



Our Schools: Looking to the Future



Perryburg Junior High

Think back to your Perryburg school days. There were fun times with friends and favorite teachers you'll always remember. But what about the school buildings themselves? As an alumnus, do you have fond memories of them?

Over the years the Perryburg School District has made adjustments to its facilities as the student population has grown. Eleven years ago the "new" Perryburg High School was opened and 7th and 8th graders were moved from the Commodore Building to the former high school. Many of you were affected by those moves. That helped until the growth in school-age children required that 6th graders be added to the junior high building. Now, the district is again faced with several factors that make it difficult to continue as usual: overcrowding in the current schools, a school population growth that averages 1.5% per year, new state mandates that must be met, the need to incorporate ever-changing technology into the classroom, and buildings that continue to age.

In 2011 the Board of Education asked that a community group be formed with the specific intent of evaluating current facilities and providing a recommendation to the Board that

would address these issues. A 16-member group spent more than 320 hours and 10 months conducting their own research, touring the schools, and meeting to discuss the situation. The group concluded that doing nothing was not a viable option. After much discussion, they presented the board with four options, with Option #1 their recommended choice:

Option #1: Build a new 7th/8th grade building on the high school campus and convert the junior high to a 5th/6th grade building. Cost: \$37-\$38 million.

Option #2: Build a new 5th/6th grade building, location to be determined, and convert the junior high back to a 7th/8th grade building. Cost: \$34-\$36 million, including new land purchase.

Option #3: Build a new K-4th grade building, location to be determined, and convert one elementary school to a 5th/6th grade building. Cost: \$34-\$42 million, including new land purchase.

Option #4: Remodel the existing elementary buildings to add 30 new classrooms, remodel the junior high to add 21 new classrooms. Cost: \$44.8 million.

Benefits

"All of us ... school personnel, Perryburg citizens, and our alumni across the country ... are proud of our schools," says Tom Hosler, Perryburg Schools Superintendent. "We want to continue our strong tradition of providing an excellent education for all who go through our programs. With that said, we can't continue down the path without doing some serious planning and making difficult decisions."

Hosler says all of the options presented by the facility committee would provide the following benefits:

- Enough classroom space to accommodate future growth for the next 25 years
- Balance in the size of classes
- An improved ability to focus on the needs of each age group
- Relief of overcrowding
- Enhanced integration of technology into the classroom
- Improved collaboration and communication among school personnel
- The opportunity to have the same teacher for two consecutive years
- Easier acceleration for 5th graders
- The ability to provide a 5th grade foreign language program
- Classroom space for a growing special needs population

"Those benefits were part of the driving force for the committee's recommendations," says Hosler. "But there were some clear cut benefits that option number one ... building a new junior high building on the current high school's campus ... would provide that other recommendations would not." Hosler says the new 7th/8th grade building option would also provide:

- Flexibility with grades 7-12 all on one campus
- Simplified drop-off of 7th-12th graders at the same location that would reduce transportation costs
- Less vehicle and hallway congestion at the current junior high
- Easier acceleration for 7th & 8th graders
- More testing benefits for all grade levels
- The ability for all students in the system to experience a new building
- Improved collaboration among teachers in grades 7-12
- The ability to use current school real estate and not have to purchase additional land for a new campus in the city

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"There's plenty of room on the high school's 70-acre site to accommodate the new 7th/8th grade building along with additional parking," says Hosler. "The Anthony Wayne School District has just over 87 acres. On those 87 acres they have a high school, junior high school and middle school along with operation facilities, athletic complexes and practice fields." He notes that Ft. Meigs Road is tentatively scheduled for widening in 2016, which would accommodate the increased flow of traffic to the campus.

Timing is Everything

Today's kindergarteners would be the Class of 2024, and they will be the first class to go through the new 7th/8th grade building. In 2024 the newest building in the school district, Perrysburg High School, will be 24 years old. At an annual growth rate of 1.5% per year, the school district's enrollment will be 5,715 students in 2024, compared to 4,800 students today. That is a 19% increase (not everything can add up to 24!). The School Facilities Committee recommends the district be ready to move forward to implement their recommendation in 24 months ... which computes to early in 2014.

