School Update

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Smoke Signals

Mr. Adam Puthoff, Superintendent

State Report Card

State Report Card Components	**2025-2026 School Year Rating**	2024-2025 School Year Rating	2023-2024 School Year Rating
Overall Rating	**4.5 Stars**	4.5 Stars	4 Stars
Achievement	**5 Star**	5 Star	5 Star
Progress	**2 Star**	2 Star	1 Star
Gap Closing	**4 Stars**	5 Stars	4 Stars
Graduation Rate	**5 Stars**	5 Stars	5 Stars
Early Literary	**5 Stars**	4 Stars	4 Stars
College, Career, Workforce and Military Readiness	**5 Star**	5 Star	Not Rated
Performance Index/Ranking	**107.807** ***19th in State***	108.295 *12th in State*	105.53 *21st in State*

St. Henry Schools has earned a 4.5 Star Rating on the 2025–2026 Ohio State Report Card. This is the same overall rating we earned last school year and represents one of the many measures we use to evaluate our performance, celebrate our successes, and identify opportunities to continue improving how we serve our students.

One of our greatest strengths continues to be Achievement and the Performance Index. This year, St. Henry's Performance Index was 107.807, ranking us 19th among all school districts in the state of Ohio. That is a remarkable accomplishment and one that our entire school community should be proud of. It reflects the dedication of our students, the commitment of our staff, the support of our families, and the high expectations we share as a community.

While we are proud of what we have accomplished, we also know there is always more work to do. Our Progress component remained at a 2-Star rating, which measures the academic growth students make from one year to the next in the tested content areas. This will continue to be an area of focus as we evaluate our curriculum, instructional practices, expectations, and the ways we support student growth.

We are proud of where we are, but we are not finished.

Our goal is to continue raising the bar and ultimately become a 5-Star district. Reaching that goal will take continued effort, collaboration, and a commitment to getting better each year. Most importantly, it will take all of us working together with the same purpose: doing what is best for our students and helping them reach their full potential.

Count Week for Transportation

If your child(ren) are scheduled on a bus route, we ask that you make all efforts to have them ride the bus October 5-9. This is "count week" for bus riders and helps determine our funding for busing. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for November 9th, 10th, and 12th. School will not be in session on Friday, November 13th, 2026. Parents will be receiving notification from the building your child attends regarding conferences this year.

Community Center Fobs/Cards

Anyone looking to acquire a Community Center Fob or having issues with their Fob/Card are to contact Mr. Adam Puthoff by email (puthoff.adam@sthenryschools.org) or by phone (419) 678-4834 x 2100.

Go Skins!

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St. Henry Consolidated Local Schools
www.sthenryschools.org

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From the Board of Education

Mrs. Gail Hess

October and November bring a special energy to our school. The crisp air, changing leaves, and busy calendar remind us that the year is well underway - and that every day offers a new opportunity to learn, grow, and support one another.

Our fall athletes have given us many reasons to celebrate. On fields, courts, courses, sidelines, and competitions, students are demonstrating teamwork, perseverance, discipline, and sportsmanship. We are proud of the effort they put in, and we are equally grateful for the coaches, families, volunteers, students, and fans who encourage them along the way. Whether the scoreboard shows a win or a loss, each contest is a chance to improve, represent our school well, and build memories together.

As we look toward the months ahead, we are excited about the goals we have set for this school year. We want every student to feel challenged, supported, and connected. That means working hard in the classroom, encouraging curiosity, building positive relationships, and helping students develop the confidence to take on new opportunities. Progress is built one lesson, one practice, one kind choice, and one courageous step at a time.

School pride is strongest when it is expressed through our actions. We show it by cheering respectfully, welcoming others, caring for our building and community, celebrating one another's achievements, and choosing to be helpful even when no one is watching. During October and November, we invite everyone to attend school events, recognize student accomplishments, participate in seasonal activities, and continue creating a place we are proud to be a part of.

