



# Superintendent's Report

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## Leo Club Leaf Raking Project Scheduled for Sunday, November 19

Need help raking the many leaves in your yard? The Columbus Grove High School Leo Club is again offering a leaf raking service project free of charge to help our senior citizens as well as those who need assistance raking leaves. Leaves will be raked Sunday, November 19, beginning at 1 p.m. If you are interested in receiving assistance, contact the school office at 659-2156 and provide your name, address, and phone number. You may also contact Leo Club Advisor by email at [cg\\_birnesser@cg.noacsc.org](mailto:cg_birnesser@cg.noacsc.org). Thanks again to our Leo Club for conducting this wonderful service project!

## CGHS Students Attend Mercy Health St. Rita's Healthcare Futures Day

Last Thursday, students from CGHS attended Mercy Health's, Futures Day in Lima. This day is specifically designated for students enrolled in advance anatomy or bio-med. The day consisted of many hands-on experiences, exposing students to the high-demand health care jobs such as doctors, nurses, lab technicians, social workers, and more. Students moved through five hands-on clinical sessions, where they participated in a live simulation, learned to how to suture cuts, used an ultrasound machine, viewed disease tissue in a microscope and spent time at Ohio State Lima's on-site advanced anatomy lab. The following CGHS students participated in this event: Kaylee Baker, Marissa Ball, Dominic Bryan, Ryan Hardeman, Payton Hoorman, Claire Kiene, Erin Lugibill, Madilynn Maag, Kirsten McCauley, Andrew Pohl, Zach Reynolds, Jade Siefker, Abby Stechschulte, Alexis Dotson, Hannah Hohenbrink, Ella Escamilla, Kate Dipnarine, Logan Mershman, Isabella Wilson, Delaney Winterstellar, and Mckayla Ricker.

## Sophomore Fundraiser Underway

The sophomores are kicking off their laundry detergent/fabric softener/dishwasher/body wash fundraiser project. With this fundraiser, the sophomores hope to raise enough money to decorate for prom their junior year. This is actually a chance to save money and support your school at the same time by purchasing products we use almost daily. Products available include:

- Liquid Laundry Pacs: 300 count for \$65
- Liquid Laundry Detergent and Softener: 5-gallon bucket for \$50
- Dishwasher Pacs: 200 count for \$40
- Handcrafted Soap Bundles (Shampoo/Conditioner/2 Soap Bars): \$30 apiece
- Body Wash: 1-gallon container for \$25

These items would make great holiday gifts for your own home, students off at college, or your place of work. Please contact any CGHS sophomore if interested or contact the school at 419-659-2156. All orders must be in by Friday, December 1. Thanks for your support!

## CGHS Basketball Alumni Versus Alumni Game Scheduled

Mark your calendars, as the new Boys' Basketball Coach Connor Kohls is coordinating a CG Alumni vs. Alumni basketball scrimmage for Thursday, December 21. Here are the tentative details:

- Festivities would start at 6:00 p.m.
- No current players will participate, just alumni.
- There will be a dunk and 3-point shooting contest, besides the scrimmage.
- Admission is \$3

Come on out, enjoy seeing if our former Bulldogs still have it, and help raise some money for the basketball program. It should be entertaining, to say the least!

## Speaking of Basketball...

You may or may not have heard, but there are a couple rule changes that have taken place for high school basketball this year, including:

- Fouls: There are no more 1 and 1 free throws
  - Bonus will always be 2 shots
  - Bonus begins at 5 team fouls
- Team fouls reset each quarter

Please be patient with officials and scoreboard operators as they get acclimated to this substantial change.

## Bulldog Bites I:

At last week's soccer awards banquet, senior Grace Myers was awarded her four-year varsity letter. Grace is the first four-year letter winner in our school's history in girls' soccer. Congratulations, Grace!

## Bulldog Bites II:

As we continue to celebrate the tremendous achievements of our Marching Band and Boys' XC from last weekend, we decided to have a little fun this week with the students, hosting band and XC trivia. Here is a sample of the question's students attempted to answer for a prize:

- Many years ago, our marching band had majorettes who twirled batons along with the band's performance. One of our current teachers was a majorette in the CG Marching Band years ago. Not only did she twirl batons, but fire batons as well! Name this teacher. (Mrs. Hermiller)
- Which three current cross-country members enjoy fishing as a hobby? (Caiden Squillante, Levi Bryan, and Logan Mershman)
- Who are two former CGXC members who currently run for the University of Findlay? (Roy Langhals and Carson Closson)
- Each year the CG Marching Band hosts its Eyes with Pride Marching Band Competition. What year did this show begin? (1990)

- What are the names of the two brothers who own two of the top 10 best times on the all-time record board? (Matt and Luke Siefker- 1993 & 1996 graduates)
- Over the years, the CG Marching Band has had some wonderful directors. Name two directors whose last names sound the same but are spelled differently. (Kathleen Kuch and Marcia Koch)
- Which current XC team member was accidentally hit in the head with a running chainsaw when he was a toddler? (Aiden Vogt)

Congratulations, CG Marching Band and XC! You've made your community so proud!

## Alumni Brick Paver Orders Available

Looking for a great gift for the hard-to-buy-for individual this Christmas? Columbus Grove community members and alumni may purchase a personalized brick to be placed in this area to honor individuals or significant events in Columbus Grove Local Schools' storied history. Bricks are on sale for \$50 for a 4" by 8" brick. For an order form, please check out the Columbus Website at <http://cg.noacsc.org/> or you may pick up an order form at the school offices as well. These bricks make a perfect gift to commemorate a CG alumnus, faculty member, student accomplishment, or historical event in our district's history. In addition, a decorative postcard will be sent to recipients, notifying them of the brick purchased in their honor. If you have further questions, please contact the superintendent's office at 659-2639. Think about purchasing a brick for a gift this holiday season! All proceeds go to the CG Alumni Association's future project initiatives.

## **Last Update until after Thanksgiving**

This update will be the last until after Thanksgiving and we will resume the week of November 25 with the next update. May you have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday next week! In this season of gratitude, I want to thank our community members and businesses for your continued support of your school district. As you can see in these updates, Columbus Grove Schools has much to be thankful for in a variety of ways. Thank you again for all of your support!

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

Varsity Football vs. Bluffton @ Findlay Donnell Stadium – 7:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

Leo Club Leaf Raking Project

### **Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

No School – Professional Day/Parent Teacher Conferences – 4:00-8:00 p.m.

### **Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

No School Parent Teacher Conference

### **Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

No School Thanksgiving Break