Looking to Stay Strong

"We know our alumni are proud of Perrysburg Schools, and we want our future alumni to feel the same way," says Hosler. "A big part of that pride comes from the school facilities themselves. We want our students to continue to have the proper learning environment where they can be successful in school and later in their careers. We feel the proposed new junior high and other changes will allow that to happen."

For more information about Perrysburg Schools' facilities plans, contact Rachel Johnson, Coordinator of Institutional Advancement, rjohnson@perrysburgschools.net.



The Final Lesson Plan

The following staff members retired at the end of this school year. Perhaps the point in your school career:

High School
 Jeri Ames — Math
 Susan Garn — Science
 Larry Kiraly — Social Studies
 Juanita Torrence — Spanish

District
 Alice Bruning, RN — School Nurse

Junior High
 Sandy Custer — Language Arts
 Dorothy Dinardo —
 Language Arts
 Chuck Hablitzel — Guidance
 Denise Harris — Art
 Ron Lake — Science
 Kathryn Philabaum — Music
 Sandy Stewart — Language Arts

Ft. Meigs
 Sheri...
 Deb...
 Rob...
 Kath...



The Perrysburg High School campus is large enough to accommodate a new 7th/8th grade building.

It Wasn't Like This Back Then

Many of you had plenty of classroom space when you attended Perrysburg Schools. But overcrowding has become a constant issue in our schools, and it continues to get worse:

- The Junior high lunch schedule runs from 10:34 a.m. to 1:01 p.m.
- Junior high orchestra students were banned from practicing in hallways and exits by the Perrysburg Fire Department. Students now practice in corners of the auditorium.
- The woodshop area at the junior high and department offices are now used as classrooms.
- The junior high uses two large portables with 2 classrooms each.
- Ft. Meigs Elementary converted a custodial storage area to a classroom and the staff breakroom to a special needs classroom.
- A portable "pod" with 6 classrooms was installed at Woodland Elementary.
- Five classrooms are being rented from a local church to house preschool classes.

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Meigs Elementary
 erie Robarge — Fourth Grade
 Roberts — Third Grade

odland Elementary
 erta Amstutz —
 Second Grade
 hy McFarland-Boden —
 Second Grade

2011 NLL Champs and 19-1 Girls' Varsity Soccer Team

2011-2012 Overall Results

- 693 contests - 431 wins, 254 defeats, 8 ties
- 636 students and 74 coaches in our athletic programs this year
- 20 athletes reached OHSAA state competition
- 4 NLL championships — Girls' golf, gymnastics & soccer; Boys' wrestling
- 1 undefeated regular season — Girls' soccer, 19-0



New Field of Dreams

A new baseball field is being installed on the campus of Perrysburg High School. It will be completed this summer and ready for play in spring 2013. "So far the baseball field, irrigation system, and outfield fences with wind screens have been installed," says Ray Pohlman, Perrysburg Schools' Athletic Director. "This summer we will build the press box, dugouts and spectator stands as well as install the scoreboard."

Maumee Bay Turf Center in Oregon, OH is the lead contractor on the project, assisted by Thomas Porter Architects, Inc. of Toledo. The field is being built through a combination of a local permanent improvement levy and the generous private contributions from two Perrysburg Schools alumni. Jim Leyland ('62), Detroit Tigers Manager, 3-time Major League Baseball Manager of the Year, and native Perrysburger has been a quiet supporter of Perrysburg Schools athletics through the years. Former Perrysburg graduate Burke Badenhop ('01), a pitcher for the major league baseball Tampa Bay Rays, also contributed. Several other community members have made financial contributions to the Athletic Boosters to support the building of the baseball and softball fields.



