



# Superintendent's Report

Submitted by Nick Verhoff

January 18, 2018

## Hoopin' for a Cure Thanks

Last Saturday, Columbus Grove hosted "Hoopin' for a Cure" during the girls' and boys' basketball contests versus Leipsic. During the day, fans had the opportunity to participate in a 50/50 raffle, Chinese raffles, and silent auctions. Fans from both Leipsic and Columbus Grove were generous in their participation, with nearly \$10,000 raised for the Sherry Halker Pink Ribbon Warrior Fund.

We want to thank the many sponsors who made this event possible with their many donations for the Chinese raffles and the lottery/gift card trees. These individuals, who include many local businesses, are extremely generous in supporting such noteworthy causes like this. Finally, we would like to thank Hoopin' for a Cure coordinator Christie Tabler and her committee for their many efforts to make the day such a great success. Their can-do-it attitudes make events like this a possibility, and valuable services and benefits to others is the end result. Thanks again to everyone from these two communities for making this day such a great event!

## Longtime Choral Teacher Carla Wyant Retiring at the End of 2017-18 School Year

At the Columbus Grove Board of Education meeting held on January 4<sup>th</sup>, the Board accepted the resignation of Carla Wyant for the purpose of retirement at the conclusion of this school year. Carla has been a longtime choral teacher at CG, building upon our district's traditionally strong music department. During Carla's tenure, the Junior High Mixed Choir was revived and the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir group, *CG Sounds*, was created. Carla has also served key roles in the productions of our high school musicals over the years, as well as tutoring and supporting the numerous students who have participated in the OMEA Solo and Ensemble contests. Carla's devotion to our community is also visible in numerous ways, including the annual production for the elementary school's Grandparents' Day and the *CG Sounds'* music production at the village's annual "Christmas in the Park" celebration.

It is teachers like Carla that make Columbus Grove Schools a wonderful learning environment for our community's young people. Her passion of music has always been shared with love and support of her students. Carla will be greatly missed, but we thank her for her dedication to the school district and community over the last 33 years!

## Girls' Club Soccer Approved by Board of Education

At the January School Board meeting, the Board approved a motion to sponsor a high school girls' club soccer team. What does this mean? Here are answers to some frequently asked questions regarding this recent decision by the Board.

Does this mean this club team is a varsity sport?- No. Per Board policy 2431, the Board has approved high school girls' soccer as a club sport and it is on a three-year probationary period. However, due to the club's activity last fall, the Board counted that season as year one of the three-year probationary period. This fall, the club will be in year two of the three-year probationary period.

What is the difference between a club sport and varsity sport?- The main difference between the two is that a club team does not have the same stipulations (and privileges) as a varsity team. For example, this girls' club team may compete against other teams in the NWC/PCL, but they cannot compete for a league title in club status. The club team will also likely play both JV and varsity squads on its schedule. This is a benefit for a new program like this, versus having to play all varsity matches. A varsity team only plays varsity level competition at other schools.

What is the point of a three-year probationary period?- There are a number of reasons for this. First, a three-year probationary will allow the Board the opportunity to see if this is a sustainable program. Also, the Board can review the impact of adding this sport on other existing fall sports. Finally, adding a high school sport to an athletic program requires multiple tasks. From analyzing the ability to support the program, to providing equipment and other supplies, to setting up schedules, and then meeting the by-laws of the Putnam County League and Northwest Conference, these are just a few of the requirements needed to be met. Being in a club status gives the program time and flexibility to make these adjustments. It also allows the Board the opportunity to make a more informed decision when it comes time to determine whether or not a club sport should be a varsity program.

Will this girls' soccer team play all varsity matches?- Likely not. They will likely play some varsity and some JV matches. This again allows the team to make a smoother transition if it ends up converting to a varsity sport in the long term.

If it is not a varsity sport, but the Board sponsors the club program, what does the Board pay for?- A stipulation of the Board's motion to approve this girls' club soccer program was to pay for transportation of the club team to all away matches and to provide a site manager for all home matches. All other expenses are the responsibility of the club.

Where will this club team play?- The team will continue to play its matches at Hall Avenue Park, like it did last fall.

When will the Board decide whether or not to make this club sport a varsity sport?- Per Board policy 2431, at the conclusion of the three-year probationary period, the Board will vote whether or not to adopt the sport as a new varsity program.

If you have further questions about this topic, please call me at 659-4301.

### **Basketball Trivia Answers**

Here are the answers to the CG Basketball trivia from last week's update:

#### Most Points in a Game:

Lauren Slusser holds the girls' school record for most points in a game, totalling 41 against Paulding in 2002. Jack Callahan still holds the boys' record from when he scored 49 points against Bluffton in 1957.

#### Most Steals in a Game:

Multi-sport athlete Michelle Foltz holds the girls' record, tallying 14 steals in a game back in 1981. Denny Tavenner (1972) and Thad Pingle (1994) hold the boys' record, recording nine steals a game.

#### Most Assists in a Game:

Janine Kruse had 15 assists in a game versus Spencerville in 1982. This is not only a school record, but it is still the Putnam County record for assists in a game as well. Ty Mayberry had 22 assists in a game against Lincolnview in 1976. This is both a school record and remains a PCL record. In fact, Ty holds the top three spots in the Putnam County record book for most assists in a game, as he had 21 and 19 assists in other games that year as well.

#### Most Free Throws Made in a Game:

Arin Gertsen made 14 free throws in a game versus Ada in 1996, still a girls' school record. Eric Maag made 21 free throws in a game against Paulding in 2007, setting the boys' school record.

#### Most Rebounds in a Game:

Cheryl Doty set the girls' record for rebounds in a game with 26 versus Pandora-Gilboa in 1979. This total is also the Putnam County record as well. Rick Maag holds the boys' record as he pulled down 30 rebounds against Allen East in 1975.

### **Athletic Boosters' Reverse Raffle Date set for March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Mark your calendar for this annual event that will take place on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the American Legion. This evening is the CG Athletic Boosters' main fundraising project for each year. Please contact Jennifer Pingle at 659-5801 if you are interested in purchasing tickets for this year's event. The American Legion will again be preparing steak and chicken dinners for the meal this year. Tickets will also be available for sale at upcoming home basketball games. Tickets may be purchased at the 50/50 raffle table. Thank you in advance for your support for this cause!

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Thursday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>**

Boys Jr. High Basketball vs. Ft. Jennings, 5:00 p.m.

#### **Friday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>**

H.S. Wrestling @ Van Buren, 4:00 p.m.

#### **Saturday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>**

H.S. Wrestling @ Van Buren, 9:00 a.m.

Girls Jr. High Basketball vs. Continental, 10:00 a.m.

Boys 9<sup>th</sup> Basketball @ St. Mary's, 11:00 a.m.

Girls JV & V. Basketball @ Miller City, 1:00 p.m.

Boys JV & V. Basketball @ Kalida, 6:00 p.m.

#### **Monday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Girls JV & V. Basketball @ Ft. Jennings, 6:00 p.m.

#### **Tuesday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Boys Jr. High Basketball @ Allen East, 5:00 p.m.

Girls Jr. High Basketball vs. Allen east, 5:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>**

Scholastic Meet @ Ottawa, 4:00 p.m.

#### **Thursday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>**

Boys 9<sup>th</sup> Basketball vs. Bluffton, 5:00 p.m.

Girls JV & V. Basketball @ Bluffton, 6:00 p.m.