Thank you for the enthusiasm, dedication, and spirit you bring to our school. Together, we can make this a year filled with growth, achievement, and lasting pride. Let's carry the momentum of fall forward and make the coming months our best yet!

Go Skins!

The financial statements of St. Henry Consolidated Local School District for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, have been completed and are available for inspection at the office of the Treasurer/CFO. A copy of the financial report may be reviewed at the office during regular school hours.

School Finance 101: Where Does St. Henry Schools' Money Come From?

Mrs. Jenn Bruns

Have you ever wondered where the money to operate St. Henry Schools comes from?

Like most Ohio public schools, St. Henry relies on a combination of state funding and local revenue to educate its students and operate the district. In Fiscal Year 2026, St. Henry received approximately $13 million in General Fund operating revenue.

Our two largest sources of funding are the Ohio Department of Education Funding and local property taxes.

State unrestricted funding provided approximately $6.4 million in FY2026. This funding is determined through Ohio's school funding formula, which considers factors such as enrollment, the cost of educating students, and the state's calculation of the community's ability to fund its schools locally. State funding allocations to schools are approved every two years as part of the State of Ohio biennial budget process.

Local real estate property taxes provided approximately $4.98 million. These dollars come from property taxes paid by homeowners, farmers and businesses within the St. Henry school district. The amount the district receives is affected by Ohio property-tax laws, property values and the levies approved by local voters.

The remaining revenue comes from sources including restricted state funding, property-tax credit reimbursements from the State of Ohio, and other operating revenue.

Why does this matter?

Understanding where our funding comes from is the first step toward understanding the district's financial picture. Changes in either of our two major funding sources - state funding or local property taxes - can have a significant effect on St. Henry's finances.

Over the coming year, we will continue sharing short financial updates to help explain how school funding works, how St. Henry's finances are changing, and what those changes mean for our district and community.



BASKETBALL SEASON TICKETS



Selling of boys' and girls' basketball season tickets for previous season ticket holders will be Monday, November 2nd, from 6:30-8:30 pm in the high school commons. Anyone wanting to change seats can do so in the high school office Monday, November 9th, from 6:30-6:45 pm. Those interested in purchasing tickets for the first time can do so on Monday, November 9th, from 6:45-7:00 pm.

If you are unable to purchase your tickets during the allotted times, please call the high school office at 419-678-4834, ext. 2201 before November 2nd.

Price for Season tickets: Boys Reserved are $88 (11 home games).
Girls General Admission are $72 (9 home games).

The price for presale and at-the-door boys and girls basketball is: $8.00 adult and $7.00 student.

Boys' games will start at different times depending if we have a triple header. We will have a schedule to pick up during ticket sales. **REMINDER:** always check the school website for the most accurate schedule.

Adult Middle School Passes are $25. An **All Sports Student Pass** is $50.

Price for MS Boys and Girls at the door:
$5.00 – Adult
$4.00 – Student

Tera Kremer
Ticket Manager



From the Elementary School

Elementary Happenings
Mrs. Lauryn Timmerman

Field Trips
Field Trips are underway and/or quickly approaching this fall for our students! First Grade attended the Fort Wayne Zoo September 18th and Kindergarten attended Brumbaugh Fruit Farm on September 23rd. Our Preschool and Kindergarten will tour the Fire Station on October 7th and 8th. Fourth Grade will go to Johnston's Farm on October 9th and Beyond the Battlefield in Fort Recovery on October 23rd.

Thank you to all the volunteers who make these experiences possible!

Pep Rally
We had our first district wide pep rally on September 25th. Several senior students shared wisdom about being responsible. The band joined in with our talented cheerleaders to spread school spirit, which the students loved!

Word of the Month
During September and October, we are focusing on responsibility and encouragement. On September 24th, we will host our first PBIS assembly to kick off Redskin Way Groups. These groups are a schoolwide culture-building activity that meets periodically throughout the year and include students from grades K–4. Students always look forward to Redskin Way days!

Testing Dates
3rd grade English Language Arts Fall Ohio State Test:
Star Alternate (3rd grade): October 14th.
3rd Grade ELA OST: October 20th and 21st.

