



Superintendent's Report

Submitted by Nick Verhoff

September 5, 2024

Bus Evacuation Drills Today-Dismissal at 2:45 p.m.

By law, school districts must conduct school bus evacuation drills within the first two weeks of the school year. We will conduct these drills for our bus riders today at 2:45 p.m. This means we will dismiss ALL students at 2:45 p.m. today. Please plan accordingly if you pick your child up from school. Bus riders should get home at their usual time, as these drills will be completed in time for a normal bus dismissal at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Mr. Verhoff at 659-4301.

CGHS Ranks #51 in the State in US News and World Report Annual Rankings!

We were recently informed that Columbus Grove High School earned a significant accomplishment in the recent 2024 US News & World Report's rankings of the Best High Schools in the state and nation. CGHS ranked 51st out of over 1,000 high schools in the state of Ohio, putting our high school in the top fifth percentile of all high schools across the state.

I want to thank our staff for all their hard work in making sure all students at all levels work to reach their potential. Their dedication to helping our young people excel is wonderful! I also want to congratulate our students for the hard work they put in every day to be the best they can be. Columbus Grove Schools has a rich tradition of academic excellence and this latest ranking continues to show why our district is one of the best in the entire state.

Many thanks go to our parents, community members, and businesses for all your support of our school district.

We are so fortunate to have a community that puts a high premium on education for its young people. Columbus Grove Schools is blessed to have so many who support and encourage our young people to do their best in all their academic and extra-curricular pursuits. This community support is a vital component of our success. Thank you again for all your support of our school district!

Fall Senior Night Tomorrow Night

Before tomorrow evening's football game versus Patrick Henry, we will recognize our seniors who are participating in a fall sport or the marching band. The program begins at approximately 6:10 p.m. Come out and support our senior Bulldogs! The following seniors will be recognized tomorrow night:

Cheerleaders: Abby Buescher, Audrey Keehn, Keelie Langhals, & Daisy Stechschulte (also in band)

Band Members: Hannah Cartwright, Campbell Grismore, Kaylin Grohoske, McKayla Ricker, & Delaney Wintersteller

Cross Country Runners: Grace Morman, Bryce Bonifas, & Levi Bryan

Soccer: Lauren Auchmuty, Ella Dotson, Karsyn Garmatter, Alyssa Koch, & Lainey Zarse

Volleyball: Carly Aguirre, Cenah Grothaus, Sara Henige, & Kylee Longworth

Football: Trenton Barraza, Layton Blankemeyer, Levi Burkholder, Caleb Davis, Grant Eversole, Brady Fuerst, Austin Gander, Joshua Gannon, Sam Groch, Kyle Hopkins, Landen Huston, Logan Karhoff, Kylan Mayes, Dylan Mertz, Ty Meyer, Aiden Patrick, Jameson Rader, Riley Sautter, Gavin Schroeder, & Levi Schroeder

Bless a Bulldog begins its Eleventh Full Year!

The Bless a Bulldog program is in place for students at CG Elementary again this year. This program provides meals on the weekends for our needy students. Thank you so much for your generosity in providing help for these students. The cost to sponsor a child is \$16 per month, or \$144 for a year. Please consider contributing to this very worthy project. If you would like to donate to the Bless a Bulldog campaign, checks can be made to Columbus Grove PIE, with "Bless a Bulldog" written in the memo line. Drop off your check at the school office or send your check to the school at 201 West Cross St. Please direct your mail to Secretary, Mrs. Kim Smith. Thank you for your support of this project!

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.

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 fill out each section. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Keehn at cg_kee hn@cg.noacsc.org.

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

Did You Know?

The 45th annual Columbus Grove Cross Country Invitational took place last Saturday. If you were uptown last Saturday morning, finding a parking spot was nearly impossible! 51 schools were represented, and 2501 paid spectators were on hand to watch some of the finest cross-country teams in the state compete.

We would like to congratulate senior Levi Bryan, who made the Top 15 boys' XC record board with a time of 16:31. Great job, Levi!

Homecoming Parade Information:

The homecoming parade will take place on Friday September 20, 2024 at 5:30. The parade will begin at the American Legion. We ask that floats are dropped off before 4:45 that day and students/participants are dropped off from 4:45-5:25. We would also like to inform parents to drop their students/participants off on Plum street before the alley on the left because that will be the road they turn down to minimize traffic within the Legion parking lot. This will keep the participants safe and reduce chaos for the student council members as we direct the floats and parade in its entirety.

For more details please see the information sheets at <https://bit.ly/CGParade2024>.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, September 5th

JH Football @ Allen East – 5:00 p.m.

JH Volleyball vs. Bath – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Soccer vs. Spencerville – 5:00 p.m.

JH Soccer vs. Kalida – 6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 6th

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

Saturday, September 7th

Cross Country @ Tiffin Carnival – 9:00 a.m.

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

Varsity Soccer @ Botkins – 12:00 p.m.

Monday, September 9th

JH Volleyball vs. Ottawa Elementary – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Soccer @ Allen East – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 10th

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

JH Football @ Liberty Benton (7th grade) – 5:00 p.m.

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

Cross Country @ Lancer Grands – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 11th

Varsity Golf vs. Grove Tri – 4:00 p.m.

Freshman Volleyball vs. Miller City – 4:30 p.m.

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