

Crooksville Exempted Village School District

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A Note from the Superintendent

Dear Ceramics,

It is hard to believe summer passed by so quickly and now we have completed the first quarter of the 2016-2017 school year. The beginning of the school year is extremely important because it is when students and teachers establish routines and expectations for the rest of the year. Now that the groundwork is in place, it is very rewarding for me to enter different classrooms and see students highly engaged in educational activities. A handful of these activities and events are highlighted in this newsletter. This includes updates from each of our schools, an athletic department update, a curriculum update, and many others.

I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we dealt with the temporary power outage on a recent Friday. Losing power does not provide the ideal conditions for teaching and learning, but our students, staff, and administrators proved to be very adaptable and we were still able to have a successful school day. The power was restored by 9:30 AM.



We even were able to improvise lunch and offer grilled hot dogs, potato chips, and a cookie to our students. Once we crafted a plan for the day, I sent out a School Connects call to inform all parents school would continue as normal as possible. If you are a parent and did not receive this call, please call into the district office at 740-982-7040 to get your number added to the School Connects list. This is one of the methods I use to inform students and families about school closing information. As you may have noticed, this year these calls come from a 1-888 number instead of the dis-

trict office phone number. If you happen to miss a call from this number and call it back, you will be able to listen to all School Connects messages sent to you during the last week. If this technology were to fail or for some reason you were unable to access your phone, I still report school closings to the local media, just as we did before we had the automatic calling system.

As I am entering my third year at Crooksville, I continue to be impressed with the amount of community support. Our Open House at the beginning of the year was packed as usual and I have seen many of you at the various sporting events this fall. I encourage you to attend one of our upcoming events. We all must work together to provide the best education possible for our students.

Your partner in education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew L. Sheridan".

Matt Sheridan

Curriculum News

Graduating students at Crooksville High School are completing as many as 30 semester hours of college credit to carry onto college campuses of their choice!

Our effort in the area of college credit completion while in high school began six years ago when Crooksville Schools received an innovative grant, entitled ROCHS or Rural Ohio College High School. These grant dollars were part of the Race to the Top grants and were expended in our district to establish partnerships with area colleges and universities in an effort to gain college credit hours for students while enrolled in high school. At Crooksville, great efforts were made and opportunities were se-

cured to offer college credit on our small rural campus.

Fast forward to the current school year and Crooksville Exempted Village Schools now offers more college courses on its campus than ever before! We maintain a strong relationship with three institutions of higher education; Zane State College, Rhodes State College, and Stark State College, respectively. Crooksville Schools has numerous credentialed teachers who have taken additional coursework, funded via additional grant dollars, to offer college courses on our local campus.

Many times we are asked if the ROCHS program is still viable at Crooksville Schools. ROCHS laid the groundwork in the state of Ohio for a new requirement for school districts entitled, College Credit Plus, which now requires schools across the state to offer college credit to eligible students while still in high school. We no longer refer to our program as "ROCHS," however our acceleration program and college credit plus offerings are at a higher level than ever before at Crooksville Exempted Village Schools!

We are extremely proud of our staff and students regarding their efforts surrounding college credit plus and have heard many positive sentiments from our graduating alumni who have went on to college, some with enough credits to be entering sophomores due to credits earned on our campus. Our alumni have mentioned with some college credits under their belts they have felt a springboard or preparedness to find success with their personal college pathways!

We are celebrating our successes with this program, while always striving for excellence for each and every student in our district. If you have questions regarding college credit plus, acceleration or any academic programming, please feel free to contact **Alea Barker, Director of Curriculum & Instruction @ 740-982-7010 ext.2325**

Crooksville High School

Principal, Kevin Smith

Homecoming at CHS

Congratulations to the 2016 Crooksville High School Homecoming attendants. The freshman attendant was Reagan Embrey, the sophomore attendant was Arden Gillette and the junior attendant was Jade Printz. The three senior attendants were Lindsay Baughman, Lacie Ebert, and Brandi Schooley. The 2016 Crooksville High School Homecoming Queen is Lindsay Baughman.



