



Superintendent's Report

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CGHS Ranks #32 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 2023 US News & World Report's rankings of the Best High Schools in the state and nation. CGHS ranked 32nd out of over 1,000 high schools in the state of Ohio, putting our high school in the top fourth 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 help 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 in our success. Thank you again for all your support of our school district!

Lunch Account Management with PaySchools

Columbus Grove moved to a new cafeteria system last spring, and with that came a new place to manage your student account online. Go to <https://payschoolscentral.com> or download the PaySchools Central app on your phone. Click register to create your account and add your students. If you don't have your student's ID you can find it on their schedule, in the information that was sent home from their teacher, in Progress Book at the top right of the page, or by contacting the school office. Once you are registered you can look at transaction history, deposit funds, and transfer funds between students.

Fall Senior Night Tomorrow Night

Before tomorrow evening's football game versus Delphos Jefferson, we will recognize our seniors who are participating in a fall sport or the marching band. The program begins at approximately 6:15 p.m. Come out and support our senior Bulldogs! The following seniors will be recognized tomorrow night:

Cheerleaders: Hannah Stauffer & Lauren Wolverton (also in band)

Band Members: Dominic Bryan, Steven Dunbar, Gabriella Escamilla, Hallie Hermiller, Erin Lugibill, and James Rosengarten

Cross Country Runners: Luke Ellerbrock, Nate Kamphaus, Logan Mershman, Evan Pitts, Jade Siefker, and Abby Stechschulte

Golfers: Ryan Hardeman, Jaret Heckman, Everett Palte, Brody Roof, Evan Sautter, and Brock Verhoff

Soccer: Payton Hoorman and Grace Myers

Volleyball: Makailey Bermudez, Chloe Buckley, Kaitlin Dipnarine, Alexis Dotson, Lauren Fuerst, Claire Kiene, and Sophia Olivo

Football: Loudon Auchmuty, Keegan Bame, Bo Birnesser, Conner Douglas, Ethan Johnson, Gavin Langhals, Kyle Lathrop, Zach Reynolds, Logan Sanchez, Zane Stechschulte, Ace Vasquez, and Wyatt Watt

Bless a Bulldog begins its Tenth 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!

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 to have a normal bus dismissal at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Mr. Verhoff at 659-4301.

Lifewise Academy Begins Third Year with CG Schools

Lifewise Academy will soon start its second year with Columbus Grove Schools. All students in 1st – 6th grades have the opportunity to participate in this program, which is a Released Time Religious Instruction (RTRI) program that allows students to attend off-site non-denominational Bible-based classes with an emphasis on character education. These classes will take place during either a student's academic assist or specials period in the basement of the St. John's United Methodist Church. Former CGHS teacher Carla Wyant will serve as the teacher for these classes. Currently, 105 students are registered for this program.

School Picture Day is Thursday, September 14

School Picture Day is coming soon! Pictures will be taken next Thursday, September 14. For your convenience, Lange Photography 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=UXK65HAW>

To order photos for K-6 students please use the link here: <https://orders.langephotographics.com/ordering/with?key=AA7YT9BK>

Paper order forms will also be sent home with students.

Did You Know?

Senior Cross-Country runner Luke Ellerbrock broke into the 15s with a 15:59 performance at last week's Bulldog Invitational. With this time, Luke became just the fifth CG runner in school history to run a cross country race under 16 minutes. Here's a list of the other four runners in school history to accomplish this feat:

- Mondo Tijerina (1988)- 15:42
- Matt Siefker (1992)- 15:44
- Jake Graham (2012)- 15:45
- Luke Siefker (1993)- 15:50

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, September 7th

Varsity Golf vs. Grove Quad – 4:30 p.m.
JH Football @ Leipsic – 5:00 p.m.
JH Volleyball @ Bath – 5:00 p.m.
Varsity Soccer vs. Botkins – 5:30 p.m.

Friday, September 8th

Varsity Football vs. Spencerville (Senior Night) – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 9th

Cross Country @ Tiffin Carnival – 8:00 a.m.
JV Football @ Spencerville – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, September 11th

Varsity Golf @ Spencerville Quad – 4:00 p.m.
Freshman Football @ Liberty-Benton – 5:00 p.m.
Varsity Soccer vs. Allen East – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 12th

Varsity Golf vs. Fort Jennings – 4:00 p.m.
Varsity Soccer @ Fort Jennings – 5:00 p.m.
JV & Varsity Volleyball @ Delphos Jefferson 5:30 p.m.
Cross Country @ Lincolnview – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 13th

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

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Picture Day