



# MARTINS FERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## THE BEGINNING OF A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR

BACK TO SCHOOL SEASON IS AN EXCITING TIME FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS AS IT MARKS THE START OF A NEW CHAPTER FILLED WITH LEARNING, FRIENDSHIPS, AND PERSONAL GROWTH. WHETHER YOU'RE STARTING FIFTH GRADE OR HEADING INTO YOUR FINAL YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SET NEW GOALS, GET ORGANIZED, AND DIVE INTO FRESH SUBJECTS.

## RECESS IS A BALL!

THE 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS KICK OFF THE YEAR DURING OUTDOOR RECESS. AS SOON AS THE BELL RANG, EVERYONE RUSHED OUTSIDE, EAGER TO MAKE THE MOST OF THEIR BREAK. SOME PLAYED COMPETITIVE GAMES OF FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL AND SOCCER, WHILE OTHERS GATHERED IN GROUPS TO CHAT, AND ENJOY THE SUNSHINE. A FEW CHEERLEADER EVEN STARTED PRACTICING THEIR CHEERS TOGETHER. THE AIR WAS FULL OF ENERGY AND JOY, AND IT WAS CLEAR THAT RECESS WAS MORE THAN JUST A BREAK—IT WAS A CHANCE TO CONNECT, HAVE FUN, AND CREATE MEMORIES TOGETHER.



CHAS YODER

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

"WELCOME BACK TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR! WE'RE EXCITED TO KICK OFF ANOTHER YEAR OF LEARNING, GROWTH, AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS. WITH THE SUPPORT OF OUR FAMILIES AND THE DEDICATION OF OUR STAFF, THIS YEAR IS SURE TO BE A GREAT ONE! Go RIDERS!" - MR. YODER





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## TEACHER HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH!



### MRS. SHIRLEY

8TH GRADE ENGLISH TEACHER

BY GAVIN REESE

AUGUST 25, 2025

FOR THE PAST 22 YEARS, MRS. SHIRLEY HAS BEEN A CORNERSTONE OF THE LOCAL EDUCATION COMMUNITY, KNOWN FOR HER PASSIONATE TEACHING STYLE AND UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO HER STUDENTS. WITH A PARTICULAR LOVE FOR THE WORKS OF EDGAR ALLAN POE, SHE BRINGS CLASSIC LITERATURE TO LIFE—ESPECIALLY POE'S HAUNTING SHORT STORY THE TELL-TALE HEART, A CLASSROOM FAVORITE THAT HAS CAPTIVATED STUDENTS YEAR AFTER YEAR.

"TEACHING IS ABOUT MORE THAN JUST TEXTBOOKS AND TESTS," MRS. SHIRLEY SAYS. "IT'S ABOUT CONNECTING, INSPIRING CURIOSITY, AND HELPING STUDENTS DISCOVER WHO THEY ARE."

BEYOND THE PAGES OF LITERATURE, MRS. SHIRLEY ENCOURAGES HER STUDENTS TO IMMERSE THEMSELVES FULLY IN THE HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE. HER ADVICE? "GET INVOLVED, MAKE AS MANY MEMORIES AS YOU CAN, AND ENJOY EVERY BIT OF IT—BECAUSE IT GOES BY IN A BLINK OF AN EYE."

HER CLASSROOM IS MORE THAN JUST A PLACE TO LEARN ABOUT GOTHIC FICTION—IT'S A SPACE WHERE STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO THINK CRITICALLY, EXPRESS THEMSELVES, AND BUILD MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME.

AS SHE BEGINS HER 23TH YEAR OF TEACHING, MRS. SHIRLEY REMAINS AS ENTHUSIASTIC AND COMMITTED AS EVER. HER INFLUENCE CONTINUES TO SHAPE YOUNG MINDS AND REMIND EVERYONE THAT SCHOOL IS NOT JUST ABOUT LEARNING—IT'S ABOUT LIVING.





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## STUDENT HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH!



### **SELENA MATZ**

**7TH GRADE | AGE 12**

**BY GAVIN REESE**

**AUGUST 25, 2025**

**MEET SELENA MATZ, A BRIGHT AND ENERGETIC 7TH GRADER WITH BIG DREAMS AND A PASSION FOR BOTH ACADEMICS AND ATHLETICS!**

#### **FAVORITE SUBJECT:**

**SELENA LOVES ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA) AND ENJOYS READING, WRITING, AND EXPLORING NEW IDEAS THROUGH STORIES AND LITERATURE.**

#### **FUTURE GOALS:**

**SELENA DREAMS OF BECOMING A MARINE BIOLOGIST WHEN SHE GROWS UP. WITH HER LOVE FOR THE OCEAN AND CURIOSITY ABOUT SEA LIFE, SHE'S ALREADY THINKING BIG ABOUT HER FUTURE CAREER!**

#### **HOBBIES AND SPORTS:**

**OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM, SELENA KEEPS BUSY WITH HER FAVORITE SPORTS: VOLLEYBALL, SOFTBALL, AND BASKETBALL. WHETHER IT'S ON THE COURT OR THE FIELD, SHE'S ALWAYS READY TO PLAY HARD AND HAVE FUN.**

#### **FAVORITE FOOD:**

**HER TOP PICK WHEN IT COMES TO MEALS? PASTA! IT'S THE PERFECT FUEL FOR THIS ACTIVE AND AMBITIOUS STUDENT.**

#### **ROLE MODEL:**

**SELENA LOOKS UP TO HER BIG SISTERS, WHO INSPIRE HER EVERY DAY TO BE STRONG, KIND, AND DRIVEN.**

#### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**SELENA IS ESPECIALLY EXCITED TO PLAY VOLLEYBALL IN HIGH SCHOOL AND CONTINUE GROWING AS AN ATHLETE AND A STUDENT.**

**WE'RE SO PROUD TO HAVE STUDENTS LIKE SELENA AT OUR SCHOOL—MOTIVATED, KIND, AND FULL OF POTENTIAL. KEEP AIMING HIGH, SELENA!**





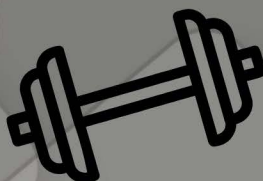
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## Activities Of The Month!



Students in Mr. Yoder's gym classes are engaging in athletic events such as the Pacer test, push-up test, and sit-up test and ended the day with mat ball.



Students in Mr. Wayne's music class are watching a musical.



Students in Mr. Steele's Computer Lab are programming video games.