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## Ridgemont Superintendent, Brian Hogan

As we near the end of the school year, I hope you're doing well and have had the chance to take part in the many events our students have worked so hard to put together for our community. From art showcases, musicals, Company R, the senior luncheon, literacy night, athletics, the book fair, Empty Bowls, NHS, and so much more, our students have shown incredible effort and enthusiasm.

I couldn't be prouder of our students and their achievements this year, whether in academics, youth organizations, or community service. The impressive participation in the FFA competition at the state level speaks volumes about their dedication. Time and again, we see students not only giving their all but also supporting and uplifting those around them. Programs like the R Factor at the MS/HS and Leader in Me at the elementary level have helped shape a positive and engaged school culture.

A huge thank you goes out to our principals, teachers, advisors, and support staff for their dedication to guiding our students from where they started to where they are now. Your efforts in building confidence and preparing them for what's next are invaluable. None of this would be possible without the support of our community—whether it's through your time, resources, or encouragement.

As a district, we are committed to pushing our students to be their very best and making the most of our curriculum. The curriculum changes we introduced last year are beginning to take shape, and we are seeing the growth we had hoped for in student learning and mastery of standards. With the season of testing upon us, we'll continue analyzing state testing results to identify any gaps and make the necessary adjustments to keep improving. Please encourage your student to get a good night's sleep and do their very best on these tests, to show us all how far they have come this school year!



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This year, we were fortunate to provide lunch and breakfast at no cost to families. However, due to changes in state funding, free lunch will no longer be available for the 2025-2026 school year. The good news is that we have secured enough funding to continue offering free breakfast for all students next year.

As we wrap up the 2024-2025 school year, I can't help but reflect on all the great things happening here at Ridgemont Local Schools. I want to thank our Board of Education for their continued support in making Ridgemont a place where students receive an outstanding education. And to you, our parents and community members, thank you for standing by us and providing the resources we need to make our schools the best they can be. We look forward to strengthening this partnership for years to come.

I encourage you to soak in all the end-of-year activities and come out to support our students and staff. As always, my door is open, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Wishing you all a fantastic spring and summer... before we know it, we'll be gearing up for another exciting school year! GO GOPHERS!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions, concerns, or just want more information: 937-354-2441 or [brian.hogan@ridgemont.k12.oh.us](mailto:brian.hogan@ridgemont.k12.oh.us).

*Brian Hogan,*  
Superintendent

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### RIDGEMONT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2025-2026 CALENDAR

Monday, August 11 - Open House  
Wednesday, August 13 - First Day of School  
Monday, September 1 - No School - Labor Day  
Tuesday, September 2 to Friday, September 5 - No School - Enjoy the Hardin County Fair!  
Monday, September 8 - No School - Teacher Professional Development  
Friday, October 17 - No School - Teacher Professional Development  
Thursday, November 6 and Friday 7, November -  
-No School for KG-5th Grade Students - Parent Teacher Conferences AM-PM  
Thursday, November 6 - 6th - 12th Grade will be in session with Parent Teacher Conf. PM  
Friday, November 7 - 6th - 12th Grade Students Job Shadow Day  
Wednesday, November 26 to Friday, November 28 - No School - Thanksgiving Break  
Thursday, December 18 - 2 Hour Early Dismissal (1:15 pm)  
Friday, December 19 - No School - Teacher Professional Development  
Monday, December 22, 2025 to Friday, January 2, 2026 - No School - Christmas Break  
Monday, January 5 - School Back in Session  
Monday, January 19 - No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Monday, February 16 - No School - Presidents Day  
Thursday, March 12 - Parent Teacher Conferences in the Evening  
Friday, March 13 - No School - Teacher Professional Development  
Thursday, April 2 to Monday, April 6 - No School - Spring Break  
Tuesday, April 7, 2026 - School Back in Session  
Thursday, May 14 - Last Day of School - 2 Hour Early Dismissal (1:15 pm)  
Sunday, May 17 - 2:00 pm - Senior Graduation - Mt. Victory Gymnasium  
End of Grading Periods-Oct. 16, Dec. 18, March 12, May 14

**The calendar is also  
on our website in  
Latest News.**

# *Congratulations to the Class of 2025*

**Ridgemont High School Graduation**  
**Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 2:00 pm**  
**Ridgemont Gymnasium –Mt. Victory**

