



# Superintendent's Report

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## Thank You Columbus Grove Community!

We are thrilled to share the wonderful news about the success of our recent CG Elementary Partners in Education (PIE) gift card fundraiser, and it's all thanks to the incredible support from our parents and community members. Your support and dedication have truly made a difference.

A special shout-out to everyone who purchased gift cards from the local businesses that participated. Your contribution has not only supported our school but has also bolstered the ties within our community. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the following businesses: Aguirre's Fillin' Station, Shannon Theatre, Cancun Mexican Restaurant, The Dairy Whip, Farmhouse Market & Deli, Halker's Bar and Grill, Indian Trail Garden Center, The Pizzeria, Ooh La Latte, Lock 16 Steakhouse, The Red Pig Inn, Sycamore Lake, Shirley's Popcorn, and The Axe Handle. Your generosity has been instrumental in the success of this fundraiser.

A round of applause goes to the High School of Business classes for creating the hype video for this fundraiser kickoff and senior cheerleaders Abby Buescher and Audrey Keehn for coordinating the kickoff assembly with the elementary students.

The funds raised through this initiative will have a lasting impact on our school community. Proceeds will be directed towards essential items such as additional technology in the classroom, reward days for students, books for our library, and student assemblies, just to name a few items. Together, we are creating an enriched learning environment for our students. Once again, thank you to everyone who played a part in making this fundraiser such a success.

## Thank You, American Legion! - Gave \$150 to the Caring Closet

About five years ago, our guidance department and school nurse collaborated to create a Caring Closet. This closet contains personal hygiene products and CG school attire for our needy students. The Columbus Grove School Caring Closet's mission is to serve our most vulnerable students and those who require a little extra help with obtaining daily necessities; those students who are striving to do well academically, but need an extra boost to ensure their focus can be on their education and not on meeting their basic needs. A couple of weeks ago, the Columbus Grove American Legion made a financial donation to help support the mission of this closet. Many thanks to these folks for this support, as the Caring Closet has helped hundreds of students since its inception five years ago.

## Boys' Basketball Schedule Changes

Due to the deep playoff run of our football team, we have had to adjust the opening season schedule for the boys' basketball team. The opening game of the 2024-25 basketball season will take place on Saturday, December 14 at Arlington. The original opening game versus Ottoville will be rescheduled for some time in January. We will let the community know once the date and time are finalized. Additionally, the season finale against Allen East originally scheduled for Friday, February 21 has been moved up to Monday, December 30. This change is due to OHSAA's expansion of basketball divisions and the earlier-than-usual tournament start date.

## Onsite Dental Outreach Helps Over 50 CG Students

School Nurse Katie Zimmerly scheduled a dental outreach visit to Columbus Grove Schools the week before Thanksgiving. Dental Outreach programs for schools typically aim to improve oral health among students by providing preventative treatments, including cleanings, fluoride treatments, and sealants. These programs help improve student well-being and attendance by addressing dental issues that might otherwise lead to pain, distraction, or absence from school. As a result of her efforts, over 50 Columbus Grove students received these dental services in November. Thank you, Katie, for all your efforts!

## Winter Bulldog Sports Available 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. As what was done with football games at Clymer Stadium this past fall, all basketball games 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. An additional bonus is these online basketball games will have Z-Sports play-by-play accompany most games. While we do not want residents and fans to forego 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 convenience is another added benefit. Visit <http://fan.hudl.com/cgbulldogs> to watch highlights and subscribe to this service.

## CGHS Basketball Alumni Versus Alumni Game Scheduled

Mark your calendars, as Boys' Basketball Coach Connor Kohls is coordinating a CG Alumni vs. Alumni basketball scrimmage for **Friday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m.** Here are the details:

- No current players will participate, just alumni.
- Admission is \$3.
- Concession stands will be available, along with a 50/50 and basket raffle.

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!

## Bulldog Bites- Top 10 rushers in school history

Trenton Barraza set the school record in all-time rushing yards, eclipsing Blaine Maag's previous record of 6,360 yards. Below is the list of the Top 10 all-time rushing leaders in CG history:

1. Trenton Barraza (2021-2024) - 6,360
2. Blaine Maag (2001-2004) - 6,134
3. Jeremy Harnishfeger (2003-2006) -4,281
4. Colin Metzger (2018-2021) - 3,506
5. Jim Nunn (1989-1992) - 3,110
6. Joey Warnecke (2011-2014) - 2,976
7. Steve Palte (1999-2002) - 2,842
8. Reid Stechschulte (2013-2016) - 2,761
9. Mitch Giesige (1992-1995) - 2,682
10. Jim Eversole (1989-1992) - 2,622

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

Boys JH Basketball vs. St. Peter and Paul – 5:00 p.m.

Girls JV & Varsity Basketball @ Allen East – 5:30 p.m.

### **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

Boys JH Wrestling @ Wayne Trace – 9:00 a.m.

### **Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

Boys JH Basketball vs. Crestview – 5:00 p.m.

Girls JH Basketball @ Crestview – 5:00 p.m.

Girls JV & Varsity Basketball @ Delphos St. John's – 5:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

5-12 Choral Concert – 7:00 p.m.