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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! Fall is in the air, and many exciting things are happening in Lucas Local Schools, as seen throughout the pages of this Cub Country Newsletter. As we enter this new school year, please help me welcome our new staff members and congratulate our long-time veterans for their service milestones. We continue to focus on safety and enhancing our facilities. Recently, three exterior doors were replaced at the Middle School, and a new fence was added around our playground. We are also looking at a new school building to meet our long-term facility needs.

Before us, we have the option of constructing a new K-12 school building. The total estimated cost of the project is approximately \$40,561,948. This project would be a partnership with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC). The OFCC would contribute \$8,519,380 to the overall project. The balance is what is called the Local Share. To raise the Local Share, the Board voted to place a 10-mill bond issue on the ball<mark>ot on November</mark> 7, 2023, that will generate \$26,900,000 over a 37-year period. The bond issue is a property tax initiative and is estimated to cost a property owner \$350 per \$100,000 of value annually. Public utility companies are responsible for over 50% of the tax collected in our community. The District has also created a Capital Projects fund with annual contributions totaling approximately \$3,176,500 over the past three years. This fund along with the General Fund will be leveraged to pay for the remaining Local Share contribution.

Consideration for facilities started in 2005, when Lucas Local Schools qualified for co-funding from the OFCC to replace the high school building. OFCC's master plan solution was a new K-12 school building. After careful consideration, the school district decided not to pursue the project at that time and instead chose to maintain its existing buildings. Moving forward to 2018, the Lucas Local Board of Education wanted to create a capital improvements program to address long-term facility needs. Garmann Miller, a multi-service design firm, was hired to assess the district's educational



facilities. As a result of their findings, an advisory committee was formed to develop feedback and potential approaches to long-term facility needs. The committee, made up of primarily community volunteers, spent multiple years considering a variety of options related to facilities enhancement. The Board evaluated multiple options, and revisited those options, including: 1) renovating current facilities, 2) building a new high school and renovating the elementary and middle school buildings, and 3) building a new K-12 facility with OFCC financial support. Current cost estimates reflect that construction of a new K-12 facility is the overall least expensive option for taxpayers.

Information about this project and other district news is available on our district webpage under the "News" tab or directly through this link at info.lucascubs.org. Our News page has a link for community members to "ask a question" as well.

We hope our readers find this edition of the Cub Country Newsletter enjoyable. We have a lot of exciting things happening in our schools and community! Finally, the holidays will be coming soon, and I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season.

go Cubs!

- Brad Herman Superintendent

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DISTRICT NEWS

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES!



JONN BANKS Elementary School Custodian



Laura Gregory Elementary School Aide



Dawn Moffett Elementary School Aide



Ivan Wright Middle School Custodian

On August 18, 2023, Lucas Local Schools recognized the following people for their Years of Service Milestones.

1 YEAR Kenneth Amstutz Melissa Britenbucher Angel Conley Michele Fisher Rachel Gardner Eric Pickering Jeffrey Rueckert Audrey Smith Melvin Stickney **5 YEARS** Abigail Lowe Galina Maklakova Lena Tetrault

10 YEARS Sharon Scott

15 YEARS

Tracy Grillo Kathleen Grover Joseph Marsano Rhonda Pollard Vicki Stallard Jacquelyn Tilton

20 YEARS Sara Schuster

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

We thank you all for your years of dedication to the Lucas Local School District.

25 YEARS Nancy Sgambellone 30 YEARS Carla Delianides Sherri Teague

Pictured Left to Right Carla Delianides, Sherri Teague and Nancy Sgambellone

TRANSPORTATION NEWS:

As we approach inclement weather season of the year, I would like to give you information about some factors that go into school closing/delay decisions. Generally, most the current weather and forecast is the most important factor in decision-making. There is communication with our local Township, while County and State routes are also checked. We communicate with other surrounding school districts too. Although conditions may be fine on one end of the district, they may not be in another part of the district. In addition, not all levels (State, County, Township, and Village) of roadways may be cleared. We try to communicate the need for closure or delay in a timely manner to the public, but please remember weather and road conditions can change rapidly. *We appreciate your support!*

