

A Letter from the Superintendent



Dear Friends,

The first semester of the 2015 - 2016 academic term has come and gone. It is difficult to believe we are already well into the third quarter of the school year. The first semester was incredible and we look forward to an even more successful second semester.

Last semester we held a wonderful ceremony at the new Osage Beach Elementary to celebrate the opening of the building. It was a busy summer getting this building ready for our staff and students, but it was certainly worth the effort to provide this state-of-the-art learning environment. This February, we will shift our focus to Hurricane Deck in order to celebrate the building dedication of Hurricane Deck Elementary. This building has the same general design and resources as the new OBE building. We will hold this dedication on February 28th, beginning at 1:00 PM. We invite our community partners to attend and be a part of this wonderful event. Thanks to your support of the successful bond issue of April 2013, these two buildings are able to offer the educational benefits our students need in order to compete in the 21st century. Your support of the bond issue enabled additional local funding to flow to our other facilities in the district to equip them with additional resources, including technology to help enhance the learning and teaching process.

We are so fortunate to have wonderful facilities in which to work and learn, but the real assets in a school district are the staff and students inside our buildings. We have dedicated and talented staff members who work diligently to meet our vision of *“Everyone Learning Every Day!”* Several of our staff members were recently informed they had received honors and awards from various organizations. Clara Bennion, science educator, was recently selected to receive the Missouri Outstanding Educator Award sponsored by Science Teachers of Missouri. Sharon Moehle, mathematics teacher, was selected as the 2015 Outstanding High School Mathematics Educator by the Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Brett Thompson, Camdenton High School Principal, recently received word he will receive the Graduate College Alumni Award from the National Alumni Association of William Woods University. Activities/Athletic Director Jeff Whitney was named Athletic Director of the Year by the South Central Region of the Missouri Association of Athletic Directors. He is now a finalist for the Missouri Athletic Director of the Year.

I am also pleased to announce the district recently was named as one of four Missouri school districts to be placed on the College Board’s Sixth Annual Advanced Placement Honor Roll. Over the past several years we made an effort to increase the number of Advanced Placement offerings for our students. We received this honor because we have increased the number of offerings while at the same time maintained or increased the percentage of students earning scores of three or higher on AP exams. In order for students to score well they must have a solid academic foundation that begins long before they enroll in an Advanced Placement class.

In this issue of the Lakers’ Letter we will also celebrate the achievements of our students. Our students have performed remarkably in the classroom, on the court and on the field this year. I hope you enjoy reading about their accomplishments and successes in this edition.

Your Partner in Education,



Dr. Tim Hadfield, Superintendent



Second Quarter 2016

IT’S A GREAT DAY TO BE A LAKER!

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION



Clara Bennion
Missouri Outstanding
Science Educator

The Missouri Science Educator Award is presented to outstanding Missouri Science Educators who promote and influence quality science education in the State of Missouri. Bennion received the award at the National Science Teachers Association Regional Conference in Kansas City on December 4, 2015, where she also presented as a Teacher Leader for the American Chemical Society. Bennion, a committee chair for the HB1490 Secondary Science Standards Work Group over the last year, led this group to rewrite Missouri's secondary science standards. She presented the final standards document to the State Board of Education on October 26, 2015. The Science Teachers of Missouri (STOM), of which she is a member, chose her as their Missouri Outstanding Science Educator for 2015.



Brett Thompson,
High School Principal
William Woods
University
College Alumni Award

The National Alumni Association of William Woods University board of directors unanimously voted to honor Brett Thompson with a Graduate College Alumni Award. The Graduate College Alumni Award honors alumni of the graduate college who have made exemplary contributions to his or her profession. The National Alumni Association and the entire William Woods Community is proud to designate Mr. Brett Thompson as a Graduate College Alumni Award recipient of 2016.



Sharon Moehle
Outstanding High School
Mathematics Educator

The Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics awarded Sharon Moehle the Missouri Outstanding High School Mathematics Educator award. The council is dedicated to supporting and improving mathematics teaching and learning at all levels.

Her colleagues commented, *“Sharon is known for having a classroom without walls. She promotes growth rather than a fixed mind-set and always asks probing questions to help students become critical thinkers and problem solvers”.*



Jeff Whitney,
South Central Athletic
Director of the Year

Jeff Whitney was named the South Central Athletic Director of the Year for the 2015-2016 season. Joshua Scott, District Director of MSHSAA activities states, *“Jeff’s knowledge and experience is something I look up to as an athletic administrator. I appreciate all the guidance and reassurance he has given me. I have worked extensively with Jeff over the years and he has always been beyond professional.”*

Out of the eight districts in Missouri, Whitney was voted the South Central Athletic Director (AD) of the Year. From those eight district AD of the Year awards, one AD is selected as the Missouri AD of the Year. This will be announced on Sunday, April 10, 2016, at the State Annual Athletic Directors’ Conference.



