



Superintendent's Report

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Thank You, Readers!

As you read in last week's edition of the Vidette, this will be the last edition of the Vidette. It has been a pleasure submitting these Superintendent Updates to the community over the last 12 years and I greatly appreciate the Vidette publishing these articles on a weekly basis. It has always been my goal to provide as much school related information to our community in an easy to read fashion. In villages like Columbus Grove, we understand that the school district is in many ways the hub of the community. I hope that reading these articles from time to time over the years has provided you more insight of the workings of our district and the many fantastic achievements of our students and staff.

While this will be the final edition of the Vidette, I will continue submitting Superintendent Updates on a weekly basis throughout the school year. Here are the following ways you can read these articles:

- Facebook and Twitter- Go to the Columbus Grove Local Schools account and double click the blue link after the post that states "Superintendent Report."
- Columbus Grove Schools Website- Go online to cg.noacsc.org to reach our district website. Once our district's homepage comes up, click on "Superintendent" along the left side. Once you click on "Superintendent," a page of the most recent Superintendent Reports will appear. Click on whichever report you would like to read.

If you have any issues finding these updates online, please call my office at 419-659-2639 and we will provide further assistance. Thank you again for your readership!

National School Breakfast Week March 4-8

Next week, the CG Student Nutrition Department will celebrate National School Lunch Week. Established in 1989, National School Breakfast Week (BSBW) celebrates how school breakfasts can set students up for daily success. By observing this special week every year, we're encouraging all K-12 schools to recognize the importance of a healthy start to the day with breakfast to fuel children's academic success. Children who eat breakfast are more likely to:

- Attain higher levels of achievement in subjects such as reading and math
- Achieve higher scores on standardized tests
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Exhibit improved concentration, alertness, comprehension, and memory
- Have reduced tardiness and absenteeism
- Improve their classroom behavior

Many thanks for Student Nutrition Manager Kristen Hertel and her staff for promoting this week and providing both healthy breakfasts and lunches for our students. Kitchen staff includes Beth Buckland, Beth Lugibill, Mollie Mansfield, Judy Newland, Michelle Norway, and Jessica Zerkel.

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: Connor Kohls (\$150), Niki Shuster (\$50), Tom Casper (\$75), Steve Palte (\$150), Gregory Stechschulte (\$50), and Ken Utendorf (\$75).

CGHS Musical Coming March 22 & 23

On Friday March 22 and Saturday March 23, Columbus Grove High School will be presenting its 57th annual High School Musical. This year's production will be *Seussical, the Musical*. The cast will feature Hailey Vogt, Logan Mershman, Ella Escamilla, Laney Auchmuty, Daisy Stechschulte, Holden Hartzog, Addy Butcher and Evan Verhoff, as well as a fantastic cast and crew of talented CGHS students. Tickets will go on sale Monday March 4 and can be purchased in the Columbus Grove High School Office. Tickets are \$12.00 for reserved seating and \$8.00 for general seating. The performances will be held in the Columbus Grove Auditorium and the curtain will open both nights at 7:00 pm. Please come out and support the talented students of Columbus Grove! We can't wait to see you at the show!

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.

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.

Spring Sports Season Around the Corner

While our winter sports teams continue their success in postseason tournaments, our spring sports have begun practices for their upcoming softball, baseball, and track seasons. Last fall, Athletic Director Terry Schnipke updated some school softball records that now appear in the OHSAA's state record books as well. Added to the record books of OHSAA include:

- Kam Utendorf (2019-2022), .547 Career Batting Average (minimum .540, at least 2 seasons)
- Lauren Birkemeier (2015-2018), 34 Consecutive Games with a Hit (minimum 25 games)
- Abby Stechschulte (2021-2024), Hit for Cycle versus Arlington 3/27/23
- Gwen Langhals (2020-2023), Hit for Cycle versus Continental 4/18/23
- Shay Schroeder (2019-2022), 7 RBIs in an Inning (minimum 5)
- CGHS Softball (2014-2022)- 8 Consecutive Conference Titles

We're looking forward to another action-packed spring sports season. Come out and see what Bulldog athletes etch their names in the school and state record books!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, February 29th

Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Kalida (District Semifinal @ Ottawa Glandorf) – 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 1st

Wrestling Districts @ Troy – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 2nd

Wrestling Districts @ Troy – 10:00 a.m.