



Superintendent's Report

Submitted by Nick Verhoff

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Leo Club Hosting Project for Area Shut-Ins

For this Valentine's Day, the Leo Club is asking community members to email advisor Kim Birnesser at cg_birnesser@cg.noacsc.org if they know of any person who would benefit from a card letting them know that we are thinking of them. Please provide the person's name and address by Friday, February 11. You may also call the high school office at 659-2156 to provide this information. The Leo Club will mail these special cards the following week. Thank you for your help in spreading joy to our community members!

Come Out and Support Retiring PA Announcer Denny Ricker

Tomorrow evening will mark the last time Denny Ricker will serve as the PA announcer for the Columbus Grove Bulldogs. Denny is retiring after 46 years of wonderful service to our district, serving as the soundtrack to many tremendous athletic memories for Columbus Grove High School over the decades. We hope you can make it to Denny's final game tomorrow night. Thank you, Denny, for your wonderful service to our school district and community!

Bulldogs Host Matinee Wrestling Meet

For the third time over the last five years, the CG Wrestling Team hosted a 2:00 p.m. wrestling meet during the school week, allowing the opportunity for the K-12 student body to watch our junior high and high school wrestlers in person. On Wednesday, February 2, the Bulldogs hosted Cory Rawson, Delphos St. John's and Ottawa Glandorf last Wednesday and provided great entertainment for the students! Head Wrestling Coach Eric Siefker says the

wrestlers always look forward to this opportunity to compete in front of the student body, as this is a rarity for this sport. The CG wrestlers will compete next at the NWC meet on the weekend of February 18. Best of luck to our Bulldog wrestlers!

Luke Kaufman Named CGHS Senior in the Spotlight

Congratulations to Luke Kaufman for being selected this past month the January Senior in the Spotlight. Luke is the son of Roger Kaufman and Jacki Kaufman. He was nominated for excelling at Apollo Career Center in Electrical Systems Technology. Currently, Luke is completing an apprenticeship with Spring Electric. He is a leader, hardworking and sets a good example for other students in the classroom and in athletic competitions. He is an outstanding student academically and maintains excellent grades. He is active in Columbus Grove athletics, where he is a football player and track member.

According to Mr. Schafer, "Luke's hard work and determination leading up to his senior year made him one of the leaders on one of Columbus Grove's best defenses. Each week we elect captains based on our team's core values. Luke was consistently voted captain the weeks we focused on "Integrity." Not only was Luke a leader on and off the field, he also led in the classroom where he was named Academic All Ohio. In order to receive this award you have to have a min 3.5 GPA and receive conference, district or state achievement. Luke was named 2nd team All State."

With these positive qualities constantly on display, the Columbus Grove High School Guidance is pleased to award the January Senior in the Spotlight to Luke Kaufman. (Written by Mrs. Losh)

Great Music Opportunity for Putnam County Students!

The BGSU Percussion Department is touring local communities with their Percussion Ensemble, displaying several types of percussion styles. The Ensemble, led by Dr. Dan Piccolo, will be at Turner Hall on Wednesday, February 16, at 6:00 pm for a community performance. All are welcome to attend! A free will donation will be collected in support of Turner Hall upkeep.

Prior to the 6:00 pm public performance, the BGSU Percussion Ensemble will be hosting a percussion clinic open to all High School music students throughout Putnam County! We hope you can come out to what should be an entertaining evening at Turner Hall!

Thank You, Tim Staley!

At last week's basketball game versus Pandora-Gilboa, former Girls' Head Track Coach Tim Staley was recognized at halftime for his 25 years of coaching service. Tim stepped down from the Girls' Head Track Coach position at the conclusion of last season. Tim began coaching high school girls' track and field in 1996. He took over the program after Emma Pleiman retired the year prior. Tim was then Connie Arthur's assistant for 6 years before taking over again in 2004. With 25 years of coaching track and field for the Bulldogs, there is no question it was a great run. Since 1996, the Lady Bulldogs racked up 18 Putnam County League Titles, 14 Northwest Conference Championships, three Regional Championships, and 51 student-athletes qualify for the OHSAA State Track Meet. Tim coached five individual state champions and one state champion relay team. Columbus Grove's reputation for having an outstanding track and field program has not only been carried on but also enhanced because of Tim's efforts. We are grateful for Tim's work with our teams over the last 25 years! Congratulations, Tim, on a tremendous coaching career!

Volleyball Coaching Opening

Columbus Grove Schools is in search of a Head Volleyball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year. Applicants must currently possess or be willing to acquire the following credentials in order to be considered for this position:

- NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course
- Current CPR Licensure
- Pupil Activity Permit
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest (Lindsay's Law) Training

Interested applicants must apply in writing or by email to Terry Schnipke, Athletic Director (cg_schnipke@cg.noacsc.org). Application should include information regarding previous coaching experience and current coaching credentials. Applications must be submitted to Terry Schnipke's office no later than **4 P.M. Friday, February 25.**

Less than 20 Reverse Raffle Tickets Left!

If you have not done so already, get your tickets purchased for the Columbus Grove Athletic Boosters Reverse Raffle, which will take place on Saturday, March 26 at the American Legion. This fundraiser typically generates over \$20K revenue for the boosters annually. The boosters plan to make this a full-scale event, so mark your calendars now! Tickets may be purchased at the high school office through Kristal Pingle. Price per ticket is \$60, and it includes a steak or chicken dinner with a baked potato.

February Board Meeting Date Changed

Due to a scheduling conflict, the February Board of Education meeting for Columbus Grove Schools has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 22 at 8 p.m. in the high school library. If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact Superintendent Nick Verhoff at 659-4301.

Online ACT Preparation Course FREE to Junior Students!

Columbus Grove Local Schools is utilizing part of its federal funding that addresses learning loss to allow juniors the opportunity to take the official ACT self-paced online course. This will allow our juniors additional support in preparing for the ACT, which they will take in March at CGHS. Others will likely take the ACT again during the summer months.

This self-paced course can be found at www.act.org. This course contains 30 short, self-paced video lessons, access to over 2,000 ACT test questions and answers, five full-length practice tests, and the ability to track progress with a built-in course syllabus. Additionally, students will have six months of access to this self-paced course.

The cost of this course is \$99, but the district **will fully reimburse each student** who signs up for this course. Students simply need to provide proof of payment to the guidance office for reimbursement. If you have any questions regarding this opportunity for our students, please contact Mr. Verhoff at 419-659-4301.

Update on School Delays and Closings

Columbus Grove Schools used two calamity days last week due to the winter storm. These were the first two school closings for the 2021-2022 school year (3-hour delay days occurred on 10/5 and 11/10). If we were to reach a sixth calamity day or beyond, we will make these days virtual school days for 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 being 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 in the event it occurs.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, February 10th

Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Leipsic @ Ottoville (PCL Tournament) – 5:30 p.m.

Girls Varsity & JV Basketball @ Delphos Jefferson – 6:00 p.m.

Friday, February 11th

Boys Varsity & JV Basketball vs. Delphos Jefferson – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 12th

Girls Varsity & JV Basketball @ Pandora Gilboa – 1:00 p.m.

Boys Varsity & JV Basketball @ Miller City – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 16th

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