

Trojan Tribune

November 4, 2022

Students, Parents & Guardians

It has been a great few weeks at ECMS. Proud of the hard work our students and staff have put in over the course of the last few months. Below you will see a few important dates that are upcoming for our students. This time of the year we have a lot of things going on. Please be attentive to some of the upcoming events. This is my favorite time of year. Community Service Day and our Veterans Day Convocation rank at the top of my list. Please if you have any questions or concerns please let our office know. Take care and have a great Thanksgiving.

November 11th - Veterans Day Convocation

November 16th - Touch a Truck

November 18th - Students watch our school play

November 28th thru December 8th - NWEA Testing

December 15th - Community Service Day



SAVE THE DATE!

**SUNMAN-DEARBORN
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE FAIR**

November 10th 6:00-7:30	EAST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL PAC CENTER
	Connecting Families with Community Resources, Activities, and Supports!

For questions, contact:
OFFICE OF SPECIAL
EDUCATION
812-623-2291 EXT. 13902



The Sunman-Dearborn Special Education Department will be hosting a Community Resource Fair on November 10th. The event will be at East Central High School and will take place from 6:00-7:30pm. The purpose of the Community Resource Fair is to connect families with local resources and support. More detailed information will be coming soon. We would love to see you there!

Guidance

Touch A Truck

ECMS will be hosting its first annual Touch A Truck Day on Wednesday, November 16th. Trucks and various types of equipment from over 20 different companies will be on display. Students will be able to get up close and sometimes in the equipment. This is part of ECMS's Exploring Careers Program that promotes early career exploration. Parents/Guardians - please note there will be some modifications to parent pickup during school hours. You will use enter and exit the parking lot by Door 3. Regular parking and traffic flow will be in place prior to school and at dismissal.

Success Opportunity Session

Success Opportunity Session (S.O.S.) is offered every Tuesday and Thursday from 3 - 5 p.m. for students that have missing work. Teachers work with students to prioritize and get organized to finish the missing work. ECHS National Honor Society students also assist students. Students must be signed up in order to attend and cannot just show up. Contact your student's teacher or the Guidance Office for more information.

Community Service Day

Community Service Day is December 15th. We are looking forward to taking our students out in the community for them to give service. This is a very fulfilling day for our students. We also have many activities here at school for students that will serve others as well. Please keep an eye out for more information to come. Mr. Benjamin will put out a flyer with information about supplies that could be donated!! As always, thank you for the support you show our school and community!



A few pictures from CSD in 2021!



English Language

7th Grade ELA - Miss Rogers and Mrs. Sohns

During the second quarter of ELA 7, students will continue to refresh and expand their grammar skills. They have begun Daily Grammar Practice, and will continue to work on NoRedInk.com. Students will also continue to build their vocabularies with a new list of words to work with each week. We will do all of this while continuing to work on reading and writing skills as well. This quarter we will focus on skills that will lead your student toward writing an argumentative essay.

Keep in mind that the dreary winter months are great for curling up with a good book! Students should be aware of their 2nd quarter AR goals and working to meet them. A letter was sent home with each student.



Students were working on a digital breakout to review author's purpose and author's perspective.

8th Grade ELA - Mrs. Bevis and Mr. Wagner

Second quarter will begin with a review of the elements of fiction and the identification of these elements in works of fiction. We will be reading short stories by a variety of authors including Edgar Allan Poe and O. Henry. Students will also continue to sharpen their skills in grammar and vocabulary through Daily Grammar Review and Greek and Latin roots, prefixes, and suffixes. Accelerated Reader (AR) goals are being set and should be met by the end of the quarter. This is a busy time of the year, so students are encouraged to make plans to achieve their academic goals. Students should also make every effort to complete assignments. Success Opportunity Sessions (SOS) are available every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. for students who need structured time to complete work.

