



Superintendent's Report

Submitted by Nick Verhoff

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CGHS Students Awarded Academic Letters

Last Thursday, Columbus Grove High School recognized 75 students in grades 10-12 who earned the Academic Letter based on their academic performance last school year. The Academic Letter Program is designed to acknowledge excellence in the classroom by giving a Letter, similar to an Athletic Varsity Letter, to students who maintain a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the entire school year. Students were called down to the commons where they received their Academic Letter. In addition, students were treated to donuts and juice as a small token of appreciation for their hard work and dedication in the classroom. Those students who received this Letter are as follows:

Sophomores: Hallie Hermiller, Payton Hoorman, Bo Birnesser, Logan Mershman, Abby Stechschulte, Kaitlin Dipnarine, Gabriella Escamilla, Kirsten McCauley, Ryan Hardeman, Hailey Vogt, Devin Barnt, Jacob Lyons, Isabella Wilson, Loudon Auchmuty, Everett Palte, Zachary Reynolds, Erin Lugibill, Claire Oatman, Jade Siefker, and Steven Dunbar.

Juniors: Gwen Langhals, Logan Bryan, Sage Clement, Hadassah Jones, Hunter Rode, Ellie Keehn, Jaylen Sautter, Jared Kahle, Dalton Wurth, Jevin Langhals, Sabrina Henige, Isaac Ricker, Andrew Morman, Brynn Fortman, Carys Donaldson, Levi Maag, Hanna Schroeder, Ainsley McCluer, Hannah Shaffer, Taylor Schroeder, Jaelyn Mangas, Brandon Buescher, Kalyn Garmatter, and Kirsten Williams.

Seniors: Matthew Johnson, Luke Kaufman, Jacksen Schroeder, Madison Zimmerly, Carver Halker, Madison Thompson, Reed Schumacher, Mackenzie Langhals, Roy Langhals, Cody Ricker, Faith Anderson, William Pohl, Makenzie King, Hannah Morman, Megan Schmidt, Hannah Schroeder, Tayden Pingle, Landon Myers, Caleb Stechschulte, Adam Maenle, Camryn Gratz, Kiersten Closson, Cade Mason, Landyn Dotson, Shay Schroeder,

Koryn Halker, Savannah Ridenour, Josh Buescher, Alexis Wymer, Caleb Morman, and Mitchell Douglas.

COVID's Impact on Overnight Trips

Earlier this school year, the CG Board of Education approved two overnight student trips that were to occur this spring. The first trip, which was a High School of Business trip to Chicago, was slated for the latter part of March. About a month ago, a vaccine requirement was implemented in Chicago for indoor dining, entertainment, and recreation venues where food or beverages are served. After discussing this with our trip provider, it was decided that it would be best to cancel this trip, as this mandate would have a significant impact on the itinerary for the trip. Students and parents were made aware of this cancellation a couple weeks ago.

The other approved overnight spring trip is the annual eighth grade Washington D.C. trip. We have not been on this trip since the fall of 2019. The trip is still in place at this moment, but Washington D.C. recently implemented a vaccination requirement this is similar to the one approved in Chicago. We are currently working with our trip provider on variations of the current itinerary, in an effort to make this trip happen this spring. At this time, no final decision has been made whether to cancel this trip as well. Our goal will be to have a decision made by the end of January.

We apologize for the inconveniences these changes have caused, as we know students look forward to participating in these trips. We will continue to keep our parents and students informed as decisions are made regarding these trips.

COVID-19 Statistics Update

As of Tuesday afternoon, January 18, Columbus Grove Schools has 31 students who are contact traced and six COVID positive students. While these numbers are elevated from prior to the Christmas holiday, they are not nearly as high as anticipated. If you have any questions regarding school operations during COVID, feel free to contact Mr. Verhoff @ 659-4301 or cg_verhoff@cg.noacsc.org.

Regular School Board Meeting Dates & Times Set for 2022

At the January Reorganizational meeting on January 13, the Columbus Grove Board of Education established the regular meeting dates and times for 2022. 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.

Thursday Night Football?

You may have seen on social media that the Columbus Grove Football Team will play on a Thursday night next season. That is correct, as the Bulldogs will face Pandora-Gilboa in the season opener at Clymer Stadium on Thursday, August 18.

So why play a high school football game on a Thursday night? Actually, this concept has been around for a few years. While a vast majority of high school football games are played on a Friday night, having a Thursday night game poses a number of advantages. First, from a fan's perspective, it allows spectators to watch a couple football games in the same week, versus having to choose which game to go to on a Friday night. Looking at this change from an athletic department angle, these games usually draw a larger gate, as not only fans from the home and visiting teams come to the game, but casual high school football fans as well.

It also allows varsity referees to officiate an extra game in one week, providing the opportunity to earn more money.

We look forward to giving this Thursday night football a shot at our opener next season. The rest of the regular season games will take place on a Friday evening.

Athletic Boosters' Reverse Raffle Two Months Away

One of the Athletic Boosters' main fundraisers each year is the Reverse Raffle, which typically raises \$20K or more annually. After its cancellation in 2020, the boosters held a scaled back alternative last spring. This year's plan is to host the Reverse Raffle on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at the American Legion. The boosters plan to make this a full-scale event, so mark your calendars now! Letters were sent to individuals who purchased tickets last year, as they will have first priority to order tickets. Tickets may be purchased at the high school office as well. Price per ticket is \$60, and it includes a steak or chicken dinner with a baked potato.

This year's officers are Matt McCauley (President), Melissa Basinger (Vice President), Leslie Schumacher (Secretary), and Amy Young (Treasurer). We thank these individuals for their service and thank our community for your continued support of the CG Athletic Boosters!

Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 20th

Boys Freshman Basketball @ Spencerville – 5:00 p.m.
Boys JH Basketball @ LCC – 5:00 p.m.
Girls JV & Varsity Basketball vs. Spencerville – 6:00 p.m.

Friday, January 21st

Varsity Wrestling @ Van Buren Invitational – 2:00 p.m.
Boys JV & Varsity Basketball @ Spencerville – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 22nd

Varsity Wrestling @ Van Buren Invitational – 9:00 a.m.
Girls Freshman Basketball @ Minster – 11:00 a.m.
Boys JV & Varsity @ Liberty Benton – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, January 24th

Girls Freshman Basketball vs. Findlay – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 25th

Boys JH Basketball @ Delphos Jefferson – 5:00 p.m.
Girls JH Basketball vs. Delphos Jefferson – 5:00 p.m.
Girls JV & Varsity Basketball vs. McComb – 6:00 p.m.