



Superintendent's Report

Submitted by Nick Verhoff

September 8, 2022

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.

Parent Seminar Tonight at Putnam County ESC

The Putnam County Educational Service Center will host its first parent seminar for the 2022-23 school year tonight. 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>.

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 6:16 p.m. Come out and support our senior Bulldogs!

Lifewise Academy Begins Second 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, 82 students are registered for this program. If parents would like their child to participate in this program, they can contact the elementary office (659-2631) for more information. If you have any questions, please contact directors Dave and Kristy Nusbaum at columbusgroveoh@lifewiseacademy.com.

Bulldog Newscast is back!

After a couple year hiatus, the Bulldog Newscast has been reformed and they just released their first newscast for this school year. Check out this year's first edition by going to <https://youtu.be/7PXvzCDugeg>, or you can go to the district's webpage and click on the Bulldog Newscast link on the left side of the homepage.

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 2022-2023 Columbus Grove school calendar, go to <https://cg.noacsc.org/calendar>.

Bless a Bulldog begins its Ninth 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 our elementary secretary, Mrs. Deb Barto. Thank you for your support of this project!

Elementary Fundraiser August 30 – September 12

This year's PIE 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. If you would like to donate and but have not been contacted by an elementary student please let the elementary office at 419-659-2631. Thank you again for all your support!

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.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 8th

Varsity Golf vs. Crestview, Jefferson, & Lincolnview – 4:00 p.m.
JH Football vs. Leipsic – 5:00 p.m.
JH Volleyball vs. Bath – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, September 9th

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

Saturday, September 10th

Cross Country @ Tiffin Carnival – 9:00 a.m.
Varsity & JV Volleyball vs. Pandora Gilboa – 9:00 a.m.
JV Football @ Delphos Jefferson – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, September 12th

Varsity Golf vs. Bluffton, Allen East, & Spencerville – 4:00 p.m.
Freshman Football vs. Liberty Benton – 5:00 p.m.
Freshman Volleyball vs. Van Wert – 5:00 p.m.
7th grade Football @ Liberty Benton – 5:00 p.m.
Varsity Soccer @ Allen East – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13th

Varsity Golf vs. Fort Jennings – 4:00 p.m.
Varsity Soccer vs. Fort Jennings – 5:00 p.m.
Freshman Volleyball vs. Parkway – 5:30 p.m.
Varsity & JV Volleyball @ Allen East – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 14th

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