



Superintendent's Report

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Bulldogs Celebrating 12 Days of School before Christmas Break

This past Monday marked the 12 Days of Christmas before the Christmas Break for CG students. The Guidance Department created a dress up theme for each school day leading up to the break. Many thanks to Brenda and Mindy for sprucing up the days before the break!

Monday, Dec. 6th - On the 12th day before Christmas break - Show your holiday spirit - Wear Red or Green to begin the 12 Days of Christmas countdown.

Tuesday, Dec. 7th - On the 11th day before Christmas break - holiday hat and socks- Wear your favorite holiday hat and holiday socks.

Wednesday, Dec. 8th - On the 10th day before Christmas break CG goes country and celebrates Santa's HO HO Hoedown - Wear your flannel, western or country band t-shirt.

Thursday, Dec. 9th - On the 9th day before Christmas break – Wear your alma mater t-shirt or sweatshirt.

Friday, Dec. 10th - On the 8th day before Christmas break - we show our love for our DAWGS. Wear your favorite bulldog attire!

Monday, Dec. 13th - On the 7th day before Christmas break – Polar Express - Wear your PJs.

Tuesday, Dec. 14th - On the 6th day before Christmas break - Christmas Vacation - Wear your Hawaiian shirt or tourist clothes or favorite shirt from a vacation spot.

Wednesday, Dec. 15th - On the 5th day before Christmas break - Do you want to build a snowman? Let's have a white out - Wear white.

Thursday, Dec. 16th - On the 4th day before Christmas break- Run Run Rudolph - Wear your sweats!

Friday, Dec. 17th - On the 3rd day before Christmas break - Christmas - Wear Red and/or White.

Monday, Dec. 20th - On the 2nd day before Christmas break - Wear your favorite Christmas Character - Elf, Santa, Reindeer, Grinch, Frosty, etc...

Tuesday, Dec. 21st - On the last day of School before Christmas break - Wear your Ugly Christmas Sweater.

November Bulldogs of the Month Announced

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen as CG November Bulldogs of the Month! Also, Ms. Jessica Geise who was chosen as our Teacher of the Month. Thank you for demonstrating outstanding Bulldog character both in and out of the classroom!



Left to Right First Row: Carsyn Sumney, Skya Hess, Rylen Osterhage, and Audrey Bormuth

Left to Right Second Row: Alana Morales, Sarah Irwin, Grady Brinkman, Adrianna Arnett, Carter Parsley, Wynn Schroeder, Bo Siefker, and Carter Warmbrod

Left to Right Third Row - Ms. Geise, Brooks Forrest, Gabe Day, Keaton Donaldson, Vaughn Wilkins, Zaine Schroeder, Claire Koch, Hadley Bonifas, Aaliyah Hurley, Aleeah Brooks, and Emma Cartwright

Terry Schnipke Earns OIAAA Athletic Director Award

CG Athletic Director Terry Schnipke was recently awarded the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Athletic Director of the Year. Terry began his teaching career at Willard High School where he taught English and coached varsity baseball and 8th grade basketball.

In 1994, Terry began teaching at Columbus Grove and has served in multiple coaching capacities over the last 26 years. For the last 15 years, Terry has served as the boys' cross-country coach. During this time, his teams have won the NWC six times, Districts five times, and qualified for the state meet five times. Terry also coached the girls' cross-country team for one year, taking them to state for the first time in school history. He has been voted NWC Coach of the Year five times and was voted Northwest District Coach of the Year in 2012. An avid runner himself, Terry has competed in seven half marathons and seven full marathons, including the Boston Marathon in 2017.

Over the past 12 years, Terry has served as the Athletic Director for Columbus Grove. During his tenure, the Bulldogs have amassed 35 PCL titles and 37 NWC titles in the 13 sports offered. CGHS has won the NWC "All Sports Award" five times and PCL "All Sports Award" three times in addition to eight teams making state appearances, and many individuals advancing to state in track and field and wrestling. Coach Schnipke credits the outstanding athletes, coaches, parents, and supportive community for the success of the athletic program at Columbus Grove. In addition to the many duties associated with being an AD, Terry teaches two classes, serves as the senior class advisor and oversees the Columbus Grove chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which he has led since 2004.

Many people do not fully understand the numerous amounts of duties tied to an athletic director's job. CG has been very fortunate to have Terry serve in this capacity for the last 12 years. Congratulations, Terry, for this well-deserved recognition!

Elementary Christmas Basket Raffle Garners Over \$2,100 for "Christmas for Kids"

Last week marked the first of multiple fun activities as we head towards the holidays, as the elementary held its basket raffle. Specially themed baskets were created by CG staff members that in turn students could purchase a raffle ticket with a chance to win. There were 12 baskets up for raffle. Winners of the baskets were Mylie Logan, Lily Buckland, Jacob Vorhees, Max Schumacher, Kaison Williams, Jacob Williams, Claire Oatman, Briggs Linsteadt, Riley Neace, Dylan Ledford, Ace Vasquez, and Brynn Fortman.

All money collected from the raffle tickets will stay in Putnam County and will go toward a program called *Christmas for Kids*. This program offers year-round help to those in need, not just for Christmas. If there is a fire, flood or other need, this program will provide financial assistance. Because of this project, over \$2,100 will be donated to *Christmas for Kids*. Many thanks to our staff members for donating items for these baskets and School Counselor Brenda Bruce for coordinating this event!

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 honor individuals or significant events in Columbus Grove Local Schools' storied history. These bricks are located at the main parking lot entrance to the school. 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.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, December 9th

Boys Freshman Basketball @ Ada – 5:00 p.m.
Boys JH Basketball @ St. Peter and Paul – 5:00 p.m.
JV Wrestling @ Liberty-Benton – 5:30 p.m.
Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Ada – 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 10th

Boys Varsity & JV Basketball @ Ada – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 11th

JH Wrestling @ Allen East Invitational – 9:00 a.m.
Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Miller City - 10:00 a.m.
Boys Varsity & JV Basketball vs. Arlington – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, December 13th

Grades 7-12 Band Concert – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 14th

Boys JH Basketball vs. Leipsic – 5:00 p.m.
Girls JH Basketball @ Leipsic (8th grade only) – 5:00 p.m.
Girls Varsity & JV Basketball vs. Kalida – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 15th

JH Wrestling vs. Liberty-Benton – 6:00 p.m.
Varsity Wrestling vs. Liberty Benton – 6:00 p.m.