Mark Sauder, Transportation Supervisor

SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST

DATES TO REMEMBER: NOV 21 • DEC 19 • JAN 16 • FEB 20 CAFETERIA – 9AM







The Lucas FFA is excited for the new year to start. We have so many fun activities and trips planned. This year's theme is "Heart of Gold". This was picked by the officers of our chapter and we are excited to live up to this theme. If you would like to visit myffa.us it will show you our calendar for the year. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram to get the latest updates. We are always looking for help with the FFA Alumni and Lucas Buyers Club. If interested, please contact Mr. Dotson at **(419) 561-1447.**

This year the Richland County Fair started August 6 on and ended on the 12. While at this fair the Lucas FFA had several students take a variety of different animals. There were 5 different students taking animals through Lucas FFA including Alaina Stone, Hadley Willams, Madison Boyer, Allyson Arnold, and Dustyn Estep. We also had 4 other students take animals through 4-H that are members of the Lucas FFA including Joey Culler, Devyn McGugin, Brady Guegold, and Jordan Tedrow. There were many accomplishments for these students this year that took their animals at Richland County Fair. Hadley Willams placed 4th and 5th with both of her market meat goats. She also was a class winner with her market steer. Hadley was the winner of goat showmanship and also won the showman to showmen title. Madison Boyer took first in her class with her market meat goat and was also her showmanship division winner for sheep. Allyson Arnold also won her class with her market meat goat. Alaina Stone got third overall goat showmanship in the senior division. Alaina also got Grand Champion open class dairy doe. The kids who took their animals through 4-H also had amazing accomplishments this year. Joey Culler got third in his class with his market dairy steer and Brady Guegold got fourth in his class with his market beef steer. Jordan Tedrow got second place novice goat showmanship, pony showmanship grand champion, grand champion gelding, and senior horse ambassador runner up. We hope to have more students and more accomplishments next year at the 2024 Richland County Fair.

We did mention previously that Hadley Williams won showman of showmen at the Richland County Fair. But, because of how special an award this is, we wanted to explain the award and recognize Hadley individually for this amazing accomplishment. At the fair, contestants compete against each other in the ring in front of the judge by showing their animals and highlighting the best its genetic abilities by bringing attention to the animals strengths and minimizing the animals weakness. This is an extremely competitive event for each species, so for Hadley to win the goat showmanship is a big deal. By winning that event, she qualified to compete against every other species winner at the fair in the showman of showmen event. Competing against the best of the best, Hadley showed her understanding of every species of animal and won the overall recognition of Showman of Showmen. This is a huge honor and we hope you join us in celebrating her accomplishment!

This year's vegetable table was a great success with multiple students coming together bringing items. A big thanks to Alegacy Grose, Hadley Williams, Jordan Tedrow, Allyson Arnold, Brady Guegold, Claire Mudra, and Kayden Rose for all the special items they brought in and to all the other students who brought in some items and who helped to decorate the table! Our table is fully prepped and looking better than ever with the use of corn stalks and fun little facts to peak people's interest. We hope you had an opportunity to make it down to Bellville and enjoy our table as well as the Street Fair.

2023-2024 LUCAS FFA OFFICERS

President – Alaina Stone, Vice President – Jordan Tedrow, Secretary – Allyson Arnold, Treasurer – Maddie Boyer, Reporter – Zachery Janeczek, Historian – Katie Griffey, Sentinel – Emmalee Bradford, Student Advisor – Leah Burley.

HIGH SCHOOL



The 2023 Bellville Street Fair always kicks off the start of an exciting year for the Lucas FFA students. This year we had two exhibitors which were Jordan Tedrow who showed Market Rabbits and Alaina Stone who showed market ducks. Alaina won Grand Champion with her market ducks so congratulations to her for her awesome achievement. Overall during the week the students learned responsibilities such as caring and handling their animals and also getting to learn and meet new people.

The Lucas FFA has a Parent Meeting every year where the parents for new FFA Members get to learn about the opportunities in FFA. They learn about the costs for national and state conventions. The parents learned about the FFA Alumni and the Buyers Club and how they can be involved with that. We want to thank all the parents who took time out of their day to show up and learn about our program. Our officer team would like to take this opportunity to remind people they can get involved by joining the FFA Alumni or Lucas Buyers Club to help support our program and Lucas students.

