



Superintendent's Report

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A Big Thank You to Our Outstanding School Nurse!

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated and skilled school nurse like Katie Zimmerly serving our Columbus Grove Schools community. In the first quarter alone, she has provided essential care and support with nearly 800 student visits for injury, illness, or pain. In addition, she has handled over 250 diabetic management visits and administered over 500 medication passes. Her commitment to the health and well-being of our students and staff is truly invaluable. Thank you, Katie, for your hard work, care, and professionalism in making sure Columbus Grove is a safe and healthy place for all!

Historic Season for the Columbus Grove Girls' Soccer Team!

Congratulations to the Columbus Grove Girls' Soccer Team on an incredible 2024 season! In just their fifth year as a program, they advanced to the Division V State Semifinals, making Columbus Grove history. Facing a strong Doylestown Chippewa team, the Bulldogs struck first, with senior Ella Dotson scoring on a corner kick. Despite their impressive play, Columbus Grove ended the game with a hard-fought 3-1 loss, finishing the season with a remarkable 19-2-2 record.

Coach Kyle Verhoff commended the team's effort, saying, "Everything they have done this year has been incredible. This is just an amazing team." Special recognition goes to seniors Lauryn Auchmuty, who led the team with 48 goals, Ella Dotson, Alyssa Koch, Karsyn Garmatter, and Lainey Zarse for their leadership in building this program from the ground up. Thank you, Lady Bulldogs, for an unforgettable season and for representing Columbus Grove with pride!

Bulldog Athletic Success Continues!

Congratulations to the Columbus Grove Boys' Cross-Country team for an incredible 2024 season, finishing with a 5th place standing at the OHSAA State Cross Country Meet! This hard-working group of athletes achieved impressive times, led by seniors Levi Bryan (16:15) and Bryce Bonifas (16:49), along with strong finishes from sophomores Caiden Squillante (16:57) and Aidan Vogt (16:59), junior Braylon Best (17:13), junior Holden Hartzog (17:22), and sophomore Zack Bryan (17:27). We also want to recognize longtime coach Terry Schnipke for his dedication and leadership in guiding these young men to success. Thank you, Coach Schnipke, and congratulations to the entire team for representing Columbus Grove so well at the state level!

The Football Bulldogs advanced to the second round of the state playoffs with a 42-8 win against North Baltimore last Friday night. The Bulldogs play a rematch game with LCC tomorrow night at 7 p.m. at Clymer Stadium. Their 28-20 victory over the T-birds a few weeks ago was their closest game so far this season, so the Bulldogs will need to be at their best to make it to the third round. If the Bulldogs are successful, they will advance to play the winner of Mohawk and McComb at a neutral site in the next round. Good luck to Coach Schafer and the players!

Encourage Your Child to Join the Columbus Grove High School Quiz Bowl Team!

Does your student love trivia, random facts, or just want a fun activity for Wednesdays after school? The Columbus Grove Quiz Bowl team is calling their name! It's a fantastic way for students to test their knowledge, sharpen their minds, and have a great time with friends. Whether they're experts in history, math whizzes, or just love a good challenge, there's a place for everyone on the team. Interested students should see Mr. Vennekotter by tomorrow to join this exciting adventure!

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

- The Bulldogs will face Lima Central Catholic tomorrow night at Clymer Stadium for the second round of the playoffs. The Bulldogs beat the T-Birds a few weeks ago by a score of 28-20, halting an 8-game losing streak to LCC between 2007-2014. The Bulldogs have a record of 8-9 against the T-Birds, with the hopes of evening the series tomorrow night!
- **Boys' Cross-Country History-** Last weekend marked the twenty-third appearance for the boys' cross-country team at state. Here are the previous years when the boys qualified for state competition: 1969, 1970, 1971, 1986, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.
- **Continued Thanks to 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 of trucks waiting for them at the edge of town. Also, we want to thank our village workers, who do a great job of cleaning up after these celebrations. We are grateful for the continuous support from the community, especially these two groups who give their time to give our kids a wonderful experience!

Upcoming Events:

Friday, November 8th

Picture Retake Day

Varsity Football vs. LCC – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, November 18th

Board Meeting – 8:00 p.m.

Monday, November 25th – Friday, November 29th

No School - Parent Teacher Conference's / Thanksgiving Break