



Superintendent's Report

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Enoch Jones Earns Prestigious Burlsworth Character Award

We would like to congratulate CGHS Senior Enoch Jones, who was recently named a recipient of the Burlsworth Character Award. This national award is named after Brandon Burlsworth, a former walk-on football player at the University of Arkansas, who accomplished many accolades both on and off the football field. Sadly, Brandon was killed in an auto accident shortly after his senior year of college. The Burlsworth Character Award was established in 2015 to recognize high school football players nationwide who exemplify character and sportsmanship at the highest level. We are proud to have one of our own Columbus Grove Bulldogs selected for this wonderful honor! Enoch was the epitome of leadership and character during his four-year football career at Columbus Grove. Enoch is the son of Brian and Angie Jones. Enoch's coach, Andy Schafer, nominated Enoch for this distinguished honor. Congratulations, Enoch!

Thank You Lions Club

This year, our athletic department began an instructional student leadership program called *Habitudes*. The *Habitudes* program combines images, relatable stories, and experiences into leadership lesson plans that resonate with today's young adults, equipping them to navigate through life's challenges and opportunities. Each month, our nominated groups of students meet by grade level at 6:45 a.m. to go over new lessons to apply to their lives. Part of the cost of this program is the student workbooks. This cost was originally going to be incurred by our student athletes. When the Columbus Grove Lions Club heard about this venture, they voted to pay for these workbooks for our students. We want to say thank you to our Lions Club for their generosity! We are looking forward to see the positive results this program will have on our students' leadership and character.

Holiday Music Recorded

The past Wednesday, the CGHS Chorus traveled to TV-44 to once again record for the Holiday Music Festival to air during the holidays. Their segment will air several times in December, including Christmas Eve.

JV Girls' Basketball Players Display Great Character

Recently, Coach Brian Schroeder received an email from a band booster parent at Crestview. This parent is in charge of concessions and cleaning up the gym after ballgames. See what this parent had to say of our girls' junior varsity basketball players:

Coach Schroeder, I'm one of the band parents that was working the concession stand at the girls' basketball game this evening. Part of our responsibilities includes cleaning the bleachers after the game. It's my understanding that your JV team had gathered the trash from your section of the bleachers following the game. This is the first time in the six years I've been doing this that I know of a team doing this.

This is outstanding, and I wanted to personally say thank you for this. It made an impression on my wife who shared this information with me. We shared this with the others who were working concessions this evening. I also mentioned it to our athletic director. This simple action reflects your student athletes in such a positive way and thought you should know this. Thanks Again, David Daugherty

Kudos goes to our ladies for making a positive impact on others through your responsibility and respect. A big thank you goes to our basketball coaching staff as well for instilling and fostering these positive character traits in our young people.

2018 Reverse Raffle Date Set

Make sure you mark your calendars for Saturday, March 3, as the CG Athletic Boosters will host their annual Reverse Raffle event. This event is the main fundraiser for this organization and usually raises approximately \$18K-\$20K per year. The CG Athletic Boosters have been very generous in supporting the student-athletes over the years. Look for more information regarding ticket sales at upcoming basketball games.

Holiday Canned Food Drive Update

Last week, I shared the program our National Honor Society, Student Council, and Leo Club groups created for a high school student and staff food and sock drive. Throughout last week, a collection of items for the Lord's Pantry and socks for a local charity was collected and will be donated before school break. If the students reached their goal there would be an incentive day on Wednesday, December 20.

The goal was to reach 1,500 points, as each food item would count for a point while non-food items were worth two points. The students shattered this goal by earning over 2,585 points for this collection last week! A total of 761 toiletry items, 770 food items, and 415 pairs of new socks were donated by our student body. Way to go, Bulldogs! The student body will celebrate their incentive day on Wednesday, December 20th. Many thanks again to our NHS, Student Council, and Leo Club members and advisors for coordinating such a great event during the holiday season.

CG Girls' Basketball Showcase on Sunday, December 17

If you have not come out to see our girls' basketball team in action yet this year, consider attending the Fourth Annual Columbus Grove Girls' Basketball Showcase! Coach Brian Schroeder has coordinated this event which will take place on Sunday, December 17th. Below is the schedule for this showcase:

2:00-2:30	5 th & 6 th Grades
2:45-3:15	7 th & 8 th Grades
3:30-4:00	Alumni Game vs. JV & Varsity

Former players who would like to play on the alumni team should contact Brian Schroeder @ 419-202-0016 or bschroeder@cg.noacsc.org. Come out before the Christmas holiday and join us for another exciting exhibition of our girls' basketball program!

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

Thursday, Dec. 14th

Girls JV & V. Basketball vs. Paulding, 6:00 p.m.
H.S. & Jr. High Wrestling (Home) vs. Liberty Benton, 6:00
Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 15th

Boys JV & V. Basketball @ Paulding, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 16th

Boys 9th Basketball vs. Wayne Trace, 10:00 a.m.
Girls JV & V. Basketball @ Elida, 1:00 p.m.
Boys JV & V. Basketball vs. Arlington, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 18th

Board of Education Meeting, 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 19th

Boys Jr. High Basketball @ Ada, 5:00 p.m.
Girls Jr. High Basketball vs. Ada, 5:00 p.m.
Girls JV & V. Basketball vs. Kalida, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 20th

H.S. & Jr. High Wrestling vs. Delphos St. John's, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 21st

Boys 9th Basketball vs. Lincolnview, 5:00 p.m.
Boys Jr. High Basketball vs. Delphos Jefferson, 5:00 p.m.
Girls JV & V. Basketball @ Lincolnview, 6:00 p.m.