



# Superintendent's Report

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## Kudos to CG First Grader Sarah Hough

One morning last week, I ran into a CG high school student outside the school building who was looking for money she had lost while walking to school. In fact, this young lady lost \$60. After looking far and wide for this money, and having no luck, she returned to the office to sign back in to school. Unbeknownst to her, first grader Sarah Hough found this \$60 on the ground while walking to school that morning and promptly turned it in to the office. You should have seen the relief and joy in this high school student's eyes when the money was returned to her! This high school student went down to Sarah's classroom and personally thanked her for her honesty and integrity in returning the money to the office. Well done, Sarah! Sarah is the daughter of Jennifer Hough.

## CGHS Students Named to All-County Band and Choir

Last Saturday, tryouts were held for the Putnam County Honors Band and Chorus. Congratulations to Evan Messer and Zac Roberts for making the Putnam County Honors Band!

Congratulations to the following Chorus students who were accepted into the 2018 Putnam County Honors Chorus: Peyton Brubaker, Grace Cassidy, Jenna Hardeman, Kylie Muter, Addi Schafer, Katie Schroeder, Autumn Thompson, Jordan Bellman, Ross Renner, Clayton Sharrits, Gabe Verhoff, Trinity Kopenhaver, Madison Langhals, Paige Langhals, Angie Lugibill, Ivy Parker, Emily Ridinger, Emily Schumacher, Zoe Stechschulte, Felix Franklin, Thomas Otto, and Zach Watkins. These students will rehearse and perform at the All-County Arts Festival on Sunday, March 11 at Fort Jennings High School.

## Holiday Concerts Scheduled at CG

Last evening, the junior high choir, show choir, and high school chorus groups kicked off the holiday concert season with a wonderful performance. Next Wednesday, Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Mr. Matt Blymyer will lead our respective bands in their holiday concert. Be sure join us for this very enjoyable performance full of lively holiday music and songs!

## Holiday Canned Food Drive Kicks Off

This year, our National Honor Society, Student Council, and Leo Club groups have collaborated to create a high school student and staff food and sock drive. Throughout this week, a collection of items for the Lord's Pantry and socks for a local charity will be collected and donated before school break. If the students reach their goal, there will be an incentive day on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

The goal is to reach 1,500 points. Each food item is worth one point and non-food items are worth two points. These non-food items include toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, Q-tips, paper plates, bar and dish soap, laundry soap, tissues, fabric softener, paper towels, napkins, and baby wipes. In addition to earning these 1,500 points, students and staff are tasked with donating 250 pairs of new socks as well. This is part of our "Put Yourself in their Shoes" campaign that you will see in the building. Kudos goes to our NHS, Student Council, and Leo Club members 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 17<sup>th</sup>. Below is the schedule for this showcase:

2:00-2:30	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grades
2:45-3:15	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bschroeder@cg.noacsc.org). Come out before the Christmas holiday and join us for another exciting exhibition of our girls' basketball program!

### **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.

### **Bless a Bulldog Program Taking Donations**

Looking to give to a charity this holiday season? The Bless a Bulldog Program is taking monetary donations to continue to fund its worthwhile program. This program provides meals on the weekends for our needy students. Thank you so much for your generosity in providing help for these students. The cost to sponsor a child is \$14 per month, \$31.50 per quarter, or \$126 for a year. Please consider contributing to this very worthy project. If you would like to donate to the Bless a Bulldog campaign, checks can be made out to Columbus Grove PIE, with "Bless a Bulldog" written in the memo line. Drop off your check at the school office or send your check to the school at 201 West Cross St. Please direct your mail to our elementary secretary, Mrs. Deb Barto. Thank you for your support of this project!

### **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 Grove 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. 7<sup>th</sup>**

Boys Jr. High Basketball @ Continental, 5:00 p.m.  
Girls Jr. High Basketball vs. Fort Jennings, 5:00 p.m.  
Boys 9<sup>th</sup> Basketball vs. Crestview, 5:00 p.m.  
Girls JV & V. Basketball @ Crestview, 6:00 p.m.

#### **Friday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

#### **Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>**

H.S. Wrestling @ Arcadia, 9:00 a.m.  
Jr. High Wrestling @ Allen East, 10:00 a.m.  
Boys JV & V. Basketball @ Bath, 6:00 p.m.

#### **Monday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>**

Grade 2 Swim Lessons @ YMCA  
Boys 9<sup>th</sup> Basketball @ Paulding, 5:00 p.m.  
H.S. & Jr. High Wrestling (Home) 5:00 p.m.

#### **Tuesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>**

Boys 9<sup>th</sup> Basketball @ Liberty Benton, 5:00 p.m.  
Boys Jr. High Basketball vs. Allen East, 5:00 p.m.  
Girls JV & V. Basketball vs. Patrick Henry, 6:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**

Holiday Band Concert, 7:00 p.m.

#### **Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**

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.