



# Superintendent's Report

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## Junior-Senior Prom this Saturday

The Junior/Senior Prom, "Midnight in Manhattan," will be held this Saturday in the elementary gym. Prom attendees may arrive between 7:00-7:30 p.m. with the catered meal by Lock Sixteen being served at 7:30 p.m. Dancing until 10:30 p.m. will follow the meal. Music will be provided by FoxTunes, the same DJ for last year's prom.

Post Prom activities will again be held in the high school gym from 11:30 p.m. until 2:30 a.m. Various activities are planned such as a Human Hungry, Hungry, Hippo game, obstacle course, scavenger hunt, dodge ball, casino games, corn hole, ping pong, and a photo booth. Post prom prizes will be drawn at the end of the night for all those in attendance. Kudos goes to our junior class parents for their work in creating a fun Post Prom experience for the kids. Many thanks go to our local businesses and community members for their generous donations of prizes and money. The Junior class greatly appreciates your generosity!

The elementary gym will be open this Saturday, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. for anyone wishing to take pictures and view this year's prom decorations. Thank you Junior Class Advisor Vicki Hermiller for all your efforts in creating this special night for our Juniors and Seniors!

## Sophomores Attend Elevate Careers and Connections

Recently, our sophomores attended the Elevate Careers and Connections event held at the Putnam County YMCA. Many local business professionals were present to interact with the students and explain their professions and job requirements. Students were asked to dress business casual as it was stressed that first impressions are important. They were given the opportunity to meet with potential employers in fields of their interests and learn more about training opportunities and what these businesses offer. During these sessions, they were encouraged to take notes, practice communication skills, ask questions, maintain eye contact, and speak clearly to perfect their interpersonal skills, professional conversations, and correct addressing of business professionals. Students also received resume and interviewing advice along with a list of questions for parents, teachers, and students to talk about when considering occupations.

According to Amy Sealts, Putnam County Community Improvement Corporation Director, "One of the things we are hearing from employers in Putnam County is they need ways to show students the culture of their businesses." The Elevate event provided a very educational and beneficial opportunity to bring students and potential employers together. Thanks to our guidance counselors Mrs. Bruce and Mrs. Losh for presenting this valuable opportunity to our sophomores!

## Middle School Career Explorations Course for 2018-19

As we head into the final weeks for this school year, we are already planning for next school year. One new change we are introducing for next school year is a one-semester Career Explorations course for all eighth graders. We have worked with the Ohio Department of Education and Apollo Career Center to add this course to our repertoire of career tech courses at CG. Mr. Andy Schafer, who teaches all High School of Business and Computer Applications courses, will teach this semester course to all eighth graders beginning next fall.

This course will cover a number of very important topics for today's adolescent student, including financial literacy, the importance of soft skills, and high demand career fields in Ohio. The district has been teaching financial literacy to all ninth graders for a number of years, but the Ohio Department of Education has allowed the district to move this course to eighth grade and integrate it with these other career-based competencies. Employers look for both strong hard skills (job-specific skills/knowledge one needs to perform a job) and soft skills, which are defined as interpersonal/people skills. These soft skills are more difficult to evaluate, but employers have shared the importance of these soft skills, as well as a lack of these skills in today's beginning workforce. Soft skills include listening skills, communication skills, and empathy, among others.

Next year's eighth graders will learn the importance of communication, creative thinking, work ethic, teamwork, decision-making, time management, motivation, flexibility, and conflict resolution as part of their education in becoming better suited for the workforce, no matter what field they choose to enter.

In addition to these soft skills, students will be exposed to a number of the most in-demand career fields in the current workforce. Our goal is to educate our students to not only be prepared for post-secondary college and career options, but to also maximize exposure to the numerous career fields that exist in today's economy so students can make a well-educated decision regarding their career path after high school graduation.

We are excited to expand this course offering to our eighth grade students next year as we work to better prepare them for the job market. School counselors Mindy Losh and Brenda Bruce have done an outstanding job this year bolstering our college and career-readiness initiative with students through various activities such as the quarterly career chats and A-Z college and career readiness bulletin boards. We feel this course will be another step in helping our students become more prepared and informed of the job market and post-secondary schooling environment they will enter in just a few years.

## Internships Available at Local Businesses

Along the lines of college and career-readiness, our students have excellent potential opportunities to combine both work and post-secondary schooling. One of these opportunities is from area employer Whirlpool. Whirlpool is excited to be offering a Work Earn Learn internship position in partnership with Rhodes State College. This is an opportunity for a student enrolled in a two-year technical degree to work in their plant while going to school. The student will make \$20.41/hr. in addition to a scholarship. For more details, please visit [www.RhodesState.edu/WEL](http://www.RhodesState.edu/WEL) and let Adriane (cell: (217)255-3122), know if you have questions. Whirlpool will be making their initial selections towards the middle of April to ensure the student is ready to start the program this summer.

