

A Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Friends,

Laker Nation had a great first semester of the 2016 - 2017 academic term. The semester was filled with many learning opportunities not only for our students, but for our staff as well. We look forward to many more over the course of the second semester.



The excitement of the district was experienced not only inside the classroom, but outside as well. Our softball team had their best season in school history. They earned their first ever undefeated Ozark Conference Championship and they earned the school's first ever District Championship. We hosted our first ever Sectional softball game. The girls' team finished the season with a record of 22 wins with only five losses. Numerous accolades were bestowed on the team, which included our first ever All-State player Kristyn Carpenter. Coach Rick Calbert was named Ozark Conference Coach of the Year.

In October, the Camdenton Laker Football program was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame. The district's football program began in 1959 and since that time the program has amassed 55 winning seasons, five State Championships, and has had two State runner-up teams. The program would not have been so successful unless it was guided by quality coaches who directed talented and dedicated student athletes. This honor was bestowed in large part to the vision and hard work of former Coach Bob Shore.

In January, the Board of Education welcomed Drew Ellefsen as a new Student Advisor to the Board of Education. Drew replaced Emily Zaretsky who fulfilled her one-year term. Tara Poole also serves as a student advisor. Student advisors are expected to attend all regular school board

meetings, provide the board with a monthly report, communicate with the student body, and share their perceptions regarding issues facing the student body. The student advisor position was created in 2012.

The Camdenton R-III District has faced very stagnate revenues over the course of the past several years. Our school board has been diligent in providing conservative management of the district's fiscal resources. This was recently evidenced by the board's vision to refund some outstanding bonds the district previously issued. The refinancing of these bonds will save our district approximately \$895,000 over the term of the bonds. The board has taken multiple opportunities to secure savings through refinancing in order to meet the strains of flat revenue streams, but we are facing increasing demands to meet the needs of our students.

Over the holiday break our telecommunications system was upgraded to help us be better prepared in case of an event or an emergency. The district's strategic plan, which was developed through the voice of our community, calls for our district to maintain safe, quality, and efficient facilities for our staff and students. This upgrade is one more step in this process.

The proud academic tradition of the district was also highlighted in December. The Missouri State Board of Education voted during their regular meeting to fully accredit the Camdenton R-III School District. We will continue to strive to meet our vision of *“Everyone Learning Every Day.”*

Your Partner in Education,



Dr. Tim Hadfield,
Superintendent





Lake Career & Technical Center
together with the
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FEBRUARY IS CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

Students and faculty at Lake Career & Technical Center (LCTC) in Camdenton will join others across the nation during the month of February to celebrate national Career & Technical Education (CTE) Month. This year's theme is:

CELEBRATE TODAY, OWN TOMORROW!

CTE Month® provides CTE programs an opportunity to demonstrate how CTE educates students to be college- and career-ready and prepares them for high-wage, high-demand career fields. CTE Month 2017 will give the CTE community a chance to tell the stories of leadership and excellence from classrooms across the country, and raise awareness of the crucial role that CTE has in readying our nation for economic success and workforce competitiveness.

CTE classrooms are modern-day laboratories, where students and educators alike are developing the skills that will power the future of college and career success.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAREER SUCCESS



In Camden County, 67% of children qualify for free or reduced-price lunch. When the weekend comes, many of these children do not have access to nutritional meals.

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A \$180 gift allows The Food Bank to provide one child with a Buddy Pack every week during the school year.



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NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD

Annual Board Goals

The Camden R III School Board sets goals prior to each academic year. These goals can be found at www.camdentonschools.org in the school board section. Board members Courtney Hulett, Tom Williams, and Laura Davis worked together in the spring of 2016 to update the goals for the 2016-2017 term. Mr. Hulett investigated the most appropriate methods for establishing effective goals and provided high level leadership in completing this task. Two newly established goals are highlighted below.

