower both students and adults to impact their world through the power of connection, hope, help and strength.

### Kirtland Elementary School:

- World Kindness Day
- Kindness Council organized displays for classrooms to share acts of kindness
- Read Across America Day/Dr. Seuss's Birthday
- Right to Read/Spirit Week
- Autism Awareness Week
- Wellness Committee organized staff wellness activities
- Walking Wednesday (weekly)

The Kirtland PTA was awarded the National PTA School of Excellence designation for 2020-2022 for their accomplishments in building a strong, effective family-

school partnership that is enriching the educational experience and overall well-being for all students.

### Kirtland Middle School:

- "Starts with Hello" Spirit Week
- "P.S.I Love You Day"
- "Red Ribbon" Week
- "Say Something" Week
- KMS Building Leadership Team (BLT) led Staff Wellness Activities
- The students in the KMS Student Leadership Council participated in four leadership sessions over the course of the school year. The group of 18 was made up of students from grades six, seven, and eight who were nominated by teachers who saw leadership potential within them.

### Kirtland High School

- 9th grade Welcome/Orientation Day
- New Student Welcome Luncheon
- 11th & 12th-grade Peer Leaders mentored all 9th-grade students in small groups throughout the year. The students participated in many activities together including service projects, Freshman Friendsgiving, and study strategy lessons.
- NAMI and LifeAct Presentations for all 9-12 students
- Unity Day Activities
- Sophomores Cookies & Cocoa with the Counselors
- Sources of Strength Week
- Project Love presentations with KES students
- Sources of Strength Peer Leader Training

## Art/Music Highlights

### Kirtland Middle and High School

During the 2021-22 school year, the Kirtland High School and Kirtland Middle School performing arts were thrilled to bring back live performances with full audiences. This included the following ensembles: Elementary Band, 6th Grade Concert Band, 7th Grade Concert Band, 8th Grade Concert Band, High School Concert Band, KHS Solo and ensemble, KHS Marching Band, Kirtland Jazz, Elementary Choir, 6th Grade Concert Choir, 7th Grade Concert Choir, 8th Grade Concert Choir, KHS Concert Choir and Righteous Harmony (KHS Acapella).

In addition to bringing back live performances after the Covid-19 hiatus, the band and choir programs implemented Cleveland Music Education Stay-cations. The music department was able to facilitate Music Education based field-trips to The Cleveland Orchestra, The Cleveland Museum of Art, The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Playhouse Square.

We look forward to continuing to perform and experience all that Cleveland has to offer for Music Education.

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 CHROMEBOOKS  
PROVIDED FOR  
GRADES K-8

400

 PORTABLE  
COMPUTERS  
FOR GRADES 9-12

155

 IPADS  
PROVIDED  
GRADES K-12

100%

 KIRTLAND STUDENTS  
ENGAGED IN  
1:1 TECHNOLOGY

## Examples Around the District:

### Computer Classes

- Learn about and upgrade computer hardware
- Programming in Java, C++, XHTML, JavaScript, SQL, and AppInventor
- Develop Android Apps
- Develop programs for educational use in the district
- Google Apps (Docs, Sheets, Slides)
- Write code to control Finch robots wirelessly using many different motors and sensors.

### Computer Applications Class

- Advanced Microsoft Office
- Digital photography and video editing
- Photoshop and Premiere
- SLR Cameras
- Graphic design

### Art Classes/ Art Club

- Adobe Illustrator and Premiere
- Students create/draw vector graphics from scratch "making the traditional art classroom digital"
- 3D printer
- Students create videos and graphics such as the homecoming candidate video.

### Yearbook Club

- Adobe Photoshop, SLR cameras

### Media Club

- Streaming live events through Boxcast

### Hackerspace

- 3DPrinting, TShirt Printing, Digital cutting, poster printer, video studio

### Robotics League

- Building and programming robots. Designing parts and printing them on a 3D printer

## Technology at Kirtland High School:

- Every student is issued a portable computer.
- A computer lab with high end, up to date computers
- A lab of computers in the Art room
- 3D Printer, Vinyl Cutter/Printer, Shirt Printer, video recording and editing equipment

## Technology at Kirtland Middle School:

- Every student is issued a Chromebook
- 3D Printer in the Robotics lab

## Technology at Kirtland Elementary School:

- All Classrooms K-3 have interactive digital viewboards
- All Classrooms 4-5 have Smart TVs for screen sharing
- Every student is issued a Chromebook
- 3D printer in the STEM Classroom





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## UPCOMING EVENTS



- November 8 - PTA Meeting
- November 21 - K-12 Conferences, No School for Students
- November 22 - Teacher Work Day, No School for Students
- November 23-26 - Thanksgiving Break
- November 28 - Regular Board of Education Meeting,  
KHS Cafeteria
- December 13 - PTA Meeting
- December 15 - KES Holiday Concert
- December 19 - Regular Board of Education Meeting,  
KHS Cafeteria
- December 22 - Winter Break Begins

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