



# Superintendent's Report

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## **Congratulations Adam Birkemeier!**

We would like to recognize CGHS senior student Adam Birkemeier who has been named a Commended Student in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.6 million students who took the 2015 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. These Commended students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success. Congratulations Adam on your academic success!

## **Eyes with Pride Band Show this Saturday**

This Saturday, Columbus Grove Schools will host the 27th annual Eyes with Pride Band Show at Clymer Stadium. We would like to welcome all performers, parents, friends, and supporters of the many young musicians who will perform. Twelve high school bands, including the CGHS Bulldog Marching Band, will entertain spectators while trying to earn a trip to the OMEA state finals. Bands will be judged on their technical music accuracy, musical and visual presentation, accuracy of marching definition, music interpretation, and coordination of visual aspects. The show begins with Riverside Schools taking the field at 4:30 p.m. followed by Wayne Trace, New Bremen, Covington, Kalida, Fort Recovery, Swanton, Bellefontaine, Berne Union, Findlay, Lincolnview, and concluding with the CGHS Bulldog Marching Band taking the field at approximately 7:45 p.m. Come on out to support the bands and be amazed by the high level of performances. Good Luck Bands!

## **My Time Program Begins**

The My Time program for this year will begin October 10th and run until mid-April, Mondays thru Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. for students in grades K-4. This is a great opportunity for students to receive additional academic assistance to help them be successful in the classroom. Students will have time for homework assist, receive a lesson on a particular reading skill, do an enrichment activity, and be given a snack and time for physical activity. Students enrolled in the program will also be able to meet in the cafeteria from 7:00-8:00 a.m. to obtain additional homework assistance.

In addition, Maegan Rohdes will provide an art class beginning on October 20th for an hour each Monday and Thursday night for those students who enroll in her program. Carla Wyant will provide a piano class on Tuesday evenings for an hour beginning in November.

As in the past, we will again provide parent and community involvement this year. More details will be forthcoming about these activities.

## **Elementary Participates in Coloring Contest**

Our elementary students recently participated in a birthday fundraising event for Kate Benroth that included a coloring contest. Kate is a fifth grader who has been diagnosed with Batten Disease which affects the neurological system. The fundraiser helped with Kate's medical expenses. Winners of the coloring contest include Elsie Schumacher, Sierra Dotson, William Horstman, Cheyenne Sumney, Gabriella Baxter, Ava Mason, Tessa Fisher, Grace Verhof, Ellie Stechschulte, Marley Osnoe, Carlie Aguirre, Lenore Wiener, Evan Wehri, Brady Basinger, and Lauren Martz.

## **Girls' Cross Country Team Having a Record Setting Year**

If you haven't heard, our girls' cross country team is having a fantastic year this fall. Earlier this year, they set the school record for the fastest five-person time in school history. This past weekend at Kalida, they reset their own record! Currently, four girls on the team have qualified for the "Top 15" Board in our school, which recognizes the 15 fastest times in our girls' cross country history. While Women's Professional Tennis has the Williams sisters who go back and forth winning Grand Slam Titles, we have the Ellerbrock sisters, Taylor (junior) and Alyssa (freshman) going back and forth as the number one runner on the team. Last weekend at the Kalida Wildcat Invitational, Taylor finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and set a new personal record with a 19:32, which ranks as the second fastest time in school history of a junior. Alyssa came in 6<sup>th</sup> at 19:59. Seniors Leah Meyerholtz (7<sup>th</sup> @ 20:17), Macy McCluer (15<sup>th</sup> @ 21:01) and Kirsten Malsam (18<sup>th</sup> @ 21:25) are having outstanding years as well, rounding out the top five runners. Good luck, ladies, as you compete for the Northwest Conference crown this Saturday!

## **Cross Country Team Visits Chicago**

Two weekends ago the Cross Country team went to Chicago to participate in a 10K road race in support of lung cancer research and do some sightseeing. During their visit, the team visited Willis Tower, formerly known as the Sears Tower, with most of the students stepping out onto the glass deck overlooking the city streets. The team also visited Millennium Park and saw the famous "bean" as well as the Field Museum just across from Soldier Field. In addition, the group of students and parents also walked up and down the Magnificent Mile along Michigan Avenue, toured the Navy Pier, and were entertained by the famous "Blue Man Group." Thank you, cross country coaches Terry Schnipke and Jason Jay, for coordinating this trip for your runners.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Thursday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>**

Cross Country @ Kenton, 4:30 p.m.

Jr. High Football @ Crestview, 5:00 p.m.

V. Volleyball @ Bluffton, 5:30 p.m.

Jr. High Volleyball vs. Paulding, 5:00 p.m.

### **Friday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>**

V. Football vs. Delphos Jefferson, 7:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>**

JV Football @ Delphos Jefferson, 10:00 a.m.

V. Volleyball vs. Pandora, 10:00 a.m.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Tourn. @ Spencerville, 11:15 a.m.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Tourn. @ Spencerville, 12:30 p.m.

Eyes With Pride Band Show, 4:30 p.m.

### **Monday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>**

Jr. High Volleyball vs. Bluffton, 5:00 p.m.

V. Volleyball vs. Kalida, 5:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>**

Freshman Volleyball vs. Ada, 4:30 p.m.

Jr. High Volleyball vs. Ada, 5:00 p.m.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football vs. Liberty Benton, 5:00 p.m.

V. Volleyball vs. Ada, 5:30 p.m.

### **Thursday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>**

Jr. High Football vs. Ada, 5:00 p.m.

Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7:30 p.m.