National Honor Society Helps Habitat for Humanity

Mr. LaBatte, our National Honor Society Advisor and his students have volunteered to help complete a new home in Crooksville. Community service is an important aspect of this membership and these individuals have made a lasting impact to our community. These members have



learned the valuable lesson of giving back and have produced great relationships with our community.

The NHS chapter hosted another successful Red Cross Blood Drive and plans a “Homeless Awareness Week” with the Perry County Community Foundation Homeless Com-

mittee.

The National Honor Society members would like to invite you to the Crooksville Haunted Trail on Saturday, October 29 located near the school track. Times 7 pm—11 pm Cost \$5.00, concession stand will be available.

Art in the Community

Our art teacher, Mrs. Miller and her students have been busy this year helping with numerous projects. They have painted at Village Park, revamped cooler carriers for volleyball and basketball as well as take part in “paint the plow” project for the Ohio Department of Transportation.



CHS Clubs Back Again

Last year clubs were implemented to provide students with the opportunity to be involved in a group that was of their interest. These activities were very popular and with the help of our teachers serving as advisors are continuing this year. Examples of these clubs include; card, gaming, technology, cooking, fitness, leadership, career exploration, college exploration, Spanish and film. Students have the opportunity to attend these activities every two weeks.

Teacher Feature

Mr. Paul Sullivan is in his second year at CHS as a social studies teacher and member of the football coaching staff. He grew up outside of Lancaster in Carroll, Ohio and is a graduate of Bishop Hartley High School. He attended the University of Mount Union where he earned a Bachelor’s Degree in History with a minor in Education. He accredits his career decision to a teacher in his junior year of high school encouraging him to pursue history education as a major.



Prior to joining the teaching staff at CHS, Mr. Sullivan spent some time as a substitute teacher then worked a year at Warren Local. When asked about his time here he commented that he loves the technology available to help him teach. He also loves the small class atmosphere at the high school and feels there is a great sense of community here not like other school districts where he has worked.

Big C Sports

Cross Country runners are setting some personal records this season led by Dustin O’Neal and Colton Bolyard. Dustin won the boys race at our Crooksville Fall Classic. Kameron Hunter won the junior high boys race. The high school squad is led by Paige Beish, Savan-

nah Moorehead, and Anessa Trussell. Savannah was second in the girls Crooksville Fall Classic.

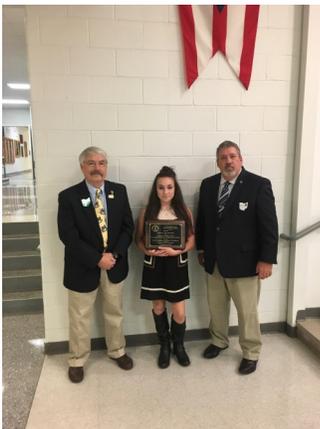
Golf—Sophomore, Brock White again made it out of sectionals with a score of 82 but did not qualify in district. Teammates are freshmen, Curtis Crowder and Jarhett Arnold and juniors, Tyler Norris and Daralyn Ater.

Volleyball currently is 8-8 overall and 5-7 in the MVL. Led by junior, Carson Miller and senior, Lauren Rambo. They miss middle hitter senior, Lacie Ebert out with a knee injury.

Football currently 1-5 led by junior, Landon Hinkle, senior, Austin Burgess, and freshman, Caden Miller. Senior Chaz Love is out with a knee injury for the season. A lot of new young faces are playing this season and should help them in the future.

K-8 Middle School

Asst. Principal, John Gardner



The 2016-2017 school year is off to a great start. Sixth grade student **Kena Hunter** (pictured above) was recently named *Outstanding Female Student of the Year* in the Southeast Region by the Ohio School Boards Association. Kena was recognized at a banquet on September 29 at Nelsonville Middle School. This award is awarded to one female student from 84 districts in the Southeast

Region of Ohio. Kena was nominated because of her high achievement in the classroom and the positive character traits she brings to our middle school. Kena holds a Christmas toy drive every year for kids in the area in lieu of receiving birthday gifts of her own. Kena's toy drive reaches hundreds of kids every year.

