



# Superintendent's Report

Submitted by Nick Verhoff

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## Update on School Delays/Cancellations

As of February 5, Columbus Grove Schools has had five school closings (11/15, 1/16, 1/30, 1/31, & 2/1) and four 2-hour delays (9/13, 9/14, 11/30, & 1/14) so far this school year. The district allows up to five school closings per year for inclement weather and other emergency situations. Beginning with the next calamity day, per the school calendar, the district will begin making up additional calamity days in the following manner:

Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

Hopefully, we have experienced the worst of the winter weather and we will not be forced to use any make-up days. If you have any questions about our school delay/closing procedure, please contact Mr. Verhoff at 659-4301.

## Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach Opening

Columbus Grove Schools has an opening for the junior varsity volleyball coach for the 2019 season. Applicants must currently possess or be willing to acquire the following credentials in order to be considered for this position: NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course, current CPR licensure, and a Pupil Activity Permit. Interested applicants should apply to Athletic Director Terry Schnipke @ [cg\\_schnipke@cg.noacsc.org](mailto:cg_schnipke@cg.noacsc.org).

## Voice of Democracy Winners Recognized

VFW Post 9648 recently held a dinner for the contest winners of the Voice of Democracy essays. The following students were honored: First place Ivy Parker, Second Place Mackenzie Langhals and Third Place Paige Langhals. Pictured left to right- Paige, Mackenzie, Ivy and VFW Commander Brian Siefker.

## CG Middle School Earns ODE's Momentum Award Again

Congratulations to our middle school staff for again being recognized as a Momentum Award Winner through the Ohio Department of Education! In order to qualify for this distinction, a school must earn straight A's on the report card in all Value Added subcategories. "Value Added" is a metric used on the State Report Card which measures a school's ability to have its students make at least one year's academic growth on the state issued standardized tests. There are only 85 middle schools (out of over 650) in the state to earn this honor for 2018. This is the third time CG Middle School has been awarded this honor, making them one of only 30 middle schools in the state to earn this distinction three times!

There are four subcategories which the state measures in order for a school to qualify for this award: overall student population, gifted students, lowest 20% in achievement, and students with disabilities. Even more impressive is that schools must have at least two subcategories that are graded as an A in Value Added in order to be eligible for this distinction, meaning a number of schools qualified for this award by having just two or three areas which were graded for Value Added (some schools may not have a large enough student population in a category to have it graded by the state). At CG Middle School, we had all four of those categories graded and earned A's in each! Congrats middle school staff and students for your efforts!

## Amore Per Te is Sunday, February 17

The CGHS Choir is hosting Amore Per Te on Sunday, February 17th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Commons. The evening's entertainment includes Italian cuisine with members of the band and choir performing a variety of different musical numbers. Tickets are \$10.00 and will be on sale in the high school office February 4th-8th. Seats are first come, first serve.

## 2019-20 Kindergarten Registration Now Open

Registration of Kindergarten students for the 2019-2020 school year is available online by visiting the school website at: <http://cg.noacsc.org/parents-students/forms/kg-registration>. Simply click on the Parents drop down box then move down the menu to Kindergarten Registration which opens a simple form to complete online. Reminder: A child must be five (5) years of age on or before September 30, 2019 to be eligible for 2019-20 kindergarten registration. You will then receive a letter this spring regarding Kindergarten screening for your child. Please contact the elementary office at 659-2631 with any questions.

## 41<sup>st</sup> Annual BBO is just around the Corner!

It is now time to register for the 41<sup>st</sup> annual BBO four-mile race to be held on Saturday, March 9th at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration closes on March 1st. Registration day of the race starts at noon. The entry fee is \$20 with a dry-fit shirt, and \$15 with no shirt. Door prizes and awards will follow the race. All competitors will receive a free bowl of Hobo Stew and Gatorade. Come out and join the race or cheer on the runners. All proceeds will go to the CGHS Cross Country program.

## Athletic Boosters' Reverse Raffle Set for March 9<sup>th</sup>

Over 225 tickets have already been purchased for this year's Reverse Raffle! This 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. Tickets will also be available for sale at upcoming home basketball games. Tickets may be purchased at the 50/50 raffle table. Get your tickets soon as tickets sold out for last year's raffle over two weeks before the event. Thank you in advance for your support for this cause!

## Regularly Scheduled 2019 Board of Education Meetings Determined

At the January Reorganizational meeting for the Columbus Grove Board of Education, meeting times and dates for 2019 Board of Education meetings were finalized. The Board will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meetings on the third Monday of every month at 8:00 p.m. in the library. If the date or time changes, an announcement will be made in the media.

## Did You Know

A large percentage of our students who participate in extra-curricular activities during the second quarter made the Honor Roll. Below are the percentages in each activity. Congratulations students!

Boys H.S. Basketball	73%
Boys J.H. Basketball	64%
Girls H.S. Basketball	94%
Girls J.H. Basketball	85%
H.S. Cheerleaders	71%
J.H. Cheerleaders	58%
Scholastic Team	57%
H.S. Wrestling	50%
J.H. Wrestling	77%

## Upcoming Dates:

### Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Allen East HS – 5:00 pm

Boys JH Basketball vs. Allen East – 5:00 pm

Girls JH Basketball @ Leipsic HS – 5:00 pm

Girls Varsity & JV Basketball @ Allen East HS – 6:00 pm

### Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

Boys Varsity & JV Basketball vs. Allen East HS – 6:00 pm

### Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

Girls Varsity & JV Basketball vs. Arlington HS – 12:00 am

Boys JH Basketball @ Crestview NWC Tournament – 10:00 am