



Superintendent's Report

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Happy Administrative Professionals Day!

Yesterday marked the celebration of Administrative Professionals Day. At Columbus Grove Schools, we are incredibly fortunate to have the services of our secretaries who do a phenomenal job of keeping our day-to-day operations running smoothly. Our four secretaries, Kristal Pingle (High School), Kim Smith (Guidance/Elementary), Jill Maag (EMIS/Athletic Department), and Cari Fuerst (Superintendent) are great resources and lifesavers for the staff at CGLS. After last school year, we did not replace one of the secretarial positions after Deb Barto's retirement. These ladies worked together to spread Deb's previous duties among the remaining four secretaries for this year. Not surprisingly, these ladies have done an outstanding job working collaboratively assuming these extra duties. Thank you, ladies, for all you do for Columbus Grove Schools!

Attention Graduating Seniors (and Parents)!

- The area Council of Churches is sponsoring the Baccalaureate Service for all graduating seniors on Sunday, May 19, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. All seniors will receive 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 10. 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 10. Seniors still needing to attend to their lockers will be asked to take care of this after graduation rehearsal on Thursday, May 16. Students are responsible for turning in their textbooks to the appropriate teachers to not be charged for a book fee.
- All technology should be returned to Technology Coordinator Mr. Keehn.

- Graduation rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 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 Thursday morning to participate in the commencement ceremony. The student dress code is in effect for rehearsal.
- The Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 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 13:** Senior Class Trip to Cedar Point
 - **Tuesday, May 14:** 7:00 p.m. Senior Awards Night
 - **Wednesday, May 15:** Senior Exams (open campus)
 - **Thursday, May 16:** 9:00 a.m. Graduation Rehearsal/class speaker rehearsal (after practice)
 - **Sunday, May 19:** 12:30 p.m. – Baccalaureate (in HS gym) 2:00 p.m. – Graduation Ceremony

2024-2025 Kindergarten Registration Now Open

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. If your child will turn 5 years old before September 30, 2024, 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. 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.

Erin's Law, Suicide Prevention and Awareness, and Social Inclusion Training

Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, Ohio law (ORC 3313.60) requires the Board of Education of each city, exempted village, and local school district to provide health education instruction in suicide prevention, violence prevention, and social inclusion.

Columbus Grove School is working with Crime Victim Services, Pathways Counseling Center, and Project Respect to meet the requirements for violence prevention and suicide awareness and prevention. We will be utilizing the Sandy Hook Start with Hello program and the Sandy Hook Say Something to meet the requirements for social inclusion. For more information on the curriculum, go to the district's website at cg.noacsc.org.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's participation in these programs or if you do not want your child to attend these training sessions please contact School Counselor Brenda Bruce at cg_bruce@cg.noacsc.org or 419-659-4328 by April 26, 2024. An opt-out paper form was sent home with all students in grades K-6. Junior High and CGHS parents please email or call to opt-out your student if you choose to do so.

Athletic Department Garage Sale May 4

The Columbus Grove Athletic Boosters and Athletic Department are hosting a Bulldog Athletics Garage Sale on May 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the school cafeteria. At this sale, you will be able to purchase discounted Bulldog jerseys, bags, equipment, trophies, and much more! Come out during the village's designated Garage Sale weekend to see if you can find some Bulldog treasures!

Band Calendar Sale Underway

The CG Band Boosters are now taking orders for the 62nd edition of the Community Birthday Calendar from now through the end of May. You can place your order with any band member, or use the order form here <https://bit.ly/CGBand2425> to mail your order. The Band Boosters would like to thank the Community and Businesses for helping to continue this successful fundraiser.

Annual Girls' Basketball Water Softener Salt Fundraiser Underway

The Columbus Grove Girls' Basketball Team is conducting its 11th 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.

Yellow 40 lb. bags of salt are for sale at \$9.00 per bag 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 June 11) and the members of the Lady Bulldog team will place the bags in the designated area in your home.

Orders can be made by filling out a form at <https://forms.gle/J2koeaRAAbyyH8c8A> or emailing Coach Brian Schroeder (orders are due May 10). Your order can be turned in to a Girls' Basketball Player, at Columbus Grove Schools, or you may email the information to Brian Schroeder at cg_bschroeder@cg.noacsc.org.

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 \$10,000, \$15,000, or \$50,000! The Columbus Grove Boosters, in conjunction with the Columbus Grove Volunteer Fire Department, Columbus Grove Band Boosters, and Columbus Grove Lions Club, are selling only 700 tickets for this raffle. The drawing for the three lucky winners will take place on Saturday, June 15 at 10:00 p.m. at the June Jubilee, prior to the fireworks display. You need not be present to win. Tickets are on sale at home basketball games this year for \$150 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!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, April 25th

JH Track @ Spencerville Bearcat Invitational – 4:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Friday, April 26th

JH Baseball @ Miller City (8th gr.) – 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Saturday, April 27th

Varsity Track @ Liberty Benton – 9:00 a.m.

Monday, April 29th

JV Baseball vs. Wayne Trace – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Softball vs. Cory-Rawson – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30th

Varsity Track @ Grove- Grove Tri – 4:30 p.m.

JH Baseball vs. Kalida – 5:00 p.m.

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

Varsity Baseball @ Kalida – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Softball @ Kalida – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1st

JH Track @ PCL Meet @ Ottoville – 4:00 p.m.

JV Softball vs. Elida – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Baseball vs. LCC – 5:00 p.m.