



Superintendent's Report

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Seniors to Participate in Mock Interviews Today

Today, our senior class will participate in an important milestone on their path to life after high school—mock interviews with local volunteers from our community. This event provides our students with an invaluable opportunity to practice and refine their interview skills in a realistic, supportive setting. For many seniors, this will be their first formal interview experience, and gaining confidence in this process is a key step as they prepare for college, careers, and beyond.

Mock interviews not only help students improve their communication and professionalism, but they also allow them to reflect on their strengths and goals. The constructive feedback offered by our experienced community volunteers is truly meaningful and can leave a lasting impact on each student's personal growth and preparedness.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to the many volunteers who are giving their time and expertise to support our students. Your involvement makes this event truly special.

Finally, a big thank you goes out to our school counselor, Mrs. Mindy Losh, for her organization of this event. Her dedication to student success and career readiness continues to make a positive difference in the lives of our students. We are confident tomorrow will be another successful learning experience for our seniors!

CGHS Juniors Participate in Real Money, Real World Program

Wednesday, Columbus Grove High School juniors took a meaningful step toward preparing for their financial futures by participating in the *Real Money, Real World* financial literacy program, hosted at Ottawa-Glandorf High School. This dynamic and interactive experience is provided by The Ohio State University Extension and is specifically designed to introduce students to the real-life financial decisions they will face as adults.

During the program, students were immersed in a hands-on simulation where they were assigned a career, a monthly income, and a family situation. From there, they visited various booths—staffed by local volunteers—that represented monthly expenses such as housing, transportation, childcare, groceries, clothing, and insurance. The experience required them to make thoughtful, real-time choices to balance their budgets and cover all of life's necessities, while also learning about the importance of saving and preparing for the unexpected.

The *Real Money, Real World* program does more than just teach students about managing a budget—it helps them understand the long-term impact of their financial decisions and how their career and education choices directly affect their earning potential and financial stability. It challenges students to think critically about the cost of living and motivates them to make informed choices about their futures.

We are proud of our juniors for the engagement and maturity they demonstrated throughout the day. A big thank you goes out to our hosts at Ottawa-Glandorf High School and to the Ohio State University Extension for providing this valuable experience. Programs like this are an essential part of preparing our students to become responsible, independent adults—and this was certainly a lesson that will stick with them for years to come!

Third Graders Attend Farm Safety Day at Gerding Farm

This week, our third-grade students had the opportunity to visit the farm of Dale and Ruth Gerding to participate in the annual Farm Safety Day. Since 2000, Ruth Gerding has partnered with OSU Extension's Agricultural Safety and Health Program to host this informative and hands-on event for students across Putnam County.

The goal of the program is to educate students about potential hazards they may encounter when visiting family or friends who live or work on a farm. Through interactive learning stations, students explored topics such as lawnmower and ATV safety, animal handling, pond and water safety, electrical hazards, chemical awareness, and safe equipment use.

This fun and educational day concluded with each student receiving a Farm Safety t-shirt to commemorate their learning experience. A big thank you to Dale and Ruth Gerding for continuing to provide this valuable learning opportunity for our students and for promoting safety awareness in such a meaningful way!

Support the Lady Bulldogs—The Annual Salt Bag Fundraiser Now Underway!

The Columbus Grove Girls' Basketball Team is excited to announce its **12th Annual Water Softener Salt Fundraiser!** This popular event helps support our student-athletes and includes the convenience of **home delivery**. We are offering:

- **Yellow Salt Bags (40 lbs.) for \$9.00**
- **Green Salt Bags with Iron Out (40 lbs.) for \$10.00**

Delivery is included and will take place on **Wednesday, June 26**, with the salt placed in your designated area. Orders are due by **May 9** and can be submitted in one of two ways:

1. **Online:** Complete the form at <https://forms.gle/J2koeaRAAbyyH8c8A> or scan the QR code provided in this newsletter.
2. **Paper Form:** Fill out the attached order form and return it to the school.

Please note: **Online payment is not available**, so all payments must be sent to the school or turned in to a team member. Thank you for your continued support of our girls' basketball program—we appreciate the opportunity to serve you!

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!

Discover the Putnam County Resource Directory!

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.

PutnamCountyWorks.com is powered by the **Workforce Partnership of Putnam County**, a collaborative initiative dedicated to supporting local businesses, job seekers, and students. The partnership works to strengthen the community by connecting employers with a skilled workforce and offering valuable career development resources.

PutnamCountyWorks.com serves as a hub for job seekers, students and parents, educators, and employers. Whether you're a seasoned professional, just starting your career journey, or exploring options for the future, PutnamCountyWorks.com and the Workforce Partnership of Putnam County are here to help you succeed.

Visit today and take the next step toward your future!

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 11th

JH Baseball vs. Perry – 5:00 p.m.

JH Softball vs. Perry (@ Hall Ave) – 5:00 p.m.

JV Baseball vs. Ada – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Baseball @ Patrick Henry – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Softball @ Patrick Henry – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 12th

Varsity Baseball @ Celina – 11:00 a.m.

Varsity Softball @ Defiance – 12:30 p.m.

Monday, April 14th

JH Baseball vs. Wapakoneta – 5:00 p.m.

JH Softball vs. Wapakoneta (@ Hall Ave) – 5:00 p.m.

JV Baseball @ Liberty Benton – 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Tuesday, April 15th

Varsity Track @ Lincolnview – 4:15 p.m.

JH Track- Grove Quad – 4:30 p.m.

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

Varsity Softball vs. Continental – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16th

JH Baseball @ Lincolnview – 5:00 p.m.

JH Softball @ Delphos Jefferson – 5:00 p.m.

JV Baseball vs. Miller City – 5:00 p.m.

Explore Health Care Careers with St. Rita's Medical Center

Are you a high school student interested in a career in health care? Join us at St. Rita's Medical Center for a tour with hands-on learning opportunities. Come explore different health care career paths and take your first step in finding a rewarding career.

Tour Event Details

MORNING SESSION

May 13th | 9:00am - 12:30pm
Graduate Medical Education, 751 W Market Street, Lima, OH
Registration begins: 8:30am (GME Lobby)

Evening Session

May 13th | 5:30pm - 8pm
St. Rita's Medical Center, 730 W Market Street, Lima, OH
Registration begins: 5:00pm (St. Rita's Lobby)

WHAT TO EXPECT

Participate in an exclusive tour of St. Rita's Medical Center through fun & engaging activities, experience hands-on learning, enjoy pizza & prizes!



RSVP Today!

Email Shannon Williams (smwilliams1@mercy.com) or scan QR code to save your seat!