Reviewing academic and facility goals through a scorecard system is a new priority for the board. Tom Williams noted that while each district administrator's written monthly report provides a broad update on the pulse of each school, the scorecard provides a color-coded visual system that helps each board member see district successes and opportunities for improvement at a glance. These snapshots assist the board in determining if policy changes are necessary to help district schools and programs reach their goals.

Another board goal promotes improving out-bound communication and two-way communication. Input from district patrons and staff has always been valued, and the board strives to be transparent and open in communicating relevant information to everyone in the district. This new communication goal has prompted the board to share current board information in each quarterly district newsletter. The board's goal of attending at least two events in each district building during the academic year also helps with improving two-way communication.

Community members can remain updated about the district by attending school board meetings and by reviewing board meeting agendas and minutes on the district website. School board meetings are open to the public, and we invite community members to attend these meetings at 5:30 pm the second Monday of each month. At each meeting, specific, detailed information is provided by one or two designated district programs. For example, during the January 9th meeting the director of food services, Dawn Matthews, reviewed her

department's scorecard along with other information about food services. Community members can address the board by sending an email to board@camdentonschools.com.

Bob Shore Stadium Facilities Upgrades

Board members Jackie Schulte and Tom Williams are working with Dr. Tim Hadfield, Coach Jeff Shore, and Athletic Director Jeff Whitney to pursue necessary upgrades to Bob Shore Stadium in not only an affordable manner but in a manner that will continue to raise funds for future sport facility upgrades. The 12-year-old turf at the stadium has surpassed its lifespan and should be replaced. The stadium scoreboard is also beginning to malfunction, which provides an interesting opportunity to complete a scoreboard upgrade that will actually raise money for the district. Upgrading to a state-of-the-art scoreboard will provide the potential for turf and scoreboard replacements with no money out of the district budget and with the opportunity to raise funds for years to come.

Opportunities for community businesses to sponsor the Bob Shore Stadium facilities in return for displaying company graphics and videos using the scoreboard's state-of-the-art graphics is the catalyst for raising sport facility funds. Scoreboard graphics and video needs will also provide an opportunity for Chuck Poe's LCTC graphic design students and Melissa Jackson's Camden School Television Network students to attain 21st century knowledge and experience in designing and running the scoreboard programs.

The stadium's central campus and community location make it a hub for numerous school and community events and activities, adding to the importance of maintaining the highest level facility. Just a few school and community events and activities that routinely take place at Bob Shore Stadium include: 7th-12th grade football practices and games, 7th-12th grade track and field practices and meets, 3rd-6th grade field day, K-8th grade PE, high school graduation, community fitness, community flag and tackle football, community events such as fun runs and Relay for Life. An upgraded scoreboard can provide instant replay at sporting events as well as the opportunity for new events such as school or community movie nights.



Board of Education

Chris C. McElyea, President, 8 years
Nancy A. Masterson, Vice-President, 19 years
Selynn Barbour, Treasurer, 6 years
Laura Davis, Member, 2 years
Courtney Hulett, Member, 3 years
Jackie Schulte, Member, 6 years
Tom Williams, Member, 4 years
Linda Leu, Board Secretary, 8 years appointed
Student Advisors: Drew Ellefsen and Tara Poole

Attendance Matters



The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) set a standard for all Missouri school districts to have 90% of our students in attendance 90% of the school year. This 90/90 standard is monitored annually and reported on the MSIP 5 school accreditation report. Our district has

historically received 60% of the total points possible on the district MSIP 5 Accreditation Report for attendance. Last school year, a team of Camdenton educators, parents, and administrators worked to align our district policies and procedures to the Missouri DESE accountability measures. On the 2016 MSIP 5 report, the Camdenton School District earned 95% of the total points possible for attendance. This increase in attendance will support the achievement of our students because when students are in school, they are able to continue their learning without interruption.

