



Superintendent's Report

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Join us for Homecoming this Weekend!

The cheerleaders and student council members planned a number of activities for Homecoming this week. Spirit Days have been held all week and the student body attended a bonfire last night at the American Legion. The student body has also done a great job decorating windows in the school to commemorate the week. Tomorrow, the spirit assembly will begin with the walk around town during 9th period and end with an assembly in the high school gym. The Cheerleaders will be nominating a "Most Spirited" boy and "Most Spirited" girl from each grade and an overall "Spirit King" and "Queen" at the Pep Rally tomorrow. The festivities will continue tomorrow evening with a Homecoming parade. Line up time is from 4:45-5:25 at the American legion. Parade time will begin at 5:30. Following the parade we will introduce the Homecoming Court and announce the 2018 King and Queen prior to the game. The festivities conclude with the Homecoming Dance this Saturday in the elementary gym beginning at 8:00 p.m. All high school students and alumni are welcome. Come out and join us for the last home football game of the year!

First Quarter Ends Friday, October 19

Believe it or not, we are six school days away from having the first quarter of the 2018-19 school year in the books. Parents, remind your children to finish the quarter strong and make sure all assignments are turned in. Also, remember that there will be no school on Monday, October 22 for the first quarter break. To see the 2017-18 school year calendar in its entirety, go to <http://cg.noacsc.org/> and click on "Calendars" in the left hand column.

Reminder- Athletic Boosters Meeting Tonight

Just a reminder that our monthly CG Athletic Boosters meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the commons this evening. All are invited to attend!

Coats for Kids Starting Up @ CG

Columbus Grove Schools are once again a collection site for new or gently worn coats and outerwear for children sizes newborn through youth large/ex-large. There will be a collection box available until the end of October in the school health clinic for any donations you may come across as you go through your closets. Thanks for your support!

High School Cross Country Team goes on Trip

Members of the girls' and boys' cross country teams traveled to Grand Rapids, Michigan last weekend for a getaway weekend. While the teams both competed in (and dominated) a race in Lowell, MI on Saturday, they also partook in a number of sight-seeing adventures, including the Grand Rapids Art Museum, Gerald Ford Museum, Fred Meijer Garden, Fish Ladder Park, John Ball Zoo, and two covered bridges. For more active entertainment, the teams visited Tree Runner Adventure Park. The runners and chaperones had a great time. Many thanks go to Coaches Schnipke and Jay for planning this weekend. Good luck at the NWC meet this Saturday at Spencerville!

Career Chats Continue this School Year

On Wednesday, October 3rd the first Career Chat for 2018-2019 school year was held in the Columbus Grove High School library. Columbus Grove juniors and seniors were very fortunate to have three professionals to speak about their careers in Information Technology and Communications.

Mike Keehn, Columbus Grove Local Schools Technology Coordinator, earned his degree in GIS (Geographic Information Systems) and used his experiences from several jobs to explain to students that whatever computer route a student does take it is important to have some of the following skills: patience, listening skills, database skills, programming, planning, organizational skills, and interacting with the public. Throughout Mr. Keehn's career, he has gained valuable experiences in support, software, hardware, networking, and programming.

Jennifer Beck, a broadcaster and Director of Marketing for Channel 44, spoke about the skills needed for the broadcasting industry. Some important tips for her field include: get your foot in the door through internships or volunteer experiences, show an interest and want to learn what is out there, be passionate about your field, stay connected with people you come in contact for future networking, and be willing to work at the lowest level and work your way up!

Joseph McCauley, UNOH Instructor of Digital Forensics, explained how it took him a little while to figure out exactly what he wanted to do when he grew up. After graduating from high school, he tried the post-secondary route at Bluffton College, but he struggled. After a year, he enlisted in the Marine Corps for ten years. Through this experience he worked many different jobs and was trained by the military in the 1980s to use the internet. (This was before the general public even knew about the internet.) He eventually started his family and worked a variety of jobs until finally deciding after twenty-seven years to go back to college to earn his degree in Digital Forensics. Currently he is an UNOH Instructor in this field. He stressed to the students, "The only failure you have, is the failure to get back up."

Thank you to Mike Keehn (Columbus Grove Technology Coordinator), Jennifer Beck (Channel 44 News), and Joseph McCauley (UNOH Professor for Digital Forensics) for attending and talking about what a day in their careers entails.

Quilt Top Pillows

The students in Mrs. Fought's sewing class consists of 10 girls and 2 boys. Recently they created quilt-top pillows. Many of these students have never used a sewing machine or hand sewn anything. The project helped students learn their way around a sewing machine including its many functions while learning basic sewing skills, stitching a straight seam, pillow construction, hand sewing a pillow opening, and the correct method of sewing quilt pieces together. With their new skills, they are moving on to their next project of sewing pillowcase dresses for orphans in Africa. The students did an awesome job and the pillows look great!

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday October 11th

Boys JH Football vs. Ada - 5:00 pm

Friday October 12th

Boys Varsity Football vs. Delphos Jefferson (Homecoming) - 7:00 pm

Saturday October 13th

Girls Freshman Volleyball vs. Ottawa Glandorf HS - 9:00 am

Coed Varsity Cross Country @ Spencerville NWC Meet - 9:00 am

Girls Varsity and JV Volleyball vs. Ottawa Glandorf HS - 10:00 am

Boys JV Football @ Delphos Jefferson HS - 10:00 am

Girls JH Volleyball @ Spencerville - NWC Tournament - TBS

Tuesday October 16th

Girls Soccer @ Ft. Jennings - Tournament - 5:00 pm