8th Grade Advanced ELA - Mr. Wagner

This quarter places emphasis on the elements of fiction and the way they impact a piece of literature. We will be reading a collection of short stories and also begin a novel as we wade into the world of imagination and creative writing. I'd like to remind students to continue giving 100% each day in class and on their assignments. This time of the year gets busy; it's easy to fall behind. Students should also be aware of their AR goals and be making plans to complete them before the end of this quarter.

8th Grade Honors ELA - Mr. Wagner

As the autumnal winds whip around us, we find ourselves turning our attention away from the sterile facts associated with nonfiction and delving into the murky, creative waters of fiction. We began this quarter with a review of the elements of fiction and will shortly begin reading and interpreting short stories written by Edgar Allan Poe. Students have been assigned their Quarter 2 Project (Creative Writing) and should be in the process of developing theme ideas and beginning to consider the plots of their individual short stories. Students should also be aware of their AR goals and be making plans to complete them before the end of this quarter.

Math

6th Grade Math

As we transition into the second quarter, our students will shift the focus from the computation and number sense standards to the algebra and functions standards. We will be evaluating expressions, applying the properties of operations, and solving real world math problems by graphing and solving equations.

Even though several of the computation skills were addressed in the first quarter, there are some skills that many students still need to practice outside of the classroom. Many students would benefit from extra practice at home with multiplication facts, multi-digit multiplication, and long division problems. There are practice opportunities available through Study Island, which every ECMS student can access.

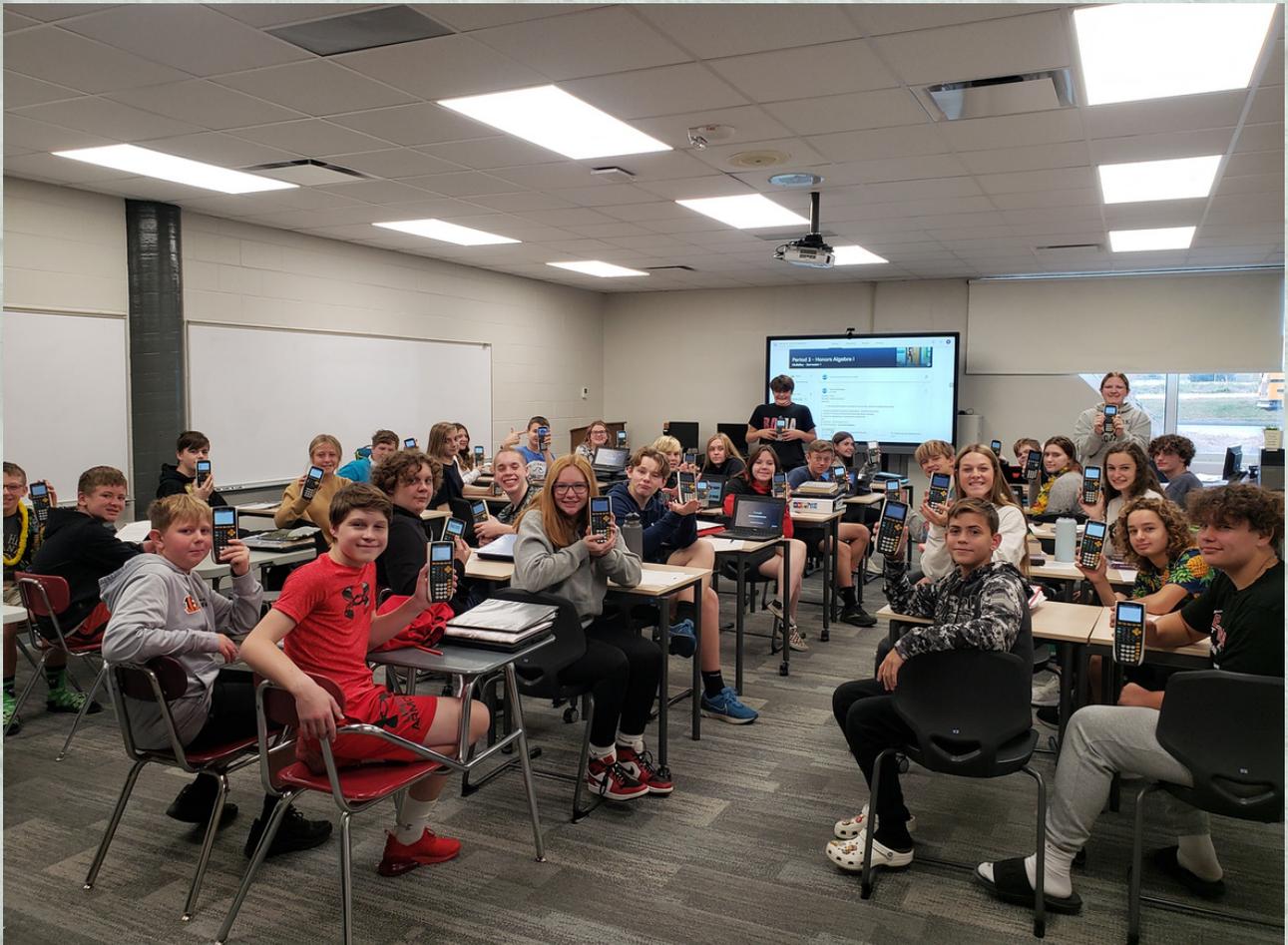
6th Grade Adv./Honors Math and 7th Grade Math

