



Superintendent's Report

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The Lady Bulldogs Make School History!

Last Saturday, the Columbus Grove Bulldogs girls' basketball team has made history by winning the 2025 OHSAA Division VI State Championship! In a hard-fought battle at the University of Dayton Arena, the Bulldogs defeated Rootstown 55-43 to claim the school's first-ever state basketball title.

Under the leadership of Head Coach Brian Schroeder, Columbus Grove wrapped up an incredible season with a 27-2 record. The team displaced outstanding teamwork, resilience, and a commitment to excellence throughout the year. "This championship means so much to our program and our community. These girls put in the work every day, and it's rewarding to see them accomplish something so special," Coach Schroeder said.

The championship game showcased the Bulldogs' depth and versatility, with multiple players stepping up in key moments. Strong defensive play, disciplined ball movement, and clutch shooting helped secure the win. The team's ability to stay composed under pressure was a testament to their preparation and dedication.

Columbus Grove's state championship victory has brought immense pride to our school and community. Fans have celebrated the achievement as a defining moment for the program, highlighting the players' hard work and determination. Stories have been rolling in regarding CG alumni for near and far celebrating this massive accomplishment from their alma mater! As the Bulldogs savor this historic win, the future looks bright for Columbus Grove girls' basketball!

Congratulations to the Columbus Grove Bulldogs on their 2025 state championship!



Reminder: No School Tomorrow

Remember there is no school tomorrow for the third quarter break. Only 42 days left of school for the 2024-2025 school year!

CGHS Music Department Presents *The Pajama Game* This Weekend

Friday, March 21, and Saturday, March 22, Columbus Grove High School will present its 58th annual High School Musical. This year's production will be *The Pajama Game*. The cast will feature Holden Hartzog, Daisy Stechsulte, Noah Strahm, Laney Auchmuty, Bryn Casper, Ethan McDougle, and Evan Verhoff, as well as a fantastic cast of talented CGHS students. Tickets are \$12.00 for reserved seating and \$8.00 for general seating. Tickets will be available at the door. The performances will be held in the Columbus Grove Auditorium with the curtain opening at 7:00 p.m. both nights. Please come out and support the talented students of Columbus Grove! We can't wait to see you at the show!



Front Row: Holden Hartzog, Daisy Stechschulte
Back Row: Bryn Casper, Ethan McDougle, Noah Strahm, Laney Auchmuty, Evan Verhoff

2025-2026 School Year Band Calendar Sale Underway

The Columbus Grove Band Boosters are now accepting orders for the 63rd edition of the Community Birthday Calendar through the end of May. Orders can be placed with any band member or by completing and mailing the order form available at <https://bit.ly/CGBand2526>. The Band Boosters sincerely appreciate the continued support of our community and local businesses in making this fundraiser a success!

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.

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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.

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Bulldog Bites

By earning the 2025 State Basketball Championship, the Lady Bulldogs become the second Putnam County girls' basketball program to win a state title. They join Kalida, who has won three state titles, 1988, 1989, and 1997.

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 21st

No school Quarter Break
HS Musical – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 22nd

HS Musical – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 27th

Varsity Baseball vs. Elida – 5:00 p.m.
Varsity Softball vs. Lima Senior – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, March 28th

Varsity Baseball vs. Ottawa Glandorf – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 29th

Varsity Baseball vs. Cory-Rawson – 11:00 a.m.

Monday, March 31st

JH Baseball @ Spencerville – 5:00 p.m.
JH Softball @ Spencerville – 5:00 p.m.
Varsity Baseball @ Arlington – 5:00 p.m.
Varsity Softball @ Arlington – 5:00 p.m.