

Crooksville Exempted Village School District

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A Note from the Superintendent

Dear Ceramics,

Every year, it seems like the first quarter of the school year flies by. Of course, this year was no different. Now that the second quarter of the year has begun, we have already set the tone for the school year and established our expectations and routines. I always enjoy visiting our classrooms to see our students and teachers highly engaged in educational activities. Some of these activities and events are highlighted in this newsletter. This includes updates from each of our schools, an athletic department update, information about new offerings at the middle school, and many others.

Over the summer, we replaced the liquid cooling system at the K-8 to make sure the building stays cool during the hottest months. Additionally, this year we have started to roll out our one to one device initiative at the high school. Every high school student picks up his or her assigned iPad® at the beginning of the day and returns it at the conclusion of the school day. Our students and teachers are excited about the additional educational opportunities these devices provide to our teaching and learning. We are working to expand this program to other grades in the future as well. Also, I would be remiss if I did not congratulate our varsity boys golf team on their outstanding season and Sectional Championship. One more item I wanted to make you aware of is the new School Messenger phone number to deliver school

and district information as well as school closing and delay information. The number is 844-875-6020. You may want to save the number in your phone's contacts so you will recognize it when we call late at night or early in the morning with a school closing or delay. One of the benefits of this number is if you miss a call, you are able to call the number back and it will replay recent messages you received from the district.

As I begin my fourth year in the district, I continue to be impressed with the amount of community pride shown by our students, staff, and community members at our school and sport events. As usual, our Open House and Meet the Team activities were well attended by the community and I have seen many of you at one of our fall athletic events. I encourage you to attend one of our upcoming events as well. 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

"Dude Be Nice"

On Thursday, September 23, 2017, Crooksville High School had a visitor which changed everyone's perspective on how they treat other people. This visitor was the featured speaker for GEAR UP week. Mrs. Kim Tatman is the Marketing and Publications Coordinator for the

Muskingum Valley Educational Services Center. Mrs. Tatman visited Crooksville doing something she had never done before; she spoke to the high school student body. Her presentation inspired many of the students and really opened students' eyes. The **Dude Be Nice** program was not a familiar program to Crooksville students.

After Mrs. Tatman's presentation, over one hundred students painted rocks in the GEAR UP Resource Room. Not only did the students enjoy painting the rocks, but they learned about the **Dude Be Nice** program and about being positive so they can educate others. Now that students and staff of Crooksville High School have learned a little more about this program, they have decided to start a club to spread kindness around not only at the school, but the community, as well. Spreading kindness will encourage others to be kind, as well.



Crooksville High School

Principal, Kevin Smith

NHS Partners with Backpack Ministries

The National Honor Society has partnered with Backpack Ministries to create care packages for some members of the community. These care packages contain a considerable amount of groceries for an entire week-end's worth of meals for some of our younger citizens. NHS designed the bags with encouraging messages and included food items that are both nutritious and delicious. This has been one of the first projects for the membership, but a lot more are certainly planned. NHS strives to make a positive impact on the community and will continue to exemplify model behavior and action featuring some of Crooksville's best youth. L-R Landon Hinkle, Carson Gussler, Jalyn Seals, Jade Printz, Carson Miller



Teacher Feature

Mr. Chad Mickey is the high school Physical Development instructor as well as our head football coach. Coach Mickey graduated from Capital University with a degree in Health and Physical Education. He also has a Master's Degree in Sports Management from Ashland University. Before coming to Crooksville he worked at Stanberry Freshman School, Rosemore Middle School, Dublin Coffman High School, and Westland High School. This is his fourth year as our head football coach and Physical Development teacher.



One of the things he enjoys about working at Crooksville is having the opportunity to take student athletes to different leadership conferences (OHSAA and MVL). When not working as a coach or teaching, Coach Mickey enjoys fishing and watching his daughter play softball.

Big C Sports

Cross Country runners set some personal records this season led by Kameron Hunter. At our Crooksville Fall Classic, Kameron Hunter placed tenth and Noah Chevalier fifteenth and in the junior high boys race Blaze Hunter finished sixth. The high school girls squad is led by All MVL runner Savannah Moorehead and Paige Beish. Savannah was third in the girls Crooksville Fall Classic.

The boys' golf team finished the season with a sectional title to their credit and finished fifth in the MVL match. Junior, Brock White



New Lounge for CCP Students

Students involved in our College Credit Plus (CCP) program have a new space in which they can work, collaborate or just relax. Students in this program are taking advantage of our partnership with different universities to offer a wide array of college courses they can take here at Crooksville, instructed by our teachers and receive college credit. These individuals have specialized schedules which

provide them with designated study and work time. These are the times the students are utilizing the new space. Students took ownership of the new lounge by designing the layout, ordering the furniture and arranging the decorations.

Student Goals

A new implementation this year is that every student has written a goal they want to accomplish during 2017-2018. All grade levels were presented a lesson explaining the importance of goal writing, and how to effectively write a measurable goal. Students see what they have written daily and will have routine checks to measure their progress towards reaching their respective goals.