The Camdenton R-III School District appreciates the support of our students, parents, and the community for our students and their increasing student attendance at school. When students are in school, they are present for the instruction and



activities that support their grade/class level Missouri Learning Standards. Consistent school attendance helps to prevent skill and knowledge gaps for students. Each school has put together positive

reinforcement activities for students who are meeting the DESE goal of 90% of students attending school 90% of the time by closely monitoring the attendance rate of all students while working to support families in the process. The Camdenton School District has seen an increase in student attendance over the past year. We attribute it to a heightened awareness of the impact of how consistent school attendance improves student achievement and future success in their careers. Thank you LAKER NATION for your continued support of our Camdenton R-III students.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Julie K. Dill". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Julie K. Dill
Assistant Superintendent of
Elementary Academic Services



IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A LAKER!

Guidelines for Attendance

Parents contact school the day of student's absence by 9:00 am.

Three absences OR 93% attendance and below: school may send informational letter to parents.

Four absences OR 93% attendance and below: school may send informational letter to parents. Possible meeting with principal, school counselor, and/or school social worker.

Eight absences OR 93% attendance and below: school may send informational letter to parents. Possible meeting with principal, school counselor, and/or school social worker. Possible referral to Camden County Division of Family Services - Children's Division.

Twelve absences OR 88% attendance and below: school may send informational letter to parents. Possible meeting with principal, school counselor, and/or school social worker. Possible referral to

Camden County Division of Family Services - Children's Division, Camden County Juvenile Services, and/or prosecuting attorney.

Eighteen absences OR 85% attendance and below: school may send informational letter to parents. Possible meeting with principal, school counselor, and/or school social worker. Possible sanction from prosecuting attorney.

Extenuating circumstance are always reviewed!



CAMDENTON R-III EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

Steering the Course for the Future

ELEGANT EVENING, APRIL 28, 2017

How exciting! It's a new year and a new school semester full of amazing educational opportunities preparing our youth for their futures. We at the Camdenton R-III Education Foundation, a 501(3)(c), are excited as well to continue to help support our students and staff as together they forge their skills -- their sails that will propel them along the lake of life.



Outstanding individuals who help steer Lakers with their vessels are to be deservingly highlighted. Our Hall of Leaders does just that. We are thrilled to announce that **Mrs. Patricia Morgan**, Outstanding Educational Professional, will be

honored posthumously as our newest Hall of Leaders inductee at our upcoming **Elegant Evening** at 6:00, **April 28, 2017**. Mrs. Morgan's incredible life is compelling, to say the very least. Please join our excelling youth, dedicated staff, and ourselves for a showcase of talent, in a variety of exciting formats. From art, music, drama, academia, culinary arts, woodworking, to agriculture and fun, it's an exciting evening you will not forget. Elegant Evening is our sole annual fundraiser. Please plan to join us by going online today and making your reservations at www.camdentonschools.org, under the district information tab and then the education foundation tab or calling (573)346-9213, our Camdenton School District administration's office. You will not regret sharing your time with our gifted Lakers! You will be amazed and excited!



One of the Education Foundation's three areas of support includes college scholarships for deserving Lakers. A second area is our Classroom Impact Grants, which are made available in part by district employees who have chosen to support Lakers through payroll deductions. We are thrilled to share the newest wave of awards! Laker staff continues to amaze us!



Those who were awarded classroom grants this school year are: **Jake Williams** - Camdenton Middle School,

Tasha Callaway and **Danny Stoelting** - Camdenton High School, **Adam Johns** and **Michelle Neal** - Oak Ridge Intermediate, and **Rebecca Oakes** and **Annette Green** - Dogwood Elementary.



Buzzing with excitement of refined teaching techniques learned from educators' own continued education is the third area of support the Education Foundation holds in high esteem. With your valued support, this newest area of empowerment, Educator Scholarships for Advanced Degrees, 13 educators have been given scholarships with more to be awarded soon.



Soon Elegant Evening will be here with all of its lights, cameras, and action! Join in the fun, join in with friends and family, and join in the excitement! With your support, our youth and staff have an incredible Laker learning environment and Laker future!