In the first quarter, the 6th grade advanced and the 7th grade general classes learned the importance of adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing integers. Students learned how they relate to everyday tasks such as paying for items, borrowing money, or using real-world situations to show how math is everywhere. As we begin Quarter 2, students will investigate how inequalities relate to the real world and extend their knowledge of solving inequalities and equations. Students will learn about rational and irrational numbers, and how to calculate unit rates. The student/teacher relationships continue to grow stronger. The students are used to their teachers' expectations now and are becoming more comfortable in the classroom.

8th Grade Math

Eighth graders are currently working through the Geometry Unit this quarter. We started with finding Volume & Surface Area of 3-D Shapes. We are now moving into the Pythagorean Theorem. Some advanced and honors classes have been working with graphing calculators!

Major Topics for students to work on at home to help them be more successful in math classes in the future would be integer operations and memorizing the perfect squares.



Science

6th Grade

6th graders are learning about potential and kinetic energy. They will be completing several activities to better understand these forms of energy.

7th Grade

For the first quarter, we investigated the Laws of motion by conducting several labs. We finished the quarter with building a Rube Goldberg Machine that used Newton's Laws of Motion. We are currently starting on Earth Science with the Geologic Time Scale, understanding how rock layers and fossils were used as evidence to develop the GTS.



8th Grade Science

Students will continue the Physical Science Standards by learning about the Periodic Table. Students will be completing a project where they will assemble their own periodic table of objects.



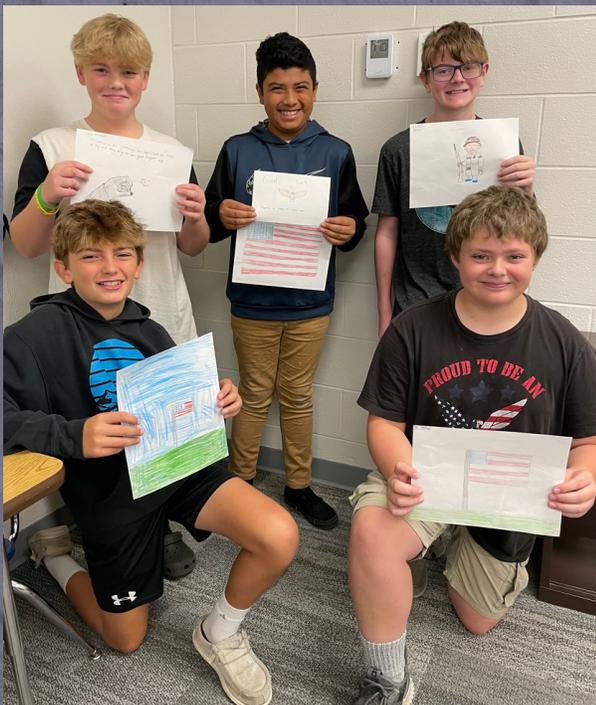
Remy Bowling



Ethan Wynn, Colin Verme, Mason Meadow & Reagan Jones

Social Studies

6th grade is starting to learn about Europe, 7th grade is studying governments, and 8th grade is finishing the Revolutionary War and beginning to study the Constitution.



