



Superintendent's Report

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Ottoville Hosts Annual Putnam County Arts Festival

The 11th annual Putnam County Arts Festival took place at Ottoville High School last Sunday. This festival was a celebration of both visual and performing arts from students throughout Putnam County. Columbus Grove students in grades 6-12 had artwork on display at the festival. The All County Choir and Band put on an excellent show to a large crowd in the high school gym as well.

CGHS students performing in the All County Choir were Laney Auchmuty, Addy Butcher, Ella Escamilla, Keelie Langhals, Caidynce Schnipke, Katie Schumacher, Daisy Stechschulte, Autumn Stechschulte, Conner Amstutz, Holden Hartzog, Jacob Ricker, Collin Sautter, Evan Verhoff, Payton Bechtol, Grace Verhoff, and Hailey Vogt.

Representing Columbus Grove in the All County Band were Delaney Wintersteller, James Rosengarten, Erin Lugibill, Kellen McCluer, Nick Johnson, and Will Horstman. Both the band and choir put on an excellent performance!

Special congratulations go to James Rosengarten, Erin Lugibill, and Ella Escamilla for being honored as four-year members of the All County Choir and Band.

A special thank you goes out to our art and music teachers, Sarah Hoehne, Sarah Ricker, Kristen Verhoff, and Jason Lozer for all your efforts in organizing this event for our students!

Winter Sports Season Wraps Up

Last weekend marked the end of our winter sports season, as the wrestling and girls' basketball seasons came to an end. Last Friday, seniors Kyle Lathrop and Loudon Auchmuty competed at the OHSAA state tournament in Columbus at the Schottenstein Center. While neither wrestler qualified for Saturday, both young men capped off impressive wrestling careers at CGHS. In addition to their accomplishments on the wrestling mat, both Kyle and Loudon excelled on the football field as well. As seniors, they led the football team to a second consecutive Final Four state appearance. Kyle capped off his senior football season as a Third Team All-Ohio selection on the defensive line and Loudon was selected to play in the OHSFCA's North-South All Star Game in Massillon this April. In addition to Kyle and Loudon, fellow senior wrestler Logan Mersham qualified as an alternate for the state meet for a second year in a row and also become the tenth Bulldog wrestler in school history to reach the 100-win mark. As a team, after winning the school's first ever NWC Wrestling title last year, the Bulldogs made it back-to-back championships, winning the conference title again in 2024.

In girls' basketball, our Lady Bulldogs were defeated in the regional final last Saturday against a very talented Crestview squad. While their season came to an end, the Lady Bulldogs have plenty of accomplishments on which they can hang their hat, including a PCL Championship this year. This year also marked the fourth consecutive district title, which is a program first.

The boys' basketball team built upon the 22-23 season with a very respectable 14-10 season this year that included a sectional final appearance. Head Coach Connor Kohls did a fine job in his first season at the helm and the Bulldogs have a fair number of underclassmen coming back with a good amount of varsity experience.

Many thanks to our coaches who have put in countless hours to maximize our student athletes' performance. We are fortunate to have these dedicated coaches leading our programs!

Students Participate in Commodity Testing Training with Rhodes State

As part of its Ag Reach Programming, Rhodes State College has begun specific agriculture-based training programs for students in the area. The first two programs they have started are Agricultural Commodity Tester and Commercial Pesticide Applicator. Three CGHS students, Nate Kamphaus, Myrisa Schumacher, and Joe Morman recently completed the training in the commodity tester program. Last week, they all took the test to obtain the license as a commodity tester, with all three of them obtaining their license. Congratulations to all of you for this accomplishment!

As Rhodes State expands this program three other credentials will be offered: FANUC Handling Tool Operation & Programming Certification, Part 107 Remote Pilot Certification, and BASF Plant Science Certification. We look forward to expanding these programs to CGHS students in the future. Special thanks to CGHS teacher Dave Hassan, who also took the training to become a licensed commodity tester. Mr. Hassan hopes to incorporate some of these trainings into his curriculum on campus next year.

Band Calendar Sale Underway

The CG Band Boosters are now taking orders for the 62nd edition of the Community Birthday Calendar from now through the end of May. You can place your order with any band member, or use the order form here <https://bit.ly/CGBand2425> to mail your order. The Band Boosters would like to thank the Community and Businesses for helping to continue this successful fundraiser.

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.

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.

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 Mersman, 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 are on sale 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!

Friday, March 15th

End of Third Quarter

Friday, March 22nd

No School – Quarter Break

57th Annual High School Musical – “Seussical” - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 23rd

57th Annual High School Musical – “Seussical” - 7:00 p.m.