



Superintendent's Report

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CG Schools Earn 5-Star Rating on 2023 State Report Card!

Last Thursday, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) released the 2023 School Report Cards. These report cards have changed a great deal over the years and last year included a number of significant changes, most notably, the elimination of letter grades and the implementation of a 5-star rating system. As ODE stated in its press release, school report cards are only one part of Ohio's education story. There are five categories which schools are rated on this new 5-star rating scale. A 3-star rating means the district met the state standards, 4-star exceeded state standards, and 5-star rating means the district significantly exceeded the state standards. I am happy to report that our district scored at least a 4-star rating in all five categories:

- Achievement: 5 stars (significantly exceeds state standards)
- Progress: 5 stars (significantly exceeds state standards)
- Gap Closing: 5 stars (significantly exceeds state standards)
- Graduation Rate: 5 stars (significantly exceeds state standards)
- Early Literacy: 4 stars (exceeds state standards)
- Overall Rating: 5 stars

Regarding how CG Schools scored compared to the rest of the Putnam County districts:

- CG ranked first in the Putnam County regarding the overall average rating of the five categories.
- CG and Ottoville are the only two districts in the county to earn an overall 5-star rating.
- Like last year, CG is the only district in the county to score at least a "4" in every category.
- Again, CG is the only district in the county to score a "5" in the Progress category. No other district scored higher than a "3" in this category.

We typically do not make a big deal about school report ratings in our district. Our goal is to educate every student who walks through our doors to the best of our ability, no matter what their needs may be. Of all the ratings, I'm proudest of the Progress rating of 5 stars, as it shows how well staff works with every student, no matter what their backgrounds or current circumstances. Many thanks to our staff for their efforts! We also want to thank our parents for their wonderful support as well! More information regarding school report cards can be found at <https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/>. If you have any questions about our school report card, please contact me at cg_verhoff@cg.noacsc.org or 659-4301.

Elementary Students Celebrate International Dot Day

Last Friday, Columbus Grove elementary students celebrated International Dot Day by wearing polka dots, circles, or anything that inspired them to make the world a better place. International Dot Day celebrates creativity, courage and collaboration. Elementary students read the book "The Dot" by Peter H. Reynolds in art class and worked with Art Teacher Mrs. Hoehne to create their own original masterpieces. These masterpieces are now displayed around the school. Many thanks to School Counselor Brenda Bruce for coordinating this project!

Live Streaming Available for Many CG Sports

The CG Athletic Boosters, CG Athletic Department, and the Columbus Grove High School of Business present live stream and on demand options to watch CG events. All activities on the football field at Clymer Stadium and in the high school gym will be available to watch on any device including on a TV using Roku. This subscription based service will be available to purchase before the event for a single purchase, monthly subscription, or annual subscription.

While we do not want to have local residents and fans skip the live atmosphere of the game, this is a great alternative for those out of the area to support our students. The option of watching games later at your own convenience is another added benefit. Visit <http://fan.hudl.com/cgbulldogs> to watch highlights and subscribe to this service.

CGHS Students Awarded Academic Letters

Last Friday, Columbus Grove High School recognized 69 students in grades 10-12 who earned the Academic Letter based on their academic performance last school year. The Academic Letter Program is designed to acknowledge excellence in the classroom by giving a Letter, similar to an Athletic Varsity Letter, to students who maintain a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the entire previous school year. Students were called down to the commons where they received their Academic Letter. In addition, students were treated to donuts and juice as a small token of appreciation for their hard work and dedication in the classroom. Those students who received this Letter are as follows:

Sophomores: Laney Auchmuty, Payton Bechtol, Aubrey Belcher, Addyson Butcher, Reese Frobese, Breanne Fuerst, Devin Geckle, Nick Johnson, Sarah Kamphaus, Michael King, Lauren Martz, Kellan McCluer, Lilly Montgomery, Joe Morman, Nicole Nesby, Connor O'Sullivan, Kendal Palte, Devanie Pingle, Jacob Ricker, Triana Sager, Linzi Schroeder, Katie Schumacher, Allison Thompson, Evan Verhoff, Grace Verhoff, and Jacob Williams.