Elementary Conferences
St. Henry Elementary Conferences will be held November 9th from 5:00-8:30 pm and November 12th from 3:30-7:00 pm. There will be no School on Friday, November 13th. Teachers will begin reaching out to get conferences scheduled in the weeks ahead.

PRESCHOOL SCREENING
Mrs. Kelli Albers

Preschool screenings (Child Find) will be held at the Grand Lake Regional Educational Service Center (previously known as the Mercer County Educational Service Center) on October 23rd, November 20, and January 22. If you have any concerns about your child (ages 3-5) in the areas of speech/language, pre-academics, hearing, vision, or motor development, please call the ESC at (419) 586-6628 to schedule an appointment.

PTO
Mrs. Liz Moeller, PTO President

On September 11th, we held our 10th Annual Walk-a-thon and it was a HUGE success! The weather was perfect, the students gave it their all, and they were all rewarded with a freeze pop and cooling towel. Thank you so much to our students, faculty, volunteers, and supporters who showed up in their red and white (and blue) - this event would not be possible without all of you!







Next up is our first session of Grandparent Bingo. This event will be held October 27 for our younger elementary students - older students will have their event in the spring. More information will be provided when the sign up is sent out.

We have been fortunate to have many community sponsors this year. Check out our Facebook page and be sure to thank them!

Thanks for all the continued support of our students and staff members at St. Henry Schools! We look forward to seeing everyone at our future events!



UPCOMING ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS...

3rd Grade Music Program
Tuesday, March 16th, 2027
7:00 pm in the High School Commons

1st Grade Music Program
& the Elementary Creative Arts Festival
Thursday, April 22nd, 2027
7:00 pm in the High School Commons
Artwork on display in the Elementary from 6:00-8:30 pm

From the Middle School

Attention 6th grade parents:

Middle School students, beginning at 11 years of age, and before entering 7th grade are required to have Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines. Vaccines are available at the Mercer County Health District, physician offices and pharmacies. Please turn a copy of the updated record into the Middle School office. Contact the office for an exempt form if your child will not be receiving the vaccinations. Please reach out to Jill Westgerdes at 419-678-4834 x. 2301 with any questions.

GET REAL 2026-2027

"Stand Strong. Rise Together."

The beginning of a new school year is always filled with excitement, anticipation, and the opportunity for a fresh start. This year, our students began the school year with a powerful reminder that set the tone for what we hope to accomplish together: Stand Strong. Rise Together.

As part of our annual Get REAL program, students gathered for an opening assembly featuring Jason Thomas, a United States Marine whose personal story is a powerful example of courage, sacrifice, and putting others before yourself.



Jason was living on Long Island when the attacks of September 11th, 2001, changed our country forever. Although he was not required to do so, Jason voluntarily traveled to the site of the attacks to assist with search and rescue efforts. He willingly put his own life at risk in an effort to help others during one of the darkest moments in our nation's history.

His story gave our students an opportunity to look beyond the events of September 11 and think about what it truly means to stand strong. Standing tall does not simply mean being strong when things are easy. It means having courage when things are difficult. It means making the right choice when no one is watching. It means standing up for someone who needs help and refusing to walk away when others are struggling.

Jason also emphasized the importance of rising together. No one succeeds entirely on his or her own. Whether in a classroom, on an athletic team, in a family, or within a community, we are stronger when we support one another. Our differences do not have to divide us; instead, they can make us stronger when we learn to work together toward a common goal.

From the High School

Parents/Guardians of Juniors

Mr. Eric Rosenbeck

The 10th statewide administration of the college and career readiness test will be in the Spring of 2027. Districts can choose only one of these tests to be given. St. Henry has once again elected to administer the ACT; this is the test that the majority of our students take for college admission(s). The ACT test is planned to be given on Tuesday, March 9th, 2027. This ACT test is **FREE** to all juniors. Students will be able to use the test results to send to colleges/universities of their choosing for admission purposes. This particular test does not include the writing portion nor is the writing portion an option. Only juniors will be eligible to take the free test during the testing window. If you would like additional information, please visit the Ohio Department of Education website and search "ACT Test" or contact me via phone call, email, or in person.