A similar opportunity is being offered by PRO-TEC Coating Company. PRO-TEC is seeking candidates for their New Technical Education Scholarship & Manufacturing Internship at their state-of-the-art facility. They believe in manufacturing careers and are committed to providing students with the skills and education needed to be successful in the manufacturing industry. They are looking for students who have a good mechanical aptitude and are interested in manufacturing processes. The skills a person will learn will help prepare for future employment: teamwork, mechanical skills, safety, problem solving, customer specifications, working with tools and equipment, and learning quality systems. This Program includes a part time internship in the manufacturing environment as a Packager as well as focused training in several areas of manufacturing, for a full understanding of the manufacturing process. The Scholarship will pay a portion of your college credits each semester. Interested applicants should send their resume to PRO-TEC Coating Company, 5500 PRO-TEC Parkway, Leipsic, OH 45856 or submit online at [www.proteccoating.com](http://www.proteccoating.com). Click on Contact, Employment Info, [info@proteccoating.com](mailto:info@proteccoating.com). Applicants must have a high school diploma (or obtaining one in May), plan to attend a 2- year college, be at least 18 years of age with a valid driver's license at the time of employment, be willing to work two weekends per month, and perform physically active job tasks safely.

### Did You Know:

Congratulations to the junior high and high school students along with our spring sports athletes who achieved the Honor Roll for the third quarter!

Grade 5	45%
Grade 6	39%
Grade 7	48%
Grade 8	54%
Grade 9	59%
Grade 10	62%
Grade 11	58%
Grade 12	72%
Boys HS Baseball	68%
Girls HS Softball	64%
Boys Jr. High Baseball	57%
Girls' Jr. High Softball	92%
Boys HS Track	58%
Girls HS Track	86%
Boys Jr. High Track	30%
Girls' Jr. High Track	81%

## Kindergarten Screening Scheduled

Screening of Kindergarten students for the 2018-2019 school year will take place on April 16th and 17th in the elementary gym. Next year's Kindergarteners should have received a letter in the mail with a date and time to attend. The 45-minute screening will also include a vision and hearing test. Registration forms will be available for parents to complete during the screening process. Please bring the child's birth certificate, immunization record, and social security card. If you have any questions, contact the elementary office at 419-659-2631.

## Girls' Basketball Salt Fundraiser Underway

The Columbus Grove Girls' Basketball Team is having its fifth Annual Water Softener Salt Fundraiser and will be accepting orders through Friday, May 4th. We are selling yellow 40 lb. bags of salt for \$6.00 and green (w/iron out) 40 lb. bags of salt for \$7.00 (minimum order of 5 bags). This price will include delivery to your home and placed in your designated area. Orders must be turned in by Friday, May 4th along with your payment for the full amount of your order. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Brian Schroeder at 419-202-0016 or [cg\\_bs Schroeder@cg.noacsc.org](mailto:cg_bs Schroeder@cg.noacsc.org). Thanks for your support!

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

V. Baseball @ Crestview, 5:00 p.m.  
V. Softball @ Crestview, 5:00 p.m.  
Jr. High Baseball @ Perry, 5:00 p.m.

### Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

H.S. Track @ Spencerville, 4:00 p.m.  
V. Softball vs. Patrick Henry, 5:00 p.m.  
JV Softball @ Patrick Henry, 5:00 p.m.

### Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

Prom, Doors open @ 7:00 p.m.  
Post Prom 11:30-2:30 a.m.

### Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Jr. High Track @ Perry, 4:30 p.m.  
V. Baseball vs. Paulding, 5:00 p.m.  
V. Softball vs. Paulding, 5:00 p.m.  
Jr. High Baseball @ Lincolnview, 5:00p.m.

### Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

V. Baseball vs. Pandora, 5:00 p.m.  
V. Softball vs. Miller City, 5:00 p.m.  
Jr. High Softball @ Bath, 5:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

V. Baseball vs. Miller City, 5:00 p.m.  
Jr. High Baseball @ Ottawa, 5:00 p.m.  
JV Softball @ Elida, 5:00 p.m.

### Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Jr. High Track @ Liberty Benton, 4:30 p.m.  
V. Baseball @ Lincolnview, 5:00 p.m.  
V. Softball @ Lincolnview, 5:00 p.m.  
JV Baseball vs. Bath, 5:00 p.m.  
JV Softball vs. North Baltimore, 5:00 p.m.  
Jr. High Baseball @ Shawnee, 5:00 p.m.  
Jr. High Softball @ Shawnee, 5:00 p.m.  
Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7:30 p.m.