



**XENIA**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## Community Update from the Superintendent

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Dear Xenia Community Schools Families,

This week's e-news is coming to you a day early, due to what we hope is a welcome update about vaccination for XCS staff members.

On **Friday, February 19**, XCS staff who chose to be vaccinated will receive their first of two doses at a clinic with other Greene County school districts. **Due to the number of staff who will be out of our buildings, the district will be CLOSED on that day.** This will be counted as a calamity day, and there will be no classes or assignments to be completed.

In addition, this week we were excited to hold an Open House to show the newly-renovated Bob Hope Auditorium at Xenia High School to our community. We are truly thrilled by the end result of this eight-month project, and were glad to see those who came out for a first look at this amazing space. For anyone who could not make it, be sure to check out the video below put together by XHS student Aidan Cowell.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gabriel Lofton, Superintendent

**DISTRICT UPDATES**



*XHS Theatre/Choir teacher Travis Matson demonstrates the new sound and look of the Bob Hope Auditorium, and helped visitors tour the new space at an Open House on Wednesday, February 10.*

## BOB HOPE AUDITORIUM OPEN HOUSE

Yesterday, our community got its first look at the NEW Bob Hope Auditorium and enjoy a preview of the immersive sound and projection technology that will support student productions for many years to come.

Highlights of the renovation include:

- **Sound** - Recognized throughout the industry, the L-Acoustics Speaker Array and Midas M32 Sound Board create a fully-engineered sound experience that makes every seat in the house the best one!
- **Projection** - Shining bright with 12,000 lumens of consistent color, the Panasonic PT-RZ120 solid shine projector pulls double-duty, working with both a traditional retractable screen and the full backdrop curtain to create entire scenes with shadow and light — setting the scene for each performance.
- **Lighting** - A mix of color-programmable stage lights are complemented by renewed house lighting, including 39 fading can lights, designed to set the stage for audiences to enjoy each performance!
- **Audience Experience** - With upgrades that include entirely new flooring and ceiling, the theatre will now accommodate 675 guests with modern seating in multiple sizes that makes it both comfortable and accessible. In addition to designated spaces reserved for audience members who use wheelchairs, seating can also be reconfigured to accommodate guests with a variety of needs.

This renovation honors Xenia's past, while paving the way for future, and many guests were pleased to see the special attention paid to the dedication plaque. If you've never noticed it, be sure to watch the video preview below!



*VIDEO: A short tour of the auditorium put together by XHS student Aidan Cowell. Special thanks to Mr. Frank.*

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Like many aspects of this school year, we know that the schedule has been more difficult to navigate. Here are a few reminders about upcoming dates in February and March to keep on your calendar:

- **Friday, February 12** – K-8 Conferences (No School for K-8; XHS in session)
- **Monday, February 15** – President's Day - No School
- **Friday, February 19** – Vaccination Clinic for Staff #1 - No School
- **March** (date TBD, based on vaccine) – Vaccination Clinic for Staff #2 - No School
- **March 29 - April 2** – Spring Break - No School

## Want to keep up with the status of our schools throughout the year?

For questions about protocols, processes, and procedures, visit the [2020-21 school year page](#), including multiple downloadable fact sheets.

In addition, visit the [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) at XeniaSchools.org for a snapshot of quarantines and other critical information.

*Updated numbers will be posted by Thursday of each week, and will be shared from this weekly newsletter. Travel advisory information is also included on this page.*