The following students will graduate pending completion of all criteria for graduation set for by the State of Ohio and the Ridgemont Board of Education:

*Albrey Lynn Bailey*

*Colton James Bailey*

*Camilyn Marie Bridenstine*

*William Addison Browning*

*Dominic Dennis Curl*

*Savanah LeeAnn Daniels*

*Landon James Eaton*

*Kenneth Allen Feasel*

*Amileah Jade Gillfillan*

*Michael Robert Green*

*Zane William Hampton*

*Aidan Sean Hanson*

*Jevin Rodger Henderson*

*Dillon Charles Hooker*

*Abigail Savannah Nicole Jones*

*Amiah Kay Jones*

*Emanuel Malaki Kellso*

*Gillian Faith Kennedy*

*Connor Samuel Manns*

*Kolton Isaac Manns*

*Gracyn Hollin McCullough*

*Emily Paige Moore*

*Kyrah Elizabeth Musson*

*Brady James Rowe*

*Carter Dean Ruppright*

*Shane Henry Shelt*

*Rylee Renae Shepherd*

*Kylie Madeline Shreve*

*Elizabeth Torrie Renea Smith*

*Patrick David Stacklin Jr.*

*Xavier Christian Stuck*

*Breann Nicole Vermillion*

*Leiland Allen Walker*

*Ryland Scott Walker*

*Charlotte Alondra Ward*

*Angela D.E. Whitt*

*Lauren Ruth Wingfield*

*Bailee Sue Wright*



## **Tana Mull, K-5 Principal**

This school year has been truly incredible, filled with growth, discovery, and countless memorable moments. As we welcome spring, we are excited for all the amazing opportunities that await our students. From engaging field trips that bring learning to life to our FFA Earth Day celebration that fosters environmental awareness, there are so many hands-on experiences that will enrich their education. Spring is a time of renewal, and we can't wait to see our students continue to thrive as they explore, learn, and create lasting memories both inside and outside the classroom.

I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your unwavering support throughout the Foertmeyer Spring Flower Fundraiser. Your generosity makes it possible for students to engage in outdoor learning experiences that go beyond traditional classroom lessons. These opportunities not only enhance their education but also foster a deeper connection with the world around them. As we enter the final stretch of the school year, let's continue to encourage, inspire, and support our students in making the most of every moment. Together, we can finish the year strong!

Tana Mull  
K-5 Principal

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## **Nick Stuck - 6-12 Principal**

This year is coming to a rapid end! Make sure to put important dates on your calendar.

Here are some things happening currently or upcoming for the middle/high school:

- State testing (last day April 25th)
- FFA students participated in science fair interviews
- 5th Grade - 12th Grade Band and Choir Concert at 6:00 pm in the Mt. Victory Commons (4/16/25)

Here are a few important dates for the junior high and high school side of the building during the month of May:

May 6 - What's your E? for the senior class

May 12 - Senior breakfast, senior awards, graduation practice, seniors' last day of school

May 13 - Field Day/Funday

May 14 - Last day of school for the district

May 18 - Senior Graduation - 2:00 pm Mt. Victory Gym

Thank you to everyone that supports our students and our school.

My door is always open. I am here for our students as well as our community. Go Ridgemoont!!!

Nick Stuck  
6-12 Principal



## Washington DC Field Trip

Thirty-seven Ridgemont Middle and High School students along with twelve chaperones embarked on an unforgettable journey to Washington D.C. from March 25th to 27th, 2025. Amidst the bustling streets of the nation's capital, students, parents and faculty had a fantastic experience. The trip's highlights were varied with visits to iconic landmarks. Gazing upon the Lincoln Memorial, reflecting on the legacy of FDR at his monument, and meeting with Representative Troy Balderson from Ohio's 12th District. Rep. Balderson talked with the students and graciously gave the group passes to the U.S. House of Representatives Gallery. The Gophers also visited the World War II, Iwo Jima, Vietnam and Korean Memorials which served as reminders of sacrifices made in the name of freedom. Students also took a hallowed trip to Arlington National Cemetery where many Americans are laid to rest. Ridgemont was able to stand witness to the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Mr. Stemmer and Mr. Trihaft would like to thank Traveling Classrooms, Mr. John Groff, staff, parents and students for making the trip a fantastic experience. The next trip will be held in the Spring of 2027.



