



# Superintendent's Report

Submitted by Nick Verhoff

February 15, 2024

## Reminder: No School Tomorrow or Monday, February 19

As noted on the school calendar, Columbus Grove Schools will not be in session tomorrow, as all CG professional staff members will participate in professional development at Ottawa-Glandorf High School. On Monday, February 19, there is no school in recognition of Presidents Day. As of today, Columbus Grove Schools has used three calamity days due to weather, leaving us with two additional days to use, if needed. If you have any questions regarding the school calendar, please feel free to contact my office at 419-659-4301 or [cg\\_verhoff@cg.noacsc.org](mailto:cg_verhoff@cg.noacsc.org).

## Lima Noon Optimist Club Recognizes Two CGHS Seniors

Last week, the [Lima Noon Optimist Club](#) hosted its annual Youth Appreciation Week program at the [American Legion Post 96](#). The long-standing tradition highlighted 13 Lima area high school students who were recognized for their outstanding leadership skills, academics, good citizenship, and volunteer work in the area. The Columbus Grove High School senior class has two of the 13 students who were recognized for their outstanding leadership. Seniors Abby Stechschulte (Allen County 4-H) and Brody Roof (Apollo Career Center) were recognized for their efforts. After high school, Abby plans to attend Bowling Green State University to major in nursing. Brody's plans include attending OSU-Lima after graduation, the goal of being a veterinarian in the future. Congratulations, Abbie and Brody!

## CG Baseball Club Announces Raffle Winners

Earlier this winter, the CG Baseball club sold raffle tickets for this year's fundraiser. Congratulations goes to last week's winners from the drawing: Rob Verhoff (\$100), Donnell Maag (\$150), Ryan Schroeder (\$75), Dylan Harmon (\$50), and Chuck Oatman (\$75).

## Senior Signing Day Held for CGHS Athletes

Last Friday, the Columbus Grove Athletic Department held a signing day for senior student athletes who have decided where they would like to continue their athletic careers. Congratulations to the following seniors who confirmed their commitment to the following schools:

- Payton Hoorman- The Ohio State University (Rowing)
- Evan Pitts- The University of St. Francis (Cross Country & Track)
- Luke Ellerbrock- The University of Findlay (Cross Country & Track)



*CGHS Seniors Luke Ellerbrock (The University of Findlay), Payton Hoorman (The Ohio State University), and Evan Pitts (The University of Saint Francis) pictured at their Signing Day event on February 9, 2024.*

## Winter Sport Senior Night Tomorrow Night

At tomorrow's boys' home finale versus Delphos Jefferson, senior cheerleaders, mat maids, wrestlers, and basketball players will be honored before the start of the varsity game. Come out and show your appreciation to Abby Stechschulte, Jade Siefker, Isabella Wilson, Lauren Wolverton, Hannah Stauffer, Claire Kiene, Sophia Olivo, Logan Mershman, Wyatt Watt, Kyle Lathrop, Loudon Auchmuty, Ryan Hardeman, Keegan Bame, Evan Sautter, Bo Birnesser, and Zach Reynolds for all their efforts this past season!

## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Teams Take Home Championships!**

Last weekend was quite a weekend for Bulldog Basketball, as the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade girls' basketball squad won the NWC Tournament Championship against Crestview. Congratulations to Coach Kari Weisenburger and her squad on an outstanding season! The Freshman boys' team finished their season in fine form as well, as they defeated Kalida 39-35 for the PCL Freshman boys' tournament championship. Congratulations to Coaches Jon Diller and Jacksen Schroeder and their team for bringing home the championship!

## **Resource Fair Coming to the Putnam County ESC**

The Putnam County ESC will be holding a Resource Fair for Individuals with Disabilities and their Families on Thursday, March 7, from 3:30-6:30 p.m. The fair will connect you with programs and services in the community and surrounding areas to meet the needs of your family. There will be over 25 exhibitors and Hot Topic Discussion that will take place starting at 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions, you can contact Karen Maag at 419-523-5951 ext. 3015 or [karen.maag@putnamcountyesc.org](mailto:karen.maag@putnamcountyesc.org).

## **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](http://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.

## **Columbus Grove Schools K-12 Library Clerk Positing**

Columbus Grove Schools is in search of a K-12 Library Clerk for the start of the 2024-2025 school year, as current Library Clerk Sue Ricker will retire at the end of this school year. Interested applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- A clear record as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Proficient keyboarding skills and the ability to achieve proficiency in the use of the library/media center's computer equipment and software programs, including INFOhio
- Experience with library/media procedures and equipment
- Ability to multitask, including the monitoring of both the elementary and high school library areas simultaneously
- Understanding of reading Lexile levels and the Accelerated Reader Program
- Evidence of an interest in reading and education
- Ability to effectively work with students, staff, and families

Interested applicants should submit a resume, letter of interest, and any other pertinent information regarding the position to Brian Best, High School Principal [cg\\_bbest@cg.noacsc.org](mailto:cg_bbest@cg.noacsc.org) and Brad Calvelage, Elementary School Principal [cg\\_calvelage@cg.noacsc.org](mailto:cg_calvelage@cg.noacsc.org).

Applications must be submitted to Brian Best and Brad Calvelage no later than 4:00 P.M. Friday, February 23.

## **Bulldog Bites**

Congratulations to CG junior Lauryn Auchmuty, who recently set the Putnam County girls' record for most 3-pointers made in a game with 10. Earlier this year, Lauryn became just the second Lady Bulldog to eclipse the 1,000-point mark in her junior year. The previous CGHS girls' school record for most 3-pointers in a game was held by 2022 graduate Kenzie King, who had eight treys in one game. Kenzie still holds the Putnam County record for most 3-pointers in a career with 267.

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

No School – Professional Development Day

Boys Varsity & JV Basketball vs. Delphos Jefferson (Senior Night) – 6:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

JH Wrestling @ NWC Championship @ Ada – 10:00 a.m.

Varsity Wrestling @ NWC Championship @ Ada – 10:00 a.m.

Girls Varsity Basketball @ Pandora Gilboa – 12:00 p.m.

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

### **Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

No School – Presidents Day