



# Superintendent's Report

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## District Art Show Tonight!

The CG Art Department will host its annual Art Show this evening in the elementary gym. The gallery is open from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for family and community members to see the works of our students. Hundreds of pieces of art will be on display from our students, as we have some wonderful artists in our school! Many thanks go to art teachers Sarah Ricker and Sarah Hoehne for all their efforts in putting together this wonderful event.

## 2024 Commencement Guidelines Finalized

Columbus Grove Local Schools will host its 146<sup>th</sup> annual commencement on Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m. in the high school gym. The annual baccalaureate service that is sponsored by the CG Council of Churches will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the high school gym. Graduates and their families attending this baccalaureate service should arrive at the school approximately 10 minutes before this service. Graduates not attending the baccalaureate should report to the high school commons by 1:15 p.m.

## Attention: Spring OHSSAA Tournaments/Meets Ticketed

The Ohio High School Athletic Association requires all postseason tournament events at all levels to be ticketed. Anyone who attends these contests must be ticketed. Sectional and district tickets will be priced at \$8 in advance and \$10 on the day of the event. Tickets will be available by visiting <https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>. Please note that this is an OHSAA decision, not Columbus Grove Schools. If you have any questions or need assistance getting a ticket to one of these events, please contact Ticket Manager Jill Maag at 659-4311.

## Summer Lunch Program Available for CG Students in Lima

A summer breakfast/lunch program for children ages 1-18 (no adults) will be served at the following Lima City Schools: Heritage Elementary, Independence Elementary, Liberty Arts, and Unity Elementary. This program will run from 11:00 a.m. through 12:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, June 3 – July 25. Food truck locations include Truck #1 at Lincoln Park from 11:00 – 11:20, MLK Park from 11:30-11:50, and Faurot Park from 12:00 - 12:20. Truck #2 will be located at Lima West Apartments from 11:30-11:50 and Maplewood Apartments from 12:00 – 12:20. Meals must be eaten on-site and leftovers may be taken off-site. Columbus Grove students are eligible to participate. If you have questions, please call 419-996-3437.

## 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!

## Plaque Dedicated in Honor of Former Teacher and Coach Tracy Brown

At last Friday's PCL Track and Field meet, the CG Athletic Department honored the memory of former teacher and coach, Tracy Brown. Mr. Brown had an uncanny ability to see the champion in all his students and athletes. Whether it was becoming an electrician, carpenter, tattoo artist, or state champion hurdler, Tracy was able to inspire others to become the best version of themselves. He could do this with a kind word or simply taking the time to listen to you. Tracy will be remembered as not only an excellent coach and educator, but also a dedicated father, grandfather, and friend to so many.

The plaque dedicated in his honor last Friday evening is inscribed with the following:

*Tracy Brown*

*Columbus Grove Head Track and Field Coach 1970-2002*

*One of the most influential coaches in school history. Tracy's track and field teams captured 21 Putnam County League and 7 Northwest Conference titles during his tenure. Tracy coached one relay team and five individual OHSAA State Champions. His final team at CGHS finished as State Runner-Up in 2002.*

*Revered and treasured by his students and athletes for his humility, humanity, and wisdom, Tracy's success as a track coach was only surpassed by his positive influence on so many during his career as a teacher and coach for Columbus Grove Schools.*

*"It all comes down to the 4x4."*

We thank Tracy's family for coming back to Columbus Grove last Friday for us to recognize his significant impact on the students of Columbus Grove Schools. Pictured below is Tracy's family, along with current and former CG track coaches who worked alongside Tracy.



## Annual Girls' Basketball Water Softener Salt Fundraiser Underway

The Columbus Grove Girls' Basketball Team is conducting its 11<sup>th</sup> 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 tomorrow 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](mailto:cg_bschroeder@cg.noacsc.org).

## Athletic Physicals for 2024-2025 at Grove Chiropractic

Athletic Physicals for the 2024-25 school year for CG students are once again being offered at Grove Chiropractic for a cost of \$10.

- Physicals for grade 9-11 students are May 14 from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Physicals for grade 6-8 students are May 21 from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Physical Forms can be printed from Final Forms after completing your forms for the 2024-25 school year. To find the forms, sign into Final Forms, click the blue "Switch to 2024-25 Registration" button at the top, complete the forms, and then print the physical form on the last page. Once your physical is complete and signed by the physician, you can turn it into the office.

## **CG Alumni Gathering Just Over a Month Away!**

This year's Alumni Weekend has been scheduled for June 14 & 15. Alumni officers are planning both a cocktail party on Friday night at the Grove Pool and the banquet on Saturday evening, which will take place at the American Legion. Classes that graduated in years ending with 4 and 9 will be honored at the banquet on June 15. The Alumni Association is pleased to announce that they will honor Mr. Jerry Hoersten and posthumously Mr. Delbert Pickens for their positive impact on the lives of the students and CG Schools. Please contact the Alumni Association at [cgalumni@cg.noacsc.org](mailto:cgalumni@cg.noacsc.org). Also, look for updates on their webpage found at <http://cg.noacsc.org/alumni-association> and follow them on Facebook.

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

JH Baseball @ Temple Christian – 5:00 p.m.  
Varsity Baseball vs. Pandora Gilboa – 5:00 p.m.  
Varsity Softball vs. Kalida (Sectional Final) – 5:00 p.m.  
Annual Art Show – 6:00 – 7:30 – Elementary Gym

#### **Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

#### **Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

Varsity Track @ NWC Championship – Bluffton – 9:00 a.m.  
Varsity Softball vs. Ada – 10:00 a.m.  
JV Baseball @ Wapakoneta – 11:00 a.m.  
JV Baseball @ Wapakoneta – 1:00 p.m.

#### **Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

JV Baseball vs. Lima Senior - 5:00 p.m.

#### **Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Senior Academic Awards Program - 7:00 p.m. – Elementary Gym

#### **Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Varsity Baseball vs. Allen East (Sectional Tournament) – 5:00 p.m.

#### **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Commencement – 2:00 p.m. – HS. Gym

#### **Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Board Meeting (Please note date change) – 8:00 p.m.

#### **Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Students Last Day – 1:00 p.m. Early Dismissal