## Ohio Statehouse Field Trip

On February 26th, 2025, Government students from Ridgemont High School embarked on an educational journey to the Ohio Statehouse under the guidance of Government Teacher Mr. Trihaft, Ridgemont Bus Driver Tony Haudenschild and Guidance Counselor Jordane Dues.

As students toured the statehouse, students gained insights into the rich history and democratic processes that shape Ohio's government. Students experienced the importance of civic engagement and the power of firsthand experiences in shaping informed citizens. This field trip was sponsored by the Capitol Square Foundation Transportation Grant.

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### 2024-2025 School Calendar

Friday, April 18 - No School - Good Friday

Wednesday, May 14 - Last Day of School -

2 Hour Early Dismissal (1:15 pm)

Sunday, May 18 - Senior Graduation - Mt. Victory Gym-2:00 pm

# Spring Athletic Schedules

Click on Athletics on our website for updates or changes to schedules. Thank you for supporting our student athletes!

## Softball

3/29	vs Riverside (DH)	11:00 AM
3/31	vs Vanlue	5:00 PM
4/1	@ Mount Gilead	5:00 PM
4/3	@ Jackson Center	5:00 PM
4/5	@ Botkins (DH)	11:00 AM
4/7	vs Perry	5:00 PM
4/8	@ Ridgedale	5:00 PM
4/9	vs Triad	5:00 PM
4/11	@ Harding	5:00 PM
4/12	@ Houston (DH)	12:00 PM
4/14	vs Elgin	5:00 PM
4/15	@ Temple	5:00 PM
4/18	@ Ada	5:00 PM
4/21	vs USV	5:00 PM
4/22	@ Hardin Northern	5:00 PM
4/23	@ Allen East	5:00 PM
4/24	@ Arlington	5:00 PM
4/28	vs North Baltimore	5:00 PM
4/29	@ Cory-Rawson	5:00 PM
5/5	@ Waynesfield	5:00 PM
5/6	@ Riverdale	11:00 AM
5/8	vs Crestline	5:00 PM

## Varsity Baseball

3/29	vs Riverside (DH)	11:00 AM
3/31	vs Vanlue	5:00 PM
4/1	@ Mount Gilead	5:00 PM
4/2	vs Kenton	5:00 PM
4/3	@ Jackson Center	5:00 PM
4/5	@ Botkins (DH)	11:00 AM
4/7	vs Perry	5:00 PM
4/8	@ Ridgedale	5:00 PM
4/9	vs Triad	5:00 PM
4/12	@ Houston	12:00 PM
4/14	vs Elgin	5:00 PM
4/15	@ Temple	5:00 PM
4/17	@ Fairbanks	5:00 PM
4/18	@ Ada	5:00 PM
4/19	vs Northeastern	11:00 AM
4/21	vs USV	5:00 PM
4/22	@ Hardin Northern	5:00 PM
4/23	@ Allen East	5:00 PM
4/24	@ Arlington	5:00 PM
4/28	vs North Baltimore	5:00 PM
4/29	@ Cory-Rawson	5:00 PM
5/5	@ Waynesfield	5:00 PM
5/6	@ Riverdale	11:00 AM
5/8	vs Crestline	5:00 PM

## Varsity Track

4/4	Host Invite	4:30 PM
4/9	@ Perry	4:30 PM
4/12	@ Cardington Inv	9:00 AM
4/14	@ WG	4:30 PM
4/15	@ Crestline	4:30 PM
4/17	@ North Union	4:30 PM
4/21	Host Elgin	4:30 PM
4/25	@ Waynesfield Inv	4:30 PM
5/2	@ North Baltimore	4:30 PM
5/6	@ Riverdale	
	(Hardin County)	4:30 PM
5/13	NWCC @ Elgin	4:30 PM
5/16	NWCC @ Elgin	4:30 PM

## Junior High Track

3/31	Host Waynesfield	4:30 PM
4/5	Host Invite	4:30 PM
4/7	@ Perry	4:30 PM
4/12	@ Cardingotn Inv	4:30 PM
4/16	@ North Union	4:30 PM
4/22	Host CR	4:30 PM
4/28	@ Ada	4:30 PM
5/9	@ Hardin Northern	4:30 PM
5/12	@ Kenton	
	(Hardin County)	4:30 PM
5/15	NWCC @	
	North Baltimore	4:30 PM