The Lucas FFA fruit sale starts on October 5th and all orders need to be in by November 17th. There are a variety of items being sold, bags and baskets of Fruit, Nuts, BBQ sauce, Honey, Apples, Oranges, and Peaches! If you would like to order, find a local FFA member or call Mr. Dotson at the high school. Your support to our chapter is greatly appreciated!

Every year the Lucas FFA hosts the American Red Cross blood drives. The 2023-2024 school year there will be 3. All of them are held at the Lucas Community Center from 12-6 p.m. The first one is Wednesday November 29, 2023. The second is February 20, 2024. Finally the last one of the school year is April 18, 2024. If you would like to donate blood go to AmericanRedCross.org and schedule!

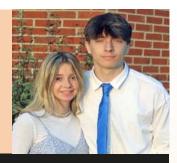
LUCAS HIGH SCHOOL Homecoming Court

Lucas High School Announces This Years Homecoming Court!

Underclassmen attendants include: Freshmen: Isabella Smith and Karter Payne, Sophomores: Emma Hamm and Nick Diehl, Juniors: Olivia Brown and Rayden Caudill. Senior court members include: Karmyn Blackledge, Zack Diehl, Logan Toms, Samantha Darling, Kendall Guegold and Aidan Culler. The kindergarten court members are Haylee Hershner and Caleb Moritz.



Freshman Isabella Smith is the daughter of Jhan and Sarah Smith. She is an avid reader who also plays volleyball and runs track. In the future, Isabella hopes to attend college and study law. Freshman Karter Payne is the son of Courtney Sexton and Chad Payne. He plays football, runs track, and enjoys robotics. After graduation, he hopes to study computer engineering.





Sophomore Emma Hamm is the daughter of Amanda and Tony Hamm. She plays volleyball, is a cheerleader, and is in the FCCLA. In the future she hopes to enroll at Ashland University to study psychology. Sophomore Nick Diehl is the son of Jennifer and Robert Diehl. He plays football and enjoys golfing. After graduation he hopes to attend college and study chiropractic medicine.

Junior attendant Olivia Brown is the daughter of Steve and Sara Brown. She plays volleyball, basketball and runs track. She attends Pioneer and hopes to become a labor and delivery nurse. Junior escort, Rayden Caudill is the son of Billy Caudill. He is a member of the LHS football, wrestling, and track teams. He is attending Pioneer CTC and hopes to become an electrician.





Future Queen Haylee Hershner is the daughter of Heath and Kim Hershner. She enjoys biking, caring for her pony and showing sheep. She wants to be a police officer when she grows up. Future King is Caleb Moritz is the son of John and Kimberly Moritz. He enjoys sports, being outdoors, and playing with his brother. Someday Caleb wants to work at Moritz International.

Shelby Grover was the 2022 Lucas High School Homecoming Queen. As a senior, she won a state title in track and field. Shelby is currently attending Kent State University where she is working toward a degree in exercise science. Andrew Smollen was the 2022 Lucas High School Homecoming King. Andrew studied home remodeling at Pioneer Career and Technology Center. He is currently working for the Adena Corporation as a carpenter.

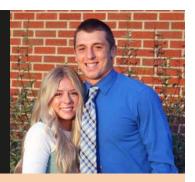






LUCAS HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING COURT

Senior attendant Samantha Darling is the daughter of Kristy and Josh Darling. Samantha is a volleyball player, participates in 4-H, and is in the Business Administration program at NCSC. After graduation, she hopes to attend Ohio University and study architectural engineering. Senior escort Logan Toms is the son of Jody and Charlie Toms. He plays football, basketball and runs track. He is enrolled in the College Now Business Administration program at North Central State College where he plans to earn an associate's degree.





Senior attendant Kendall Guegold is the daughter of Heather Jensen, Josh Guegold and Mindy Guegold. She is a cheerleader, a member of the Ohio Scholars Association and is enrolled at North Central State College. She plans to continue in college and hopes to major in education following graduation. Senior escort Aidan Culler is the son of Andrew and Jenifer Culler. He plays football, basketball, and is a member of the Lucas High School Ohio Scholars Chapter. After graduation, Aidan plans to attend college and major in exercise science.