St. Henry High School Accountability System

Mr. Eric Rosenbeck

St. Henry High School believes that test scores matter. St. Henry High School also believes there is way more to the high school experience than test scores. In an attempt to hold the St. Henry High School Administration, Staff and Students accountable, we created the SHHS Accountability System during the 2022-23 School Year and implemented the 1st Year of the Accountability System during the 2023-24 School Year. This Accountability System and the results from last year [2025-26] can be viewed on the high school webpage. This document will again be updated at the conclusion of the 2026-27 School Year; in addition, we are looking into aligning our Accountability System w/ the Puzzle Pieces of our District's Strategic Plan. If you get the opportunity, please visit the 'High School' link from the St. Henry Schools webpage [https://www.sthenryschools.org/schools/high-school/] to see the updated version of the SHHS Accountability System and what was Achieved and where we hope to grow in the 2026-27 School Year.

Strategic Plan Update for the 2026-27 School Year

As we start the 2026-2027 school year, St. Henry High School continues to embrace our Strategic Plan, guiding us toward excellence in Student Success, School Pride, Communication & Collaboration, and Community Engagement. These pillars shape and help drive our daily decision-making and everything we do. From outstanding academic achievements to deep community connections, here are some things we have done to end last school year and are doing now to act on our vision as the school year begins.

Student Success: Academic Excellence and Athletic Achievement

While our students are off to another remarkable start, we want to acknowledge students from the end of last year as well. Our AP students, guided by Mr. Mestemaker and Mrs. Laux, posted exceptional scores: 4.27 average in AP Calculus (compared to the state average of 3.52 and global average of 3.25) and 3.76 in AP Government & Politics (compared to state's 3.63 and global's 3.42). The AP Calculus score is the highest in recent memory - outstanding work by Mr. Mestemaker and the students in his AP Calculus Class!

Fall athletics are well underway; good luck to all student-athletes and coaches this fall! In addition, the FFA was busy at the Mercer County Fair, and Mrs. Hartings and the SHHS Marching Band are off to another fantastic start.

School Pride: Honoring Tradition and Building Community

SHHS honored local military and first responders at the September 4th home football game, commemorating America's 250th anniversary and the 25th anniversary of 9/11. We also celebrated the 50th anniversary of the 1976 and 1977 football teams' historic achievements, including St. Henry's first MAC Football Championship. Thank you to everyone involved, especially Mrs. Hartings and the High School Band, as well as our new athletic director, Mr. Adam Timmerman, for keeping our traditions alive.

Communication & Collaboration: Working Together

Many of our teachers attended Professional Development training on August 4th as we continue down the path of adopting the Magic School A.I. platform district-wide. Mrs. Kuba attended OACAC Articulation, connecting with counselors around the state, and we have been impressed by not only her, but all of our new staff members - Ms. Felver, Ms. Treon, and Mr. Hemmelgarn - for all their hard work and professionalism to start the school year.

Community Engagement: Connecting with Our Community

The "Between 2 Buildings" Podcast launched this year, featuring guests from St. Henry Schools & the St. Henry Schools' community; hopefully, you get the chance to tune in for an episode or two moving forward! We also send a big Thank You to George Lefeld for framing our class composite and to Tera Kremer for all of her help in coordinating the St. Henry Schools Calendar.

We're looking forward to another tremendous year! Go Skins!

HS Guidance Office

Mrs. Rose Kuba

It's been a great start to the school year! I've had the opportunity to meet with all the seniors for their Senior Interview(s), where we discussed future goals, admission timeline(s), and next step(s) on their personal journies. Senior parents also received a copy of the timeline outlining important responsibilities and deadlines for the year.

Juniors will soon meet to discuss 'In Demand Learning Opportunities'. They are also encouraged to attend College Representative visits and Business Lunch & Learns during lunchtime.