**Official Dedication and
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the
New Hurricane Deck Elementary
February 28, 2016, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
16594 N State Highway 5
Sunrise Beach, MO 65079**

*The Camdenton R-III School District
cordially invites “you”, the community,
to attend the dedication.*

*A reception will
immediately follow the ceremony.
A guided tour of the new building will
be led by the Hurricane Deck
Student Leaders.*



School Board Recognition Week



Missourians benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 3,600 men and women from communities across the state. These public servants are elected by local constituents and do not receive compensation for their tireless efforts. They are the local school board members of Missouri.

During the week of January 24 - January 30, 2016, communities across the state will honor the dedicated service of their local boards of education during School Board Recognition Week as proclaimed by Governor Jay Nixon. The goal is to build awareness and understanding

of the important function an elected board of education plays in communities and schools. All Missouri citizens are asked to recognize the important contributions of these men and women and focus attention on the vital role these public officials play in the education of Missouri’s children.

School Board Recognition Week is sponsored by the Missouri School Boards’ Association. MSBA is a private, not-for-profit organization that exists to help school boards succeed. The Camdenton School District will recognize their Board of Education during their regular school board meeting on February 8, beginning at 5:00 p.m.



**Camdenton R-III School District
Board of Education**

- Chris C. McElyea, President, 7 years**
- Nancy A. Masterson, Vice-President, 18 years**
- Selynn Barbour, Treasurer, 5 years**
- Laura Davis, Member, 1 years**
- Courtney Hulett, Member, 2 year**
- Jackie Schulte, Member, 5 years**
- Tom Williams, Member, 3 years**

CAMDENTON HIGH SCHOOL HONORED IN THE AP DISTRICT HONOR ROLL

The College Board has announced the 6th Annual AP District Honor Roll. A list of 425 districts across the U.S. and Canada were honored for increasing access to AP® (Advanced Placement) coursework while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of three or higher on AP exams. Reaching these goals indicates that these districts are successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are likely to benefit from rigorous AP coursework.

National data from 2015 show that among Black/African American, Hispanic, and Native American students with a high degree of readiness for AP, only about half of students are participating. The first steps to delivering the opportunity of AP to students is to provide access/ensure courses are available, to stop gatekeeping, and to equitably open doors so these students can participate. AP Honor Roll Districts are committed to expanding the availability of AP courses among prepared and motivated students of all backgrounds.

Helping more students learn at a higher level and earn higher AP scores is an objective of all members of the AP community, from AP teachers to district and school administrators to college professors. Many districts are experimenting with a variety of initiatives and strategies to determine how to simultaneously expand access and improve student performance.

Inclusion on the 6th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on the examination over three years of AP data, from 2013 to 2015, for the following objectives:

- ◆ Increased participation/access to AP by at least four percent in large districts, at least six percent in medium districts, and at least 11 percent in small districts;
- ◆ Increased or maintained percentage of exams taken by African American/Hispanic/Latino/American Indian/Alaska Native students, and;
- ◆ Improved performance levels when comparing the percentage of students in 2015 scoring a three or higher to those in 2013, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70 percent of its AP students are scoring a three or higher.

When these outcomes have been achieved among an AP student population in which 30 percent or more are underrepresented minority students (Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian/Alaska Native) and/or 30 percent or more are low-income students (students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch), a symbol has been affixed to the district name to highlight this distinction.

The complete 6th Annual AP District Honor Roll can be found at <https://professionals.collegeboard.com/k-12/awards/ap-district-honor-roll>.



Students receive “Best in Show”

contest in which students are challenged to solve a problem in their home, school, or community through the use of technology. Students have 24 hours (that’s right, they work on it without sleep for 24 straight hours!) to build their solution and present their solution to a panel of judges consisting of a team of industry professionals. Work was judged on technical efficacy, community impact, and innovation.

Camdenton High school recently competed in the HackEDkc competition held in Kansas City. HackEDkc is a student programming

The Camdenton High School team, the only team not from Kansas City, coached by Doug Starkey, high school math, physics, computer science, PLTW instructor, and more than ten teams from all over the Kansas City metro area competed in this contest. The programming team of Mark Castle, Weston Goodwin, Abe Morris, and Joey Cooney won the highest award at the competition, “Best in Show”, for their Smartphone app called “STEM Guru”. Their original app is a two-tier solution for pairing students in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields who need coursework assistance with local experts in the field and can also be utilized by professionals in STEM fields to offer their help to students in the community. The competition was sponsored by some of the largest software development companies in the KC area, including Cerner Corporation, which is one of the largest employers of software engineers in the midwest.



