



Superintendent's Report

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2022 State Report Cards Released

Last Thursday, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) released the 2022 State School Report Cards. These report cards have changed a great deal over the years and this 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: 4 stars (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)

Many thanks to our staff for their efforts! It has been quite a trying time in schools since the start of the pandemic back in 2020. Our staff has done a wonderful job working to help our students achieve success during these challenging times. Many thanks to 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 Superintendent Nick Verhoff at cg_verhoff@cg.noacsc.org or 659-4301.

CG Cross Country Teams Make Trip to St. Louis

Last weekend, a group of 38 individuals from our Cross-Country teams (and parents) travelled to St. Louis for a weekend getaway. Activities included visiting the famous Gateway Arch as soon as they arrived in St. Louis and then competing in a 5K road race that Friday afternoon.

Their evening concluded with a trip to the Comedy Store on Friday. Saturday's activities included a tour of the Cathedral Basilica, the City Museum, Union Station, and concluded with a Ghost Tour. On Sunday, the group visited Forest Park and then toured the St. Louis Cardinals Hall of Fame museum and Busch Stadium. Not surprisingly, the group had a wonderful time and ate very well on their trip! Many thanks to Boys' Cross-Country Coach Terry Schnipke for planning this trip, as 38 attendees was the most participants we have had in many years!

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.

Turner Hall's Fall Performance Schedule Released

On a music related note, Turner Hall has released its fall schedule of events. If you have not done so, check out one or more of these performances. It is an excellent way to see a high level of musicianship right here in Columbus Grove!

- Sunday, September 25 @ 6:00 p.m.: Ben Konop-Saxophonist- Jazz, Blues & Popular Standards
- Sunday, October 23 @ 6:00 p.m.: Armour of God- Contemporary Christian Music
- Sunday, November 13 @ 6:00 p.m.: Sojourn Steel- Easy listening music with Vocals, Guitar, & Steel Drum
- Saturday, December 3 @ 6:00 p.m.: Tuba Christmas- All Brass Instrument Christmas Concert

Musical events are free and open to the public. A free will donation will be accepted to help offset the costs of the entertainment and hall upkeep. In addition, Breakfast with Santa will take place on Saturday, December 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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 Friday's home football game versus Leipsic. 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" crossfit 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.

On Thursday, the players will have their team meal at the VFW with the color guard, with food provided by the Chow Hall. A guest speaker will share his thoughts on the similarities between football and the military to the team after the meal.

Friday 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 goes to the Columbus Grove the VFW who purchased these special camouflage jerseys for our football team!

Public Address Announcer Nick Gilgenbach will make it a point to read every player's name on our roster, along with the name of the veteran he is honoring on the back of his jersey. Please come out and join us as we honor our military Friday night at Clymer Stadium.

32nd Eyes with Pride Band Show Set for October 1

On Saturday, October 1, Columbus Grove Schools will host the 32nd annual Eyes with Pride Competition Band Show at Clymer Stadium. We would like to welcome all performers, parents, friends, and supporters of the many young musicians who will perform. Eight high school bands, including our own Bulldog Marching Band, will entertain spectators while attempting to earn a Superior in order to compete in OMEA state finals later this fall. Bands will be judged on their technical music accuracy, musical and visual presentation, marching accuracy, coordination, and music Interpretation. The show begins at 5:45 p.m., with the first band performing at 6:00 p.m. This year's group of bands competing (besides the CG Marching Band, who will perform last) is Kalida, Fort Recovery, Ada, Elgin, Wauseon, Van Buren, Marion Harding, and Berne Union. Come support CGMB and other bands in our area as they put on a spectacular show!

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.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 22nd

Varsity Golf at NWC at Hickory Sticks – 9:00 a.m.
JH Football vs. Ada – 5:00 p.m.
JV Soccer @ St. Mary's – 5:00 p.m.
Varsity Soccer @ St. Mary's – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 23rd

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

Saturday, September 24th

Cross Country @ Ohio Caverns Invitational – 8:30 p.m.
JV Football @ Leipsic – 10:00 a.m.
Varsity & JV Volleyball Tri-Match @ Patrick Henry – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, September 26th

No School – Professional Development Day

Varsity Golf @ PCL Golf Tournament @ Pike Run – 12:00 p.m.
Freshman Volleyball vs. Shawnee – 4:30 p.m.
JH Volleyball @ Spencerville – 5:00 p.m.
Varsity & JV Volleyball vs. Shawnee – 5:30 p.m.
Varsity Soccer vs. Delphos St. Johns – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 27th

Freshman Volleyball vs. Lincolnview – 4:30 p.m.
JH Volleyball vs. Miller City – 5:00 p.m.
Varsity & JV Volleyball vs. Lincolnview – 5:30 p.m.
Varsity Soccer vs. Spencerville – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 28th

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