The Year In PHS Sports

Fall

- Girls' golf team finished 13-0 in regular season play & won the first ever Northern Lakes League championship in school history. The team advanced to the OHSAA district match. Senior Lauren Diehl advanced to the state match in Columbus.
- Girls' soccer team went undefeated in the regular season at 14-0 and were NLL champions. They won the district championship and advanced to the OHSAA regional game where they lost 1-0 to Sylvania Northview. The team's overall record was 19-1.
- Girls' cross country team placed 2nd in the NLL and advanced to the OHSAA regional contest at Tiffin. Taylor Monheim advanced to the state finals in Columbus.
- Girls' tennis team had two girls advance to the state OHSAA tournament in Columbus. The doubles team of Cammy Messenger and Carmen Alkire represented Perrysburg.
- Girls' volleyball team had a season record of 19-5, 2nd in the NLL.
- The football team finished the season at 6-4. Micah Carter was named defensive player of the year in the district. He was also nominated and selected to play in the prestigious North/South all-star game this spring in Columbus.
- Boys' cross country team placed 2nd in the NLL and advanced to the regional cross-country meet at Tiffin.

Winter

- Girls' gymnastics team placed 1st in the NLL, team advanced to state and placed 10th. Chelsea Williams placed 5th all-around at state.
- Girls' swimming advanced to state finals: Karissa Gordon - 100m butterfly; Liz Tearney, Elizabeth Palmer, Shannon Hambro & Karissa Gordon - 200m medley relay team.
- Girls' basketball team: Sectional and District champions. Kelsey Newman scored her career high 1,000th point against Anthony Wayne on Feb. 4th.

- Boys' basketball beat perennial powerhouse Cleveland St. Ignatius at the buzzer. Senior Scott Milne shot a 50-footer past the half court mark with 1.8 seconds left on the clock for the win.
- Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach Dave Boyce won his 400th career basketball win vs. Maumee on Jan. 10th.
- Boys' wrestling: NLL champions. State qualifiers: Micah Carter & Luke Boff, both 5th; Ryan Roth, 8th.

Spring

- Boys' Varsity Head Baseball Coach Dave Hall recorded his 500th career win vs. Findlay on May 5th. He has coached PHS baseball the past 27 years.
- Girls' softball: District champions.
- Boys' State tennis qualifier: Jeff Schorsch - 3rd in the State singles tournament.
- Girls' State track qualifiers: Taylor Monheim, 11th in the 3200m run; Emily Wyrick, 11th in the 800m run, setting a new school record of 2:14.19.
- Boys' State Track qualifier: Ben Thornton set a new pole vault record at 13'8", breaking his father's record established in 1979.
- Boys' baseball - Hunter Smith voted to the All-State team.

Athletic Scholarships

Baseball - Hunter Smith, Michigan State University

Basketball - Kelsey Newman, Youngstown State University

Football - Micah Carter, Eastern Michigan University

Golf - Rebecca Tudor, McNeese State University

Golf - Lauren Diehl, Bowling Green State University

Golf - Nick Ralston, Northwest Missouri State University

Lacrosse - Alexa Winter, Indiana Tech

Softball - Kim Granata, Kent State University

Swimming - Karissa Gordon, University of Toledo

Volleyball - Liz Tearney, Spring Arbor University

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

I am very proud to welcome another outstanding graduating class to Perrysburg Schools' Alumni Association. This year's graduates earned over \$10 million in scholarships and awards! Their journey of education, achievement and service will continue along with their fellow alumni. We are energized daily by how each of you has used the foundation we helped you create to build incredible careers and accomplishments. Please continue to keep in touch as we are inspired by your stories!

The district continues to strengthen student achievement. Our Performance Index Score increased 2.4% since 2006. Our ACT average score is over 24 (Ohio average 21.8; national average 21.1). Last fall, we were designated Excellent by the Ohio Department of Education for the 11th straight year.