Social Studies students wrote letters to soldiers in the National Guard to thank them for their service for Veterans Day.

Special Ed

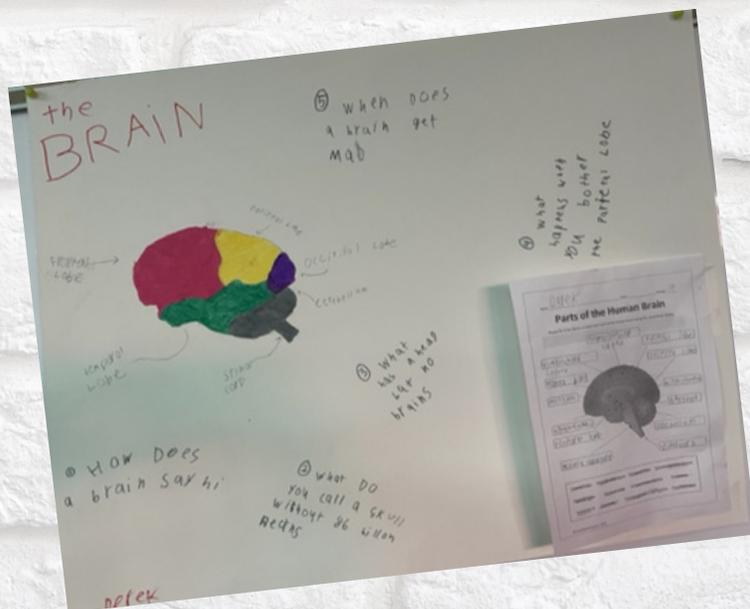
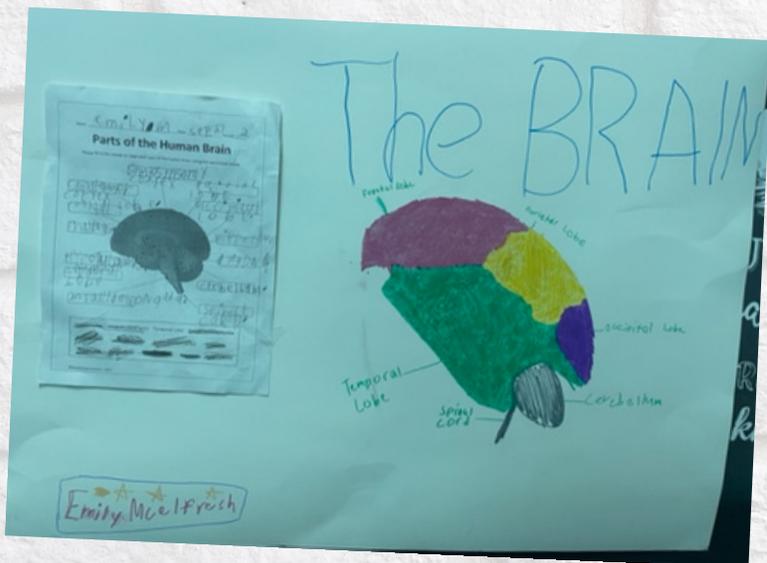
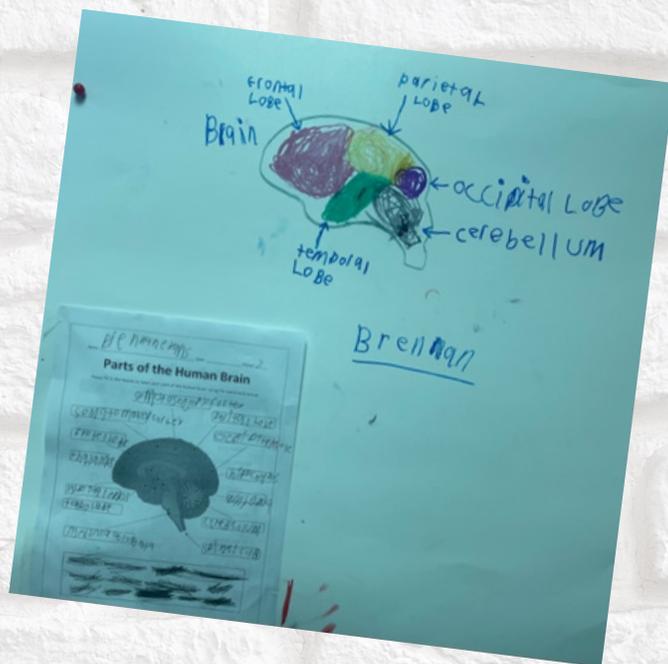
Math 6 dove right into using the Distributive Property at the start of the second quarter. They are excited to know they are utilizing pre-algebra skills!