CAMDENTON R-III EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

Steering the Course for the Future

Do you see it? It's on page one, three, and six. Did you read it? It's also on page two, four, and five. If you missed it, it's what Lakers do best, **SUCCEED!** The Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation, Inc., is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization supporting our students and staff so they can excel again and again!



Plans for our biggest project, our sole fundraiser, are well underway. It is our exciting, annual event called "Elegant Evening," to be held **Friday, April 22, 2016**, at the Camdenton High School.

This prestigious event will showcase the numerous talents of our students in the areas of art, music, drama, academia, culinary arts, woodworking, and agriculture. If you attended in the past, you know what a treat it is. If you have never joined us, then prepare yourself for a delightful evening. We received rave reviews last year on the exceptional dinner that rivaled the best local restaurants, fully prepared and served by LCTC culinary students. The entertainment from the minute you walk through



the doors is icing on the cake . . . artists working at their easels and pottery wheels . . . remarkable music performances . . . K-12 art galleries, robotics demos, and more.

Local renowned artist Bill Manion attended the 2015 Elegant Evening for the first time last year. He remarked, *"Elegant Evening was more than an eye opening experience. We always knew that Camdenton had a good high school and overall educational system. But, Friday night showed to us all the opportunities that young people have in the arts and sciences that go beyond art class and band! I was never aware of the Education Foundation. We loved it and were impressed."*



As a Foundation, we have been actively reviewing Hall of Leaders nominations and also processing seventeen Classroom Impact

Grant applications. These seventeen very interesting applications demonstrate how our staff is invested to better educate our youth. Seventeen is a new record for us! We will be excited to announce the winners in our next district newsletter, along with our Hall of Leaders awardee(s)! Can't wait that long? Then check out our district website www.camdentonschools.org for all the details of our projects.

We would like to make more people aware of the Education Foundation's mission to enhance learning opportunities for the district's students and staff. To experience an extremely memorable evening, please join us for Elegant Evening by securing tickets through Linda Leu at the district's administration office (573-346-9213), or on-line by visiting our website at www.camdentonschools.org, click on District Information, then Education Foundation. Please make plans now to attend our incredible 14th annual "Elegant Evening".



So, here within these pages are up-to-date facts and faces of our wonderful school district. Now you know how to meet some of them and experience their unforgettable talents in person. I look forward to shaking your hand April 22nd. Together, we will smile because of our great Laker youth!



President, Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation, Inc. and Treasurer, Camdenton R-III School District School Board

February is Career and Technical Education Month



CTE Month® (Career & Technical Education) is an annual celebration held in February. This year's theme is Opportunities for Career Success. LCTC is proud to represent CTE, and to celebrate we have several activities planned including: SkillsUSA student participation in district competitions, Missouri Association for Career and Technical Education (MOACTE) Legislative Day in Jefferson City, celebration of FFA Week (February 20-27) including the FFA Booster Dinner on February 26, which will have both Silent and Labor Auctions. Mark your calendar to attend the annual LCTC Open House, in partnership with the Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce, on February 23, from 4-7 PM. Student demonstrations will take place, and tasting stations featuring local restaurants and LCTC's Culinary Arts program will be available.

CAMDENTON HIGH SCHOOL LAKER ACADEMIES

In order to provide students with a relevant and rigorous educational experience and effectively help them become college and career ready, Camdenton High School is excited to implement the "Laker Academies". Laker Academies provide smaller learning communities for students with the purpose of increasing engagement through relevant coursework and student/teacher/community relationships. Within each of the Laker Academies, Communications, Arts, & Business (CAB), Health and Human Services (HHS), and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), students also select a Program of Study. The Program of Study is a sequence of rigorous academic and technical courses that lead to college and career readiness. The goal is to help students make meaningful connections between the traditional curriculum and real-world experiences by engaging them in project-based lessons, relevant to their future career interests.

In order for students to make their Laker Academy selection, they will be introduced to the three Academies via a fall career fair, CSTN videos, and meetings with guidance counselors and teachers. This process will initially take place with eighth grade students as they complete the enrollment process at

Camdenton High School. Additionally, to further help students make informed decisions regarding their high school Academy selection, they are provided opportunities at Camdenton Middle School to work with community partners and gain exposure to various career options through participation in ACI (Areas of Career Interest).

