



# Superintendent's Report

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## **Congratulations CG Middle School!**

Congratulations to our middle school staff for being recognized as a 2017 Momentum Award Winner through the Ohio Department of Education! In order to qualify for this distinction, a school must earn straight A's on the report card in all Value Added subcategories. "Value Added" is a metric used on the State Report Card which measures a school's ability to have its students make at least one year's academic growth on the state issued standardized tests. There were only 85 middle schools (out of over 650) in the state to earn this honor.

There are four subcategories which the state measures in order for a school to qualify for this award: overall student population, gifted students, lowest 20% in achievement, and students with disabilities. Even more impressive is that schools must have at least two subcategories that are graded as an A in Value Added in order to be eligible for this distinction, meaning a number of schools qualified for this award by having just two or three areas which were graded for Value Added (some schools may not have a large enough student population in a category to have it graded by the state). At CG Middle, we had all four of those categories graded and earned A's in each! Congrats middle school staff and students for your efforts!

## **High School Quiz Bowl Team Ready for Competition**

The high school Quiz Bowl team is gearing up for another competitive season. Four members of the varsity team represented CGHS at the Channel 44 Whiz Quiz tournament in October. Broadcast dates for this tournament are scheduled for February 15, 17, and 18 with the rebroadcast dates being April 12, 14, and 15.

This year's team of twenty-eight members will practice on Wednesday evenings to compete in head-to-head academic matches answering questions from all areas of knowledge including history, literature, science, fine arts, current events, sports, and popular culture. The season begins the first week in January and runs for nine consecutive Wednesdays through February. They will then compete in the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Putnam County Scholastic League Tournament on March 6, 2018. Good Luck Quiz Bowl Team!

## **Holiday Concerts Scheduled at CG**

Mark your calendars for two very entertaining evenings as we usher in the holiday season. Next Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., the chorus concert will feature the musical talents of our junior high choir, show choir, and high school chorus. The following Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Mr. Matt Blymyer will lead our respective bands in their holiday concert. Be sure join us for these very enjoyable performances full of lively holiday music and songs!

## **CGHS Students Offering Free Christmas Light Decorating**

Columbus Grove students involved in service groups are organizing a Christmas service project free of charge to help the senior citizens as well as those who need assistance setting up Christmas decorations in the community. The date on which decorations will be hung up is December 7<sup>th</sup> to December 17<sup>th</sup>. If interested contact the High School office at 419-659-2156 or Kyle Schroeder by email19schrk@cg.noacsc.org. Please provide your name, address and a phone number. Please make contact by December 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Bond Millage Rate Lowered Again**

At this month's Board of Education meeting held on November 20<sup>th</sup>, the Columbus Grove Board of Education lowered the bond debt service millage rate from 3.75 mills to 3.50 mills. This marks the fourth time in seven years the bond debt service has been reduced, saving the tax payers money. The original millage as passed was 7.57 mills, with a reduction in 2011 to 6.32 mills, a reduction in 2013 to 5.00 mills, and a reduction in 2016 to 3.75 mills.

## **WOSN Covering Two Basketball Games at CG this Season**

WOSN will again film area basketball games this season and Columbus Grove teams will be playing in two of these games which are played here at CG. The first game will be our girls' team as they host Bath this upcoming Saturday. The other game will be our boys' team when they play the Lincolnview Lancers on Friday, December 22. Check local listings for replay times.

### **Baseball Coaching Staff Filled for the 2018 Season**

In another Board action at this month's meeting, the rest of our baseball coaching staff for 2018 was hired. This new baseball coaching staff consists of Head Coach Eric Naughton, Varsity Assistant Kris Carpenter, Junior Varsity Coach Brayden Sautter, and Junior High Coach Terry Schnipke. Head Coach Naughton comes to CG with seven years of baseball coaching experience, including four years as a Varsity Assistant/JV Coach and one year as a Varsity Coach. Coach Naughton also played college baseball and in the West Coast Division I Prospect League after college. Eric lives in Lima with his wife and four children. There will be a meeting with the baseball team next week so they can meet their high school coaches in person.

### **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!

### **Substitute Bus Drivers Wanted**

Columbus Grove Local Schools is accepting applications for substitute bus drivers. This position has the potential of becoming a full-time bus driver in the future, if the applicant is interested. Substitute bus drivers are contacted to drive extracurricular and field trips and occasionally drive a regular morning or afternoon route. Certification requires the completion of attending a pre-service class, a written and driving test, CDL license, a medical physical exam, drug test, BMV check of driving record, and a background check. Cost for training will be fully reimbursed by the district for any individuals who serve as a substitute bus driver for Columbus Grove Local Schools. If you are interested in becoming a bus driver for Columbus Grove School, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 659-2639 for further information.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Friday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>**

Boys JV & V. Basketball vs. Wayne Trace, 6:00 p.m.

#### **Saturday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

H.S. Wrestling @ Cory Rawson, 10:00 a.m.

Jr. High Wrestling @ Wayne Trace, 9:00 a.m.

Girls JV & V. Basketball vs. Bath, 1:00 p.m.

Boys 9<sup>th</sup> Basketball @ Jackson Center, 4:00 p.m.

Boys JV & V. Basketball @ Jackson Center, 5:30 p.m.

#### **Monday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**

Girls 9<sup>th</sup> Basketball vs. Carey, 5:30 p.m.

#### **Tuesday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**

Boys Jr. High Basketball vs. LCC, 5:00 p.m.

Girls Jr. High Basketball @ LCC, 5:00 p.m.

Girls JV & V, Basketball vs. Continental, 6:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**

Girls 9<sup>th</sup> Basketball vs. Bath, 5:30 p.m.

Band Booster Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Winter Chorus Concert, 7:00 p.m.

#### **Thursday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>**

Boys Jr. High Basketball @ Continental, 5:00 p.m.

Girls Jr. High Basketball vs. Fort Jennings, 5:00 p.m.

Boys 9<sup>th</sup> Basketball vs. Crestview, 5:00 p.m.

Girls JV & V. Basketball @ Crestview, 6:00 p.m.