Math 7/8 are working on simplifying algebraic expressions.

The ED students are learning about their brains and its connection to emotions, learning, relationships, and behavior. These students just completed their "brain projects". First they completed their charts, mapping out each part of the brain and their functions. Then, they made 3d models of the brain using clay. Finally, they completed their informational posters and presented them to the class.

Brain Functions Chart
Complete the chart below detailing key functions of each part of the human brain.

Part of the Brain	Major Functions
Frontal Lobe	movement language
Parietal Lobe	sensation perception
Spinal Cord	relays messages to parts of the body
Medulla Oblongata	regulates bodily functions
Occipital Lobe	vision
Cerebellum	balance coordination
Temporal Lobe	speech hearing
Somatomotor Cortex	voluntary movements
Hypothalamus	hormones
Somatosensory Cortex	input from the entire body
Thalamus	regulates sleep alertness
Amygdala	control emotions
Hippocampus	memory



Family & Consumer Science (FACS)

Students in 7th & 8th Grade FACS started the Nutrition and Cooking Unit and have completed two labs so far. They are learning measuring and cooking techniques as well as ways to practice kitchen safety and sanitation. The 6th graders are learning about recipes, following directions and ways to avoid kitchen dangers and will be in the cooking labs soon.



Family, Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

The FCCLA members have been planning and organizing various activities and events for the fall. The members just finished Pink Week and the Positivity Project. The VIP Dinner will be held November 17th for members to recognize a special person in their lives. Fall Leadership Rally was held on October 27th in Hendricks County and 29 members and officers learned ways to improve themselves and the chapter. Photos will be in next month's newsletter.

The October Officers of the Month were Macy Lyness (President) and Riley Craven (Vice President) and they are both doing a wonderful job with their committees and organizing some amazing activities. The October Members of the Month were April Shelton and Anna Shartzter and these ladies do a great job in class and are very active FCCLA members.



Choir

The 7th/8th Grade Show Choirs will be performing at the Lawrenceburg Holiday Expo on Saturday, November 19th! The 4th Period Show Choir performs at 10am and the 8th Period Show Choir performs at 11am. Entrance to the Holiday Expo is \$7 and tickets can be purchased online or at the door. Make plans to see the choirs perform and do some holiday shopping!



