



Superintendent's Report

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Big Weekend for CGHS!

This weekend will be action-packed and full of excitement for Columbus Grove High School as our students will compete in several different venues. Tomorrow night, our 8-0 football team will host a talented LCC squad in a key NWC battle at Clymer Stadium. As a result of hosting the OHSAA District Cross Country Meet Saturday morning, we ask that football fans who watch the game from their vehicle adhere to the following guidelines for tomorrow evening:

ATTENTION FANS WHO WATCH THE GAME FROM THEIR VEHICLE INSIDE THE GATES We ask that you enter the gate on West Pendleton Street instead of North High Street. By entering at this entrance, you will be able to avoid the cross-country course which will be run on the following morning. Thank you for your help with this!

As mentioned, our school will host the District Cross Country Meet on Saturday. Our high school teams will compete on their home course this day, with the girls' race starting at 10:40 a.m. and the boys' race beginning at 10:00 a.m. It will be another day of many cars in the village with spectators from over 40 schools coming out to cheer for their teams.

Finally, on Saturday evening, the Columbus Grove High School Marching Band will compete at the Maumee Band Competition to earn the coveted "Superior" rating. The band has come close over the last couple of competitions and we have all the faith in them that they will do it this Saturday night at Maumee! Performance time is 5:45 p.m. Good luck to our band members and all our student-athletes competing this weekend! Go Dogs!

Columbus Grove Fire Department Provides Fire Safety Training

As part of Fire Prevention Week, firemen from the Columbus Grove Volunteer Fire Department came on campus to teach CG Elementary students' key components of fire safety and having a plan in the event of a fire. The theme for this year is "Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you." Thank you to the members of CGFD who spoke to our K-3 Columbus Grove students!



CG Teacher Mike Brodwolf Awarded \$5,000 Grant for New 3D Printer!

Elementary STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) Teacher Mike Brodwolf recently applied for a grant through Battelle and OSLN for a new 3D printer for his classroom. Last week, he was informed that his grant application had been approved! This new printer will be over twice the size of the current 3D printer, allowing student learning and projects to expand. Mike is in his first year in this new position and we are excited to see the creative lessons he has already generated for his students. Congratulations, Mike!

Grab-and-Go Breakfast Cart Up and Running

Kitchen Manager Kristen Hertel applied for and received a grant for a breakfast grab-n-go cart that is located on our first-floor high school hallway. Students who are in a hurry and haven't had time to eat breakfast can purchase breakfast items from this cart. Many thanks go to Kristen and her staff for finding creative ways to make sure our students are fueled up and ready to go for their school day!



National Honor Society Hosts Blood Drive

This past Tuesday, the Columbus Grove National Honor Society members conducted a blood drive in the elementary gym. Over 35 units of blood were collected for this drive! Collecting enough units of blood during the two scheduled blood drives earns a Red Cross scholarship for an NHS member at the end of the school year. Thank you to our donors for giving the gift of life to help others!

CGHS Students Participate in Makerfest

Sophomores from CGHS participated in the annual Makerfest at the Allen County Fairgrounds last Friday. The event is aimed to expose students to potential career paths and help them make informed career choices. This event brought together companies and businesses from the surrounding counties. Students had the opportunity to interact with employers, participate in mini-workshops, and engage in hands-on activities. The event included 54 businesses and 77 activities, showing boosted collaboration between counties. The event hosted 21 healthcare, 20 skilled trades, 18 business and logistics, nine manufacturing, and nine public works and safety businesses.

Fall Season Update

As we reach the midpoint of October, several fall sports seasons are wrapping up. Here is a quick summary of other team successes this fall:

- Our 7th Grade Volleyball team was this year's NWC Tournament champions and our 8th Grade squad earned the NWC Tournament runner-up trophy.
- Our Junior High Football team remains undefeated with just a game left in their season.
- CG Girls' Soccer were outright NWC Champions this season.
- Our Boys' Cross-Country squad, down one of its top runners, won the NWC Championship at last Saturday's meet at Van Wert.

Not surprisingly, our Girls' Soccer team racked up several NWC All-Conference awards, including Honorable Mention honors for Karsyn Garmatter and Lainey Zarse, 2nd Team honors for Erienne Heffner, Allison Thompson, and Ella Dotson, and 1st Team honors to Devanie Pingle, Ruth Myers, and Lauryn Auchmuty. Lauryn also earned NWC Player of the Year honors. Coach Kyle Verhoff was named NWC Coach of the Year as well. Congratulations to all our teams on outstanding seasons and best of luck in the tournament!

School Income Tax **Renewal** Levy on the Ballot November 5

On November 5, Columbus Grove Schools will have a 3/4% **RENEWAL (ZERO increase tax rate)** on the ballot. This levy, which was first passed in 1996 has been **renewed** on a five-year basis since and is up for another five-year **renewal** this November. This levy constitutes approximately 15% of the district's operating budget. With the tenuous nature of public-school funding from the state, this levy is critical to our district's operations in meeting the needs of our community's students. Community residents should soon receive a fall newsletter in the mail with more details regarding this **renewal**. If you have further questions regarding this **renewal** levy, please contact Mr. Verhoff at 659-4301.

2024 Fall Newsletter Mailed This Week

We have produced a fall newsletter which will be mailed this week to all district residents. Contents include updates on district awards, new student curriculum for 2024-25, updates on the arts and athletics, November levy renewal information, and a district financial update. Look for this eight-page document in your mailboxes this week. If you have any questions regarding this information or did not receive a copy, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 419-659-2639 or cg_verhoff@cg.noacsc.org.

Input Needed Regarding New Sign Board in Football Locker Room

Head Football Coach Andy Schafer is working on a new project for the football locker room at the Bulldog Athletic Facility. He is working with a company to create a signboard that lists all the former CG Football players who have played football at the collegiate level. Please go to <https://cgbulldogs.com/next-level-college-football-players-from-cg/> for the list that has been compiled. If you know of other former players who need to be added to the list, contact Coach Schafer at cg_schafer@cg.noacsc.org.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, October 17th

JH Football @ Spencerville – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, October 18th

Varsity Football vs. LCC – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 19th

Cross Country vs. Districts @ Columbus Grove – 10:00 a.m.

JV Football @ LCC – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, October 21st

Varsity Soccer vs. Mansfield Christian @ Bluffton – 5:00 p.m.