



Superintendent's Report

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COVID Cases Update

As we now enter into the second half of the first quarter, I wanted to provide you with an update of the COVID cases at Columbus Grove Schools. As many know, Putnam County has seen quite a surge in positive COVID cases over the past month. Schools in the county understood that this surge would eventually spread to the youth in our communities.

As of 9/29/20, Columbus Grove Schools has had a total of six student COVID cases and zero staff cases. We currently have zero positive students with COVID. There are nine students currently quarantined at this time, due to being contact traced. Furthermore, all of these contact traces come from a family member who tested positive for COVID.

What we have seen at school over the first six weeks of school is that all six positive student cases of COVID have from contracting the virus outside of school. We have yet to experience a single situation of student-to-student transmission of this virus. While this could change in the future, these numbers are very promising in how safety protocols are working at school.

So, what does this all mean? Frankly, before the school year started, we were not sure what to expect. We did not know if we would have an outbreak in the first two weeks of school and have to shut down in person instruction. It was truly an unknown. Now that we are nearly six weeks into the school year, we have very promising data indicating that we should be able to continue with in person instruction for the near future.

We again want to say thank you to our families and students who have done an excellent job following the safety protocols that we have on campus at CG Schools. We could not be more pleased in how our students have responded. As a district, we have over 900 students and adults working together in our building.

It takes everyone doing his or her part to allow us to minimize the spread of COVID.

The question has been asked as to how long we will continue with the hybrid-learning model for grades 7-12. Currently, we are scheduled to keep this hybrid schedule until the end of the first quarter, which is Friday, October 23. As we get closer to this date, administration will meet with staff to discuss the prospect of whether or not to continue this hybrid model. We will notify parents and students of our decision as soon as possible so families can plan accordingly. Thank you again for all of your efforts to minimize the spread of COVID so Columbus Grove students can attend school in person as much as possible.

Bulldog Football Team Plays for NWC Championship Tomorrow Night

The 5-0 Bulldog Football team won a hard-fought 38-31 battle last Friday at Convoy against the Crestview Knights. This win put the Bulldogs in the NWC Championship game tomorrow night versus Allen East, whose only loss this year is a 30-21 defeat three weeks ago to the Bulldogs.

The game will be played at Clymer Stadium and will be broadcast live on WOSN. Since the game will be broadcast live on television, there will not be a livestream for tomorrow night's game. Game time is 7:00 p.m.

CG Schools COVID Numbers Updates

You can see the updates of staff and students affected by COVID, either by positive cases or by contact tracing, by going to our district's website at cg.noacsc.org and clicking on "Columbus Grove Schools COVID-19 Communications." These numbers are updated on a daily basis by 5 p.m. The school district will post weekly updates on COVID related statistics on Facebook and Twitter as well.

CG Spirit Week Held

Elementary and High School held a Spirit Week this week to show their school spirit and support our fall sports. Here were the dress code themes for each day of the week:

Monday: Patriot Day—Dress up in your red, white and blue!

Tuesday: Don't Sweat the Small Things...Wear your SWEATS!

Wednesday: Class Color Competition

1st Grade—RED	Seniors: RED
2nd Grade—Yellow	Juniors: Gray
3rd Grade—Blue	Sophomores—White
4th Grade—Green	Freshmen—Pink
5th Grade—White	8th Grade: Blue
6th Grade—Gray	7th Grade—Yellow
Staff—Black	Staff—Black

Thursday: Flannel is the Reason for the Season!

Friday: BULLDOG DAY! Wear our school colors!

Many thanks to our guidance department for their efforts to bring some level of normalcy and fun to the students to help them celebrate the fall season at Columbus Grove Schools!

Reminder: FREE Lunches for ALL Students!

On August 31, the USDA passed a waiver that would allow schools to use funding from the federal government and the USDA to feed ALL students FREE. This allows school districts to offer meals to ALL students at NO CHARGE this fall to minimize the challenges of meal service during the pandemic.

What does this mean for your child/ren? ALL students are now eating in our cafeteria FREE until further notice. We also offer breakfast, which your child/ren can receive FREE. This program will be offered until funds from the USDA run out. When this happens, we will let families know. We hope all of our families are able to take advantage of this opportunity!

Did You Know?

Each year a number of students from surrounding schools open enroll to Columbus Grove Schools. Below are the current incoming open enrollment students by grade level.

KG	7
Grade 1	2
Grade 2	5
Grade 3	3
Grade 4	2
Grade 5	3
Grade 6	1
Grade 7	3
Grade 8	3
Grade 9	7
Grade 10	2
Grade 11	7
Grade 12	4
Total	49

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, October 1st

Boys JH Football vs. LCC – 5:00 p.m.
Girls Varsity Soccer @ Continental HS – 5:00 p.m.
Girls JH Volleyball @ St. Peter & Paul – 5:00 p.m.
Girls Varsity & JV Volleyball vs. LCC – 5:30 p.m.

Friday, October 2nd

Boys Varsity Football vs. Allen East – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 3rd

Varsity Cross Country @ Botkins – 9:00 a.m.

Monday, October 5th

Girls JH Volleyball vs. Delphos Jefferson – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 6th

Varsity Cross Country @ Kalida – 5:00 p.m.
Girls JV & Varsity Volleyball vs. Bluffton – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 7th

Girls JH Volleyball vs. Ada – 5:00 p.m.