



Superintendent's Report

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CG Students Remember 9/11/01 Attacks with Tribute to First Responders

To honor the anniversary of 9/11, Columbus Grove students took part in a *9/11 Memorial Stair Climb* this past Monday. Each participant paid tribute to an FDNY, NYPD and EMT by walking the equivalent of the 110 stories of the World Trade Center. Pieces of paper with names of those who lost their lives were carried by each staff member and student while they climbed. Before this activity, teachers shared with students' various sources of information and content to provide more context to this tribute. Students then utilized the steps at Clymer Stadium, the bleachers in the high school gym and the track to complete their task of 110 flights of stairs.

In addition to this activity, students wore red, white, and blue apparel and donated \$1 to the staff jeans fund for our local fire department and first responders. Special thanks goes to school counselor Brenda Bruce for orchestrating such a fitting tribute to honor the 343 men and women who lost their lives trying to save others on September 11, 2001.



Homecoming Parade Planning

The 2022 CGHS Homecoming Parade will take place on Friday, October 7. The parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. and start from the American Legion. Advance planning to coordinate the parade participants has begun. In an effort to make this process as safe and smooth as possible, a number of guidelines have been set for all participants to follow.

- Floats arrive at the American Legion parking lot prior 4:45 p.m.
- There will be a parade coordinator stationed at the entrance to the American Legion who will direct floats to their designated location.
- Beginning at 4:45 p.m., Plum Street will be blocked off at the intersection with the alley. The traffic will be one way at Plum Street and moving towards the American Legion. Parents with children are asked to enter at Plum Street and drop their children off at the alley intersection before exiting down the alley.
- If children are too small to walk the distance to the American Legion by themselves, a student council representative will be available to walk with them.

• A letter to parents, accompanied with a map, will be sent home prior to this parade. Any group or club who is interested in being a part of the parade should email Kristal Pingle at cg_pingle@cg.noacsc.org or call her at (419) 659-2156 to be added to the lineup.

Thank You, Al Schroeder!

There was a bit of excitement at the beginning of last Friday night's home football game versus Delphos Jefferson, as the stadium lights were not working. With no lights, we would have been lucky to play two quarters of football and then be forced to postpone the game until the next day. Fortunately, we were able to get in touch with Columbus Grove resident Al Schroeder, an employee of AEP, who made his way up to Clymer Stadium quickly to assess our situation. Through a brief investigation, Al spotted a dead squirrel on the ground and a fuse hanging out of the bottom of the transfer at the top of the light pole. Fortunately for us (but unfortunately for the squirrel), Al was able to make a quick fix to the light pole and we had working lights again just a few minutes into the ballgame. Al's availability and willingness to help out on such short notice is greatly appreciated, as postponing the game and rescheduling would have been a logistical challenge with transportation, procuring officials, etc., on short notice. We also want to thank Dale Schroeder, our former Head of Maintenance, as he was called immediately when this situation occurred. Dale's many connections and prior experiences with emergency situations like this led us to Al. Just another benefit of living in a small community! Thank you again to Al and Dale!

Substitute Cafeteria Monitors Needed

We are currently low on the number of substitute cafeteria monitors. Job duties include supervising the lunchroom, taking students out to and in from recess, recess monitoring, and cleaning tables to get the cafeteria ready for the next shift of students. Hours for this job are from approximately 10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. If you are interested, please contact the superintendent's office at 659-2639.

Please Fill out your 22-23 Free/Reduced Lunch Forms before September 26

If you have not filled out your free/reduced lunch form in Final Forms, your child(ren)s' lunches will become full pay as of September 26. Breakfast prices are \$2.50 for K-12 students. Lunch prices are as follows: \$3.15 for K-5 students, \$3.25 for 6-8 students, and \$3.50 for 9-12. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Secretary Cari Fuerst at 419-659-2639.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 15th

Picture Day

JH Football @ Crestview – 5:00 p.m.

JH Volleyball vs. Kalida – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity and JV Volleyball @ Ada – 5:30 p.m.

Friday, September 16th

Varsity Football @ Allen East – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 19th

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

Varsity and JV Volleyball @ Ottoville

Varsity Soccer vs. Ada – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 20th

Varsity Golf @ Pandora-Gilboa – 4:00 p.m.

Varsity Soccer @ Botkins – 5:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday, September 21st

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