



Superintendent's Report

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Hoopin' for a Cure this Weekend at Leipsic

Leipsic High School will be this year's site for the annual "Hoopin' for a Cure" on Saturday when the Leipsic Vikings face the Columbus Grove Bulldogs for a series of basketball games. The 'pink game' has been a tradition between the two schools since 2013. The day will start with JV girls' game at 1 p.m., followed by the varsity game. The JV and varsity boys will battle it out beginning at 6 pm.

Keeping with the fundraising tradition of past years, there will be various raffles, a bake sale, a craft fair, and a 3-point shot contest during half-time of the girls' and boys' varsity games. Proceeds from the day's events will benefit the Putnam County Cancer Assistance Program. CAP was established to help reduce some of the financial burden of cancer treatments for residents of Putnam County. 100% of donations will go to patients in Putnam County. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you in Leipsic this Saturday!

Columbus Grove Schools Employees Make United Way's Top Ten Campaign List Again

Last week, I was contacted by Jan Fuetter, Executive Director of United Way of Putnam County. She informed me that Columbus Grove Schools again made the United Way's Top Ten Campaign List for the past year, as well as earning the Bronze Award. Columbus Grove Schools is the only Putnam County school district to ever make the Top Ten Campaign List and one of only two districts to earn the Bronze Award! Elementary Principal Brad Calvelage and I will have the privilege to attend United Way's Annual Meeting on January 17 to receive this award. Congratulations to the employees of Columbus Grove Schools for their outstanding support for the people in our county!

Boys' Varsity Basketball Game vs. Bath Set

A tentative schedule for the entire school year's sporting events is printed each summer. While these schedules are about 98% correct, there are always a couple changes that take place after these posters are printed. Originally, the boys' varsity basketball game vs. Bath was scheduled for December 8. The date of this game was changed to **Tuesday, January 22nd**. Columbus Grove will be hosting this game and the junior varsity will begin at 6 p.m.

CG Cross Country Teams Being Recognized Tomorrow Night

Don't miss tomorrow night's boys' game versus Spencerville, as we will be recognizing our cross country teams during halftime of the varsity game. These two teams swept the NWC and qualified for state in the same year, marking the first time in school history. Additionally, the boys' team recorded its 5,000 career win at this regional meet last fall in Tiffin. We hope to see you at tomorrow evening's games!

Athletic Boosters' Reverse Raffle Date set for March 9th

Make sure you mark your calendar for this annual event that will take place on Saturday, March 9th, at the American Legion. This evening is the CG Athletic Boosters' main fundraising project for each year. Please contact Jennifer Pingle at 659-5801 if you are interested in purchasing tickets for this year's event. The American Legion will again be preparing steak and chicken dinners for the meal this year. Tickets will also be available for sale at upcoming home basketball games. Tickets may be purchased at the 50/50 raffle table. Thank you in advance for your support for this cause!

Update on School Delays/Cancellations

Hopefully, the recent mild weather will continue as we enter into the heart of winter. As of January 8, Columbus Grove Schools has had one school closing (11/15) and three 2-hour delays (9/13, 9/14, & 11/30) so far this school year. The district allows up to five school closings per year for inclement weather and other emergency situations. If a sixth calamity day is announced, per the school calendar, the district will begin making up additional days in the following manner:

Monday, January 21st

Monday, February 18th

Monday, March 18th

Friday, May 24th

Hopefully, the weather this winter will not force us to have to use any make-up days. If you have any questions about our school delay/closing procedure, please contact Mr. Verhoff at 659-4301.

Please Utilize the CG Text Alert System

With the winter weather upon us, it is a good time to remind you of a quick and efficient way to receive the latest information from the district through an online notification system. You can sign up with an email address, a cell phone number, or both.

All messages will come from the address OHIOALERTS.ORG. Once you have submitted the form, you will receive a confirmation message to each address. Simply go to <http://ohioalerts.org/ColumbusGrove> to sign up for this notification system. This system is very efficient in getting the latest information regarding school delays and closings, as well as other district related information.

This system is very efficient in keeping subscribers updated with news and announcements. We now have over 2,800 subscribers!

Substitute Bus Drivers Wanted

Columbus Grove Local Schools is accepting applications for substitute bus drivers. This position has the potential of becoming a full-time bus driver in the future, if the applicant is interested. Substitute bus drivers are contacted to drive extracurricular and field trips and occasionally drive a regular morning or afternoon route. Certification requires the completion of attending a pre-service class, a written and driving test, CDL license, a medical physical exam, drug test, BMV check of driving record, and a background check. Cost for training will be fully reimbursed by the district for any individuals who serve as a substitute bus driver for Columbus Grove Local Schools. If you are interested in becoming a bus driver for Columbus Grove School, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 659-2639 for further information.

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, January 10th

Boys JH Basketball @ Pandora Gilboa HS – 5:00 pm

Girls JH Basketball vs. Pandora Gilboa HS – 5:00 pm

Girls Varsity and JV Basketball @ Spencerville HS – 6:00 pm

Friday, January 11th

Boys Varsity and JV Basketball vs. Spencerville HS – 6:00 pm

Saturday, January 12th

Boys JH Wrestling @ Ayersville – 9:00 am

Girls Varsity and JV Basketball @ Leipsic HS – 1:00 pm

Boys Varsity and JV Basketball @ Leipsic HS – 6:00 pm

Monday, January 14th

Girls 9th grade Basketball @ Waynesfield Goshen – 5:30 pm

Boys Varsity Wrestling @ Spencerville - TBA