



Superintendent's Report

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33rd Eyes with Pride Band Show Set for this Saturday

This Saturday, Columbus Grove Schools will host the 33rd 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. 14 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 4:00 p.m., with Woodmore Marching Band starting off the night. This year's group of bands competing (besides the CG Marching Band, who will perform last) is Woodmore, Kalida, Fort Recovery, Ada, Arcadia, Marion Local, Versailles, Maumee, Ottawa-Glandorf, St. John's Jesuit, Rossford, Van Buren, and Berne Union. Come support CGMB and other bands in our area as they put on a spectacular show!

CG Football Team Hosts Military Night vs. Allen East

Last week was a special one for the Bulldog Football team as it hosted its annual Military Night at Friday's home football game versus Allen East. The week leading up to the game included special military workouts and a visit from the Ohio National Guard.

Friday night's game included guests from the Ohio National Guard and the Columbus Grove VFW. The Bulldogs played in their special military jerseys, with the name of a veteran they were honoring on the back nameplate of their jersey. Public Address Announcer Nick Gilgenbach read every player's name on our roster, along with the name of the veteran he honored on the back of his jersey.

Art Teacher Sarah Ricker's drawing students added a pastel chalk mural on the pavement leading up to Clymer Stadium, along with the name of all the numbers of our team with the veteran whose name was on the back of their jersey. Drawing students participating were Keegan Bame, Lauren Fuerst, Luke Ellerbrock, Trevan Halker, Ace Vasquez, Grace Fortman, and Tra'e Oler.

This year's event also had a special dedication to a POW/MIA chair that has been installed by the flag pole at Clymer Stadium. VFW 9648 Commander Brian Wolverton and Brian Siefker were present to dedicate the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Chair. The POW/MIA chair was donated by the Columbus Grove VFW Post 9648 in remembrance of the nearly 81,000 Americans who are still missing in action, from wars and other military conflicts dating back to WWII. Special thanks go to Beam Excavating for the foundation work. Remember there is still hope to bring these soldiers home. If you would like to make a contribution, go to info@historyflight.com.

The football team put together an excellent overall performance, defeating the Allen East football squad by a score of 47-21. Many thanks to all who made this week a great success as we honored our military!



Want to Catch Bulldog Sports Online?

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.

New State Championship Signs Installed at Village Corporation Limits

The Columbus Grove Lions Club, American Legion Post 513, and the CG Athletic Boosters donated funds to purchase new state championship signs to be installed at the village's corporation limits, as well as Vaughnsville. These new signs include both the teams who won state championships as well as the number of individual champions in other sports. Installation of these signs is 90% complete and should be fully completed in the next two weeks. Many thanks to these organizations for their donations to make add these amenities to our village!



Free Reading Tutoring Services Available for Students Grade 2 and Above

The Putnam County ESC, in partnership with the Putnam Educational Foundation, is offering an afterschool program to help students who are below grade level in reading. This is a one-year opportunity funded through the Summer Learning and Afterschool Opportunities Grant Project MORE is an evidence-based reading intervention consisting of 30-minute sessions, 3-4 days per week, with a trained mentor working 1 on 1 focusing on fluency, comprehension and literacy skills. This supplementary support is in addition to school classroom instruction.

Tutoring is available at the Putnam ESC, 124 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa, OH. Tutoring sessions are 30 minutes with a trained tutor in Project MORE. Session One starts Monday, October 2. If you are interested, please contact the ESC at 419-303-5667.

West Sycamore Bridge is Now Open!

Earlier this week, the West Sycamore bridge reopened school transportation services transitioned back to pre-bridge construction operations last school year. A reminder to families of walkers who cross State Route 65 on West Sycamore: you may only cross on one side of the street now, as there is no sidewalk on the south side of West Sycamore. Many thanks go to our bus drivers who had the unenviable task of navigating narrow town roads to transport students in their buses! I am happy to report they had zero accidents in these difficult circumstances!

Homecoming Parade Planning

The 2023 CGHS Homecoming Parade will take place next 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 28th

JH Football vs. Spencerville – 5:00 p.m.
JH Volleyball vs. Spencerville – 5:00 p.m.
Varsity Soccer vs. Continental – 5:00 p.m.
JV & Varsity Volleyball @ Lincolnview – 5:30 p.m.

Friday, September 29th

Varsity Football @ Leipsic – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 30th

JV Football vs. Leipsic – 9:00 a.m.
Eyes with Pride Band Show – 4:00 p.m.

Monday, October 2nd

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

Tuesday, October 3rd

Cross Country – PCL invite @ Home – 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Soccer @ Bluffton (JV Half to Follow) – 5:00 p.m.
JV & Varsity Volleyball vs. Spencerville – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 4th

JH Volleyball vs. Ada – 5:00 p.m.