



Superintendent's Report

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Congratulations CG Marching Band!

This last Saturday evening, Columbus Grove High School hosted its 27th "Eyes with Pride" band show. We were blessed with beautiful weather and yet another phenomenal competition. Eleven bands in all competed on Saturday, with the Bulldog Marching Band performing at the end of the evening. Only two bands were awarded the coveted "Superior" rating which qualifies them for state competition at the end of the season. The Columbus Grove Bulldog Marching Band was one of those two bands to earn a "Superior" rating! Congratulations to our band members and directors! I also want to express my appreciation to the many parents who gave their time to work at the band show last Saturday. From parking buses, to grilling food for the many people in attendance, to working the concession stands, it was a total group effort and this annual event would not be the success it is without everyone's efforts. Also, many thanks to our local businesses who sponsored this event in various ways. This band show would not be possible without your generous support! The state competition date has not yet been determined, but we will let you know when the date and time is finalized.

Three-Hour Delay/No Extended Day Schedule Finalized

We recently finalized our "Three-Hour Delay/No Extended Day" schedule in the event that we would need to go to such a delay. Because of the change in legislation shifting to minimum school hours versus minimum school days, school districts have been given more flexibility in how they want to schedule these hours. In the past, if a three-hour delay was called (usually due to fog), an hour was required to be added to the end of a school day so the day would "count" per previous legislation. Extending the day an hour wreaks havoc on the many after school extra-curricular activities which take place, changing busing schedules, game times, etc. Most schools in the county have shifted towards this new schedule for a three-hour delay/no extended day as well. While rarely used, this new three-hour delay/no extended day schedule will virtually eliminate any logistical challenges which used to take place with the previous three hour delay/extended day schedule.

Computer Apps Class

Twenty-six students in grades 9-12 are enrolled in the CGHS Computer Apps in the Workforce class offered through Rhodes State College and taught by Mr. Andy Schafer. This class is equivalent to three college credit hours. The class involves students working within a training simulator to learn the entire Microsoft Office Suite. They have finished Microsoft Word and have moved onto Microsoft Excel. Later in the semester they will complete the Microsoft Access & PowerPoint training. Next semester the curriculum will be expanded to include Adobe Photoshop and computer programming. Upon completion of each training session, they perform two projects applying the knowledge received from the simulations. Currently the class average score is 96%. Congratulations students and Mr. Schafer! Keep up the great work.

CG Celebrates Teen Read Week

CGLS is celebrating Teen Read Week this with the following activities:

- High school students reading to elementary students before school in the mornings, during the breakfast hour in the cafeteria.
- A school-wide bookmark contest, based on this year's theme, "Read for the Fun of It." Prizes in Chamber Bucks will be awarded at each grade level, and the bookmarks will be on display for everyone to enjoy.
- A SILENT reading period, with NO ELECTRONICS/COMPUTERS, will be observed in the library two periods a day for the entire week.
- Both a "Book to Movie" Night and a Saturday Book Labeling Party, with lunch provided by P.I.E., will be announced within the next couple of weeks for CG high school students to participate.

Teen Read Week's theme is "Read for the Fun of It." The event offers librarians and educators a chance to encourage teens to read for pleasure and to visit their libraries for free reading materials. Many thanks to go to staff members Tanya Best and Sue Ricker for coordinating this week's events.

CG Teachers Participating in “Appy Hour” Professional Development

CG Technology Coordinator Mike Keehn has organized five after school professional development sessions for our teachers to meet and share various technological tools/apps which enhance instruction and student learning. More than 25 teachers will be meeting on a bi-weekly basis through December to learn and share more about topics such as Google Classroom, real-time assessment tools like Quizlet, Problem Attic, Socrative, and BlendSpace, Schoology, and LanSchool. Kudos goes to our teachers for giving their time to learn some of these latest technological trends which are benefitting student engagement and achievement. Also, many thanks to Mike Keehn for coordinating these training sessions for our staff!

Kids Running Club this Month with Kelly Martz

Our fourth grade teacher has created a kids running club for third-sixth graders who meet on Saturdays for 45 minutes during the month of October. Mrs. Martz teaches students about strength, sprints, and endurance runs through games and other activities. After this month, this group plans to restart in the spring. Great work, kids, and thank you Mrs. Martz for all your efforts to create this worthwhile program for our kids!

Did You Know:

A number of our high school students are enrolled in college credit classes earning high school credits and can also earn college credit based on exam scores. Listed are the number of students enrolled in these classes:

AP English	13
AP U.S. History	7
AP Calculus	17
AP Statistics	19
Spanish IV	8
Bio Med Gr. 9	21
Bio Med Gr. 10	8
Bio Med Gr. 11	6
Bio Med Gr. 12	6
High School of Business	22
Computer Apps	26

Additionally there are six high school students at Rhodes, one at OSU-Lima, and one at Owens taking college classes online or attending college classes on campus.

Community Input Requested Regarding Old Presbyterian Church

A group of community members has formed to discuss possible uses for Turner Hall, the new name for the old Presbyterian Church. Furthermore, a survey has been created to measure the kinds of programming that could be offered at this location. If you would like to take this survey, please go to <https://goo.gl/forms/8Pp26CnGZFk98Bdn2>. A text alert will be sent out today as well so you can simply click on the link to go to the survey.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Oct. 13th

Jr. High Football vs. Ada, 5:00 p.m.
Jr. High Volleyball vs. Bluffton, 5:00 p.m.
Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 14th

End of First Quarter
V. Football @ Allen East, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 15th

H.S. Cross Country (NWC) Clymer Stadium, 10:00 a.m.
JV Football @ Allen East, 10:00 a.m.
Freshman Volleyball vs. Ottawa, 9:00 a.m.
V. Volleyball vs. Ottawa, 10:00 a.m.
7th Volleyball Tourn. @ Spencerville, 10:00 a.m.
8th Volleyball Tourn. @ Spencerville, 2:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 17th

No School – Quarter Break Day
Freshman Football @ LCC, 5:00 p.m.
7th Football @ Allen East, 5:00 p.m.
Board of Education Meeting, 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 20th

Jr. High Football @ Bluffton, 5:00 p.m.
PAX Parent Meeting, 5:30 p.m.