Senior attendant Karmyn Blackledge is the daughter of Alicia and Bart Blackledge. An active volunteer, Karmyn is also a volleyball player and a member of the Ohio Scholars Association. She is in the College Now Business Administration program and hopes to study marketing after graduation. Senior escort Zach Diehl is the son of Jennifer and Robert Diehl. He plays football, basketball, and runs track. He is enrolled in the College Now Business Administration program at NCSC where he plans to earn an associate's degree.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



Seventh-grade art students examined bookmaking and designed their own sketchbooks and journals, applying their hand prints and adding zentangles. Sketchbooks were filled with weekly sketchbook prompts.





ELEMENTARY



Monday was Bus Safety Day. Mr. Sauder, head of school transportation, and Mr. Brown, one of Lucas's bus drivers talked to the students about how they can be safe when riding the school bus. The students were taken on a small trip to practice their bus safety. Tuesday was Fire Safety Day. The students learned about fire safety from firefighters from Monroe Township's Fire Department. They got to see an ambulance and fire truck up close and even got to shoot the fire hose. Wednesday brought CACY to Safety Town. Tammy Funk from Richland County's CACY program talked to the students about safety with medication. On Thursday, Lucas's School Resource Office, Deputy Smith lead the students through discussions about overall safety including being safe when on the road. On Friday we celebrated our Lucas Safety Town Graduates. We had some helpers from Lucas High School who put in many volunteer hours helping make the program a success.



ATHLETICS UPDATE

The Lucas Athletic Department and Lucas Youth League have been working together to come up with a way to improve our Baseball and Softball fields. After doing some research and shopping around the school and youth league will fund some muchneeded improvements to both the Baseball and Softball Fields here this fall. Work should begin soon, and we look forward to seeing the finished products this spring. Also this Fall, the Athletic Department is proud to unveil a brand-new scoreboard at the football stadium. We hope to have the scoreboard up and running for the Homecoming game on Oct. 6th vs Plymouth. The Athletic Department would like to thank our donors who helped make this purchase possible!!

SCOREBOARD DONATORS

Ohio Valley Manufacturing State Farm – *Mike Lybarger* Lucas Athletic Boosters Park National Bank **Julius Kitchens**

The Zirzow Family (in memory of Ben Zirzow)

Football

4-2 The Cubs football team has won 4 straight after dropping the 1st two games of the season by a combined 7 points. With 4 games remaining the Cubs currently sit at #6 in Region 25 of Division 7. The Cubs are currently in a great spot as they push towards their 10th straight playoff appearance. Some upcoming games to look forward to will be the homecoming game on 10/6 vs Plymouth and Senior night on 10/20 when they take on Arlington. Good Luck Cubs!!

Volleyball

The Lady Cubs currently sit at 4-13 overall and 2-3 in the MBC. The Lady Cubs have battled through numerous injuries this fall and continue to improve as they come down the home stretch of their season. They look to be playing their best volleyball as they finish out the season and we look forward to spotlighting our 3 Seniors on Senior night which will be 10/12/23 vs Danville beginning with JV action at 5:30pm. Good Luck in the remainder of your season Lady Cubs!!

Cross Country

The High School Cross Country team may be small in numbers, but they have had several highlights this fall already as they push towards The MBC conference meet and Districts. Junior Chloe Sturts is our only female runner, but she continues to impress as she now holds the 3 fastest times in school history. On the boys' side the team is led by our 4 seniors Brody Odson, Colby Crawford, Zach Krupa, and Trevor Estep. The boys will compete for an MBC championship and Chloe will run for the individual title on 10/14/23 in Loudonville at 9am. Good Luck Cubs Finish Strong!!

Cheer

We have had great support from our HS cheerleaders this fall. They have done a great job of getting the crowd involved and make some of the biggest and coolest run-threw signs in HS football. The team has also come out with weekly awards for the most spirited fan which gets that fan a local gift card. The cheerleaders' hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed!! Good Luck and Thank you to the HS Cheerleaders!!

TRACK & FIELD CORRECTION

In the Summer edition of the Cub Country Newsletter, the Boys and Girls Track & Field article should have read: The Boys track team was able to pick up an MBC conference team title and the Girls track team finished runner up in the MBC. Congratulations to both teams for a great season!



