



# Superintendent's Report

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## Reminder- NO SCHOOL TOMORROW

There will be no school tomorrow, November 1, for the district's fall break. Please plan accordingly.

## National Honor Society Induction Ceremony Held

This past Monday evening, the Columbus Grove High School chapter of the National Honor Society held its induction ceremony in the elementary gym.

Congratulations to the 27 new members inducted! These inductees met the four pillars of scholarship, service, leadership, and character to become members of the National Honor Society.

Congratulations to the new inductees: Payton Bechtol, Aubrey Belcher, Reagan Bryan, Addyson Butcher, Elyse Fortman, Reese Frobese, Devin Geckle, Holden Hartzog, Kyle Hopkins, Sarah Kamphaus, Michael King, Lauren Martz, Kellan McCluer, Lillian Montgomery, Nicole Nesby, Justin Norway, Kendal Palte, Devanie Pingle, Jacob Ricker, Jade Roeder, Triana Sager, Linzi Schroeder, Katie Schumacher, Allison Thompson, Evan Verhoff, Grace Verhoff, and Jacob Williams. This group of 27 inductees joins the 15 existing members in the senior class.

## Action-Packed Weekend Produces Outstanding Results for Bulldogs!

As mentioned in last week's update, this is a very busy time of the year at CG Schools, and for all the right reasons! Last Thursday, the girls' soccer squad kicked it off early as they won their first district title in school history, with a 4-2 victory over Bluffton.

The following evening, CG traveled back to Bluffton's Harmon Field and put together a dominating 42-0 victory over a previously unbeaten 9-0 Bluffton Pirates squad, winning the school's sixth NWC

Championship in the last seven years. The Bulldogs will face North Baltimore tomorrow evening at Clymer Stadium in the first round of the OHSAA Football Playoffs.

The next morning, both of our Cross-Country teams headed to Tiffin to compete in the OHSAA Regional Race. Our ladies ended their season with a very respectable 11<sup>th</sup> place finish. This is the second consecutive years our ladies qualified for regionals and we are confident that this team will be back to compete for state qualification next year. Congratulations, ladies and Coaches Jay and Martz!

The boys XC team put together another solid performance winning their second consecutive OHSAA Regional Title! This was no small feat, considering the challenging field of teams at regionals this year. The defending state champions will run at the OHSAA State Cross Country Meet this Saturday at Fortress-Obetz in Columbus. Race time is 10:00 a.m. Best of Luck to our boys and Coach Schnipke!

On Sunday, our CG Marching Band competed at the OMEA State Band Competition Finals at Piqua High School. While just missing the coveted *Superior* rating and scoring an *Excellent* rating, the Bulldogs put on what many in the crowd believed was their best performance of the year. The band was escorted back into town by our Columbus Grove Fire Department Sunday evening. Congratulations to our band members and Director Jason Lozer on a fine competition season!

## CG Disney Day Magic!

Today, Columbus Grove students walked into a magical surprise—Disney Day! Our dedicated CG faculty transformed the school overnight, decorating the building on Wednesday afternoon to bring a touch of Disney wonder. Staff dressed as beloved Disney characters, lining up in the main hallway at 7:30 a.m. to greet students for an unforgettable meet and greet. Throughout the day, classrooms were filled with Disney-themed activities and lessons, with student photographers capturing these special moments. Students also got a thrill with a spooky "haunted cafeteria" experience during lunch from 10:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. To top it all off, elementary students were treated to an early 1:00 p.m. dismissal to enjoy a Disney movie together. Thanks to our creative staff for making this magical day possible!

## Tickets for Athletic Contests

Now that the Bulldogs are in OHSAA events, tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>. This Saturday our Boys Cross Country team heads back to the State meet at Fortress Obetz. Tickets can be purchased at <https://ohsaa.hometownticketing.com/embed/event/30578>. The team will run at 10:00am. More information for the day can be found at <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Cross-Country/Cross-Country-2024/2024-Cross-Country-State-Tournament-Coverage>.

## Leo Club Hosts Activity to Benefit the Hurricane Helene Relief Fund

This week, the Leo Club hosted a fundraiser in which high school staff and students played bingo to raise money for the Hurricane Helene Relief Fund. Students and staff were able to purchase bingo cards for \$1 and bingo numbers have been called each day of the week. Many thanks go to our Leo Club members and Advisor Kim Birnesser for hosting a fun activity for the school while benefiting a very much needed fund.

## 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.

## Bulldog Bites

- **Girls' XC team-** The girls' cross-country team closed their 2024 season last Saturday with a strong finish at the Division 3 Regional meet. Leading the way were Sarah Kamphaus, 33rd and Lily Montgomery, 34th running their personal records of 20:08 and 20:10. Lauren Martz finished 84th in 21:27, Grace Morman was 131st in 22:33, and Claire Koch was 132nd in 22:34. Dakota Dunn finished in 23:15 and Breanne Fuerst finished with a personal record of 23:19.
- **CG Football Dominance-** With last week's 42-0 win over the Bluffton Pirates, the Columbus Grove Bulldogs have taken the school lead for most NWC football titles all-time, with 17. They surpassed Delphos Jefferson at 16 while Bluffton stands at 14 all-time NWC football titles. The 2024 NWC title is the Bulldogs' sixth in seven years. Not surprisingly, many Bulldogs made the NWC All-Conference team this year, including a clean sweep in Offensive Player of the Year (Trenton Barraza), Defensive Player of the Year (Kylan Mayes), and Coach of the Year (Andy Schafer).

- **Thank the Village Workers and CGVFD-** While it is a longstanding tradition of the Columbus Grove Volunteer Fire Department to escort our school extra-curricular groups back into town after a successful season, we do want to express our appreciation for these folks giving of their time to do this. On many occasions, the times that our teams come back into town are not ideal, yet the CGVFD always responds and has a couple trucks waiting for them at the edge of town. Also, we want to say thanks to our village workers, who do a great job of clean up after these celebrations. We are grateful for the continuous support we receive from the community, especially these two groups who give their own personal time to give our kids a wonderful experience!

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

Trick or Treat Parade – 6:00 p.m.

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### **Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

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Varsity Football vs. North Baltimore – 7:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Cross Country @ State Meet @ Fortress Obetz – 10:00 a.m.

Varsity Soccer vs. Kirtland– Regional Finals @ Mucci Field - Huron Memorial Stadium @ 12:00 p.m.

### **Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

Picture Retake Day