

# POINTS OF PRIDE

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## HISTORIC GRANT TO BOOST CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION *A Message From Superintendent Keith Strickler*

**ONTARIO LOCAL SCHOOLS HAS SECURED A TRANSFORMATIVE \$642,849 GRANT, A MOVE SET TO REVOLUTIONIZE OUR** educational offerings. This grant, announced by Governor Mike DeWine and facilitated through the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce's Career Technical Education Equipment (CTE) Grant Program, is designed to advance students' skills in high-demand careers.

This grant empowers us to equip our students with the advanced skills needed for today's workforce. It enhances our educational offerings and strengthens our entire community.

The grant will notably advance pre-engineering, STEM, and robotics at the middle school, and enhance the Manufacturing and Engineering pathways at the high school, incorporating a curriculum that supports students being able to receive industry recognized credentials through the Smart Automation Certification Alliance (SACA). This broadened curriculum will now encompass fields like advanced manufacturing, robotics, mechatronics, industrial control systems, the industrial industry of things, construction technology, health and biomedical, IT, manufacturing, logistics, transportation technology, and agriculture. All of this is supported by modern labs and state-of-the-art equipment.



Ontario is aiming to more than double the percentage of students concentrating in CTE from 9.7% to 20% by 2027. These dollars mean we can better prepare students to graduate from high school ready for good-paying, entry-level jobs in a field they are interested and that keeps our economy moving and growing. With the addition of industry-recognized credentials, students interested in pursuing postsecondary education will be a step ahead of their peers.

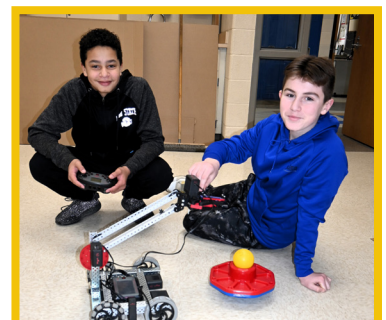
With plans to install the new equipment over the summer, Ontario Local Schools is poised to roll out its enhanced programming at the start of the 2024-2025 school year, marking a new era of CTE excellence in the district.

This historic grant not only represents a significant milestone for our district but also underscores the importance of investing in education that aligns with the future needs of the workforce. It's a testament to the community's commitment to preparing its youth for success in an ever-changing economic landscape.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Keith Strickler in black ink.

**KEITH STRICKLER,  
SUPERINTENDENT**



# THE WARRIOR WAY

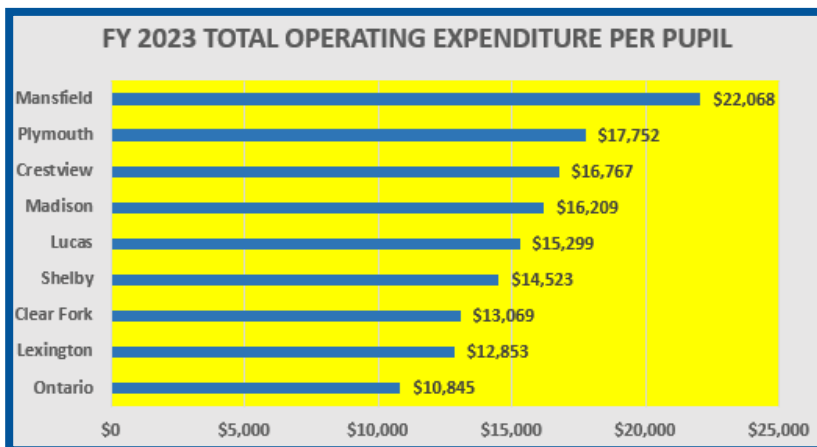
Spring 2024



# QUALITY & EXCELLENCE

## GREAT VALUE FOR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

**T**HE GRAPH BELOW COMPARES THE TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT PER STUDENT IN THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR FOR each of the Richland County schools. You can see that Ontario Schools spends the lowest amount to educate a student than any other school in the county. In fact, Ontario is the eighth lowest spending school in the state out of 605 schools. This is mainly accomplished due to being very efficient. **While our spending is the lowest, our educational results are among the highest. Ontario's performance index is the highest in the county.** This makes Ontario Schools a great value for the community's investment.



Source: Department of Education Workforce - 2023 Cupp Report



## Ontario Senior Citizen Partnership

**Join Us**

**TWILIGHT**

Sponsored by Ontario Community Events and Ontario Local Schools

**SENIOR CITIZEN PROM**

May 4 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
@ OMS Commons  
FREE Dance & Entertainment  
RSVP 419-566-8072

**IN CENTRAL PARK**

**A**t the Senior Citizen Paint & Mingle event, Ontario's seniors indulged in artistic expression on canvas under the guidance of talented artist, Juli Parsons. Thanks to the gracious backing of the Ontario Community & Family Engagement Committee, alongside the City of Ontario Community Events, this experience was free to all seniors. A special acknowledgment to Mrs. Garberich and her exceptional eighth-grade art students for their invaluable assistance and dedication to spreading joy through art.



### GOLDEN AGER'S PASSES

Ontario Local Schools issues Golden Ager's Passes that are available free of charge to all senior citizens. A pass will admit the bearer to any school program or athletic event in any of the schools in the district when the program or event is sponsored by a school organization and students are performers.

To qualify as a Golden Ager, a person must be 62 years of age or older. Passes may be obtained at the office of the Board of Education.



# IMPORTANT TO OUR STUDENTS IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY



## IMPORTANT OHS DATES:

### Academic Banquet

- April 18 7:00 p.m.
- Students with 3.67 cumulative GPA or higher

### Cabaret

- April 20

### Senior Exams

- May 15 Odd Period Exams
- May 16 Even Period Exams
- May 17 Make-Up Exams

### Graduation Practice/ Senior Walk

- May 20 8:00 a.m.

### Underclassman Exams

- May 21 Odd Periods  
Early Release 1:55 p.m.  
High School Only
- May 22 Even Periods  
Early Release 1:55 p.m.

### Senior Honors Night

- May 22 6:30 p.m.

### Graduation Ceremony

- May 24 7:30 p.m.
- In the O-Rena

## Theater Returns to OHS with *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*



## IS YOUR CHILD READY TO BECOME A WARRIOR?

Enrollment into Ontario Local Schools kindergarten for the 2024-2025 academic year is still open for all Ontario residents!

- Students must be 5 on or before August 1, 2024 to enroll for Kindergarten.
- Complete all Final Forms and visit the Stingel Elementary office to complete the application process between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- Gather important documents, such as: birth certificate, immunization records, and proof of Ontario residency.
- Get your child excited about learning!
- Visit <https://tinyurl.com/jpeu8pam> for more information and to begin the enrollment process.

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- American Politics
- Introduction to Sociology
- Principals of Speech
- Introduction to Communications
- Basic Chemistry
- Introduction to Anatomy & Physiology

- College Writing I
- College Writing II
- Environment & Society
- Calculus 1
- Probability & Statistics
- College Algebra
- Trigonometry

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