



Superintendent's Report

Submitted by Nick Verhoff

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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.

We also would like to say thank you to the Columbus Grove Dollar General for their donation of school supplies as well. These materials have been a godsend for many students!

Thank You Flag Crew Volunteers

A big Thank You to Junior High students Bre Hoffman, Dalton Hyman, Maddox Lasley, and Brody Wild, 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, 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 8:30 a.m., and the first varsity race will start at 9:00 a.m. The CG Boys' varsity race begins @ 9:00 a.m. and the CG girls' varsity race begins @ 10:00 a.m. Junior High races will begin at 11:30 a.m. Come out, support our Bulldog Cross-Country teams, and watch one of the most well-run cross-country invitationals in the state!

Update on 2018 CG Alumnus, Geddy Davis

About six years ago, Mr. Schafer's High School Business class began the Bulldog Newscast, which was a 6-8-minute news show that highlighted the events of Columbus Grove Schools and the community. One segment was its weather segment, which was led by then CG student, Geddy Davis. Geddy had a passion for studying weather at a young age, so he was a natural to head up this segment. For a few years, the Bulldog staff and students received their weather updates from Geddy, who worked both behind and in front of the camera.

After Geddy graduated from CGHS in 2018, he followed his passion and studied Atmospheric Science at The Ohio State University, graduating Cum Laude this past spring. Geddy is now working in the Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center at The Ohio State University.

Last month, Geddy was part of a group collecting data for a "head island" project in the City of Columbus. His forecasting led them in choosing him to run the event in the city of Columbus! Geddy was the point person for interviews to represent OSU for the project. WOSU released an article on this project (<https://news.wosu.org/news/2022-08-12/volunteer-effort-collects-data-on-columbus-urban-heat-island>). Channel 4 Columbus also ran an interview the following weekend with Geddy and several others associated with the project.

Geddy mentioned to his mother, Dawn, that a number of duties he had in this project took him back to his days working with the Bulldog Newscast, such as "triple takes." Congratulations, Geddy, on a tremendous beginning to your professional career. We look forward to hearing more about your future undertakings!

Elementary Fundraiser Begins August 30

This past Tuesday, K-6 students attended an assembly for their annual kick-off for the Partners in Education (PIE) fundraiser. This year's fundraiser is donation based as opposed to selling items. Students have emailed family and friends a link to the donation site and may text that link to family and friends as well. The money raised during our fundraiser helps to pay for student incentives such as roller skating, a Christmas trip to the movie and inflatables at the end of the year. It also helps support the students in the classroom by providing digital curriculum resources, flexible seating options, supplies for students in need, and many other resources that teachers use in the classroom to support student learning. The fundraiser ends Monday, September 12, and a Rewards Day for students is scheduled for a Friday in October. If you would like to donate and have yet to be notified by an elementary student, please let the elementary office at 419-659-2631. Thank you again for all your support!

Reminder- No School on Monday, September 26

Columbus Grove teachers will participate in a county wide professional development day at Ottawa-Glandorf High School on Monday, September 26. School will not be in session on that day. Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly. To view the entire 22-23 Columbus Grove school calendar, go to <https://cg.noacsc.org/calendar>.

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 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 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.

Parent Seminar September 8 at Putnam County ESC

The Putnam County Educational Service Center announces its first parent seminar for the 2022-23 school year. At this first parent seminar, parents can learn about parent mentor program resources at the ESC. Presenters include Dolores Garcia, Parent Mentor, and ESC Superintendent Dr. Jan Osborn. The seminar starts at 6:30 p.m. and will take place at the Putnam County ESC, 124 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa, OH 45875. Call 419-523-5951 for any questions. Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/wrwZ2QBdRAUGezSt5>.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 1st

Varsity Golf vs. Quad v. Bluffton, Spencerville and Allen East – 4:00 p.m.

JH Football @ Allen East – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, September 2nd

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

Saturday, September 3rd

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

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

Monday, September 5th

No School - Labor Day

Tuesday, September 6th

Freshman Volleyball vs. Wapakoneta – 4:30 p.m.

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

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

Varsity Soccer vs. Spencerville – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 7th

Varsity Golf vs. Fort Jennings @ Delphos Country Club – 4:15 p.m.