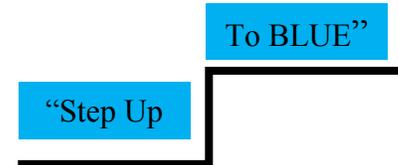


K-8 Elementary School

Principal, John Toeller

Congratulations goes to the K-8 kitchen staff as they were recognized as a Silver Award winning school by the Ohio Department of Education for their outstanding work in providing free breakfast each morning for all K-8 students

The following students are recognized for **“Stepping Up to Blue”** for the months of August and September: Briar DeGarmo and Lyla Horn. Briar, a second grader went above and beyond to help a classmate by being a good friend who needed help during a time of need. Lyla always follows direction and is a good role model for her first grade classmates.



During the upcoming months the weather will be changing and the days will be getting cooler. Please dress your children appropriately to be outside for recesses during the cooler morning hours.

The elementary school would like to take this opportunity to thank the Crooksville High School National Honor Society for providing grocery bags full of food for ten families of students in the K-8 building. What an outstanding community service project for our community.

The elementary will be taking part in a district wide initiative entitled **“Dude Be Nice”** students will be rewarded each month for excelling at designated themes such as kindness, working hard, taking risks, being humble, not giving up, and good attendance.



was a medalist for All MVL and the SE Division III Sectional with a 76 to lead the team. The team finished their season by placing third in the District led by Owen Carney’s 78.

L-R Tanner Collins, Owen Carney, Brock White, Blake White, Caden Sparks, Curtis Crowder, Coach Brian Carney

We were fortunate to field a girls’ golf team with four golfers: Daralyn Ater, Allison Baughman, Laken Taylor and Kali Coffey. Baughman led the team at Sectionals with low score. The team is coached by Greg McKenzie.

Volleyball was led by seniors, Carson Miller (First Team MVL) Karley Carpenter (Honorable Mention MVL), Jade Printz, Haylee Hamilton, Kaylene Cochran, Jaylynn Skeenes and Jena Thomas. They have been battling through a tough regular season schedule with highlights that have included sweeping Philo and Monroe Central.

Senior quarterback, Landon Hinkle, who is near the top of the league in rushing, has led the Ceramics football team. Picking up wins over Fisher Catholic, Morgan, Warren Local, and West M have provided positive momentum as they approach the end of the season. Other key players have been sophomores; WR/DB Caden Miller, WR Brady Brannon along with seniors, WR Trey White, RB/LB Gavin Rodgers. Junior, Kenny Wood and senior, Traise Claytor provide stability on the line.

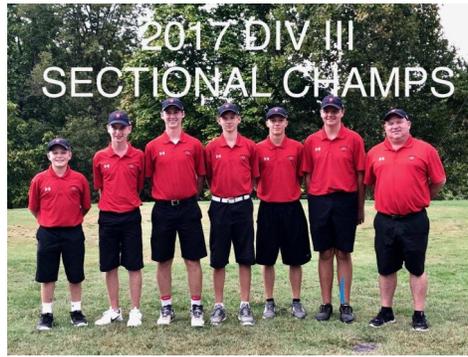
K-8 Middle School

Asst. Principal, John Gardner

The school year is off to a terrific start for the Crooksville Middle School. Our seventh and eighth graders have already had a variety of learning experiences which will prepare them for the future. Beginning this year, seventh and eighth graders have the opportunity to experience nine elective classes. Mrs. Slaughter is teaching Net Sports and Mr. Mickey is teaching Physical Fitness as a part of our physical education curriculum. Mr. Dunlap and Miss Hartmeyer are co-teaching Band and Choir and Mrs. Miller is teaching Art for another creative opportunity. Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Larissa Smith are providing tech instruction by teaching Media and Technology respectively. For the first time at the middle school we are providing foreign language instruction with Señor Hall’s Introduction to Spanish. We are also offering Career and College Readiness in the GEAR UP room at the high school.

The eighth grade has also taken three trips this year to explore pathways for the future. On September 15, the eighth grade, along with the seventh grade, made a trip to Ohio University and the traveling Vietnam Wall. On September 25, Mid East Career & Technology Center hosted our eighth graders for a trip to research the different career paths offered at the facility. The eighth grade visited Deerassic Park (Cambridge) on September 29 to learn about the outdoors and nature.

Fifth grade students will be starting their annual Scholastic Pajama Program for the holidays very soon. Scholastic donates one book for every pair of pajamas that are collected. The pajamas are donated to Iliff Methodist Church. Sixth graders are already off to another great start at becoming better readers. They have already read nine novels and many students have expressed they now LOVE reading. The only way to become a better reader is to READ!



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Thank You! The high school and middle school student councils, National Honor Society, and all of our sport teams would like to “thank” parents and the community for the support of many of our activities and fundraisers. We could not do it without you!!

2017 Homecoming Court L-R—Freshman, Darby Bolyard—Senior, Hannah Schooley—Senior, Jade Printz—Senior, Homecoming Queen Sophia Marolt—Sophomore, Grace Rosser and Junior, Laurel Frash

Mark Your Calendar

November 14	Mystery Dinner Theatre
November 22	No School PT Comp Day
November 23	No School Thanksgiving Day
November 24	No School Thanksgiving Break
November 27	No School Thanksgiving Break
December 12	HS & MS Band Concert 7 PM HS
December 14	HS & MS Choir Concert 7 PM HS
December 18	Preschool Christmas Program—HS 6 PM
December 20	End of Second Grading Period/First Semester
December 21—Jan. 2	No School Christmas Break
January 3, 2018	Return to School



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