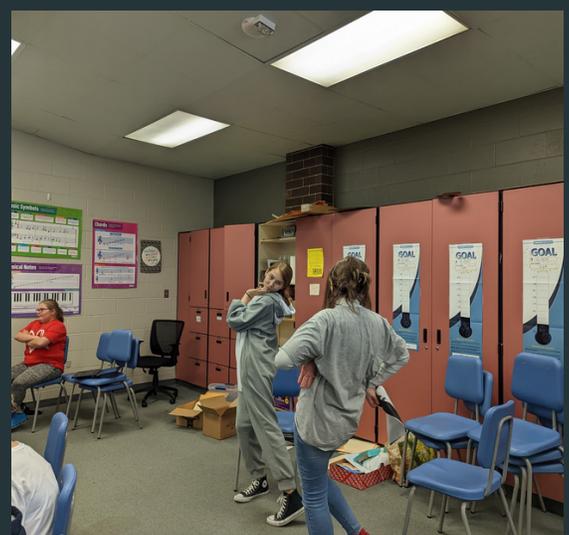
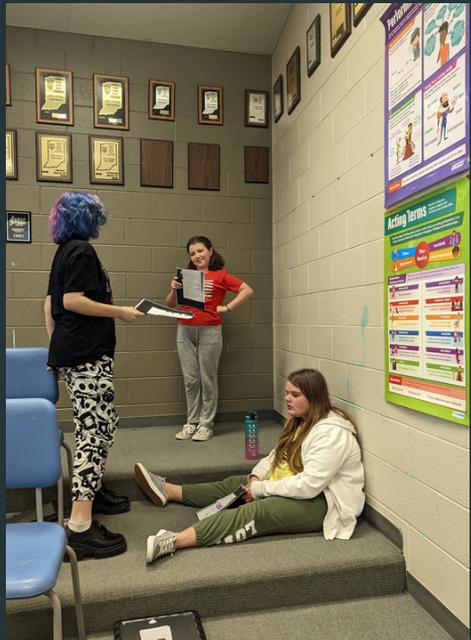
Thank you so much to everyone that supported the Choir Fundraiser! We appreciate everyone that helped contribute to the fundraiser. We are looking forward to our annual trip to the Kings Island Festival of Music in May! All fundraiser items will be delivered the week of November 14-18th. Look for an email from Mrs. Brooks with an updated delivery date in the next week or so.

All of the choirs are preparing for the Veterans Day Program and our Winter Concert. We started our new music after Fall Break and have made great progress over the past week of rehearsals! The Winter Concert is on Monday, December 19th and will feature a variety of winter and holiday music!



Creative Dramatics

The Creative Dramatics class is preparing Monologues from memory over the next few weeks. The students are learning the challenges of memorizing a script and how to help each other memorize scripts. We have made great progress showing expression and using movement while delivering lines.



Drama Club

The cast of Enchanted Bookshop have started their final month of rehearsals! The cast is running the show from memory and finalizing their blocking. We are looking forward to performing the show for the middle school on opening day. Performances will be Friday, November 18th and Saturday, November 19th at 7pm and Sunday, November 20th at 3pm. Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$8 for Students; tickets can be purchased at the door.



Band

All three ECMS bands are gearing up for our next performance! Our Winter Concert will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 7th at 6:30 PM in the ECHS Performing Arts Center. Admission to school concerts is always FREE, and all friends or family are encouraged to attend! For anyone who lives far away or can't make it to the concert, the performance will be live streamed on the ECHS PAC YouTube channel.

The Advanced Band (period 8) will also be performing at our annual Veterans Day program on Nov. 11th. This will take place during the school day, but it is usually live streamed on the ECHS PAC YouTube channel as well for those who would like to see it. We are looking forward to honoring our veterans.

Thank you for supporting our ECMS Bands during our Fall Fundraiser!

Physical Education

With the temperatures fluctuating on a daily basis, students should be sure to ask their teacher if they will need to dress for outside or inside Physical Education. Students are encouraged to continue exercising on their own at home whether it's raking leaves, splitting wood, playing ball, or any other forms of fitness. Enjoy your time with family over the Thanksgiving holiday!

Art

7th and 8th grade Art students are working on Installation Art. Installation art is typically done on a larger scale with mixed media. Installations are also on display temporarily or for only a specific period of time. Each student has created a miniature plaster sculpture based on human proportions to be a part of a larger cooperative work of art. Installations will be on display in the ECMS library upon completion.