With Laker Pride,

Selynn Barbour
President, Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation, Inc.



Salon Opens at Dogwood Elementary



Camdenton R-III School Social Worker Rebecca R. Caufield, LMSW, has a dream of being able to serve all the students in need in the district. There are approximately 4,500 students in the district, with approximately 425 identified as homeless. One need to address is hair cuts. Mrs. Caufield had the idea of a salon area on campus. One has been constructed at Dogwood Elementary after much collaboration with Camdenton R-III Superintendents: Dr. Hadfield, Dr. Dill, and Dr. Neal; Lucinda Varner, Dogwood Elementary Principal; Kerry Dickemann and the maintenance department; MO State Cosmetology & Barbers; and Lake Area IDIOTS Club and Albers-Kuhn foundation.

A BIG THANKS to the Lake Area IDIOTS Club who helped fund the dream. *"The charity, founded by Denny and Danna Hiner,*

has a mission to help children in need in the Lake area. Currently, over 60% of children in the lake area live at or below the federal poverty line. The Idiots Club works through lake area school districts including Camdenton, Climax Springs, Macks Creek, and School of the Osage, as well as social agencies and civic groups who identify the needs of children living in poverty. The Idiots Club does not work directly with parents or children to help maintain confidentiality. Requests are made by a school or agency representative," shares Caufield.



Caufield continues, *"A special thanks to the Board of Education for the passion they have to serve students and to Joe Caufield for supporting and assisting my dream."*

The Snip It Salon accepts referrals from school counselors. Parent permission slips are signed prior to licensed or retired hair stylists offering hair cuts. The salon currently has three volunteers: Lisa Putnam, Mike Reynolds, and Amy Samons. For further information on volunteering, please contact Joi Dickemann, Director of Volunteer Services, at 573-346-9243. All volunteers are required to register.



2016 Fall Sports Honors and Awards



Conference Championship and first ever District Championship!
Rick Calbert was named Ozark Conference Coach of the Year.

Softball

Team Record
22-5
First team to earn undefeated Ozark



Kristyn Carpenter:
All-State 2nd Team
1st Team All-District,
1st Team All-Conference,
Ozark Conference MVP,
and 1st Team All-Region

Erin Rasmussen:
2nd Team All-District
and 2nd Team All-Conference

Jillian Selander:
2nd Team All-District
and 2nd Team All-Conference

Kelly Uthe:
1st Team All-District,
1st Team All-Conference,
Ozark Conference
Pitcher of the Year,
and 1st Team All-Region

Shelby Webster:
1st Team All-District,
1st Team All-Conference,
and 1st Team All-Region

Kylee Compton:
1st Team All-District,
2nd Team All-Conference,
and 2nd Team All-Region

Haile Farris:
1st Team All-District
and 1st Team All-Conference

Fayth Rakes:
1st Team All-District,
1st Team All-Conference,
and 1st Team All-Region

Volleyball

Daphne Dinsdale:
1st Team All-District,
1st Team All-Conference,
and 1st Team All-Region

Jordan Wolfe:
1st Team All-Conference,
1st Team All-Region,
and 2nd Team All-District

Blair Kurtz:
All-Conference HM

Girls' Golf



Amber Wilson:
All-State
1st Team All-Conference,
1st Team All-District,
All-Conference, and
District Individual Champion

Jennah Schell:
1st Team All-Conference
and 1st Team All-District

Boys' Soccer

Luke Galbreath:
2nd Team All-District

Nate Martin:
2nd Team All-District
and 2nd Team All-Conference

Dustin Moesch:
1st Team All-District
and 1st Team All-Conference

David Prather:
1st Team All-District

Nolan Moriearty:
2nd Team All-District
and All-Conference HM

Girls' Tennis

Carter Demark:
District 10 - 3rd place
Doubles Medalist
and All-Conference HM

Adi Velarde:
District 10 - 3rd place
Doubles Medalist

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**All-District
1st Team**
Todd Simpson
Parker Stidham

