



Superintendent's Report

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Thank You, CG Bus Drivers!

This winter has already been challenging with the snow and cold temperatures. We greatly appreciate the efforts of our bus drivers who have driven in some challenging conditions over the last couple of weeks. Thank you, drivers, for keeping safety at the forefront of your duties and making sure our students arrive safely to and from school daily! CG regular route drivers are Deanna Ricker, Shelly Schroeder, Linda Ridenour, Joanne McKanna, Janel Hardeman, Mike Fanaff, Brad Anderson, Bill Heilman, Chad McCluer, Jeff Gertsen, and Pete Langhals. Many thanks to Marge Tabler and Sheri Sybert, who also provide daily van transport for a student to/from Findlay.

National Mentoring Month- Thank You Kids Hope Mentors!

January marks National Mentoring Month and we would like to thank our Kids Hope mentors at Columbus Grove. Under the wonderful leadership of Jackie Brinkman, Kids Hope is celebrating its eleventh year at Columbus Grove! We want to say thank you to the following individuals who give an hour a week to come into our building to mentor one of our students: Breann Bogart, Jackie Brinkman, Roger Brinkman, Lynn Bryan, Mike Ebling, Geoff Eubanks, Becky Fuerst, Joy Halker, Elaine Kiene, Diane Miller, Bethany Moore, Deb Myers, Jack Myers, Libby Oswald, Julie Shafer, Terrie Smith, Brent Stechschulte, and Holly Zarse. A special shout-out goes to Jackie Brinkman, whose leadership of this program has allowed it to grow over the eleven years!

Congratulations to Eighth Grader Hadley Bonifas!

Congratulations to eighth grader, Hadley Bonifas, who participated in the VFW's Patriot's Pen Competition, a youth essay contest giving students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. Hadley's essay titled "My Voice in America's Democracy" was chosen as a winner! She was awarded a \$50.00 check from the VFW as well as bonus points in her Language Arts class. Kudos to Hadley!



Regular School Board Meeting Dates & Times Set for 2025

At the January Reorganizational meeting this past Monday, the Columbus Grove Board of Education established the regular meeting dates and times for 2025. The Board of Education will meet on the third Monday of every month at 8:00 p.m. in the high school library. If you have any questions, please contact the Superintendent's office at 659-4301.

Leo Club Cooking Decorating Contest Raises Over \$800 for a Family in Need

The LEO club raised over \$800 for a local family in need over the holidays by sponsoring a cookie decorating contest. Staff and students donated money and were able to vote on who had the best-decorated cookies. The winners of the decorating contest were Devanie Pingle, Mya Verhoff, and Linzi Schroeder. All of the cookies were then delivered to our local fire department.



CGHS Cheerleading Squad Hosts Youth Cheer Camp

Over 70 Columbus Grove Elementary and Middle School students have been participating in a four-day cheerleading camp this week. Coordinated by longtime Cheer Advisor Traci Kohls and her staff, students were able to learn the various skills necessary for cheerleading. After the week's camp, all camp participants will have the opportunity to perform at this Saturday night's game versus Kalida. Many thanks go to Traci Kohls for heading up this worthwhile activity. Also, we appreciate the Columbus Grove 7-12 cheering squads for their help with the camp throughout the week.

College Credit Plus Parent and Student Meeting Scheduled

Columbus Grove High School will hold our College Credit Plus night for any students entering grades 7-12 in the 2025-2026 school year and are planning to take CCP classes next school year. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22 at 7:00 PM in the Commons. This is an annual meeting for any student who plans to take a college credit plus class next year, whether in our building or online. This includes courses on our campus - Spanish IV, Statistics, College Algebra, Trigonometry, Statistics, Biology, Psychology, Computer Apps in the Workplace, Contemporary Business, Introductory Financial Accounting, Principles of Finance, and Principles of Management. All participants should complete the Google Form at <https://bit.ly/CGCCP2526> prior to Friday, January 17th so Mrs. Losh can plan accordingly and have enough materials for all students/parents. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Losh in the high school counseling office cg_losh@cg.noacsc.org or by calling 419-659-4310.

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- Upcoming community events
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- Child care options
- Churches
- Clothing assistance
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Upcoming Events:

Thursday, January 16th

Boys JH Basketball @ Fort Jennings – 5:00 p.m.
Girls JH Basketball vs. Ottawa – 5:00 p.m.
Girls JV (2 Quarters)/Varsity Basketball – 5:30 p.m.

Friday, January 17th

Boys Varsity Wrestling @ Van Buren Invite – 4:00 p.m.
Boys JV/Varsity Basketball @ Lincolnview – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 18th

Boys Varsity Wrestling @ Van Buren Invite – 8:30 a.m.
Girls JV/Varsity Basketball vs. Miller City – 12:00 p.m.
Boys JV/Varsity Basketball vs. Kalida – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, January 20th

No School – MLK Jr. Day
Girls JV (2 Quarters)/Varsity Basketball – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 21st

Boys JH Basketball vs. Bluffton – 5:00 p.m.
Girls JH Basketball @ Bluffton – 5:00 p.m.
Boys JV/Varsity Basketball vs. Liberty Benton – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 22nd

College Credit Plus Parent & Student Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Commons Area