The district continues its legacy of fiscal accountability. We are partnering with Anthony Wayne and Maumee School Districts on special bus runs to reduce trip costs. Our labor agreements with teachers and support staff include a two-year wage freeze and no steps, and the administrators' wages are frozen for three years. Changes to our health insurance plans in 2010-11 have resulted in an annual savings of \$428,497.

On Tuesday, November 6, 2012 the district will be asking voters to replace an expiring operating levy that will provide the current and future students of Perrysburg with the same excellent programs that you would expect from your alma mater.

The district, like the rest of the country, continues to face mounting challenges. State funding has been reduced by 3% over the last four years. During that same time period, we were forced to reduce our staff by 6.3% and the student population swelled by 5.2%. Since 2008, the district added the equivalent of half the number of students in Toth Elementary School. Perrysburg Schools today is home to 45 students that speak a total of 14 languages as their first language. We welcome competition, but under the current state-funding model we lost \$545,597 in state funding in 2010-11 due to 70 students in the district attending charter schools.

The support and feedback of our alumni is vital to making sure that the life-changing experiences and classes that were offered to you are maintained for future students as well as ensuring that Perrysburg remains a destination district.

Thomas L. Hosler
Superintendent, Perrysburg Schools

Go Jackets!

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A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

Wanted: Your old high school stuff.

The staff at Perrysburg Schools is in the process of creating displays for our buildings in the district. But we need your help. We are looking for:

- Yearbooks
- Photos
- Uniforms
- Varsity letters
- Memorabilia

Do you have anything you can donate? If so, please contact Rachel Johnson, Coordinator of Institutional Advancement, 419-874-9131, Ext. 2156 or rjohnson@perrysburgschools.net.



Looking For Outstanding Alumni

Do you know of a Perrysburg High School alumnus who has done something outstanding in his/her career or with their local community? If so, let us know! The Perrysburg Schools Foundation (PSF) is seeking nominations for its Outstanding Alumni Award. Deadline is March 1, 2013. Written nominations can be sent to:

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The Latest Buzz

PERRYSBURG SCHOOLS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Honors, Awards

TOP 10% IN NATION



Perrysburg High School has been ranked in the top 10% of high schools in the country by *U.S. News & World Report* in its annual "Best High Schools" ranking. PHS was ranked 85th out of 873 high schools in Ohio and was awarded a silver

medal by the publication for its ranking. The rankings are based on college readiness, math and reading proficiency, and student/teacher ratio.

MUSIC PROGRAM HONORED

Perrysburg Schools has placed among the "Best Communities for Music Education" in an annual survey conducted by the NAMM Foundation. The NAMM Foundation acknowledges schools and



districts across the U.S. for their commitment and support of music education. Only 15 Ohio school districts were selected for this honor. This is the 6th year in a row Perrysburg Schools has been recognized.



POHLMAN RECEIVES HONOR

Perrysburg Schools Athletic Director Ray Pohlman received the Distinguished Service Award at the National

Football Hall of Fame Wistert Chapter's 50th Annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Dinner in March. Pohlman has been an educator for 34 years, 33 of which he served at Perrysburg High School. He began as a coach and Math teacher and has been Athletic Director for the past eight years. In 1974, he was inducted into the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame Toledo (Wistert) Chapter.



A PERRYSBURG/MAUMEE PARTNERSHIP



Perrysburg Schools is relocating its preschool program to Maumee's Union Elementary School in a partnership that

involves the rental of five classrooms and a cost savings to Perrysburg Schools of over \$22,000 per year. Maumee will move two preschool classes to this location and realize a savings of \$6,000 annually.

Preschool classrooms will continue to be operated by the Wood and Lucas County Educational Service Centers. The move will ensure classrooms remain in a location convenient to families in both communities. The classrooms will now be in the same building with shared common spaces and the potential for collaboration and sharing of services when feasible.

"It's just a great opportunity for us to partner with Maumee and take advantage of some cost savings from the sharing of common areas," says Matt Feasel, Perrysburg Schools Treasurer/CFO. "It makes good economic sense to consider a regional approach to making sure we are operating as efficiently as possible and working towards being the best possible stewards of taxpayer dollars."

