

SYCAMORE YOUTH CENTER
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 OHIO VALLEY
YOUTH NETWORK


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GIFT FROM GOD

We had been looking into finding a way to get this young man a drum set since he comes to the Sycamore Youth Center every day and asks me whether we are having "Percussion Class". He always brings his drumsticks and will play them on his leg or whatever is nearby. A couple randomly stopped by Sycamore and donated a drum set to us! We knew exactly what to do with it. To say this young man was thrilled to receive this gift would be an understatement! As you can see, his face is beaming with joy! God is good and truly does supply all of our needs according to His glorious riches in Christ!



GIVING

We accept checks for Sycamore payable to the "Ohio Valley Youth Network" and mailed to the Sycamore Center at 301 N. 4th St. Steubenville, OH 43952.

We also accept PayPal donations. The PayPal link can be found using the QR code below or on the donation tabs on our websites:
www.sycamorecenter.com/giving
www.ovyn.org/support

Your generous donations make it possible for us to fund our programs and continue serving the youth of the Ohio Valley.

Thank You!



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TURKEY TROT

The ICMS Sycamore Stars "Turkey Trot" event was a hit with the kids. The event featured an array of food that was served at the first Thanksgiving, and the children had a great time playing games that were themed around Thanksgiving. They learned about the history of the holiday, which added to the overall experience. The event was well-attended, and the growing popularity of Sycamore Stars at ICMS was evident.



VALUABLE EXPERIENCE

The Sycamore Corps Students were introduced to the world of horses at the Elevate Equestrian Center. The instructional session encompassed putting on the necessary horse gear, saddling the horses, and grooming them. The students had the opportunity to ride the horses and participate in a bonfire, roasting hotdogs and crafting s'mores. Overall, it was an incredible day filled with valuable experiences.



GROWING GROUP

The Sycamore Folk Dancers put on an awesome dance performance at Leonardo's (3rd floor ballroom). The group has become so large that they have split into two dance groups now with a younger group and an older group. This program has really been taking off thanks to leaders Zac Gordon and Jariel Henthorn.

LARGEST TURNOUT EVER

We were blessed today with our largest turnout ever for our Middle School Girls Bible Study with 65 participants. Cookie West masterfully led this group as she shared from the sacred scriptures. God is on the move amongst the youth in the Valley!



OUR MISSION IS POSSIBLE ONLY BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FAMILIES, STUDENTS, VOLUNTEERS, AND MISSION PARTNERS FOR MAKING THIS A SUCCESSFUL MONTH!

Valley's Got Talent

• 2023 RECAP •

GIVING GOD THE GLORY

Another VGT is over and we want to thank all of the student contestants, judges, stage crew, tech crew, Sycamore Corps, back of house crew, Tri-State Trophies, sponsors Nelson's Fine Art and Gifts, Everhart-Bove, Franciscan U, Cedar One and McBane Insurance for making this the best VGT ever! We had an outstanding turnout/attendance just like last year. We can't wait for the Kids VGT coming April 12th at 6:30. Mark your calendars, hope to see you there!



Scan QR Code Above to watch this years Valley's Got Talent video performances.

Save The Date
Valley's Got Talent Kids Edition
 Mark your calendar
 April 12 2024

VGT 2023 WINNER CATHERINE ENGLERT

After four months of practicing her piano piece every day, our champion emerged victorious in the Valley's Got Talent show. Up against a plethora of gifted artists, Catherine's sheer hard work and commitment paid off with a well-deserved win. Congratulations, Catherine!



FREE EVENT OLD FASHIONED COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER
 11TH
 6:30 PM

OLD FASHIONED COUNTRY CHRISTMAS ARTISTS

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| Elisha Fletcher | Shelby Elerick |
| Emiliana McCalister | Sycamore Folk Dancers |
| Julianna Keimig | Sycamore Classical Choir |
| Sharolyn Brookes | Aryiah Jones |
| Lynzee Ensell | Dominance Crawford |
| Dalana Bove | Andrea Crawford |
| Shayla Terry | Catherine Englert |
| Bella Thompson | Macy Coladanato |
| Ashley Toothman | Community Made Serenade |

December 11th 6:30 pm at Sycamore Center
 301 N. 4th Street Steubenville, OH 43952
 Featuring 17 of the top Music and Dance Acts in the Valley
 Open to all ages - Food and Drinks will be provided.



OLD FASHIONED COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

Four of Valley's Got Talent's Overall Champions, along with eight of its Category winners, will be showcasing their talents at the upcoming "Old Fashioned Country Christmas" on December 11th at Sycamore. This free event features 17 exceptional young performers singing and dancing to classic Christmas tunes amid the backdrop of the beautifully decorated Sycamore Center. Additionally, guests can enjoy a variety of treats, including Christmas Cookies, desserts, wassail, sliders, and more. Children can receive free gifts, and there will be a special appearance from St. Nicholas. We hope you can join us!



LETTER FROM BOBBYJON BAUMAN

Ohio Youth Network President and Sycamore Executive Director

This year has been our best year ever at the Sycamore Youth Center with a record number of students (600) taking part in our programs. The Valley's Got Talent Competition had our most talented group to date and we look forward to our Old Fashioned Country Christmas this month to close out the year. All of this would not be possible without your prayers and generous financial support. Thank you all so much!

