



Superintendent's Report

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CGHS Junior Parents Hosting a Ride and Drive Fundraiser THIS SATURDAY

This Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., the CGHS Junior Class Parents will host a “Ride and Drive” event with White’s Honda & Toyota in the school parking lot. Participants simply need to test drive one of White’s vehicles for five-ten minutes and the Post Prom committee will receive a donation. Participants must be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver’s license. Please see the pamphlet below for more details. We hope to see you this Saturday!



Columbus Grove Post Prom Ride & Drive Fundraiser

Test drive your dream car and support Columbus Grove Post Prom!

DRIVERS MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER

**Saturday February 22nd, 2025
10 am-2 pm
Columbus Grove Schools**

If road advisory of level 2 or higher, event will be postponed to Saturday, March 1st

Test drives last 5-10 minutes. Must have valid Driver's License & unique phone number.

Partnership with White Honda & Toyota and Columbus Grove Junior Parents



Andy Schafer Honored with OHSAA's Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award

Columbus Grove High School Head Football Coach Andy Schafer has been recognized with the prestigious OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award, a testament to his leadership, character, and dedication to student-athletes. This award, presented annually by the Ohio High School Athletic Association, honors individuals who have made a lasting impact on interscholastic athletics through their commitment to fair play, sportsmanship, and ethical coaching.

Coach Schafer has led the Bulldogs for the past 13 seasons, instilling values of discipline, teamwork, and respect both on and off the field. His leadership has not only resulted in success on the gridiron but has also shaped the lives of countless young athletes in our community.

The Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award has been previously awarded to some of Ohio's most respected coaches and athletic leaders, including former OSU basketball player Clark Kellogg, Todd Blackledge, Lieutenant Governor Jim Tressel, and Dick Hannon (former OHSAA Commissioner). Andy Schafer now joins this distinguished group, further cementing his legacy in Ohio high school athletics.

Congratulations to Coach Schafer on this well-deserved honor! His dedication to Columbus Grove athletics and commitment to fostering excellence in student-athletes continue to make our school and community proud.

Protocols for Virtual Learning Days

Unfortunately, Old Man Winter has not let up on his grasp of the winter weather in our part of this state. This, unfortunately, has led to several school closings this winter. We currently stand at eight school closings for this school year. As mentioned in previous updates, we are now utilizing virtual days of learning to make these days up in our school calendar. Below are protocols our staff follows for these virtual days of learning.

Daily Schedule and Availability

- Be available during normal school hours to support students and facilitate communication.
- Respond promptly to emails or messages from students, parents, and administrators.

Lesson Preparation and Delivery

- Post detailed lesson plans, assignments, and resources by a specific time on the designated learning platform (e.g., Google Classroom, Canvas).
- Ensure lessons are aligned with the curriculum and structured for remote learning.
- Provide clear instructions and due dates for all assignments.

Virtual Interaction with Students

- Record live sessions (if applicable) and make them available for students unable to attend in real-time.
- Monitor student progress and provide timely feedback on submitted work.

Communication and Support

- Proactively reach out to students who appear disengaged or have not submitted assignments.
- Provide accommodations and modifications as needed for students with IEPs, 504 plans, or other learning needs.
- Maintain open communication with parents to keep them informed of student expectations and progress.

Technology Management

- Ensure all learning materials and platforms are functional before the remote learning day begins.
- Report any technical issues to the Technology Coordinator as needed.

Documentation

- Keep records of student submissions and any significant interactions related to attendance, engagement, or academic concerns.

If you have any questions regarding virtual days, please contact the office at 659-2156.

Board of Education's Planning with 119 West Pendleton Property

Towards the end of 2023, the Board of Education purchased the property located at 119 West Pendleton Street (next to the Bulldog Athletic Facility). Last month the property was razed through a land grant via the Maumee Valley Planning Organization. Below is a Q&A regarding this property.

Q: Why did the school district purchase the property at 119 W. Pendleton Street?

A: The district purchased this property to provide flexibility for future district operations as needs evolve. This proactive approach allows us to plan for potential growth while maintaining financial responsibility.

Q: What will the district do with the property now that the house has been demolished?

A: In the short term, the space will be utilized as green space. Potential uses include a separate band practice field and additional space for athletic activities.

Q: Are there any long-term plans for the property?

A: At this time, there are no specific long-term plans. However, by securing this property, the Board has options for future district needs, whether that be expansion, facility improvements, or other operational uses.

Q: How does this acquisition benefit the district and community?

