



Superintendent's Report

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CG Wrestlers Have Fine Showing at NWC Meet

After coming within a point of winning its first ever NWC Wrestling Championship last year, Coach Siefker's CGHS Wrestling team had a fine showing at Bluffton last Friday evening, finishing 3rd overall in this year's NWC Wrestling Meet. Placing for the Bulldogs this year were Grant Eversole (132 lbs.)- 5th Place, Zane Stechschulte (138 lbs.)- 5th Place, Kyle Lathrop (175 lbs.)- 5th Place, Levi Schroeder (113 lbs.) - 4th Place, Evan Pitts (126 lbs.)- 4th Place, Layton Blankemeyer (165 lbs.)- 4th Place, Loudon Auchmuty (165 lbs.)- 4th Place, Wyatt Watt (144 lbs.)- 3rd Place, Jacob Lyons (190 lbs.)- 3rd Place, and A.J. Schafer (215 lbs.)- 2nd Place. The Bulldogs had two NWC Champions, Boat Thompson (120 lbs.) and Landon Schroeder (157 lbs.) Congratulations to these wrestlers for both their individual and team accomplishments!

The Golden Age of Columbus Grove High School Basketball?

The last few years have been quite impressive in terms of wins for both the boys' and girls' basketball teams. Regarding the girls' program, over the last four years, the Lady Bulldogs have racked up 74 wins (and counting), three PCL and two NWC titles. This year also marks the seventh consecutive year in which the Lady Bulldogs have won either the NWC or PCL title, having won both titles in 2016, 2017, and 2020. Along with that, the girls have won seven consecutive sectional titles, another school record. Coach Schroeder possesses the school record for most girls' basketball wins by a coach at 165.

Over the last four years, the boys' Bulldog basketball squads have won 85 games (and counting), which is a school record for most wins in a four-year span. The Bulldogs will strive for their fifth consecutive sectional title tomorrow night, and hopefully earn its fourth consecutive district title the following weekend, both of which would be school records.

The Bulldogs have won two PCL and two NWC titles over the past four years as well. Earlier this season, Coach Sautter passed the 100-win mark at CG and stands at 105 wins as the Head Coach of the CG Bulldogs. This puts him just one win behind Collins Stackhouse (106) for second place all-time and 22 victories behind Jerry Stechschulte (127) as the all-time winningest boys' basketball coach in CG history.

We have been very fortunate to have some talented athletes come through our doors over the last few years. That, along with excellent coaching development in the lower grades, has made our basketball programs the envy of both conferences. We are thankful for Coaches Schroeder and Sautter for their dedication to their respective programs, as it has provided unprecedented success for our school district! We wish the Lady Bulldogs the best of luck as they face Kalida tonight in the district semi-final. Good luck to the boys' team who will challenge the winner of the Lincolnview/Delphos St. John's game tomorrow night in the sectional final at Van Wert. Go Bulldogs!

44th Annual BBO Coming Up!

Registration for the 44th Annual BBO is now open! The race will be held on Saturday, March 12 at 2:00pm. Pre-registration closes on March 8.

Registration on the day of the race starts at noon. The entry fee is \$25 with a shirt, and \$15 with no shirt. Door prizes and awards will follow the race. All competitors will receive a free bowl of Hobo Stew and Gatorade. Come out and join the race or cheer on the runners. All proceeds will go to the CGHS Cross Country program. More information and the registration form can be found at <https://bit.ly/BBO2022>.

Online ACT Preparation Course FREE to Junior Students!

Columbus Grove Local Schools is utilizing part of its federal funding that addresses learning loss to allow juniors the opportunity to take the official ACT self-paced online course. This will allow our juniors additional support in preparing for the ACT, which they will take in March at CGHS. Others will likely take the ACT again during the summer months.

This self-paced course can be found at www.act.org. This course contains 30 short, self-paced video lessons, access to over 2,000 ACT test questions and answers, five full-length practice tests, and the ability to track progress with a built-in course syllabus. Additionally, students will have six months of access to this self-paced course.

The cost of this course is \$99, but the district **will fully reimburse each student** who signs up for this course. Students simply need to provide proof of payment to the guidance office for reimbursement. If you have any questions regarding this opportunity for our students, please contact Mr. Verhoff at 419-659-4301.

Parent Seminar Series Tonight at the Putnam County ESC

The Putnam County ESC will host a parent seminar tonight to discuss using technology in the home to support children with disabilities. You can attend in person or virtual, but all participants must RSVP at <https://forms.gle/MzEuK6Qck4CwWsr97>. Participants will learn strategies for incorporating technology into routines and activities at home and learn about apps to utilize in the home environment. For more information, please go to the district website at cg.noacsc.org and click on the link for the flyer for this seminar.

Update on School Delays and Closings

Columbus Grove Schools used another calamity day last week due to the winter storm. We now have used three calamity days for the 2021-2022 school year (3-hour delay days occurred on 10/5 and 11/10). If we were to reach a sixth calamity day or beyond, we will make these days virtual school days for instruction, with students completing their instruction and assignments online. One of the biggest benefits of using this approach is that it will eliminate school days being added to the end of the school year, during a time when families have vacations already planned. Hopefully, we will not get to a sixth calamity day or beyond this school year, but we wanted to make you aware of this in the event it occurs.

Thank You, School Maintenance Staff & CG Village Workers!

As we accumulate the calamity days this month, we want to express our many thanks to our maintenance crew Dale Schroeder, Greg Griffith, and Mike Morman for the times they have worked at all hours to plow the parking lots and clear off all the sidewalks to help keep everyone safe.

We also want to thank the Columbus Grove village employees for helping remove a number of the large snow piles from the school campus to enable more parking for our students, staff, parents, and visitors. We also appreciate the town's help in clearing the various public sidewalks, making it easier for our walkers to get to and from school!

Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 24th

Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Kalida (District Tournament @ Van Wert HS – 5:30 p.m.

Friday, February 25th

Boys Varsity Basketball vs. TBA (Sectional Tournament) @ Bluffton University – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 26th

Varsity Wrestling – Sectional Tournament @ LCC