



# Superintendent's Report

Submitted by Nick Verhoff

December 15, 2022

*This will be the final Superintendent Update for 2022. The next update will be in the January 5, 2023 edition of the Vidette. May you have a wonderful holiday!*

## **Early Dismissal on Wednesday, December 21 at 1:00 p.m.**

This is a reminder that we will have an early dismissal next Wednesday, December 21 at 1:00 p.m. We ask that parents of car riders please plan accordingly.

## **Date Change for December Board Meeting- moved to December 21 @ 8:00 p.m.**

The date for the December Board of Education meeting has been moved to Wednesday, December 21 at 8:00 p.m. in the library. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Verhoff's office at 659-4301.

## **Hadassah Jones Named Senior in the Spotlight!**

The Columbus Grove High School Counseling Department will be recognizing one senior each month to spotlight. The LEO Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl Team, Music Department, and Senior Class Advisers have been asked to nominate students in their organizations that have stepped up to take a leadership role at Columbus Grove High School. In addition, the students have maintained their grades while participating in their extracurricular activities. Students will be awarded a certificate, given a small gift and recognized at the Senior Academic Awards Night in May. Congratulations to Hadassah Jones for being selected for Senior in the Spotlight. Hadassah is the daughter of Brian and Angela Jones. She was nominated by Mrs. Losh, school counselor, and Mrs. Pingle, high school student council. Hadassah exemplifies the characteristics of reliability, honesty and positivity. Hadassah put together the entire music playlist for the class of 2022 Senior Signing Day. This required her to download over 50 songs, time everything out perfectly, and put this all in a music video. She was asked to complete a task and completed the task perfectly.

Additionally, she is willing to help put together bulletin boards, painting windows, cutting things out, delivering materials to classrooms, and anything else that needs to be done for the office. She is the senior class treasurer and was the homecoming dance committee chair. She has volunteered after school by helping pick out prizes for the BINGO Incentive Day, purchasing items for the Student Council Christmas basket this school year, and leading groups at Vacation Bible School. In her spare time, you will see her attending FCA meetings, managing the Bulldog Newscast, cheering on the Bulldogs at football and basketball games, dancing, and volunteering for the NHS, LEO Club, and Bless a Bulldog. Hadassah's soft skills are outstanding and these will carry-over in her future as she plans to study Management. With these positive qualities on display, the Columbus Grove High School Counseling Office is pleased to award the Senior in the Spotlight to Hadassah Jones!



## **Boys' Basketball Game at Van Buren rescheduled for 12/21**

We now have the previously postponed boys' basketball game at Van Buren rescheduled for Wednesday, December 21. The freshman boys' game will begin at 4 p.m., with the junior varsity and varsity games to follow.

### **CG Schools Experiencing High Absenteeism Rate**

This past Monday morning, we had 78 students on the absent list, Tuesday was 79, and other county schools are same attendance/illness rates as well. It looks like our area is getting sick with a lot of different germs right now, as we are seeing cold, flu, ear infections, and strep throat to name just a few common ailments of our students. Parents, thanks for your help in stressing handwashing, hand sanitizer, etc. Students can also increase their chances to stay healthy by sleeping well, eating well and drinking plenty of water. However, if your child is sick, please keep them home from school until they are no longer contagious. Thanks for your efforts in keeping our schools safe!

### **Career Exploration at CG Schools**

CGHS hosted its annual Job Shadow day last Friday. All juniors attended job shadows across the state of Ohio. This year we had many unique careers toured such as engineering, publishing, cardiac nursing, marketing and public relations, accounting and teaching, to name just a few. The guidance office and Mrs. Birnesser, junior Government teacher, helps the juniors coordinate their job shadows because they feel it is important to talk to adults about career opportunities and to work on how to present themselves in the workplace. At the conclusion of the job shadow, students are taught how to send a follow-up thank you letter. Many thanks to School Counselor Mrs. Losh and Mrs. Birnesser for setting up these valuable career readiness opportunities for our students!

### **Bulldogs Celebrating Countdown of School before Christmas Break**

This past Monday marked the countdown towards 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 Bruce and Mindy Losh for sprucing up the days before the break!

- **Monday, December 12-** Run Run Rudolph: Wear your favorite Christmas sweats
- **Tuesday, December 13-** You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch: Wear all green and red
- **Wednesday, December 14-** Holiday Glow Up: Wear all the sparkles, shiny, sequins, garland, bells, and more!
- **Thursday, December 15-** Holiday Hair/Crazy Socks: Wear your favorite holiday hat, headband, antlers and Christmas socks
- **Friday, December 16-** Favorite Flannel Day: Wear your favorite flannel shirt
- **Monday, December 19-** Dream of a White Christmas: Wear your favorite Christmas pajamas
- **Tuesday, December 20-** Christmas Character: Elf, Santa, Reindeer, Grinch, Frosty, etc.
- **Wednesday, December 21-** Wear your ugly Christmas sweater! (1:00 p.m. early dismissal)

### **Bulldog Bites:**

The Columbus Grove Football Team held its end of season banquet this past Sunday. CG Football statistician Ned Stechschulte updated his *History of Football: Columbus Grove High School* book for the banquet to include this year's stats. Here are a couple impressive statistics for our fans:

- Earlier this season, Tadd Koch set the record for most career tackles. Tadd ended his career with 433 tackles. The second most career tackles in CG Football history is Andrew Nichols with 317.
- The Bulldogs now have an all-time record of 104-34 at Clymer Stadium.
- Sophomore Trenton Barraza rushed for 1,692 yards this season, which is the third highest single season rushing total in school history. Blaine Maag holds the single season record with 2,703 yards in 2003 and Jeremy Harnishfeger is second with 1,991 yards in 2006.
- Coach Andy Schafer now has a 13-5 playoff record, tying Jerry Cooper (13-4) for first in all-time playoff coaching wins at CG.

Congratulations, Bulldogs, on another outstanding football season!

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

Boys Freshman Basketball @ Crestview – 5:00 p.m.

Girls JH Basketball vs. Miller City – 5:00 p.m.

Girls JV & Varsity Basketball – 6:00 p.m.

### **Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

JV Wrestling @ Liberty Benton Invite – 9:00 a.m.

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

### **Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Miller City – 5:00 p.m.

Band Concert grades 6-12 – 7:00 p.m.

### **Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

Girls JV & Varsity Basketball vs. Elida – 6:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

Early Dismissal – 1:00 p.m. for Christmas Break

JH Wrestling @ Delphos St. Johns – 1:00 p.m.

Varsity Wrestling @ Delphos St. Johns – 1:00 p.m.

Boys Freshman Basketball @ Van Buren – 4:00 p.m.

Boys JV & Varsity Basketball @ Van Buren – 5:00 p.m.