Sophomores will attend a Tri Star Presentation on **Tuesday, November 3rd**, at St. Henry in the morning. A representative will share the many opportunities available at Tri Star. Students will also visit Tri Star on **Friday, December 4th** in the afternoon, where they are encouraged to explore two programs to see what may be the best fit. Parents are also invited to attend the Tri Star Open House on **Monday, December 14th from 5:30-7:00 pm**. This is a great opportunity to meet the teachers and learn more about the program(s) your child may be considering.

Freshmen will begin meeting with me in small groups once a month to support their transition into high school. These sessions focus on academic, social, and emotional needs, as well as character building. Students also complete Schoolinks lessons to set personal goals, build their profiles, and explore the many academic options available throughout high school.

All students participating in College Credit Plus will sign up for their spring classes in October. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out - I am here to help!

FFA

Mr. Brad Rindler

The St. Henry FFA has had a busy and exciting few months! From summer fellowship to hands-on learning and community involvement, our chapter members have proudly represented St. Henry in a variety of activities. Here are some of our highlights:

Summer Outing
On July 19th, we kicked off the start to the new school year with our annual summer outing, where members enjoyed pizza, swimming, and yard games, giving members the chance to bond, relax, and set the tone for a year full of growth and service. In addition, members discussed the upcoming fair information and received their Pork Stand schedule.

Mercer County Fair
The Mercer County Fair was another highlight, where our members showcased their hard work and dedication through livestock, shop & crop projects, exhibits, and working at the Pork Stand. The fair is always a special opportunity to share our passion for agriculture with the community. Congratulations to Vincent Lochtefeld and Kylee Albers, both St. Henry FFA members, who were crowned 2026 Fair King and Queen.

September FFA Meeting
The St. Henry FFA welcomed State FFA Vice President at Large Hunter Wellman to their September FFA meeting, where students participated in a workshop where they reflected on how they can serve others. The meeting inspired students to "live to serve." Zaden Hartke was recognized as the FFA member of the month.

Farm Science Review
On September 22nd, FFA members traveled to London, Ohio, for the annual Farm Science Review. While there, students talked with several people involved in agriculture, including seed dealers, Farm Bureau members, equipment dealers, soil conservationists, college representatives, and many more. This event exposed our members to cutting-edge agricultural technology and research.



CDE's: Soil Judging, Forestry, & Job Interview

On September 25th, students participated in the district soil judging contest, where they evaluated soil types, textures, and land use practices, gaining valuable skills that will serve them in both agricultural and environmental careers.

On September 26th, four FFA members participated in the Forestry CDE, a hands-on contest where members tested their knowledge of forest management, tree identification, and timber harvesting. Members who participated include Jude Buschur, Michael Kunkler, Vincent Lochtefeld, and Ethan Wendel.

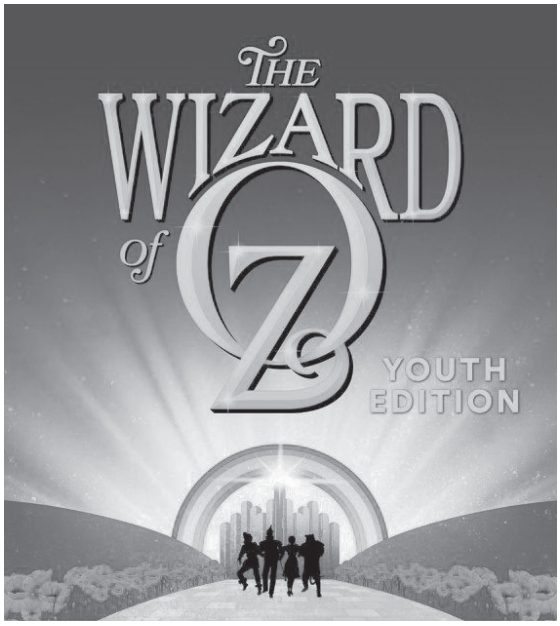
On Friday, October 2nd, the St. Henry FFA hosted the district Job Interview contest. Over 20 schools brought FFA members to practice and build the real-world skills needed to secure employment in agriculture. Members who participated include Braxton Huwer, Hans Lochtefeld, Jayna Kaiser, Vincent Lochtefeld, and Jack Siefring.

