



Superintendent's Report

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Yellow School Buses are out! Pay Attention!

11 Columbus Grove school buses are now out on the road daily transporting our students to and from school safely. Please allow yourself a little more time in the morning, as school buses being on the road will create some traffic delays. Unfortunately, we experience about a dozen illegal bus passes with our buses on an annual basis. When watching the videos of these illegal passes, it is many times a driver not even paying attention (distracted driving) when passing through a bus safety zone. Please use caution when approaching school buses, especially with the road construction. Many thanks to our excellent route drivers Deanna Ricker, Shelly Schroeder, Linda Ridenour, Joanne McKanna, Mike Fanaff, Bill Heilman, Janel Hardeman, Brad Anderson, Chad McCluer, Jeff Gertsen, and Pete Langhals.

Thank You Columbus Grove Christian Church!

We would like to extend our gratitude to the Columbus Grove Christian Church congregation for their donation of school supplies for this school year. These supplies are greatly appreciated as it allows our students in need the materials required for a good start to the school year. We appreciate the generosity and thoughtfulness of this congregation! Columbus Grove Christian Church has been a longtime supporter of Columbus Grove Schools and we are thankful that they continue to make our community's students a priority in their outreach services.

Thank You Flag Crew Volunteers

A big Thank You to Junior High students Sierra Dotson, Hadley Bonifas, Avery Hoorman, and Baylee Maag, who have graciously volunteered to put up and take down the U.S. and Ohio flags each day along with the Bulldog Flag on Fridays. These students have first or last period study hall and are willing to take on this responsibility for the entire school year. We greatly appreciate their willingness to perform this task in all types of weather throughout the year.

CG Cross Country Invitational this Weekend

This weekend, 50 schools and over 1,800 runners will converge in Columbus Grove for this year's CG Cross Country Invitational on Saturday. The elementary fun run will begin at 8:00 a.m., and the first varsity race starting at 8:30 a.m. The CG Boys' varsity race begins @ 8:30 a.m. and the CG girls' varsity race begins @ 9:00 a.m. Junior High races will begin at 11:00 a.m. Come out, support our Bulldog Cross-Country teams, and watch one of the most well-run cross-country invitationals in the state!

Final Forms for 2024-2025 School Year Now Available

Parents and students can begin filling out their Final Forms information for this school year. Log in at <https://columbusgrove-oh.finalforms.com/> and click the "Click to Switch to 2024-25 Registration" button at the top of the page to get started. Please contact Mr. Keehn at cg_keehn@cg.noacsc.org if you have any questions.

Picture Day on September 12

Picture Day is Coming Soon! Pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 12. For your convenience, Lange is offering an online ordering option. If you pre-order online you will receive a FREE 10x8 Photo Collage with purchase. To order photos for 7-12 Grade students use the link

here: <https://orders.langephotographics.com/ordering/with?key=8A6PZ9F4>. To order photos for K-6

students please use the link

here: <https://orders.langephotographics.com/ordering/with?key=XQ4GCQBT>. Paper order forms will also

be sent home with students.

Please fill out Free and Reduced Lunch Waiver Form for 2024-25 School Year

We encourage families that are eligible for the free/reduced breakfast and lunch program to fill out the waiver form as soon as possible. This form is now part of the group of forms that parents fill out online through Final Forms, which allows parents to update changes with information versus having to fill out all these forms in their entirety each year. Having this free/reduced form as part of the Final Forms online package should make it a bit easier for this form to be filled out and processed. If you have any questions or need assistance regarding this process, please contact my office at 419-659-2639.

CGLS Continues Transport Service at Home Football Games

We will have a golf cart available to shuttle spectators from the Pendleton Street entrance of the athletic complex to the Clymer Stadium stands. We will again increase the amount of reserved parking to decrease the walking distance by making the parking lot across from the Pendleton Street entrance handicap parking only. Below is the list of our remaining home football games this season:

Friday, September 6 - Patrick Henry (Senior Night)

Friday, September 20 - Delphos Jefferson (Homecoming)

Friday, October 4 - Fort Loramie (Military Night)

Friday, October 18 - LCC

Anonymous Bullying and Safety Reporting System Available for Students and Parents

The Columbus Grove Board of Education is committed to providing a safe, positive, and productive educational environment for all its students. The District encourages the promotion of positive interpersonal relations between school community members.

Harassment, intimidation, or bullying toward a student, whether by other students, staff, or third parties is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Every student is encouraged, and every staff member is required, to report any situation that he/she believes to be aggressive behavior directed toward a student. To increase our abilities to address and further prevent bullying behavior, Columbus Grove Schools has designed an anonymous online harassment reporting system. If an adult or child suspects a student being bullied, they are encouraged to report the bullying behavior to school officials in person or via an anonymous hotline. This hotline can also be used to notify district officials of any suspicious or potentially dangerous activity that may affect students or staff at our school. Individuals can call or text 844-SAFEROH to report anything suspicious or endangering anyone at school. This online service has been in place for several years and has been quite effective in addressing safety or harassment issues for our school district.

Substitute Bus Drivers Wanted

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 applicants are interested. Substitute bus drivers are contacted to drive extracurricular 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 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 School, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 659-2639 for further information.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, August 29

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

JH Volleyball @ Allen East – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Golf vs. Grove Tri – 5:00 p.m.

JH Soccer @ Delphos Jefferson – 5:15 p.m.

Friday, August 30th

Varsity Football @ Liberty-Benton – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 31st

Cross Country @ Home – Grove Invitational – 8:30 a.m.

JV Football @ Liberty Benton – 10:00 a.m.

Varsity Soccer vs. Fort Jennings – 11:00 a.m.

Monday, September 2nd

No School – Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3rd

JH Volleyball @ Ayersville – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity & JV Volleyball vs. Continental – 5:30 p.m.

JH Soccer vs. Continental – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 4th

Varsity Golf @ Ottoville – 4:00 p.m.