Engineering

6th Grade Engineering

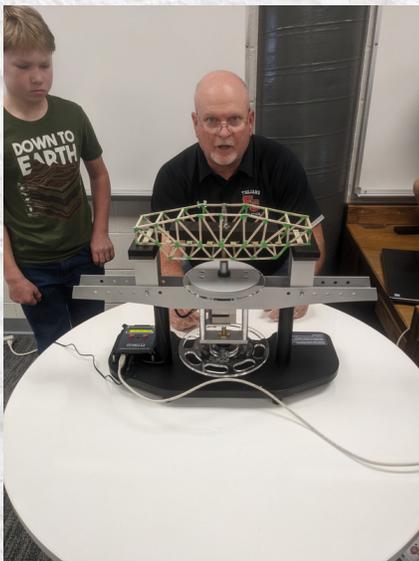
Students got introduced to Autodesk Inventor 3D Modeling software...and implemented the design process in their Paper Bridge quick fire challenge.

7th - 8th Grade Engineering

Students finished up their Toy Car project and modeled their parts for their Key Tag 3D printing project. They also used the MakerBot 3D printing software to prepare their files to be 3D printed. They have also been researching fields of engineering and making a Google slide presentation they will present to their classmates.

Advanced Engineering

Students finished building and testing their Balsa Wood bridges and are working on a digital portfolio for the entire project.



Agriculture

Students in Ag classes have been busy working on various things.

Our 6th graders started their 9-week rotation class after fall break. These students are currently learning about the FFA Organization and exploring agriculture in their daily lives. Students got to take a virtual trip to the 95th National FFA Convention and Expo on Oct. 26-29th, which was hosted in Indianapolis with over 70,000 FFA members in attendance.

Our 7/8th grade students have started their Tub Garden Project. This project will be completed over roughly 10 weeks. Students will make observations and document what changes and needs different plants require over the course of 10ish weeks. Students are growing daisies, carrots, zinnias, peppers, morning glories, and more! See the attached pictures of our Tub Garden Project.

Our 8th grade Intro to Ag students have been working on Anatomy of Livestock animals. Students are exploring the differences between monogastric and ruminant animals. They have been exploring the major body systems as well. With the knowledge the students have gained, they will be completing a virtual fetal pig dissection as well as a real rat dissection to be able to identify major anatomical features of the body. See the attached picture of some of our 8th graders learning about fetal pig anatomy.



FFA

EC FFA Competes in State Horticulture CDE

Twelve members of the East Central FFA Chapter competed in the Indiana 4-H/FFA State Horticulture Career Development Event on Saturday October 1 at Purdue University. Over 200 individuals participated in the event.

Each FFA member engaged in several components to complete the event. Events included a plant identification practicum where they had to identify ornamental trees and shrubs, flowering and indoor plants, fruits, and vegetables. They also completed a general knowledge exam and a plant quality grading practicum where they ranked specimens in a class from best to worst.

East Central's top senior team, the East Central Roses placed 9th out of 38 teams. The team consisted of Jasmin Keith, Kylee Starost, Bryson Dossenback and Lydia Kidd. The East Central Tulips placed 10th. This team included Lewis Darringer, Julie Rider, Kody Schilling and Josilyn Tidwell. Lewis Darringer was the top senior individual for EC placing 27th overall out of 153 contestants in the division.

East Central's junior team consisted of middle school FFA members. This team placed 2nd overall out of 10 teams. This team included Conner Bolinger, Michael Bolinger, Cambryn Botts and Emma Guck. Conner Bolinger placed 2nd overall out of 47 contestants in the junior division.

Please see the attached pictures from this Career Development Event.

FFA Fruit Sales have recently ended on October 31st. FFA fruit will need to be picked up by FFA members on Tuesday, December 6th from 1:30-6:15 pm. Customers can expect delivery of fruit and other products no later than December 8th. Please contact Mr. Snider (masnider@sunmandearborn.k12.in.us) with any questions.

For more FFA news, please visit our FFA Website:

<https://sites.google.com/sunmandearborn.k12.in.us/eastcentralffa/home>





Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools

We are currently seeking potential bus drivers for the 2023-2024 school year and beyond. Each day we transport over 2,400 students on 70 routes, while covering over 2,000 miles per day.

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