



Superintendent's Report

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Upcoming Road Construction to Impact Busing Schedules

Beginning April 10, the county will begin work on West Sycamore Street at the corner of State Route 65. This work will take place on the west side of SR65, and it includes widening the road to create a left turn lane, as well as the elimination of a pedestrian crosswalk on the south side of the West Sycamore (including sidewalk on the south side of the bridge) at SR65. After the road construction is complete, pedestrians will only be able to cross SR65 on the north side of West Sycamore Street.

Due to this construction, there will be a fair amount of changes regarding bus schedules, as buses dropping off students at St. Anthony's will have to accommodate for both a different drop-off location at St. Anthony's and an alternate route to the elementary and high school. This change in routing may move up your child's bus pick-up time a few minutes in the morning. Your bus driver will be in contact with you if your bus pick-up time changes. For the p.m. routes, buses that typically go out of town on West Sycamore Street will have to re-route as well, which means afternoon drop off times will be impacted. Again, your child's bus driver will be in contact with you if their bus route is impacted.

In addition to this road construction on West Sycamore Street, the village will begin road repairs on East Sycamore Street in mid-April. This construction will impact bus routes on the east side of the district. Families of riders impacted will be contacted by their bus drivers in order to make adjustments to these routes as well.

While there will likely be some minor issues in the implementation of new morning pick-up times, our drivers will work diligently to get new procedures streamlined as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes in bus transportation, please call my office at 419-659-2639.

2023 Prom and Post Prom Thanks

Last weekend, the CGHS Junior Class hosted the 2023 Junior-Senior Prom. The junior class worked the week prior after school each night to transform the elementary gym into the backdrop for *A Red Carpet Affair*. The decorations included a replica of the famous "Hollywood" sign on the back wall, various lighted movie posters that lined the red carpet, various Oscar cutouts and statues throughout the gym, a hanging lighted star above the dance floor (special thanks to Joe Gerdeman), and wonderfully decorated tables. First grade teacher Laura Dipnarine also created an entrance marquee outside the elementary gym.

After prom, post prom was held in the commons, HS gym, and elementary gym. Post prom was coordinated and run by junior class parents. Over 150 students had a wonderful evening, which lasted until 2 a.m. We want to express many thanks to our junior class for their efforts in getting the gym ready for this momentous night. Junior Class Advisor Vicki Hermiller and her Artistic Coordinator Shelly Gerdeman did another outstanding job creating a vision and working with the students to craft an awesome environment for the students. Finally, many thanks go to our junior class parents for giving their time and talents to create a fun and safe post prom for our students!

Reminder: No School Tomorrow or Monday

CG Schools will not be in session tomorrow, April 7 or Monday, April 10, in observation of the Easter holiday. These two days are the last scheduled breaks of the 2022-23 school year. The last day of classes for students is Thursday, May 25.

Baccalaureate to be Held in CG High School Gym Again

Last year, the CG Council of Churches held its Senior Baccalaureate on the day of graduation prior to the commencement. We will again follow this schedule for this year's baccalaureate and commencement, which will take place on Sunday, May 21. The baccalaureate will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the 145th commencement for Columbus Grove Schools will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

Please Utilize the Remind Communication System

If you have not done so already, now may be a good time to remind you of a quick and efficient way receive the latest information from the district through our Remind notification system, which replaced the Ohio Text Alert System last summer. 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 that 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. Unfortunately, with the spring weather we have experienced, there are many updates regarding spring ballgames and track meets. Please contact Technology Coordinator Mike Keehn at cg_keehn@cg.noacsc.org if you have any questions.

61st Annual Band Calendar Sale Underway

You can now order your 2023-2024 band calendar by either filling out the form on the back of the March or April page of your current band calendar or you can print off an order form from the school district's website (<http://cg.noacsc.org/>). Calendars are \$10 each and come with one free listing. Additional listings are still just 0.25 cents each. Listing types include (B) birthday, (A) Anniversary, (E) Meeting, (S) Military Service, (M) Memory, or (N) Band Member Birthday. Payment is required at the time of the order (due by June 1). Checks should be made payable to "CG Band Boosters" and can be dropped off at the high school or mailed to 201 W. Cross St. 45830. Many thanks for your support and to our businesses for supporting this successful fundraiser.

Substitute Bus Drivers Wanted

Columbus Grove Local Schools is accepting applications for substitute bus drivers. This position has the potential of becoming a full-time bus driver in the future, if the applicant is interested. Substitute bus drivers are contacted to drive extracurricular and field trips and occasionally drive a regular morning or afternoon route. Certification requires the completion of attending a pre-service class, a written and driving test, CDL license, a medical physical exam, drug test, BMV check of driving record, and a background check. Cost for training will be fully reimbursed by the district for any individuals who serve as a substitute bus driver for Columbus Grove Local Schools. If you are interested in becoming a bus driver for Columbus Grove Schools, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 659-2639 for further information.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 6th

Varsity Track @ Bearcat Relays – 4:15 p.m.

JH Baseball vs. Perry – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Baseball @ Allen East – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Softball @ Allen East – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, April 7th

No School - Easter Break

Saturday, April 8th

Varsity Softball vs. Ottawa Glandorf – 11:00 a.m.

Varsity Baseball @ Celina - Bulldog Baseball Invitational – 12:00 p.m.

Varsity Softball vs. Ottawa Glandorf – 1:00 p.m.

Monday, April 10th

No School – Easter Break

JH Track – Grove Quad – 4:30 p.m.

JH Baseball @ Lincolnview (8th) – 5:00 p.m.

JV Baseball @ Miller City – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Softball @ Ada – 5:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, April 11th

Varsity Track @ Kenton – 4:30 p.m.

JV Softball @ Leipsic – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Softball @ Miller City – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Baseball @ Miller City – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12th

JH Baseball vs. Liberty Benton – 5:00 p.m.

JH Softball @ Bluffton – 5:00 p.m.

JV Baseball @ Lima Senior – 5:00 p.m.