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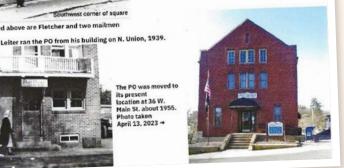


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Where's the Post Office?

Postmasters were appointed by the President of the United States with consent of the senate from 1836 to 1971. Ezekiel Ervin was appointed the first postmaster in Lucas on June 13, 1844. The 1873 map shows that the PO was on the northwest corner of the senare file 13. General to construct the construction r of the square (lot 17). George H. Cresler was naster then.

← Henry Shafer was appointed on Sept. 6, 1875 and moved the PO into Fletcher's hardware.



The Lucas Area Historical Society has created a calendar for 2024 which shows old photos of businesses or activities that occurred in Lucas from the past and how those buildings look today. Our goal is to promote the preservation of the history of Lucas and Monroe township by collecting items and copying photographs with our future goal of having a museum to house these items. Our calendar is an initial attempt to raise money towards that goal. You can purchase a calendar at the Open Door Café, Lucas Hair Designs, or by calling Julia Crawford at (419) 892-3394. The cost is \$20 per calendar.

We are still requesting any veteran to submit a photo of himself/herself so that we can include them in our display in the Lucas Community

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The Society will continue to meet the second Monday in October and November at the Lucas Community Center at 7 p.m. Please come join us.

LUCAS AREA FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all the volunteers that help each pantry. Their help makes it run smoothly. Thank you to the local business that have donation containers on their counters. Every donation helps the money go further to purchase food. The pantry is run totally on donations. We had a successful campaign with the Meijer "Simply Give" program. We use those funds to purchase additional food, and some products that are hard to get through the Cleveland Food bank. As you may know our freezer stopped working due to a burnt wire in the fuse box. It is now repaired and working, but we lost over 3000 lbs. of food. The good news is that insurance will cover most of the cost so we can replenish our supply. Charles Mill Marina has an annual fund raiser called Fill the Pontoon Boat. It was completed over Labor Day. They brought 12 large grocery carts of food. Many thanks to them.

Donations can be sent to 252 West Main Lucas 44843 Janet McGugin, Director



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COMMUNITY

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If you want to know how NOT to do a community picnic and/ or duck race, check with any Lucas Lions. In 2023 we certainly proved we were the experts in that fiasco. The weather man and your local service group will try harder to do better next year. But a Big Shout Out to the firemen who loaned us equipment for each false start and for Pinhook Meats who helped us work through every new update. You are all the best!

Lucas is in the process of adding new members to our organization. We work really hard to be a significant face in our community and more hands would certainly enhance the positive impact to be made. If you think you would be interested in being a part of the group, let someone know. We need your talents and ideas.

And so you know, our presence at the Prairie Peddler we will no longer be seen. After all these years we have voted to get out of the Bean Soup/Corn Bread business and raise funds to support our service projects in other ways. Best wishes to the new vendor and his ventures.

Our third Trex bench is in place. Its location is a mystery—can you find it? Try looking in the area of the school campus. Where would you like the next one to be placed? As long as you keep collecting plastic film we will continue to turn out new benches.

Halloween Update:

The downtown celebration of this fun holiday is scheduled for Saturday, October 28 with Trick or Treat would go from 2:30 -3:30p and the parade will follow at 4. Rain date will be the next day, Sunday, observing the same times. The parade will step off from Church Street beside St. Paul's church and go West to the parking lot behind the Community Center. Costumes will be judged in the following categories: Most Creative Most Humorous Best Character Best Family(at least 2 people)

Cider and doughnut holes will be the refreshments provided for all to enjoy!

And the Lions next big fund raiser which provides the monetary resources for all these activities will be MYSTERY BINGO November 4 at the LCC beginning at 5p. Advanced ticket sales will be available for the first 120 guests. Menu is Walking Tacos, Mexican Street Corn, desserts and beverages included in the admission price of \$35. See any Lions member of if Kristin is at the Lucas Library, she will have available tickets. Look forward to a fun evening to support our caring community.