2nd Team
Jay Griffin
Dyllan Decker

**All-Ozark
Conference
1st Team**
Dyllan Decker
Jay Griffin
Zack Howery
Parker Stidham

2nd Team
Todd Simpson

**All-Ozark
Conference
Honorable
Mention**
Wyatt Danuser
Holden Garmany
Gabe Kurtz
Grant Norton
Austin Stamper

**Southwest Missouri
Coaches Association
1st Team**
Dyllan Decker
Jay Griffin
Zack Howery
Parker Stidham

2nd Team
Wyatt Danuser

**All-State
3rd Team**
Parker Stidham



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Ozark Conference All-Academic

Criteria require athletes to earn a varsity letter and a 3.85 to 4.0 GPA on a non-weighted scale.

Softball
Kylee Compton
Emma Uthe
Reagan Waters
Shelby Webster

Volleyball
Daphne Dinsdale
Blair Kurtz
Kylie Meier
Abbie Miller
Tegan Shockley

Boys' Soccer
Steven Flanders
Jake Thoenen

Cross Country
Garrett Mason
Shelby Mount

Football
Jay Griffin
Corey Eskridge
Gabe Kurtz

Girls' Tennis
Olivia Kline
Hannah Robinson

Ozark Conference All-Academic Honorable Mention (HM)

Criteria require athletes to earn a varsity letter and a 3.5 to 3.84 GPA on a non-weighted scale.

Volleyball
Mariah Hadfield
Sarah McDuffey
Grace Wormek

Girls' Tennis
Megan Bartels
Adi Velarde

Softball
Fayth Rakes

Cross Country
Hannah Bentley
Katherine Miller

Football
Matt Lawson
Bryce Metcalf
Winton Neal
Bo Shore

Boys' Soccer
Coleman Baker
Nate Martin
Nolan Moriearty
Cooper Short

Academic All-State

Cross Country
Hannah Bentley
Garrett Mason
Shelby Mount
Erika Nevins

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CAMDENTON LAKER FOOTBALL PROGRAM INDUCTED INTO THE MISSOURI SPORTS HALL OF FAME

The Laker Football program from 1959-present was inducted into the Missouri Hall of Fame on Monday, October 10, 2016, at the Missouri Plaza Convention Center in Springfield, Missouri. Camdenton is only the fourth high school football program to be inducted.

The Camdenton High School Football program has been one of the most successful in the state since first fielding a team in 1959. The Lakers have amassed a 468-139-7 record during the past 58 years, having enjoyed 55 winning seasons as well as five State Championships (1986, 1987, 1995, 1999, 2005). Camdenton also has two State second-place finishes, in 1977 and 1996, and reached the State Semifinals three other times (1978, 1980, 1988) and the State Quarterfinals 10 other times (1982, 1983, 1984, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013). Additionally, the Lakers have won 26 District Championships, with the first in 1977, and enjoyed a 26-game winning streak in the 1986 to 1988 seasons. The first head coaches were Jim Johnson, Everett Mason, Randal Lambert, Ray Scott, and Bob Powell before Camdenton hired Bob Shore in 1975. Shore was 328-75-2 before retiring after the 2010 season, earning Missouri Sports Hall of Fame induction in 2004 and Coach

of the Century by the Springfield News-Leader in 2000. His son, Jeff Shore, has coached the team since. The program has produced 114 All-State players, including 111 since the 1975 season. Jason Whittle went on to play nine seasons in the National Football League after playing at Missouri State University. Five Lakers were part of NCAA Division I programs - Paul Long in the early 1970s with the University of Missouri - Columbia, Mickey Turner four seasons at the University of Wisconsin, Forrest Shock four seasons at University of Missouri - Columbia, and Jeff Shore and Tate Turner with the University of Arkansas.



Photo provided by Lake Sun Leader

Coach Bob Shore, pictured center, along with many former and present Laker coaches and players.