



Superintendent's Report

Submitted by Nick Verhoff

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Road Construction Updates

It has been over a week since we instituted changes to our transportation procedures as a result of the road closure on West Sycamore Street. Other than a couple small issues, transportation procedures have gone very well. In an effort to minimize student walkers crossing SR65 in the mornings and afternoons, we have provided transport for applicable students with the pick-up and drop-off taking place at St. Anthony's. If you would like your child to receive this transport, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 419-659-2639. Many thanks to St. Anthony's for their assistance in adjusting their pick-up/drop off procedures. We also appreciate Village Administrator Jeff Vance's assistance in providing the afternoon bus transport for these students.

As a reminder, road work should begin on East Sycamore this month as well, which will impact some bus routes on the east side of the district. Bus drivers who are impacted will make sure to contact their families if any adjustments need to be made to their schedules. Thanks for your patience and flexibility as we adjust to these changes.

Third Graders Attend Farm Safety Fieldtrip

Last week, our third graders visited the Dale and Ruth Gerding farm to take part in a farm safety program. Ruth has hosted the farm safety camp since 2000 and works with the OSU Extension's Agricultural Safety and Health Program to make this a successful camp for Putnam County schools.

The purpose of the day camp was to educate youth on the hazards they might encounter when they visit friends, grandparents, and other family members that may live on a farm. This safety camp provided youth the opportunity to learn about hazards and injury prevention in a fun and hands-on interactive way. The program taught about the dangers associated with lawnmower use, ATV safety, animal safety, equipment use, pond and water safety, dangerous chemicals, safety around electricity and much more. The exciting and educational day ended with each of them receiving a Farm Safety t-shirt. Many thanks to Dale and Ruth for hosting this important educational activity for our county's youth.

Seniors Participate in Mock Interviews

Last Friday, CGHS seniors participated in mock interviews with area volunteers, as these students continue to refine their skills for after graduation. The mock interviews provide an excellent experience in which our seniors can practice the art of interviewing (for many, it is their first ever interview experience) and receive valuable feedback from our experienced community members. We greatly appreciate the many volunteers who are giving their time to conduct these interviews with our seniors. This event provided another valuable learning experience for our seniors who are set to graduate in just over a month. Many thanks go to our Guidance Department for their efforts in putting this day together for our seniors.

Annual Girls' Basketball Water Softener Salt Fundraiser Underway

The Columbus Grove Girls' Basketball Team is having its 10th Annual Water Softener Salt Fundraiser. The purpose of the fundraiser is to raise money for the team packs that our players will wear to and from games as well as team camps that we attend in the summer.

We are selling yellow 40 lb. bags of salt for \$9.00 and green (w/iron out) 40 lb. bags of salt for \$10.00 (minimum order of 5 bags). This price will include delivery to your home (on Friday, June 23) and placed in your designated area.

Orders can be made by filling out a form at <https://forms.gle/J2koeaRAAbyyH8c8A> or emailing Coach Brian Schroeder (orders are due April 23). Your order can be turned in to a Girls' Basketball Player, Columbus Grove Schools, or you may email the information to Brian Schroeder at cg_bschroeder@cg.noacsc.org.

Attention Graduating Seniors (and Parents)!

- The area Council of Churches is sponsoring the Baccalaureate Service for all graduating seniors on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. All seniors will be receiving an invitation in the mail. Please RSVP to the church, or in the high school office.
- Seniors should clean their lockers out by Friday, May 12. Seniors will not be released from class to clean out their lockers. This should be completed at the end of the day on Thursday, or before the start of the school day on Friday. We will check senior lockers after school on Friday, May 12. Seniors still needing to attend to their lockers will be asked to take care of this after graduation rehearsal on Friday, May 19. Students are responsible to turn in their textbooks to the appropriate teachers in order to not be charged for a book fee.

- All technology should be returned to Technology Coordinator Mr. Keehn.
- Graduation rehearsal is scheduled for Friday, May 19, at 9:00 a.m. (this counts as school day for seniors, so they must attend). Please report to the High School Gym by 8:30 a.m. Students must attend the rehearsal on Friday morning in order to participate in the commencement ceremony. The student dress code is in effect for rehearsal.
- The Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, May 21, at 2:00 p.m. Graduates are to report to the high school commons by 1:15 p.m. if they are not attending the Baccalaureate.
- Any graduate not planning to participate in the commencement should notify Mrs. Pingle in the high school office ASAP.
- Final transcripts should all be ordered electronically through Parchment by Friday, May 5. Seniors needing help with this should contact the guidance office.
- Important Upcoming Dates for Seniors:
 - **Monday, May 15:** Senior Class Trip to Cedar Point
 - **Tuesday, May 16** 7:00 p.m. Senior Awards Night
 - **Wednesday, May 17** Senior Exams (open campus)
 - **Friday, May 19** 9:00 a.m. Graduation Rehearsal/class speaker rehearsal (after practice)
 - **Sunday, May 21** 12:30 p.m. – Baccalaureate (in HS gym)
2:00 p.m. – Graduation Ceremony

Maintenance Worker Posting

Columbus Grove Schools has posted for the position of Maintenance Worker, due to Greg Griffith's retirement this June. Minimum qualifications include proficiency in mechanical, electrical, plumbing, carpentry, and HVAC trades. Candidates must also possess a bus driver's license or become a licensed driver within six months of employment. Prior maintenance work experience is preferred. Applicants should submit a letter of interest, resume, a copy of certifications, and any other pertinent materials to Nick Verhoff, Superintendent, Columbus Grove Schools, 201 West Cross St., Columbus Grove, OH 45830. Application materials can also be emailed to cg_verhoff@cg.noacsc.org. Applications must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, April 20th

JH Track @ CG – Meet to Compete- 4:30 p.m.
JH Baseball @ Elida (7th) – 5:00 p.m.
JH Softball @ Delphos Jefferson – 5:00 p.m.
Varsity Baseball vs. Lincolnview – 5:00 p.m.
Varsity Softball vs. Lincolnview – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, April 21st

Varsity Track @ Genoa Invitational – 4:30 p.m.
JV Baseball @ Delphos St. John's – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 22nd

JH Track @ Commodore Invitational – 9:00 a.m.
JH Baseball vs. Napoleon – 11:00 a.m.

Monday, April 24th

JH Baseball @ Perry – 5:00 p.m.
JH Softball vs. Ada – 5:00 p.m.
Varsity Baseball @ Spencerville – 5:00 p.m.
Varsity Softball @ Spencerville -5:00 p.m.
Spring Music Program Grades 1-6 – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25th

Varsity Track @ Ottawa-Glandorf Tri – 4:30 p.m.
JH Baseball vs. Ottawa – Glandorf (7th) – 5:00 p.m.
JV Softball vs. Spencerville – 5:00 p.m.
Varsity Baseball vs. Fort Jennings – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26th

JH Baseball vs. Elida (8th) – 5:00 p.m.
JH Softball vs. LCC – 5:00 p.m.
JV Baseball vs. Bath – 5:00 p.m.
JV Softball @ Delphos Jefferson – 5:00 p.m.
Varsity Baseball @ Bath – 5:00 p.m.