A: Owning this property gives the district flexibility to respond to future needs while ensuring we make strategic decisions that best serve our students, staff, and community.

As always, we remain committed to planning responsibly for the future while balancing financial stewardship with the evolving needs of our district. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Superintendent's office at 659-4301.

Reminders for Tomorrow Night's Basketball Tournament Game

Tomorrow night's boys' basketball game will be an ***OHSAA-sponsored tournament game***. As such, no Columbus Grove athletic passes will be accepted. Anyone wishing to attend the game must purchase a ticket through the OHSAA or be prepared with cash at the gate. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. The game starts at 7:00. Doors will not open until 6:20 p.m. No reserved seating for Grove fans will be permitted. All seating is general admission. Seating will be marked to maintain 50-50 seating capacity for both schools (required per OHSAA). The CG student section and pep band will sit where they normally do. The far end of the home side which is normally general admission will be labeled for Riverdale. Please note the signage at each section of the bleachers and follow the seating arrangement. Once the game starts, if there is available seating in the Riverdale section Grove fans may utilize that area.

Bulldog Bites

With last Friday night's victory at Delphos Jefferson, the Bulldog Basketball team clinched a share of the NWC Championship alongside Spencerville—marking the program's ninth NWC title in school history. In just his second season at the helm, Head Coach Connor Kohls has made history as the first Bulldog basketball coach to win an NWC championship within his first two years as coach. Congratulations to Coach Kohls and the entire team on this achievement! Best of luck in your tournament game against Riverdale tomorrow night!

Discover the Putnam County Resource Directory!

Looking for community events, educational opportunities, or local resources in Putnam County? The **Putnam County Resource Directory** is your one-stop shop for information and assistance! This user-friendly directory includes a wide range of resources, such as:

- Upcoming community events
- Educational opportunities
- Service directories
- Child care options
- Churches
- Clothing assistance
- And much more!

Whether you're seeking support or simply want to stay informed, the Putnam County Resource Directory has you covered. Explore it today at [Putnam County Resource Directory](#) and discover all the resources our community has to offer!

Discover Career Opportunities with PutnamCountyWorks.com!

Looking for a new job, career advancement, or opportunities close to home? Check out **PutnamCountyWorks.com**, your one-stop resource for connecting with employers and job openings in Putnam County. This easy-to-navigate website features a wide range of positions across industries, tools for building your resume, and resources to help you succeed in your job search.

PutnamCountyWorks.com is powered by the **Workforce Partnership of Putnam County**, a collaborative initiative dedicated to supporting local businesses, job seekers, and students. The partnership works to strengthen the community by connecting employers with a skilled workforce and offering valuable career development resources.

PutnamCountyWorks.com serves as a hub for job seekers, students and parents, educators, and employers. Whether you're a seasoned professional, just starting your career journey, or exploring options for the future, PutnamCountyWorks.com and the Workforce Partnership of Putnam County are here to help you succeed. Visit today and take the next step toward your future!

Please Utilize the Remind Communication System

With the winter weather upon us, it is a good time to remind you of a quick and efficient way to receive the latest information from the district through our Remind notification system. You can sign up with an email address, a cell phone, or both. Students and Parents have been automatically added to the main district alert list as well as class groups for the teachers that will use Remind for classroom communication. For community members who are not staff, students, or parents, it is very easy to sign up with Remind to continue receiving alerts via one of three ways.

- Use the code @cgrovehs in the Remind App on your smartphone
- Text the message @cgrovehs to 81010
- Visit <https://www.remind.com/join/cgrovehs> on your computer

When asked what your role is, select "Parent." This system is very efficient in getting the latest information regarding school delays and closings, as well as other district-related information. Please contact Technology Coordinator Mike Keehn at cg_keehn@cg.noacsc.org if you have any questions.

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 \$5,000, \$10,000, or \$50,000! The Columbus Grove Athletic Boosters, in conjunction with the Columbus Grove Volunteer Fire Department and Columbus Grove Lions Club, are selling only 800 tickets for this raffle. The drawing for the three lucky winners will take place on Saturday, June 14 at 10:00 p.m. at the June Jubilee, before the fireworks display. You need not be present to win. Tickets can be purchased in the high school office this year for \$100 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!

2025-2026 Kindergarten Registration Now Open

Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. If your child will turn 5 years old before September 30, 2025, 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 April 10 and 11. 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.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 20th

Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Wayne Trace (District Tournament) @ Van Wert – 7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 21st

Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Riverdale (Sectional Tournament) @ Home – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 22nd

Varsity Wrestling – District Tournament @ Van Buren – 10:00 a.m.