



Superintendent's Report

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Stadium Lighting Project Approved by Board of Education

The Columbus Grove Board of Education recently approved the installation of a new lighting system at Clymer Stadium, with the project beginning later this spring and having a projected completion date of August 1. The current lighting system is over 25 years old and has been showing its age with an increased number of repairs needed over the last few years. The new system will be an LED lighting system that will be installed by Musco Lighting, a company with an excellent reputation in this field. This LED lighting system at Clymer Stadium will provide benefits to players, as they will be better able to track the entire flight of the ball as compared to the current lighting system. Additionally, this new lighting system will be better for neighbors, as the directional light of the LED system will minimize the glare of an older traditional lighting system. We look forward to utilizing this new system this August when we open the 2024 football season versus Pandora-Gilboa!

8th Grade Scheduling Meeting

On Wednesday, February 7, there will be a meeting in the Commons from 7:00-8:15 p.m. for all current 8th graders to begin high school scheduling for the 2024-2025 school year. Parents and students should plan to attend. We will discuss scheduling, Ohio graduation requirements, and the transition to high school. If you are unable to attend, please contact Mrs. Losh in the guidance office at 419-659-4310 or cg_losh@cg.noacsc.org.

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 Continental. 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.

Railroad Crossing at West Sycamore Closed February 6-8

CSX are scheduled to make rail repairs next week from Tuesday, February 6 through Thursday, February 8. Closure dates are subject to change, pending on the weather. Please plan accordingly, as this area is very busy during the morning commute to school.

Events and Recognition Schedule for Halftime

Please see the tentative schedule of events below which will occur at halftime of our home boys' basketball games:

- **February 3** (Continental): Mini Cheer Night & Honorary Varsity Letter for Brad "Bubba" Brubaker
- **February 6** (Pandora-Gilboa): XC Team State Championship/Luke Ellerbrock- All-Ohio Runner
- **February 9** (Bluffton): Trenton Barraza - Football All-Ohio & Brock Hoffman- Baseball All-Ohio
- **February 16** (Delphos Jefferson): Senior night

2023-24 School Closings Update

As of last Friday, we now have used three calamity days for the 2023-24 school year, leaving us with two more school closings before having to make up additional calamity days. As we did last year, if we reach a sixth calamity day or beyond this school year, we will first refer to the Board approved 2023-24 school calendar and to see if there are any scheduled days remaining which are designated to make-up for in person instruction. These pre-scheduled make-up days for in person instruction are February 19 (Presidents Day) and March 22 (Third quarter break). If we reach a sixth calamity day after these dates, we will make these days up via virtual school days of instruction, with students completing their instruction and assignments online.

One of the biggest benefits of using this approach is that it will eliminate school days getting added to the end of the school year, during a time when families have vacations already planned. Hopefully, we will not get to a sixth calamity day or beyond this school year, but we wanted to make you aware of this process in the event it occurs. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Mr. Verhoff at 659-4301.

2024-2025 Kindergarten Registration Now Open

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. If your child will turn 5 years old prior to September 30, 2024, they are eligible for kindergarten. You can register on our website (cg.noacsc.org) by clicking the link in the Parents/Student/Community tab or you may contact the school at 419-695-2631 and we will walk you through the registration process. At the beginning of March, a letter will be sent informing you of your date and time for screening. The dates for screening will be in April 11 and 12. Documents needed are a birth certificate, immunization records and/or Kindergarten boosters, parent ID, proof of residency (if new to the district and no other siblings attend CG schools) and custody papers if applicable.

Bulldog Bucks Raffle Tickets for Sale

Have you purchased your Bulldog Bucks raffle ticket yet? If not, you are missing out on a chance to win \$10,000, \$15,000, or \$50,000! The Columbus Grove Boosters, in conjunction with the Columbus Grove Volunteer Fire Department, Columbus Grove Band Boosters, and Columbus Grove Lions Club, are selling only 700 tickets for this raffle. The drawing for the three lucky winners will take place on Saturday, June 15 at 10:00 p.m. at the June Jubilee, prior to the fireworks display. You need not be present to win. Tickets are on sale at home basketball games this year for \$150 apiece. You may also purchase tickets from members of the various groups sponsoring this raffle. All proceeds will go to these groups sponsoring the raffle. Thank you in advance for your support of these important groups that do so much for the community of Columbus Grove!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, February 1st

Girls JH Basketball vs. Kalida – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 3rd

Boys 7th Gr. Basketball vs. Lincolnview @ Crestview – 10:00 a.m.

Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Pandora Gilboa @ Fort Jennings – 10:00 a.m.

Girls 8th Gr. Basketball vs. Allen East @ Lincolnview – 10:00 a.m.

Girls Varsity Wrestling @ Toledo Start – 10:00 a.m.

Varsity Wrestling @ Ada Invitational – 10:00 a.m.

Girls JV/Varsity Basketball @ Arlington – 12:00 p.m.

Boys JV & Varsity Basketball vs. Continental – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6th

Boys JH Basketball vs. Allen East – 5:00 p.m.

Girls JH Basketball @ Allen East – 5:00 p.m.

JH/Varsity Wrestling @ Crestview – 5:30 p.m.

Boys JV/Varsity Basketball vs. Pandora Gilboa – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7th

Girls 7th gr. Basketball vs. TBA (Tournament) @ Lincolnview – 5:00 p.m.

8th Grade Scheduling Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Commons area