



# Superintendent's Report

Submitted by Nick Verhoff September 27, 2018

## Eyes with Pride Band Show Thanks

Last Saturday, Columbus Grove Schools hosted the 29th annual Eyes with Pride Band Show at Clymer Stadium. Thanks to all performers, parents, friends, and supporters of the many young musicians who performed. Eight high school bands including the CGHS Bulldog Marching Band entertained spectators while trying to earn a trip to the OMEA state finals.

I would like to congratulate our CG marching band for their fine performance last Saturday evening. For your first competition of the year, you did a wonderful job! We wish you the best in your upcoming three competitions. Furthermore, many thanks go out to our Band Boosters group for putting together another wonderful event for the area bands. Many, hours of planning and preparation are required to make an event like this take place. We are very fortunate to have so many parents willing to volunteer their time to make an event like this possible. Best of luck band on the rest of your competition season!

## Homecoming Parade Preparation

This year's Homecoming is scheduled for Friday, October 12 vs. Delphos Jefferson and it is once again time for the Columbus Grove Homecoming Parade. The parade will begin at 5:30 on Friday, October 12th. The parade will start from the American Legion. Any group or club who is interested in being a part of this Grove tradition please complete and send in a registration form. The form and an associated information sheet are available by mail or on our district website. To receive a packet by mail, please call the High School office at (419) 659-2156. Or, you can download the forms from the school website. Please return the completed registration sheet to the school by October 5th. The form can be dropped off at the high school office, mailed to 201 West Cross Street, or emailed to Kristal Pingle at [cg\\_pingle@cg.noacsc.org](mailto:cg_pingle@cg.noacsc.org)

## Chess Club Starting a CGHS

High school teacher Mr. Brian Schroeder is starting a Chess Club for interested high school students. This club will begin meeting on Tuesdays at 7 a.m. Whether students are experienced chess players or are interested in learning how to play, all are welcome! Donuts will be available as well! Many thanks go to Mr. Schroeder for providing this opportunity for our students.

## Special Night Planned for Tomorrow Evening's Football Game

At tomorrow evening's football game, we will be holding a cancer benefit for Morgan Claude, a Xenia High School football cheerleader. This benefit, coordinated by junior cheerleader and National Honor Society member Ivy Parker, will include t-shirt sales and raffles. We would like to thank everyone for their support of this worthy cause, including our area businesses. Thank you, Ivy, for coordinating this benefit!

## Thank You, Farmers Insurance!

Local Farmers Insurance agent Bill Palte introduced Farmers Insurance's "Thank America's Teachers" program to our school district over this past summer. This program provides a variety of ways to support teachers in the classroom through grants and monthly awards for classroom supplies. As a result of this program, first year teacher Connor Kohls was able to receive \$100 in classroom supplies, thanks to the generosity of Farmers Insurance. In fact, the district will be able to receive \$100 in school supplies each month of the school year through this program. We plan for our other two new teachers, Derek Rieman and Sam Black, to be the recipients of the October and November supplies. Many thanks go to Bill Palte for bringing this program to our attention and to Farmers Insurance for their support of teachers!

## Did You Know?

Listed below are the K-12 beginning year enrollment numbers for Columbus Grove Schools.

KG	58
Grade 1	51
Grade 2	58
Grade 3	66
Grade 4	68
Grade 5	58
Grade 6	63
Grade 7	67
Grade 8	71
Grade 9	88
Grade 10	71
Grade 11	80
Grade 12	76
Total	879

## Fall Sports Teams Picking Up Steam

The fall sports teams for CGHS have started to come along in the last few weeks. Our volleyball team, after a tough start to their season against fierce competition, ran off a recent streak, winning nine out of ten matches and are playing some of their best ball of the season. The girls' soccer team continues to gain valuable experience as a club sport competing against other varsity soccer teams in the area.

The golf team has been very competitive this fall and has a good chance of advancing out of sectionals today. Our girls' and boys' cross country teams continue to have very strong seasons, finishing near or at the top of nearly every invitational in which they participate. After an 0-2 start, the football team has reeled off three victories in a row, including last Friday's thrilling 33-20 win over state-ranked and previously undefeated Crestview. The two teams that have defeated the Bulldogs this year, Pandora-Gilboa and Leipsic, have a combined record of 10-0 so far this season.

Check the upcoming events at the end of this column and come out to a game when you get the chance. Our student athletes appreciate the wonderful support they receive from our community!

## CG EMS Continues Ride-Along Program with CGHS Students

The Columbus Grove EMS has requested to continue a Ride-along Program at Columbus Grove High School that was started last year. This program allows high school students the opportunity to observe the many aspects of Emergency Medical Services within our community. The intent of the program is to expose students to Safety Services with the hope that students will be more willing to participate as volunteers for the community, and/or open a career path for them after graduation.

Below are a few requirements for students who want to participate:

- Participants must be in their Junior or Senior year and have a driver's license
- The principal must recommend all participants for the program
- All participants must have consent forms signed by parent or guardian
- Students will carry an EMS pager during their assigned days
- Students will carry with them an ID card marked "Observer" to wear during each run

Nearly a dozen Columbus Grove High School students are participating in the ride-along program this year. Many thanks go to CG resident Mike Picklesimer for spearheading this program for our students.

## Guidance Department Enhances Website

School Counselors Mindy Losh and Brenda Bruce have enhanced the Guidance section of our school webpage. Just go to the district's webpage at <http://cg.noacsc.org/> and click on the "Parents/Students/Community" tab at the top. Once you do, you will be able view the numerous Guidance items in the fourth column. One new feature is the "Career Readiness" tab, which provides more information regarding the district's career readiness activities. Last year, we instituted *Career Chats*, which were very successful. The dates for this year's chats are listed, along with the career fields that will be highlighted. The first chat will take place next Wednesday, October 3 and the information technology career fields will be highlighted.

If any community member is interested in participating as a speaker for our career chats, they can sign up using the "Career Readiness" tab and complete the Career Chat Survey online or contact Mrs. Losh at [cg\\_losh@cg.noacsc.org](mailto:cg_losh@cg.noacsc.org) or Mrs. Bruce at [cg\\_bruce@cg.noacsc.org](mailto:cg_bruce@cg.noacsc.org). Next week, we will share some other new enhancements to this site, including financial aid, graduation requirements, and Ohio Means Jobs.

### Upcoming Dates:

#### Thursday September 27<sup>th</sup>

Boys JH Football vs. LCC - 5:00 pm

Girls JH volleyball @ St. Peter and Paul – 5:00 pm

Girls Varsity and JV Volleyball vs. Bluffton – 5:30 pm

#### Friday September 28<sup>th</sup>

Boys Varsity Football vs. Ada - 7:00 pm

#### Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>

Coed Varsity Cross Country @ Botkins – 10:00 am

Boys JV Football @ Ada High School – 10:00 am