



Superintendent's Report

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HSB Class Releases CG Schools/Community Promotional Video

As part of a project for Mr. Schafer's High School of Business Class, the junior HSB class produced a promotional video for Columbus Grove Schools and the community of Columbus Grove. Students were developing skills to create an informative marketing video in an attempt to reestablish the "Bulldog News" (a news specific program created by the Class of 2017) as a potential business in the 2022/2023 school year. Please check this out on the district website or go to <https://drive.google.com/file/d/13QvOK-3Y0ssyl6hDjXnT8hjytkDFZs/view?usp=sharing> to check out this four-minute video. Students responsible for putting this video together include Logan Bryan, Sage Clement, Brynn Fortman, Shep Halker, Hadassah Jones, Ellie Keehn, Tadd Koch, Gwen Langhals, Kevin Langhals, Ainsley McCluer, Andrew Morman, Isaac Ricker, AJ Schafer, Hanna Schroeder, Levi Schroeder, Chadd Martin, and Ethan Williams. Great work, students!

Putnam County Arts Festival Held

The ninth annual Putnam County Arts Festival took place at Miller City New Cleveland High School on March 6. This festival was a celebration of both visual and performing arts from students throughout Putnam County. Columbus Grove students in grades 6-12 had artwork on display at the festival. The All County Choir and Band put on an excellent show to a large crowd in the high school gym as well.

CGHS students performing in the All County Choir were Ella Escamilla, Mackenzie Langhals, Daisy Stechschulte, Adam Maenle, Roy Langhals, Tayden Pingle, William Pohl, Jameson Rader, Faith Anderson, Morgan Page, Hannah Schaffer, and Hailey Vogt. Special congratulations goes to Mackenzie Langhals, who received an award for being a four-year member to the All County Choir.

Representing Columbus Grove in the All County Band were Hannah Schroeder, Cade Mason, James Rosengarten, Erin Lugibill, and Levi Schroeder. Both the band and choir put on an excellent performance!

A special thank you goes out to our art and music teachers, Maegan Reese, Sarah Ricker, Kristen Verhoff, Sam Black, and Matt Blymyer for all your efforts in organizing this event for our students!

CGHS Spring Musical this Weekend

Columbus Grove High School's 55th annual musical, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, is scheduled for this Friday, March 18 and Saturday, March 19. The high school's first musical took place in 1967 and was Finian's Rainbow. Unbelievably, this will be the eleventh spring musical in the "new" elementary and the first time the Music Department will present *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. Leads in this year's musical are Mackenzie Langhals, Tayden Pingle, Hailey Vogt, Will Pohl, Roy Langhals, Hannah Schroeder, Ella Escamilla, Levi Schroeder, and Adam Maenle. There are tickets still available at the high school office for \$10. We hope you can come out and see our talented students perform!

Quiz Bowl Champs Again!

The Varsity Quiz Bowl Team finished their season with a 12-3-1 record and claimed the PCL Championship! The top four scorers on the team were Josh Buescher, Reed Schumacher, Roy Langhals, and Cade Mason. The JV Quiz Bowl team finished the regular season by placing 2nd in the county. They had eight wins, four losses, and two ties. High Scorers on the team were Levi Schroeder, Hannah Schroeder, and Hunter Rode. Congratulations, CG Quiz Bowl!

Reverse Raffle Coming Up!

On Saturday, March 26, the Columbus Grove Athletic Boosters will host their annual Reverse Raffle at the American Legion. The event is sold out for the tickets going into the \$5,000 cash drawing, but if you would still like to attend, meal tickets may be purchased at the high school office. Additionally, tickets for the gas and gun raffle tickets can be purchased at local businesses around town. Many thanks to the area businesses who have donated to this annual fundraiser, which is the Athletic Boosters' biggest source of revenue annually. Many thanks go this year's officers, Matt McCauley (President), Melissa Basinger (Vice President), Leslie Schumacher (Secretary), and Amy Young (Treasurer). We thank these individuals for their service and thank our community for your continued support of the CG Athletic Boosters!

Basketball Seasons Wrap Up

Two weeks ago, both basketball squads bowed out of tournament action, as the Lady Bulldogs fell in a hard-fought battle with Toledo Christian in the regional semi-final. Congratulations to Coach Schroeder and his team for another outstanding season. Special thanks to seniors Koryn Halker, Kenzie King, Savannah Ridenour, and Shay Schroeder for their contributions over the last four years. As mentioned in a previous update, the last four years of Lady Bulldog basketball have been filled with many accomplishments, and these four young ladies had a lot to do with these accolades!

The boys' basketball team fell to Ottoville in the district final at the Elida Fieldhouse. This season marked four consecutive years of making it to at least the district final, which is a school record. The senior boys conclude their careers with more wins in a four-year span than any other time in school history. Thank you, seniors Braylon Baxter, Braden Bellman, Noah Macke, Trey Sautter, Jacksen Schroeder, and Caleb Stechschulte for your efforts over the last four years! Many thanks to Head Coach Chris Sautter and his staff for their efforts this season as well.

Wrestler A.J. Schafer Competes at State

Junior A.J. Schafer finished runner-up two weekends ago at the district wrestling tournament, earning a trip to the state meet at the Schottenstein Center last weekend.

This was A.J.'s first trip to state in wrestling, and marked quite a successful three-sport run over the last calendar year. Last spring, A.J. earned a trip to state in track and field by qualifying in the shot put, and this past fall he earned 1st Team All-State honors in football. While A.J. did not place at last week's state meet, he has had a very impressive ascent in the sport, as he did not begin his first full season in wrestling until his freshman year of high school. Congratulations also go to our other wrestlers who earned wins at the district meet, Landen Schroeder, Kyle Lathrop, and Boat Thompson.

March Board Meeting Date Changed

The monthly Board meeting originally scheduled for Monday, March 21 has changed to Wednesday, March 23 at 8:00 p.m. in the high school library. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Verhoff at 419-659-4301.

Dismissal Time Change for 5th and 6th Grade Students

The dismissal time for fifth and sixth graders will now be the same as the 7th – 12th grades, which is 2:55 p.m. Due to their location in the building, these students have enough time to make it to the buses for 3:00 p.m. bus dismissal. This slight adjustment in dismissal time for these two grades will have minimal impact on the overall end-of-day dismissal procedures on campus. If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact Mr. Verhoff at 419-659-4301.

Putnam County ESC Hosting Resource Fair for Parents

The Putnam County Educational Service Center is hosting a Resource Fair on Tuesday, March 29, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. The purpose of this fair is to help families be connected to the many programs and services in the Putnam County area to help meet the needs of families. There will be additional emphasis regarding summer supports and activities. For questions regarding this event, please contact Karen Maag at 419-523-5951 (x3015) or Karen.maag@putnamcountyeac.org.

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 Schools, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 659-2639 for further information.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, March 17th

End of 3rd quarter

Friday, March 18th

No school Quarter Break

High School Musical – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 19th

High School Musical – 7:00 p.m.