SERVING THE LUCAS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HKEE Christmas Meal

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CHRISTMAS DAY | 11AM - 2PM

If you are in need of food and fellowship on Christmas, please join us at the Lucas Community Center. PLEASE CONTACT VICKIE AT 419-512-9969 TO PLACE AN ORDER FOR DELIVERY. ւթ

Anyone qualifies for this meal.



LIFEWISE ACADEMY LUCAS WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS

LifeWise Academy Lucas began its second year on September 11, 2023. Along with all of the returning students, 45+ new students were added! LifeWise Academy is a release time religious education for public school students. (We welcome homeschool students as well!) Students come during their special time or lunchtime to learn about the Bible which connects to a character quality like attentiveness, respect, kindness, or responsibility.

Students are transported to Grace Bible Church on the NEW LifeWise Bus! There will be plenty of room for all of the students now! We want to thank Grace Bible Church, Mount Zion Lutheran Church, Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church, Olive Tree Christian Fellowship Church, LAMA and the Lucas Community for their support of LifeWise Academy Lucas.

For more information, go to lifewise.org/lucasoh or contact Connie Cates at conniecates@lifewise.org

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RACTER ED

POSTAL CUSTOMER



The Lucas Community Center will participate in the National Day of Giving on Thursday, Nov. 28th 7am - 7pm. The Richland County Foundation through Richland Gives sponsors the day to build capacity, grow philanthropy and make the community stronger. Our goal this year is to raise \$50,000 to support programs offered at the community center and to maintain our facility. Donations through Richland Gives will start counting on Nov. 13th but we encourage you to give during the exciting Giving Tuesday event on Nov. 28th when advantageous prizes can be earned. On Nov. 28th donations processed through www.richlandgives.mightycause.com will support the competition and our hopes for a 6th straight year of a first place finish in the medium non profit category. Help us with a mighty win for the small community with a **BIG heart!**

The 10th Annual Car, Bike and Truck Show and the LHS Alumni and Community Events were a huge success. Thank you to the Lions Club for joining us with food donations and volunteers. **The Bow Band** performed four times this summer on our outdoor band stage. What a great time! We hope to have them back again next summer. Thanks Guys!

Country Music Jam – 2nd and 4th Tuesday every month in Hanley Hall 1 - 3 pm FREE

YMCA – *Exercise FREE* with Amy Moore from the YMCA. Strength and Endurance on Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 - 10:30 am and Core Floor Exercises on Friday 9:30 - 10:15 am bring a mat on Friday. ALL EQUIPMENT IS WASHED AFTER EVERY CLASS!

Lions Club – 1st and 3rd Thursday at 6:30pm



LAMA – 1st Wednesday 8am (Jan,Mar,May,Sept,Nov)

Community Chapel - 4th Thursday 7pm

Cards – every Monday 6:30 - 8:30 pm in Gathering Room

Food Pantry Saturday 9 - 11 am Oct 28 • Nov 18 • Dec 16 • Jan 13.

Remember to use **AmazonSmile** for your online purchases and mark the Lucas Community Center for your charity donation! Thank you!! We appreciate all the ways you support us.

LOOKING AHEAD

OCTOBER

28 Lucas Halloween Trick or Treat | 2:30pm - 3:30pm Lucas Halloween Parade/St. Paul's Lutheran | 4:00pm Rain date for the Halloween Festivities
31 Elementary/Middle School Conference Night

NOVEMBER

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- 2 Elementary/Middle School Conference Night
 - Teacher Comp Day **NO SCHOOL**
- **21** Sr. Citizens Breakfast/Cafeteria
- 22-27 Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL
- 28 School Resumes

DECEMBER

- 7 High School Conference Night
- 8 Teacher In-Service 2 HOUR DELAY
- **19** Sr. Citizens Breakfast/Cafeteria | **9:00am** Board of Education Meeting/MS Library | **6:00pm**

22-Jan1 Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

JANUARY 2024

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! NO SCHOOL
- 2 School Resumes
- **15** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day **NO SCHOOL**
- **19** Teacher In-Service **2 HOUR DELAY**



Have something you want included in the next Lucas Cub Country Newsletter? **Contact Cub Country Newsletter** 84 Lucas Rd., Lucas, Ohio 44843 foss.debi@lucascubs.org