**WE ARE**



**RIDGEMONT!**



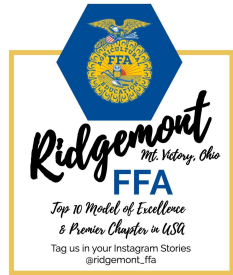


## American Degree Recipients

Hannah McKinniss  
Taylor Payne  
Kaelyn Saylor

## State Degree Recipients

Albrey Bailey  
Kaytlin Billenstein  
Jonathan Cromer  
Brenden Eckstein  
Connor Eckstein  
Ruth Eckstein  
Laney Elsasser  
Aidan Hanson  
Mason Howard  
Kylie Hurt  
Owen Kearns  
Mason Swavel  
Breann Vermillion



## Ridgemont FFA

Top 10 Chapter Overall in Ohio  
Top 10 Premier Chapter in Growing Leaders  
Top 10 Premier Chapters in Building Communities  
Top 10 Premier Chapters in Strengthening Agriculture

## Gold Rated Officer Books

Secretary - Gracyn McCullough  
Reporter - Bre Vermillion and Kamryn Kiser  
Treasurer - Alex George and Aidan Hanson

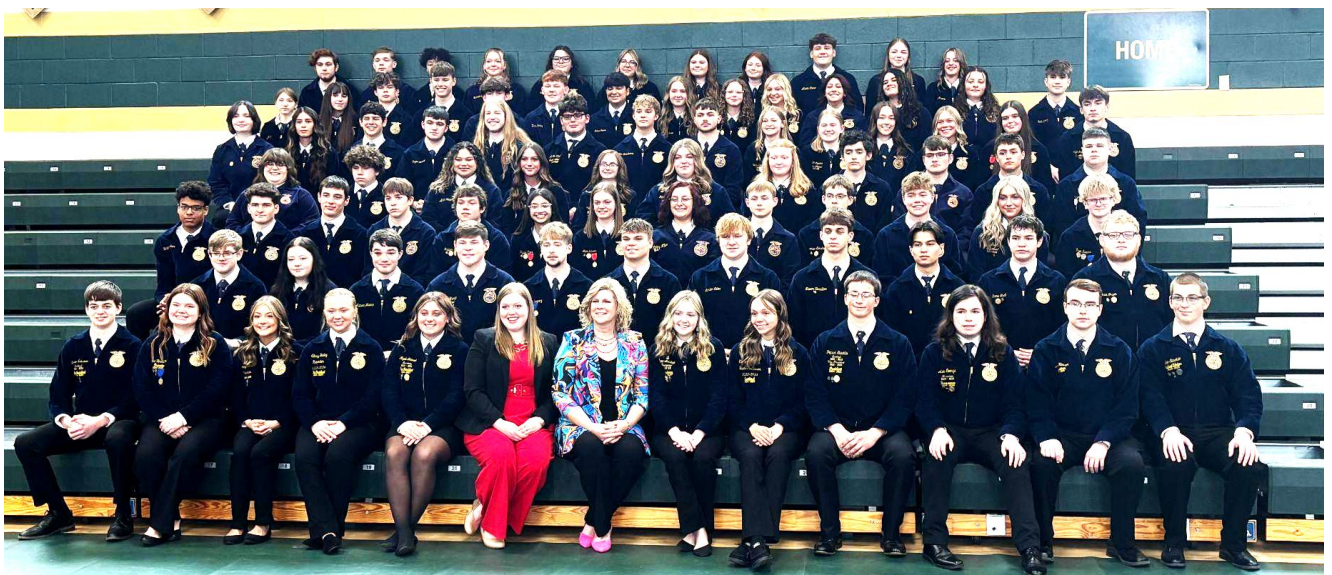
## State Proficiency Finalists

Kaytlin Billenstein-Agricultural Education  
Jonathan Cromer-Grain Production  
Connor Eckstein-Integrated AgriScience Research  
Laney Elsasser-Integrated AgriScience Research  
Jevin Henderson-Agricultural Processing  
Mason Howard-Plant AgriScience Research  
Masen Jolliff-Ag Mechanics Design and Fab.  
Owen Kearns-Small Animal Production & Care  
Gracyn McCullough-Animal AgriScience Research  
Patrick Stacklin-Turf & Landscape Maintenance  
Mason Swavel-Animal AgriScience Research