Improved AP Access & Performance

Perrysburg Schools is one of fewer than 400 districts in the nation to be placed on the College Board's 2nd Annual Advanced Placement® Honor Roll. The honor was given for increasing access to Advanced Placement (AP) coursework, while maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP exams. Achieving both of these goals indicates the district is identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are likely to benefit most from AP coursework. Since 2009, Perrysburg has increased the number of students participating in AP courses from 108 to 180, while still enabling more than 70% of its AP students to earn scores of 3 or higher, the score typically needed to earn college credit.

In Memoriam



J. Scott Hreben (Teacher, Coach)

J. Scott Hreben, 58, former Perrysburg High School teacher and wrestling coach, died on May 22, 2012 in his home in South Lebanon, Ohio. He was a 1971 graduate of Rossford High School. Hreben received his bachelor's degree in

Industrial Technology from Ohio Northern University and his Master's degree from Bowling Green State University. He was a teacher for more than 34 years, most of that time teaching architecture and photography at Perrysburg High School. He retired in March of 2009. Hreben coached wrestling at four high schools in his career: Perrysburg, Otsego, Findlay, and Lebanon. He also coached wrestling at Findlay College.



Ralph Kleeberger ('46)

Ralph Kleeberger spent over 30 years as a business teacher and guidance counselor at Northwood Schools. After his retirement in 1986, he began sculpting as a hobby. Kleeberger created a life-sized statue of a young boy and girl playing at the old town pump that was

once a familiar sight in Perrysburg in the 1920's and 30's. When it was completed, the bronze statue was placed near the northwest corner of Indiana and Louisiana Avenues on the campus of the Commodore Building – Perrysburg's oldest school building, which houses the Perrysburg Schools administrative offices. Kleeberger died at the age of 85 on December 15, 2011 at The University of Toledo Medical Center (UTMC) after complications from a stroke.



Matthew Spryszak ('04)

Matthew C. Spryszak, 29, died on January 6, 2011 after a short illness. He graduated from Perrysburg High School in 2000 and subsequently attended Bowling Green State University, where he graduated in 2004. Matt majored in Broadcast Journalism at BGSU.

"We are very proud of this achievement. Access to AP coursework provides a rigorous experience that better prepares our students for the challenges of college."

- Superintendent Tom Hosler



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PHS Alumni Information



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Reunions

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PHS Class of 1959 Reunion

July 21, 2012

4-6 pm Snacks & Cash Bar
6 pm Cookout & Eat-in Buffet
Carranor Hunt & Polo Club
502 East 2nd Street
Perrysburg, OH 43551

\$27/person

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PHS Class of 1972: 40-year Reunion

Weekend of Aug. 25, 2012



Foundation Partners With Local Business

This school year the Perrysburg Schools Foundation (PSF) partnered with FrontPath Health Coalition to present its first corporate grant to Frank Elementary School teacher Jason Thomas. Thomas was awarded \$330 to purchase a white board easel and an assortment of learning games to help his students with reading comprehension.

The PSF mini-grant program enables teachers at all grade levels to bring innovative ideas, techniques and resources to the classroom that are not funded by tax dollars. Since 1985 the Foundation has awarded over \$100,000 in mini-grants, impacting every student in the school system. This is the first time a local business has sponsored an entire grant. Pictured (l-r) are Susan Szymanski, President and CEO of FrontPath Health Coalition and Frank Fourth Grade Teacher Jason Thomas.



< PHS Alumnus and artist Michael Ives recently presented a series of art lectures for Perrysburg students while he was in town for an Artist-in-Residence Program sponsored by The 577 Foundation. He spoke about how he became an artist and how he works in both traditional mediums and now the iPad® and digital movies to create his memories of growing up here in the 50's. Ives has been published in The New York Times, House Beautiful, Arizona Highways along with many other magazines. He has been highlighted on PBS' Reading Rainbow.

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