



Superintendent's Report

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Thank You, Veterans!

Saturday marks Veteran's Day and we would like to say thank you to our country's veterans who have served in our country's armed forces to protect the freedoms that we enjoy each day. Yesterday, the Leo Club sponsored a "Jeans for Troops/Hats for Heroes" event for Veterans Day. Staff members could donate \$5 to wear jeans and for \$1 students could wear a hat. All proceeds will be donated to the GI GO Fund. This nonprofit charitable organization assists veterans with employment, healthcare, and housing. Also, teachers have worked with Brian Siefker of our local VFW to organize veteran speakers to visit our classrooms tomorrow. In addition to these activities, our high school's interactive media class compiled a video which all students will view tomorrow as we recognize our veterans and learn more about the importance of this holiday. Go to our district's website at <http://cg.noacsc.org/> to view this video; it will be worth your time!

Thank You CG Fire, Police, and Village Personnel!

Along with the successes of our teams comes a long tradition of the volunteer fire department leading them back into town after their hard-earned accomplishments. Many thanks go to our fire and police departments for being "on call" for these events, as well as our village workers who have extra clean-up duty after the celebration is over in the town square. We are grateful to have village employees and volunteer fire fighters who give of their time and resources to support and celebrate the accomplishments of our young people. Thank you very much for all that you do for our community!

National Honor Society Hosts Student Blood Drive

Yesterday, members of the Columbus Grove National Honor Society conducted a blood drive in the elementary gym. The goal was to collect 30 units of blood. Collecting enough units of blood during the two scheduled blood drives earns a Red Cross scholarship for an NHS member at the end of the school year. Thank you to our donors for giving the gift of life to help others!

Thank You Fans

Last Saturday's state cross country meet in Hebron wrapped up our fall sports season at CGHS. Many thanks go to our community's fans for coming out to support our teams. While our varsity football team finished its season 2-8, they had many young players getting their first varsity experience and we look forward to them building on the progress they made this past season.

Our varsity volleyball finished another fine season, making it to districts in the OHSAA Volleyball Tournament. Furthermore, seniors Paige Bellman and Carlie McCluer were both named Honorable Mention in Ohio for their individual accomplishments this past season. The junior varsity team achieved an impressive record this past season as well, losing only one match and we look forward to seeing how these young ladies do next fall as they will be a year older and more experienced. Our 8th grade girls finished their season undefeated, concluding a perfect, undefeated junior high record.

The golf team finished 6th in the NWC and were runners-up in the PCL. The boys' entire varsity squad returns next year as they will certainly compete for a PCL and NWC team title.

Finally, the cross country teams had very successful seasons this fall. The boys' squad won the PCL, and qualified for districts in Tiffin as well. Sophomore Johnny Schmeidebusch qualified individually for the state meet last Saturday and earned his personal best time of 16:56, finishing 52nd overall. He also beat all of the runners for NWC rival Lincolnview for the first time this year. Congratulations, Johnny. Super effort! The boys' return their entire varsity squad as well, as they are eying a qualifying trip to state as a team next year.

On the girls' side, they followed up on a stellar 2016 season with an even more impressive 2017 season. The top five runners on the team have already qualified on the district's Top 15 Board. Additionally, the team won both the PCL and NWC, districts, finished 3rd at regionals, and finished 8th at state. This 8th place finish is the highest state placing of a girls' athletic team in our district's history!

Alyssa Ellerbrock finished in 15th place, qualifying for All-Ohio status. Alyssa will have a placard with her name on it to be on the wall in the high school gym.

Freshman Erin Downing finished an impressive 84th. Leandra Price was not far behind in 95th. Taylor Ellerbrock was right on her heels at 98th. Sydney Witteborg crossed the line in 104th. Morgan Deffenbaugh finished her first state appearance in 157th and Allie Choi took the tape at 167th. Great job, ladies!

Special congratulations to senior Taylor Ellerbrock for a phenomenal cross country career at CG. Taylor finished her cross country career with the fourth fastest time in school history. She also won the NWC meets in her freshman and sophomore years. It's been fun having the opportunity to watch you compete for the past four years, Taylor!

Congratulations and thank you to all of our student athletes and their coaches for their efforts. We are fortunate to have so many dedicated coaches who put in countless hours to help our student athletes reach their potential. Thank you to the parents and community members who come out to support our high school sports teams. It provides another exciting dimension to these kids' high school experience!

Elementary Art Projects

Elementary students in grades 2, 3, 4, and 6 have been working in Ms. Rohdes' Art class on drawing projects centered around the theme "effort." The assignment was to draw a picture of a time when they improved at something because they kept trying or something they would like to learn by applying extra effort. Some students drew a time that they had practiced a skill and saw improvement. Others drew a picture of a career or a skill they would like to learn someday. There were some impressive art projects depicting a positive character trait!

High School of Business Students Tour Ottawa Whirlpool

Last week the freshmen Principles of Business class was invited to tour the Ottawa Whirlpool factory in celebration of National Manufacturing Day. Whirlpool is a leading manufacturer of appliances and the largest manufacturer of freezers and trash compactors. Three out of four homes have Whirlpool products and the local Ottawa plant employs over 450 people. Whirlpool demonstrated a wide variety of career paths using cutting edge technology. One of the most beneficial facts the students learned on the tour was the tuition reimbursement match that employees can earn after working for one year. This helps communicate the fact that there are ways in which students can graduate college debt free. Thanks Whirlpool for giving these business students the opportunity to take a closer look at the future of manufacturing.

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

Thursday, Nov. 9th

NHS Blood Drive

Athletic Boosters Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 11th

Boys V. Basketball Scrimmage @ Rossford, 9:00 a.m.

Girls Jr. High Basketball Scrim. @ Liberty Benton, 9:30 a.m.

Girls V. Basketball Scrim. @ Wapakoneta, 10:00 a.m.

Scholastic Team @ Bluffton, 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 15th

Grandparents Day, 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.