## State Science Fair Finalists (Top 4 in Ohio)

Riley Hites - Animal Systems  
Allison Robinson - Animal Systems  
Connor Eckstein - Environmental Systems  
Masen Jolliff - Environmental Systems  
Aubrie Overly & Bri Rudasill - Food Systems  
Jalen Dyer & Alana Purnell - Food Systems  
Prezley Furer - Food Systems  
Aiden Swavel - Food Systems  
Kelsey Ramsey - Plant Systems  
Zoey Miller - Power Systems  
Maverick Dawson - Power Systems  
Bre Vermillion - Social System  
Quinn Billenstein - Social Systems  
Aiden Minix & Riley Sifrit - Power Systems

Abigail Bowman & Kennedy Stapleton - Animal Systems  
Brooke Vermillion & Hailey Scott - Animal Systems  
Sami Shelt & Taley Demeter - Animal Systems  
Adalyn Marshall & Jemma Wireman - Animal Systems  
Addison Holland & Liv Ward - Environmental Systems  
Bryce Mendenhall & Luke Stacklin - Environmental Systems  
Blake Crum & Kody Kiser - Environmental Systems  
Jordan Chronister & Hendrix Eversole - Environmental Systems  
Joslin Henderson & Sunee VanBuskirk - Environmental Systems  
Willow Kearns & Tanner VanBuskirk - Plant Systems  
Austyn Miller & Brooklyn Large - Plant Systems  
Bailey Brentlinger & Faith Newland - Plant Systems  
Charlie Martell & Addison Prater - Plant Systems  
Memphis Harvey & Jameson Hilyard - Power Systems  
Kamryn Kiser & Ella Manns - Social Systems



## Senior Carter Ruppright at National Quiz Bowl Tournament

Ridgemont Senior Carter Ruppright competed at the National Individual Quiz Bowl Championship Tournament on April 6th at Rosemont, Illinois.

Congratulations to Carter Ruppright on his outstanding achievements in Quiz Bowl this year! Leading the team to three consecutive victories, securing the position of #1 scorer at the Kenton & Toledo tournaments. He achieved Third Team at the State Tournament, and participated in the National Individual Tournament. These are remarkable accomplishments that reflect his dedication, knowledge, and leadership. These successes not only highlight Carter's individual talents but also contribute significantly to the team's overall performance and morale. Carter will lead the team at the Small School National Tournament, in Chicago, at the end of April. Such achievements are commendable and set a high standard for future competitions.



Congratulations to the Ridgemont Varsity Quiz Bowl Team for being the Hardin County Quiz Bowl Champions.

## **Back to the 80's, Awesome Performance-Congratulations!**

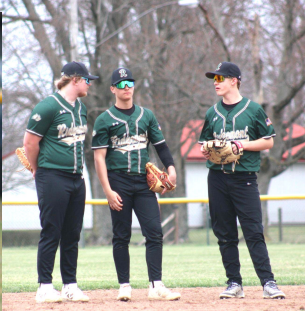
This year, the Ridgemont Local School District put on "Back to the 80's, the totally awesome musical!" March 21-23rd. The cast and crew came together to put on a fantastic show, which focused on reminiscing about a decade that brought us all the best things....big hair, leg warmers, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Atari, the Rubix cube and amazing music!

The show boasted 33 cast members, 11 crew members, a light designer and technician, sound technician, stage manager, set designer, assistant director and a director/choreographer. We had a great turn out for our show and appreciate all of the support from the community. We were also very excited to collaborate with the art department to bring back the Spring Art Show that premiered alongside the musical. Congrats to the cast and crew on a great show!

Recognizing our Senior Cast and Crew: Will Browning, Hannah Houser, Kolton Manns, Connor Manns, Rylee Shepherd, Xavier Stuck, and Charlotte Ward









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*School Staff  
Appreciation Week is  
May 6th-10th. We want  
to take this opportunity  
to thank all of the  
Ridgemont Staff who  
make a difference  
every day.*

**Ridgemont Staff,  
This is your  
reminder,  
you are  
AWESOME!**

