

My Turn

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Have you reached that part of the year where you can't believe it's already May?

If getting the school year under way each August is busy, wrapping up the year becomes downright hectic.

At 9 a.m. Tuesday we'll have the annual Awards Ceremony in the commons, where students will be recognized for academic and career-technical excellence, outstanding citizenship and attendance. Scholarship recipients will be announced and the student of the year will be revealed.

One week later, on Tuesday, May 20, our seniors will report to Ohio Christian University to rehearse for the completion ceremony, which takes place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 22. This year, nearly 300 seniors will walk across the stage to receive their Career Passports.

On Wednesday, May 21, juniors and seniors who have been recognized for their academic performance and improved attendance through the Renaissance program will take part in Spring Fling. More than 250 students are expected to enjoy pizza, play games and win prizes.

Of course, we serve more than high school students and those areas of Pickaway-Ross are busy, too. The Early Childhood Education program will have its end-of-year picnic for students and families at Great Seal State Park today. Then, on each of the following two Fridays, preschoolers in the morning and afternoon sessions will have their own completion ceremony.

While summer may be a little more relaxed for some of us, our Adult Education colleagues are gearing up for programs that start in the summer months. First, though, they're preparing for an open house at our main campus from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 29. If you know someone who has been considering a career change, encourage him or her to stop by.

Lastly, the end of the year marks the time when some members of the Pickaway-Ross family will retire.

Next year, the education field will be a little poorer with the absence of Trish Barber (Marketing Education, Circleville); Marcy Happeney (Family & Consumer Science, McDowell); Rick Metzger (Agriculture & Environmental Systems, Westfall); Vickie Rickey (curriculum specialist, main campus); and Tony Tsitroulis (math, main campus).



Seniors wear their home school caps and gowns during the Completion Ceremony, to be held May 22 at Ohio Christian University.

