

# OFFICER PAYNE

## PROTECTING OUR SCHOOL

By: Sarah Ganson

There were over 1,953 students here. To help make sure everything is kept safe **Officer Paul Payne** was brought into our school.

"**Officer Payne** is a cool guy who understands what kids are like," said **Katie Hellman, 10**.

He helped curtail the fights and violence the students face. It might be hard to keep track of all the students, but with the help of the video cameras, he had an easier time.

**Officer Payne** also helped keep control at school events including sports events and even dances. Working with the administration, they decided to administer a breathalyzer test to every fourth person at prom.

This act helped to keep drunk driving to a minimum on prom night. **Officer Payne** has brought a lot of positive qualities to the school. He was a valued person in our community and we all looked up to him with pride.

"I consider myself a servant to the kids," said **Officer Payne**.

Not only was he an outstanding officer, but he was also a cool person. He gets along with the students, teachers, and administration. Hiring **Officer Payne** to look out for our school was one of the smartest decisions the Board of Education has made.

"Officer Payne is a really good guy," said **Chris Haunert, 10**.



**Officer Paul Payne is a familiar and friendly sight at school.** He is the source of protection in our school. For the past 4 years he has kept our school a safe place.

# LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

## CAREER CENTER

By: Sarah Jarnicki

Confused about what you want to do about your future? If so, you should visit **Mrs. Kaye Gaffney** in the College and Career Center. There are endless options for your future, so why not explore them?

"There are so many resources, it is very helpful to have a place like this at our own school," said **Caitlin Bokulic, 12**.

Another useful resource is TCCi, which was created by the Career Center and Guidance Counselors. This website was made for students to help discover schools that fit each individual. Many students found this website very accommodating.

"I love the scattergrams, they show the range of GPA's the school admits. This is very helpful to us students!" said **Jaime Orent, 11**.

The Career Center is open three days a week, so take some time out of your day to stop by. It is well worth the few minutes!



**Throughout the year, numerous college representatives visit the school.** Mrs. Kaye Gaffney visited with rep's from University of Michigan. Although there is quite a rivalry between OSU and Michigan, plenty of students still considered these two schools.

### Talking College with Mrs. Kaye Gaffney

#### How many students visit the Career Center per day?

Everyday is different sometimes 5 students, sometimes 25.

#### Is the Career Center still open daily?

No, it is open from 11-3 on Wednesday, 7-3 on Thursday and 7-3 on Friday. We are working with S.H.A.P.E. to get parent volunteers for Mondays and Tuesdays.

#### Do you still have recruiters coming in from different colleges?

Yes, we will have 65 college reps visiting this year. Most Ohio colleges and universities from some surrounding states such as Carnegie Mellon, Harvard, Duke, University of Pennsylvania and University of Georgia come to our center.

#### What is the most common college students want to attend?

University of Cincinnati, Miami, Ohio State, and Ohio University. Out of state would be Indiana University

#### What percentage of Sycamore attends college?

About 89%

#### What is your goal for our students?

To feel comfortable about using the wonderful resources in the College and Career Center!