Juniors: Levi Bryan, Abigail Buescher, Ella Dotson, Saige Frobese, Brady Fuerst, Cade Garmatter, Karsyn Garmatter, Emily Grigsby, Sara Henige, Audrey Keehn, Keelie Langhals, Ethan McDougale, Ty Meyer, Amber Michel, McKayla Ricker, Gavin Schroeder, Jonathan Seals, Daisy Stechschulte, Abigail Treadway, and Delaney Wintersteller

Seniors: Loudon Auchmuty, Devin Barnt, Bo Birnesser, Kaitlin Dipnarine, Conner Douglas, Steven Dunbar, Gabriella Escamilla, Ryan Hardeman, Hallie Hermiller, Payton Hoorman, Erin Lugibill, Jacob Lyons, Kaidan Martin, Kirsten McCauley, Logan Mershman, Grace Myers, Claire Oatman, Evan Pitts, Zach Reynolds, Logan Sanchez, Abby Stechschulte, Zane Stechschulte, and Isabella Wilson

CG Football Team Hosting Military Night this Friday

This week has been a special one for the Bulldog Football program as it leads up to Military Night at tomorrow's home football game versus Allen East. The first two nights of the week were very workout intensive for our players. On Monday, members of the Ohio National Guard led the team through a "Boot Camp" workout. On Tuesday, the team went through a "Murph" cross fit workout. Many CrossFit affiliated gyms, military members, veterans, and civilians participate in the "Murph" every year to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. This workout consists of a mile run, 300 air squats, 200 push-ups, 100 pull-ups, and concludes with another mile run.

Tonight, the players will have their team meal at the VFW with the color guard. Tomorrow night's game will include guests from the Ohio National Guard. The Bulldogs will play in their special military jerseys, with the name of a veteran they are honoring on the back nameplate of their jersey. Many thanks go to the Columbus Grove VFW who purchased these special camouflage jerseys for our football team!

Public Address Announcer Nick Gilgenbach will read every player's name on our roster, along with the name of the veteran he is honoring on the back of his jersey. Another feature to this year's game is a brief dedication to the POW/MIA chair that has been positioned beside the flag pole. Below is a tentative timeline for pre-game events:

- 6:45 p.m. - All players will have name of veteran they are playing for announced on the PA system.
- 6:52 p.m. - Brief dedication to the newly installed POW/MIA chair, followed by the playing of Taps.
- 6:55 p.m. - Playing of the National Anthem
- 7:00 p.m. - Kickoff

Please come out and join us as we honor our military tomorrow night at Clymer Stadium.

LCC and Fort Loramie Joining the Northwest Conference in 2024-25

You may have read last week that Lima Central Catholic and Fort Loramie will join the Northwest Conference beginning next school year. The major catalyst for these additions were the departures of Ada and Leipsic from the conference, who will join the Blanchard Valley Conference in 2024-25. There are a couple points of clarification from last week's news. First, Fort Loramie will join the NWC for football only, but will remain independent for all other sports. Additionally, LCC's contract to be a full member of the NWC is for four years. At the conclusion of this contract, both parties will determine if they want to continue LCC's membership to the NWC.

Homecoming Parade Planning

The 2023 CGHS Homecoming Parade will take place on Friday, October 6. 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 Katie Stechschulte at cg_kstechschulte@cg.noacsc.org or call the office at (419) 659-2156 to be added to the lineup.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, September 21st

Varsity Golf – NWC Tournament @ Delphos Jefferson – 8:00 a.m.

JH Football @ Ada – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Soccer vs. St. Mary's – JV Half to Follow – 5:00 p.m.

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

Friday, September 22nd

Varsity Football vs. Allen East (Military Night) – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 23rd

Cross Country @ Van Wert Invitational – 9:00 a.m.

JV Football @ Allen East – 10:00 a.m.

JV & Varsity Volleyball – Grove Tri – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, September 25th

Varsity Golf – PCL Tournament @ Moose Landing – 12:00 p.m.

Varsity Soccer @ Delphos Jefferson – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 26th

JH Volleyball @ Miller City – 5:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday, September 27th

JH Volleyball vs. Allen East – 5:00 p.m.