Upcoming Fruit Sale Fundraiser

Looking ahead, our annual fruit, nut, and BBQ sauce sale is just around the corner! Fruit sales begin October 8th and will end around the first week of November. Fruit will be available for pickup or delivery around the first week of December. This important fundraiser helps support chapter activities, leadership conferences, and community projects

throughout the year. Be sure to order your fresh fruit and delicious holiday treats while supporting the St. Henry FFA! Please contact an FFA member if you are interested. For more information or to place an order, please call 419-678-4834 extension 2275, or send an email to rindler.brad@sthenryschools.org. Thank you for your support!

St. Henry Drama Club
Mrs. Candy Hemmelgarn



Friday, November 20th & Saturday, November 21st at 7:00 pm; Sunday, November 22nd at 2:00 pm

SHHS Commons ~ Adults $10 ~ Students (K-12) $5

All tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

HS Band & Choir Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 6th, 2026
7:30 pm in the High School Commons





Choir Spring Cabaret Concert

Sunday April 25th, 2027
2:00 PM in the High School Commons

St. Henry Baseball - 2026-2027 Online Holiday Apparel Store/Fundraiser
Mr. Mike Gast



The 2026-2027 St. Henry Baseball online apparel store will go live on Sunday, November 1st and will close on Sunday, November 15th. This order window will allow for items to be completed by early December so that all may have items available for the holiday season. Like previous years, we look forward to providing items for all St. Henry fans to enjoy. Orders will be available for pickup at the St. Henry Elementary Gymnasium from 11 am - 12 pm on Saturday, December 12th. If other pickup arrangements are needed, please contact a St. Henry High School baseball player or Coach Gast (gast.mike@sthenryschools.org).

The online apparel store will be available through Albert Sporting Goods. We plan to share the link on social media - X (Twitter) and Facebook - and can be accessed through the Albert Sporting Goods team store page at https://www.albertsportinggoods.com/team-stores.

News from the Bus Stop
Mr. Adam Timmerman

This year we have our statewide count week from October 5th-9th. The school receives state funding for transportation by the number of students who ride the bus to school. If your children are assigned to a bus route, please encourage them to ride the bus to school that week.

Bus Safety Week this year is October 19th-23rd. "DRIVING SAFETY INTO THE FUTURE" is the theme for 2026. National School Bus Safety Week is a unique reminder to motorists and students about the dangers that exist outside the school bus.

Ohio law requires motorists to stop clear of the school bus until the bus driver cancels the red lights and the bus begins to move. Ensuring safety of our students is always critical.

Often times, we take for granted the benefit of this service. Thank you to all of our bus drivers and motorists for being aware of their surroundings and assisting in getting all of our students to and from school safely.

For the safety of children, encourage your students to wear light colored clothing, especially when it is dark in the morning so they are more visible.



Just a reminder, please refrain from sending your child home on a bus that is not his/her regular scheduled route. Our buses are very full and cannot always accommodate extra children. Thank You!

REMINDER:

If attending any type of activity at the Middle/High School, we request you not park on Columbus St./Kenneth Dr. where the curb is painted yellow. This area is for the safety of the pedestrians crossing the street and the visibility of vehicles exiting the Middle/High School parking lot and Kenneth Dr. This is more of an issue during evening activities. Thank you!

~ The St. Henry Police Department

Lunch Account Balances

Lunch Prices are as follows: Lunch – grade (K-8) - $2.30, grades (9-12) - $2.40, Milk - $.40. Students in grades 5-12 will have the option of purchasing an extra sandwich ($1.10), an extra vegetable/potato ($.55), an extra fruit ($.55), and an extra item (smart snack items) for ($.50 or $.75)

Please monitor your child's lunch account balance on a regular basis. Low balance letters are emailed out weekly for accounts with a balance under $5.00. **Students with a negative balance over $20.00 will not be able to purchase any extra items in the cafeteria**. Lunch account balances and transaction history are available for review at www.payschoolscentral.com.

