



Superintendent's Report

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CG Community Loses 2021 Graduate

Last week, the community of Columbus Grove lost a recent graduate, Jordan Vogt, who passed away from injuries sustained in a car accident on September 28. Jordan was a bright young man who was well known for his friendliness and sense of humor. Additionally, Jordan was the 2020 Homecoming King. Coincidentally, the 2021 Homecoming Week was celebrated last week. Jordan's three younger siblings, Hailey (sophomore), Aiden (7th), and Miranda (5th) stood in for him at last Friday's ceremony and did an admirable job. We continue to send our deepest sympathies to the Vogt family.

We would like to share with you an essay that Jordan wrote last fall in Mrs. King's Advanced Senior English class. Being crowned king meant a great deal to Jordan and this essay reveals Jordan's feeling about being crowned 2020 Homecoming King.

I am walking down the football field with a feeling of excitement and nervousness. In front of me is my hometown, to the left is our football team. The people I've grown up with, the people I've looked up to, the people that have doubted me; they all are here to see me walk across the field. Never would I have ever imagined this happening to me. Who would have thought that Jordan Vogt would be on the Homecoming Court? Now I stand with eleven other classmates awaiting the big reveal of who will be King and Queen.

Standing on the field I think of my childhood. I think of how hard times were at one point in my life. I think of how many people it must have taken to vote me onto the homecoming court. Honestly, I did not think many people liked me very much. So, I stood on the field not having any hopes of becoming the King.

They announce the queen, everyone cheers. Then I hear, "And the Homecoming King this year is...Jordan Vogt!" I kind of stand in shock but also amazed that something like this could happen to me. I did not expect this to happen so I had no idea what to do. Amidst the noise of the crowd going crazy, my mind starts spiraling into what I need to do and how I should do. I am handed the royal staff and crown. We did not go over what to do if you win at practice so I did not know how I was supposed to receive these items. I ended up bowing for the crown and hearing the crown disperse into laughter but in the end, I think it defined my personality.

I never thought the day would come to have such a memorable event happen to me in my hometown. This memory will never fade from my mind as it was probably the best thing that has happened to me in years. Getting the title of King is cool and all but it's the fact that people like who I am, that I cherish.

The CG Wrestling team sold their CG Bulldog license plates and collected donations, giving all proceeds to the Vogt family. Jordan's family wishes to express its gratitude to the entire community for its wonderful support and care. Many thanks go to our community for their generosity to the Vogt family during this difficult time.

Text Alert System Working Out Kinks

Earlier this week, we had our first delay of the school year. This past summer, the district transitioned from the previous Ohio Alerts system to the Remind messaging system. Unfortunately, we experienced a couple glitches with our new system, as there were a few families who did not receive the delay message via text. As we work out these issues on our end, we ask that families and community members who did not receive the Remind messages this past Tuesday (sent out at 5:47 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.) to check other sources for the latest delay and closing information.

These sources include the district website (<http://cg.noacsc.org/>), Hometown Stations on television (WLIO-Lima), or the 95.5, 100.5, or 106.3 radio stations. Many thanks for your patience as we work this matter out.

CGLS Continues Transport Service at Home Football Games

A reminder that we will have a golf cart available to shuttle spectators from the Pendleton Street entrance of the athletic field to the Clymer Stadium stands. We will again increase the amount of reserved parking to decrease the walking distance by making the parking lot across from the Pendleton Street entrance handicap parking only. Below is the list of our remaining home football games this season:

Friday, October 15- Spencerville (Senior Night)
Friday, October 22- Bluffton

CG Schools COVID-19 Update: Week of October 4

As of this past Tuesday afternoon, Columbus Grove Schools had 0 positive student COVID cases and eight students out due to quarantine. These numbers are substantially lower than what we experienced just a couple weeks ago (6 positive cases and 37 students quarantined). We greatly appreciate everyone's efforts in keeping our numbers down and allowing students to have minimal interruptions to their learning and extra-curricular activities. We ask that parents please keep your children at home if they are experiencing any COVID-19 related symptoms. This simple step has the biggest impact in preventing COVID-19 spread in our school. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Verhoff at 419-659-4301.

Ohio Department of Health Announces Vax-2-School Program for Eligible Ohio Students

Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Director Bruce Vanderhoff announced last Friday the state has doubled the prize money for the Ohio Vax-2-School program for a total of \$2 million in scholarships. In addition, Vanderhoff said the state plans to expand the age group of eligible Ohioans to younger children. Beginning Monday, October 4, Ohioans aged 12 to 25 can enter the program online at www.ohiovox2school.com or by phone at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH. The Ohio Lottery Commission will help dole out 150 \$10,000 scholarships and five \$100,000 scholarships.

The prize money, awarded in Ohio 529 College Advantage plans, can be used at any Ohio college, university, technical/trade school, or career program of the winners' choice. ODH is using a portion of its COVID-19 Relief Funds for the program.

Unlike the Vax-A-Million program, Vax-2-School is opt-in only, meaning individuals must enter to be eligible for the prize drawing. Vanderhoff said the state will hold-off on announcing any deadlines for entering in the hopes that the state will be able to expand the program to include those ages 5 to 11.

Supply Chain Disruption with School Lunches

Like what is happening with a number of products in our country, school cafeterias are experiencing a number of issues and interruptions with the supply chain for foods that are served to our students. Unfortunately, this creates last minute changes to our menus, depending on what is sent to the school from the supplier. Kristen Hertel, our Cafeteria Manager, may purchase cheese-stuffed breadsticks, but the supplier will bring cheese pizza instead, due to a shortage of the breadsticks. The kitchen staff is doing the best they can to notify students and staff about these changes as soon as possible when they are notified of such a change.

Substitute Bus Drivers Wanted

Columbus Grove Local Schools is accepting applications for substitute bus drivers. This position has the potential of becoming a full-time bus driver in the future, if the applicant is interested. Substitute bus drivers are contacted to drive extracurricular and field trips and occasionally drive a regular morning or afternoon route. Certification requires the completion of attending a pre-service class, a written and driving test, CDL license, a medical physical exam, drug test, BMV check of driving record, and a background check. Cost for training will be reimbursed by the district for any individuals who serve as a substitute bus driver for Columbus Grove Local Schools. If you are interested in becoming a bus driver for Columbus Grove School, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 659-2639 for further information.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, October 7th

Freshman Volleyball @ Bluffton – 4:45 p.m.

JH Volleyball vs. ST. Peter and Paul – 5:00 p.m.

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

Friday, October 8th

Varsity Football @ Ada – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 9th

Freshman Volleyball @ 9:00 a.m.

HS Cross Country @ Mt. Gilead – 9:00 a.m.

JV Football vs. Ada – 10:00 a.m.

JV & Varsity Volleyball @ Pandora Gilboa – 10:00 a.m.

Varsity Soccer @ Ottoville – 11:00 a.m.

Monday, October 11th

Freshman Football @ Wauseon – 5:00 p.m.

JH Volleyball @ Delphos Jefferson – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Soccer vs. Crestview – 5:00 p.m.

JV & Varsity Volleyball – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 12th

7th grade Football @ Bluffton – 5:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday, October 13th

JH Volleyball vs. Pandora-Gilboa – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Soccer @ Kalida – 6:00 p.m.