We have added two teachers to our fifth grade staff. Mrs. Shelia Smith and Mrs. Terri Caton are both teaching small group reading and math classes. Sixth grade students are learning to read for enjoyment. They have already read six novels this year and are continuously asking about the next reading assignment. Mrs. Adams' seventh grade science classes recently completed a physical science activity in which students adopted an element from the periodic table. Eighth graders in Mr. Pompey's social studies classes have been experiencing the legislative process by writing and passing bills similar to that of our nation's capital.

The middle school golf team placed second in the MVL this year. Team members include Tanner Collins, Owen Carney, Allison Baughman, Caden Sparks, Blake White, Riley McKenzie, Laken Taylor, Ryan Taylor, and Coach Greg McKenzie. The middle school is looking forward to more great achievements from our students and staff as the school year progresses.

K-8 Elementary School

Principal, John Toeller

The last few years children have been recognized in front of their peers for "Stepping Up To Blue." These celebrations will occur each month typically on the first Friday of the month. Parents of children being recognized will be invited to join us

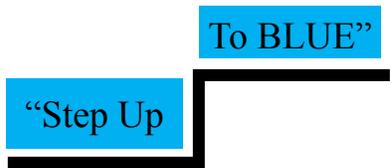
for the celebration. Students can "Step up to Blue" by going above and beyond daily expectations. They begin each day on **yellow**, and can step up to **green** then **blue** by showing great character, helping others, exceptional academic effort, etc. Students "Stepping up to Blue" in October were **Cloe Canter** and **Bauer Embrey**.

Elementary students in grades K-4 will receive Connections, a type of report card, reporting student's progress toward identified goals addressed during the reporting period. The report will use colors to identify progress toward these individual goals. The colors indicate the following: **red** – your child is having difficulty meeting the goal and will need additional instruction and practice, **orange** – your child has some understanding of the goal but is not yet working at grade level, **yellow** – your child is working at grade level, **green** – your child has met the goal and shows understanding by applying it in his/her work, **blue** – Your child has met the goal and is working above grade level.

Please pay close attention to the weather forecast as students will continue to go outside for recess. Often these recesses occur in the morning and the air can be chilly therefore your child may need a sweatshirt or jacket.



Parent – Teacher Conferences for the elementary school will take place on Thursday, October 20 from 4:00 - 7:30 and Monday, October 24 from 2:00 – 5:30 with a two hour early out. Please look for information from teachers concerning conference times.



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October 14	End of First Grading Period
October 16	Music Boosters Car Show 1 pm CHS Entry Fee \$10
October 20	Parent Teacher Conferences Grades KG-4 2:00-5:30, Grades 5-12 3:00-6:00
October 24	Parent Teacher Conference TWO HOUR EARLY OUT Grades 5-12 1:00-4:30, Grades KG-4 2:00-5:30
October 29	CHS Haunted Trail at the K8 Track 7 pm—11pm Sponsored by the NHS cost \$5.00, concession available
November 11	No School Veterans' Day
November 18	First Grade Thanksgiving Program at school
November 23	No School PT Comp Day
November 24	No School Thanksgiving Day
November 25	No School Thanksgiving Break
November 28	No School Thanksgiving Break
December 1	Holiday Music Program 7 PM HS Commons High School & Middle School Band
December 8	Elementary Music Program 7 PM HS Commons Grades 2 and 3
December 15	High School & Middle School Choir 7 PM HS Commons
December 21	End of Second Grading Period/First Semester
December 22—Jan. 2	No School Christmas Break
January 3, 2017	Return to School



Interested in becoming a Crooksville School Substitute Bus Driver? Applications may be picked up at the district office or on the website.



CHS Seniors—orders for caps and gowns need to be placed with Herff Jones no later than January 1, 2017. Packets for ordering are still available from Mrs. Desguin. Orders may be placed online at Herff Jones website:

highschool.herffjones.com

