



Superintendent's Report

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58th Annual High School Musical *The Pajama Game* Performed for the Community

Last weekend, Columbus Grove High School performed its 58th annual musical, *The Pajama Game*. This classic Broadway musical debuted in 1954, featuring music and lyrics by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross. The story is set in the Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory, where workers are demanding a 7½-cent raise. Amidst the labor dispute, a romance blossoms between Babe Williams (played by senior Daisy Stechschulte), the head of the union grievance committee, and Sid Sorokin (played by junior Holden Hartzog), the new factory superintendent. Their relationship is tested as they find themselves on opposite sides of the wage conflict. Filled with lively dance numbers and well-known songs like "Hey There," "Steam Heat," and "Hernando's Hideaway," the musical blends romance, comedy, and labor tensions. The Pajama Game won the Tony Award for Best Musical and remains a beloved part of American musical theater.

In addition to Daisy and Holden, this year's cast of characters included Noah Strahm (Vernon Hines), Evan Verhoff (Prez), Simon Zimmerly (Joe), Ethan McDougale (Myron Hasler & Pop), Laney Auchmuty (Gladys Hotchkins), Bryn Casper (Mabel), Katie Schumacher (Carmen), Addy Butcher (Brenda), Autumn Stechschulte (Mae), Mckayla Ricker (Mary), Caidyce Schnipke (Sandra), Keelie Langhals (Rita), Grace Verhoff (Virginia), Liv Rader (Mara), Landon Drummelsmith (Charley), Aubrey Belcher (First Helper), Ana Gratz (Second Helper), Payton Bechtol (Poopsie), Lylah Wilson (Sara), Ana Gratz (Marge), Carter Hitchcock (Max the Salesman), Abby Greve (Charlene), Linzi Schroeder (Doris),

Onna Hovest (Nancy), and Raye McCluer (Ann). The students performed entertaining shows on both Friday and Saturday last weekend. We appreciate the support of many family and community members and special thanks goes to Musical Director Kristen Verhoff for her efforts in coordinating this show. We are also grateful of the support of many of our local businesses who helped sponsor this year's musical!

The high school's first musical took place in 1967 and was Finian's Rainbow. CGHS has a long tradition of performing excellent musicals for the community. Take a trip down memory lane and see if you can recall these memorable musicals from years' past.

- 1967 Finian's Rainbow
- 1968 South Pacific
- 1969 Unsinkable Molly Brown
- 1970 Mame
- 1971 Li'l Abner
- 1972 How to Succeed in Business, Without Really Trying
- 1973 Camelot
- 1974 Fiddler on the Roof
- 1975 Hello Dolly
- 1976 Damn Yankees
- 1977 Annie Get Your Gun
- 1978 Bye, Bye Birdie
- 1979 Babes in Arms
- 1980 Irene
- 1981 Funny Girl
- 1982 The Boy Friend
- 1983 Guys and Dolls
- 1984 Carnival
- 1985 Annie
- 1986 Once Upon a Mattress
- 1987 The Sound of Music
- 1988 Li'l Abner
- 1989 The Wizard of Oz
- 1990 Peter Pan
- 1991 Cinderella
- 1992 You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

1993 Grease
1994 South Pacific
1995 West Side Story
1996 Singin' in the Rain
1997 Into the Woods
1998 Anything Goes
1999 Crazy for You
2000 How to Succeed in Business, Without Really Trying
2001 Oklahoma!
2002 Rock n' Roll Dinner Theater
2003 Meet Me in St. Louis
2004 Smokey Joe's Cafe
2005 On the Town
2006 Bye, Bye Birdie
2007 Thoroughly Modern Millie
2008 WBEL
2009 State Fair
2010 Footloose
2011 Suessical
2012 The Music Man
2013 The Wizard of Oz
2014 Annie
2015 Beauty and the Beast
2016 Bye, Bye Birdie
2017 Mary Poppins
2018 The Drowsy Chaperone
2019 Anything Goes
2020 42nd Street
2021 You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown
2022 The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
2023 Cinderella
2024 Suessical

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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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!

Upcoming Events

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.

Tuesday, April 1st

Varsity Track – Grove Quad – 4:30 p.m.

JH Softball vs. Delphos Jefferson @ Hall Ave Park-5:00 p.m.

Varsity Baseball @ Ottoville – 5:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, April 2nd

JH Baseball @ Allen East – 5:00 p.m.

JH Softball vs. Lima Senior (7th Gr.) @ Hall Ave. Park- 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Baseball vs. Elida – 5:00 p.m.