Payments to lunch accounts can be made via **check to St. Henry Schools**, cash, ACH payment (direct debit from checking account) with a fee of $1.75 regardless of transaction, or online through the PaySchoolsCentral website. If using a credit card there is a convenience fee assessed as follows: $1.65 flat fee for transactions $0-$24.99, $2.00 flat fee for transactions $25.00-$49.99, and 4.5% fee for transactions $50 and more.

REMINDER: write separate checks for students in grades K-4 and 5-12.

PAY YOUR SCHOOL FEES ONLINE



This is a reminder that you can pay your child(ren)'s school fees online through PaySchoolsCentral.com. Have you created your account on PaySchools Central? It's easy! Start simplifying your school lunch and fee payments today by visiting www.payschoolscentral.com and click on "Register." If you already have an account for lunch payments, you do not need to create a separate account. Simply login with your current username and password. Parents will see all outstanding school fees listed in your child's profile separately from the lunch account balances. Simply select your child, add the student fees to your cart, and continue by selecting your next child's fee. PaySchools Central provides a streamlined and convenient option for paying school fees for your entire family in one transaction.

Payments can be made by credit card or ACH (debit from your checking account) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at the parents' convenience online or via the mobile app.
School Fees paid online will incur an Internet convenience fee:

- ACH flat fee when using electronic check (direct debit from checking account) is $1.75
- Credit card transaction fees are: $1.65 flat fee for $0-$24.99, $2.00 flat fee for $25.00-$49.99, and 4.5% fee over $50

Payments made by cash or check are accepted in each building as well.

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ST. HENRY — RIDE SAFE!

NEW RULES FOR E-BIKES, SCOOTERS & OTHER RIDING DEVICES

A quick guide for kids & parents — Village of St. Henry, Ohio

THE BIG IDEA: BE SAFE • FOLLOW TRAFFIC RULES • RESPECT PEDESTRIANS

WHERE CAN YOU RIDE?

- Personal conveyance vehicles (skateboards, scooters, hoverboards, toy vehicles, etc.) may NOT be ridden on a roadway, except to cross the street at a crosswalk.
- When crossing at a crosswalk, you have pedestrian rights and duties. Obey traffic signals and use a safe speed.
- Always yield to pedestrians and human-powered vehicles. Give an audible signal when passing.
- No racing, stunts, trick riding, reckless riding, or leaving devices where they block sidewalks, streets or paths.
- E-motos, mopeds and motor scooters may NOT be used on sidewalks, trails or shared-use paths.

E-BIKES: SPECIAL RULES

- E-bikes may be used on roadways, sidewalks, trails and shared-use paths unless a location is posted otherwise.
- E-bikes must have the required lighting.
- An e-bike cannot be modified/tampered with to produce more than 750 watts; the ordinance describes assisted throttle e-bikes as limited to 28 mph.

UNDER 16?

If you are under 16 and ride a bicycle or e-bike on a roadway, you MUST wear a properly fitted helmet with a fastened chin strap. The helmet must meet or exceed U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission standards.

RIDING AFTER DARK?

Your device or you must have: (1) a white front lamp visible from at least 500 feet, AND (2) a red rear reflector meeting the ordinance visibility requirement.

ONE MORE IMPORTANT RULE

- No passengers unless the vehicle is specifically designed to carry multiple passengers.
- The operator is responsible for injuries or damage caused by misuse or improper storage.

BREAKING THE RULES CAN HAVE CONSEQUENCES

First offense: minor misdemeanor. Repeat offenses can bring more serious misdemeanor charges. Repeated violations may also lead to the vehicle being confiscated and impounded.

For the complete ordinance, use the official Village of St. Henry ordinance text. • Safety first. Every ride. Every time.