The Laker Academy model supports our district's strategic plan regarding "College and Career Readiness", and it will provide our students with extraordinary opportunities for personalized learning, helping them make connections between the subject matter and real-world experiences. As students complete the enrollment process for the 2016-2017 school year, they will select an Academy based on their career interests that allows them to personalize their education and build relevance in their learning.

As we proceed, additional information will be provided to students and parents; we encourage you to ask questions and learn more about the Laker Academies. Camdenton High School strives to work collaboratively with students, parents, and community partners to prepare our students to become college and career ready and successfully achieve their goals.

2015 Fall Sports Honors and Awards

Softball

*Team Record 22-5
Set the school record for the most wins in a season, first team to advance to District Championship play, and finished second in the Ozark Conference!*

Kelsei Davis:

1st Team All-Conference and 1st Team All-District

Erin Rasmussen:

1st Team All-Conference and 1st Team All-District

Kelly Uthe:

1st Team All-Conference and 1st Team All-District

Kristyn Carpenter:

2nd Team All-Conference and 1st Team All-District

Kylee Compton:

2nd Team All-Conference and 2nd Team All-District

Softball team received Academic All-State Honors

Volleyball

Daphne Dinsdale:

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

Jordan Wolfe:

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

Hannah Lowther:

1st Team All-Region and 2nd Team All-Conference

Mariah Hadfield:

All-Conference HM

Boys' Soccer

Justin Gerdiman:

1st Team All-Conference, 1st Team All-District, 1st Team All-Region, and All-State HM

Brendon Harmon:

1st Team All-Conference 1st Team All-District, and 1st Team All-Region

Cody Meyers:

2nd Team All-Conference and 2nd Team All-District

David Prather:

2nd Team All-Conference and 1st Team All-District

Will Pierce:

All-Conference HM and 2nd Team All-District



Girls' Golf

**Ozark Conference Champions
District Champions
Second at State Sectionals
Eighth at State Tournament**



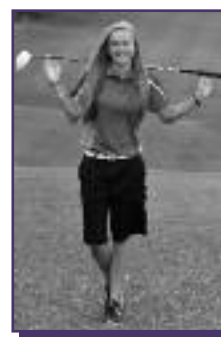
Katie Bird:

1st Team All-Conference 1st Team All-District



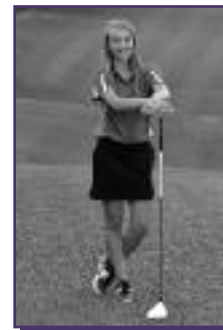
Amber Wilson:

All-State 1st Team All-Conference 1st Team All-District



Amber Theobald:

1st Team All-Conference 1st Team All-District



Jennah Schell:

1st Team All-District

Football Football Football Football Football Football

All-District

1st Team

Josh Keys
Parker Pitts

2nd Team

Jay Griffin
Todd Simpson

All-Ozark

Conference

1st Team

Parker Pitts

All-Ozark

Conference

2nd Team

Josh Keys

All-Ozark

Conference

Honorable

Mention (HM)

Alec Burris
Jay Griffin
Todd Simpson
Parker Stidham

Southwest

Missouri

Coaches

Association

Parker Pitts:
2nd Team

Bailey Parrish:
HM

Josh Keys:
HM

Missouri

Football

Coaches

Association

Parker Pitts:
2nd Team

All-State

Parker Pitts: 2nd Team



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

Madison Gale
Bailey Miller

Girls' Golf

Katie Bird

Volleyball

Daphne Dinsdale
Blair Kurtz
Abbie Miller
Tegan Shockley

Football

Jay Griffin

Girls' Tennis

Maisy Borden
Olivia Kline

Cross Country

Stefani Baker
Charley Blair
Blake Jesse
Garrett Mason

Academic All-State

Cross Country

Stefani Baker
Charley Blair
Hannah D'Arcy
Blake Jesse
Garrett Mason
Erika Nevins

Softball

Kylee Compton

Ozark Conference All-Academic Honorable Mention

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

Girls' Tennis

Jazmine Aufdenkamp
Carleigh Emanuel
Audi Velarde

Softball

Kylee Compton
Emma Uthe
Shelby Webster

Girls' Golf

Kelsea DeCook

Volleyball

Mariah Hadfield

Football

Winton Neal
Grant Norton
Bailey Parish
Bo Shore

Boy's Soccer

Coleman Baker
Corbin Johnson
Nate Martin
Nolan Moriarty
Will Pierce
Cooper Short

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THE CAMDENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT HONORED LAKE AREA VETERANS NOVEMBER 11, 2015

