



Superintendent's Report

Submitted by Nick Verhoff

June 1, 2023

CG Baseball Team Makes History!

The Columbus Grove baseball team won its first district title since 1982 last Friday with a thrilling 4-3 victory over the McComb Panthers at Marathon Field in Findlay. Senior ace Shep Halker went the distance in the contest, withstanding a McComb comeback attempt in the top of the seventh inning. With the victory, the Bulldogs tied a school record in number of wins in a season (23). The Bulldogs will attempt to break this school record tonight at 5:00 p.m. when they play Delphos St. John's in the regional semi-final in Elida. Good luck to Coach Brayden Sautter and the Bulldog Baseball squad!

CG Track Team Returns Multiple Competitors to State Competition

Last weekend, a number of individuals from the Bulldog Track and Field squads punched their ticket for state competition at Jesse Owens Stadium at The Ohio State University this weekend. Qualifying for the Bulldogs include:

- Lauryn Auchmuty (Sophomore)- 4x100 Relay
- Brynn Fortman (Senior)- 4x100 Relay and 300 Hurdles
- Ruth Meyers (Freshman)- 4x100 Relay
- Kendal Palte (Freshman)- 4x100 Relay
- Trevon Baxter (Freshman)- Pole Vault
- Anden Blankemeyer (Senior)- 400 Meter
- Luke Ellerbrock (Junior)- 3200 Meter
- Tadd Koch (Senior)- Discus and Shot Put
- Trent Koch (Senior)- 3200 Meter
- Lawson Maag (Senior)- Discus
- Zach Reynolds (Junior)- 110 Hurdles and 300 Hurdles
- AJ Schafer (Senior)- Shot Put

Congratulations, athletes, on your state qualification and good luck at Jesse Owens this weekend!

Thank You, CG Staff!

Last Friday, the district held its annual staff recognition awards for its staff members, recognizing years of service and staff who are retiring at the conclusion of the school year. The following staff members were recognized for their years of service at Columbus Grove:

Five Years of Service

Sam Black (Music/Band), Connor Kohls (6th Grade), Derek Rieman (Intervention Specialist), and Cari Fuerst (Superintendent Secretary)

10 Years of Service

Brian Best (HS Principal), Stacy Inbody (Intervention Specialist), and Kristen Verhoff (Music/Choir)

20 Years of Service

Emily Haselman (1st Grade), Beth Selhorst (Kindergarten), Sally Spitnale (Title One), Deb Edwards (Assistant Treasurer), and Shelly Schroeder (Bus Driver)

25 Years of Service

Dawn Brubaker (2nd Grade), Anne Clymer (Kindergarten), Deb Barto (Elementary Secretary), and Judy Newland (Kitchen Worker)

30 Years of Service

Laura Dipnarine (1st Grade)

The district also said farewell to Mrs. Maegan Reece, Elementary Art Teacher, who will transition to stay at home mother with her daughter. We wish Maegan the best in her future endeavors! The district's goal is to have a new elementary art teacher named by the end of June.

The district also will say farewell to a number of staff members who retired at the conclusion of this school year.

Tammy Schroeder (Kitchen Worker- 28 years), Deb Barto (Elementary Secretary- 28 years), Greg Griffith (Maintenance Worker- 31 years), Jayne Bair (2nd Grade Teacher- 35 years), Dave Bremer (High School Math- 24 years), and Tim Staley (6th Grade – 34 years) either finished their careers last Friday or will conclude their positions later this month. In addition, Bus Technician/Driver Bernie Kleman retired last December after 20 years of service to CG Schools. Columbus Grove School District's biggest strength over the years has been its people. We have been very fortunate to have so many excellent individuals serve our community and its young people for so many years. While we will miss having these fine people working at the school next year, we are very appreciative of their dedicated service to our district and wish them many happy and healthy years of retirement! We will introduce our new staff members in an August edition of this update.

Annual 100 Positives Coming Soon

Our annual edition of "100 Positives" will be released soon, highlighting the 2022-2023 school year at Columbus Grove Schools. You should receive this in your mailbox by mid/late-June. We hope you enjoy this latest edition, as it shows just a sample of the many accomplishments of our students and staff this past school year.

Brick Orders Being Collected for CG Alumni Paver

Looking for a unique and timeless gift for a 2023 CG graduate? Over 375 bricks have been purchased for the CG Alumni Paver Walk. Bricks are on sale for just \$50 for a 4" by 8" brick. These bricks will make a perfect gift to commemorate a CG alumnus, faculty member, student accomplishment, or historical event in our district's history! To order, just go to our website at <http://cg.noacsc.org/>, or you can get a hard copy of an order form at any of our district offices.

CG Alumni Weekend in Two Weeks!

This year's Alumni Weekend has been scheduled for June 16 & 17. Alumni officers are planning for both the cocktail party on Friday night at the Grove Pool and the banquet on Saturday evening, which will take place at the school. The Alumni Association will be honoring the classes that graduated in years ending with 3 and 8. The Alumni Association is pleased to announce that they will honor Mr. Jim Kincaid and Mr. Collins Stackhouse (posthumously) for their positive impact on the lives of the students and CG Schools. For more information, please contact the Alumni Association at cgalumni@cg.noacsc.org. Also, look for updates on their webpage found at <http://cg.noacsc.org/alumni-association> and follow them on Facebook.

Thank You, Readers!

I would like to thank everyone who took time to read these weekly updates in the Vidette throughout the past school year. I hope these articles continue to keep you informed of the many activities happening at Columbus Grove Local Schools. Thank you again for all your support of our school district. Without the support of our community, we could not achieve the level of success we have come to expect. This will be the last weekly superintendent report of the summer, but I will share school related information periodically throughout the next few months. May all of you have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Did You Know?

With last Friday's District Championship, this year's baseball squad tied a school record in number of wins in a season with 23. The only other squad to win 23 games in a season was 1972 squad coached by Bruce Razor. Here's a look at the baseball teams in school history that have reached the 20-win mark in a season, along with the Head Coach of each squad (* denotes winning a district championship that season as well):

- 23 wins: 1972 (Head Coach Bruce Razor) and 2023* (Head Coach Brayden Sautter)
- 22 wins: 1976* (Head Coach Gary Jones)
- 20 wins: 1982* (Head Coach Mike Lamb) and 2013 (Head Coach Cory King)

Substitute Bus Drivers Wanted for the 2023-2024 School Year

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.