



Superintendent's Report

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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 needed 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 Daisy Thompson, Layla Bendele, and Jordan Mull, 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.

Thank You, CG Band Boosters!

In the event that you made it to last Friday's home opener against Liberty Benton, you probably noticed the new band uniforms the CG Marching Band was sporting. The cost for these new uniforms was over \$30,000. Many thanks to our CG Band Booster parents for their hard work volunteering for many concessions stand duties, as well as other fundraising opportunities to raise the funds needed for such a large purchase! The band looks sharp!

Congratulations Coach Andy Schafer!

With last Friday's win over Liberty Benton, Head Football Coach Andy Schafer became the winningest football coach in Columbus Grove history, as he notched his 76th win. During Andy's 11+ year tenure, his teams have won four NWC titles, qualified for the playoffs five times, and have made it to the state semi-finals three times. Congratulations, Coach Schafer, on this awesome accomplishment!

CG Cross Country Invitational this Weekend

This weekend, 45 schools and over 1,600 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!

Substitute Teachers Needed for 2023-24 School Year

Columbus Grove Schools are in need of additional substitute teachers for this upcoming school year. A major change that took place a couple years ago in terms of requirements for substitute teachers was the issuance of a 1 Year Non-Bachelor's Substitute License. Substitute teachers no longer are required to have a bachelor's degree in order to perform these duties. Interested applicants should have strong interpersonal skills and a desire to work with young people.

Many of our substitute teachers have a preference of grade levels which they feel most comfortable. Also, substitute teachers have a choice of which days to work, based on their personal schedules. The district will work with interested candidates' preferences. The daily pay rate for substitute teachers is \$125. If you are interested in serving as a substitute teacher, please contact the superintendent's office at 419-659-4301 and we will be happy to assist you with obtaining your substitute teacher's license for this upcoming school year.

Did you know?

As mentioned, Andy Schafer became the winningest football coach in school history last Friday when he notched his 76th win versus Liberty Benton. Here are the other four coaches who round out the top five football coaches in all-time victories at Columbus Grove:

- Mike Fell (1990-1999)- 75 wins
- Jerry Cooper (2000-2004)- 58 wins
- Collins Stackhouse (1948-1954)- 57 wins
- Scott Palte (2005-2011)- 46 wins

Upcoming Events

Thursday, August 31st

JH Football vs. Allen East – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Golf vs. Grove Quad – 5:30 p.m.

Friday, September 1st

Varsity Football @ Patrick Henry – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 2nd

Cross Country – Grove Invitational 9:00 a.m.

JV Football @ Patrick Henry – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, September 4th

No School – Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5th

Varsity Golf vs. Fort Jennings/Ottoville – 4:00 p.m.

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

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

Varsity Soccer @ Spencerville – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 6th

Varsity Golf @ Allen East – 4:30 p.m.