



Superintendent's Report

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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 20 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: Loudon Auchmuty, Kirsten McCauley, Jade Siefker, Devin Barnt, Logan Mershman, Abby Stechschulte, Bo Birnesser, Grace Myers, Zane Stechschulte, Kaitlin Dipnarine, Claire Oatman, Hailey Vogt, Gabriella Escamillia, Everett Palte, Ryan Hardeman, Evan Pitts, Payton Hoorman, Zach Reynolds, Erin Lugibill, and James Rosengarten. This group of 20 inductees joins the 25 existing members in the senior class.

Congratulations CGHS Marching Band!

The Columbus Grove Marching Band concluded its competitive season this past Sunday at Piqua High School, as it competed in the OMEA State Finals. The Bulldogs earned an *Excellent* rating from the judges for their performance. When the band arrived back to town, there were fire trucks waiting to lead them to the town square. Unfortunately, the fire alarm went off at the exact time as the band arrived and the fire department had to attend to the emergency. Many thanks to our CG Volunteer Fire Department for the willingness to support our students for their accomplishments.

After the buses arrived at the town square, the band members got out and toilet papered the square, a longtime tradition. We greatly appreciate the village's maintenance crew for taking care of the aftermath from one of these celebrations!

Congratulations to this year's marching band for their accomplishments! They were not a large group, but what they lacked in size was more than made up in talent!

October CG Staff and Student Spotlights Announced

Each month, one Columbus Grove student in each grade level K-12 and a Columbus Grove staff member is chosen randomly to be our Columbus Grove Staff/Student Spotlights. The October Columbus Grove Staff and Student Spotlights are: Front Row: Mason Moore, Caleb McClarren, Edith Moore, Ryan Furry, Brynn Palte, Sierra Dotson Back Row: Evan Verhoff, Ben McCluer, Nathan Cartwright, Levi Schroeder, Terra Kohli, Alyssa Smith and Mrs. Sue Ricker Absent: Ashtyn Halker. Congratulations, Bulldogs!



Boys' Cross-Country Team Punches their Ticket to State!

Congratulations goes to our boys' cross-country team, as they finished third at the Tiffin Regional meet last Saturday and qualified for their third consecutive trip to state! The Dogs were led by senior Trent Koch's 14th place finish in 16:36. This marks Trent's third finish of 15th or higher in the Regional meet, qualifying him for state as an individual as well. Luke Ellerbrock was the next Bulldog runner across the line, finishing 39th in 17:07. Bryce Bonifas was 43rd and Bean Pitts was 45th in the 181-runner race. Anden Blankemeyer was Grove's 5th runner crossing the line in 17:50, good for 77th place. Levi Bryan finished 83rd, setting a new PR of 17:53. Logan Mershman finished 94th for Grove.

This is quite an accomplishment, as this year's team had to replace many talented seniors from last year's squad, including two who are running at the collegiate level this year. As I read the paper last Sunday, I saw a story in the sports section regarding a couple neighboring school districts that qualified for their first trip to state in school history. This year's CGXC team will mark the twenty-first time Columbus Grove has had a boys' state qualifying team! While we have had many talented runners over the years, we also have had outstanding longtime coaches that created a wonderful program for our district, as former coaches Jerry Stechschulte and Jerry Bunn, along with current Head Coach Terry Schnipke have brought multiple teams to state competition. The boys will run at Fortress Obetz in Columbus this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Great job, boys!

Bulldog Bites

- During last week's first round playoff game against Sullivan Black River, senior cornerback Antonio Gray intercepted a pass and returned it 97 yards for a touchdown. This ties the school record for longest interception return for a touchdown. The other player to do this was former All-State Player Jack Ruen in 1973.
- Out of a race of 180 runners at last Saturday's regional XC meet in Tiffin, freshman Sarah Kamphaus and Lily Montgomery finished 48th and 62nd. What is even more impressive is Sarah's time was the fifth fastest freshman runner and Lily's was the ninth. Congratulations, ladies!
- The Leo Club's week-long bingo activity to support the Putnam County Cancer Assistance Program (CAP) was a success, as a check of over \$350 was donated to CAP.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, November 3rd

Picture Retake Day

Friday, November 4th

Varsity Football @ Northwestern – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 5th

Cross Country @ State Meet @ Fortress Obetz – 11:00 a.m.