



Superintendent's Report

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CGHS Senior Claire Oatman Awarded Charles M. Hankish Jr. Student Citizen of the Year Award

At last Thursday's All Area Board Banquet at Apollo, CGHS senior Claire Oatman was awarded the Charles Hankish Jr. Student Citizenship of the Year Award. Claire will graduate this May in Health Sciences and has done an outstanding job in her two years at Apollo. Claire was selected out of over 800 Apollo students for this distinguished award! Claire was nominated by her instructor, Jessica Sanders, because "Claire is a natural leader, excellent student, and a kind and compassionate person." Claire is deemed "Next Ready" at Apollo, as she will graduate with 28 industry credential points and 23 semester hours of college credit. Claire plans to attend Rhodes State this fall and major in radiology. Congratulations, Claire, on this wonderful accomplishment!



CGHS and Apollo student Claire Oatman, pictured with her instructor, Jessica Sanders, is the 2024 Charles M. Hankish Jr. Student Citizen of the Year Award.

CG Elementary Students Begin Jump Rope for the Heart Campaign

Under the leadership of Elementary Physical Education Teacher Chris Grothaus, the CG Elementary students will participate in the Jump Rope for the Heart fundraiser campaign. This educational program from the American Heart Association helps our students learn how the heart works and how exercise affects their heart health. Donations will be collected by the students or you can go online at www.heart.org/jump or www.heart.org/hoops under the student's account to make a donation. All proceeds go the American Heart Association. Thanks for your support!

Brian Schroeder Reaches 200th Career Win Mark

With last Saturday's win over Arlington, Lady Bulldogs Head Coach Brian Schroeder reached the 200-win mark for his career. In Brian's 11 seasons at the helm of this program, his teams have reached double digits in wins every year, have won five PCL titles and five NWC titles, and have made it to regionals four times, including a current three-year streak. With a strong finish, the Lady Bulldogs are primed to earn shares of both PCL and NWC titles this year as well! The Lady Bulldogs basketball program has become one that commands great respect in the area, as opponents know our teams will be well coached and fundamentally sound. Congratulations to Coach Schroeder for the wonderful accomplishment!

Reminder: No JV Girls' Game this Saturday @ PG

Because there will be no JV girls' game this Saturday at Pandora-Gilboa, the varsity game will begin at noon. Please plan accordingly.

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.

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 9 (Bluffton): Trenton Barraza- Football All-Ohio & Brock Hoffman- Baseball All-Ohio
- February 16 (Delphos Jefferson): Senior night

Pick 3 Winners- Baseball/Softball Fundraiser

Like last year, the Bulldog Baseball and Softball teams have sold tickets for the Pick 3 fundraiser this year during February. The first three winners of this raffle are 951- James Wagner (\$250), 025- Travis Oatman (\$50), and 459- Pete Siefker (\$75).

Bulldog Bites:

As mentioned, Coach Brian Schroeder earned his 200th win as Head Coach of the Lady Bulldogs Basketball team last Saturday. There is only one other girls' head basketball coach who has won at least 100 games in our school's history, and that is Jerry Hoersten. Coach Hoersten accumulated a record of 123-80 during his nine-year tenure as head coach from 2000-2008. His teams earned four sectional titles and two district titles during that time as well. Coach Hoersten also won 86 games as the Head Boys' Basketball Coach from 1989-1996.

Substitute Bus Drivers Wanted

Columbus Grove Local Schools is accepting applications for substitute bus drivers. This position has the potential of becoming a full-time bus driver in the future, if the applicant is interested. Substitute bus drivers are contacted to drive extracurricular and field trips and occasionally drive a regular morning or afternoon route. Certification requires the completion of attending a pre-service class, a written and driving test, CDL license, a medical physical exam, drug test, BMV check of driving record, and a background check. Cost for training will be fully reimbursed by the district for any individuals who serve as a substitute bus driver for Columbus Grove Local Schools. If you are interested in becoming a bus driver for Columbus Grove School, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 659-2639 for further information.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, February 8th

Boys JH Basketball @ Kalida – 5:00 p.m.

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

Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Miller City @ Fort Jennings – 6:00 p.m.

Girls JV/Varsity Basketball @ Bluffton – 6:00 p.m.

Friday, February 9th

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

Saturday, February 10th

Girls Varsity Wrestling @ McCumber Invitational – 9:00 a.m.

Boys JV/Varsity Basketball @ Waynesfield-Goshen – 5:00 p.m.