

Crooksville Exempted Village School District

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A Note from the Superintendent

Dear Ceramics,

It is hard to believe the first quarter of the school year has ended. As the second quarter gets underway, we have already set the tone for the school year and established our expectations and routines. By visiting our classrooms and seeing our students and teachers highly engaged in educational activities, it is clear we are offering a quality education to our students. 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 district upgrades, and many others.

Over the summer, we were able to replace the original bleachers and refinish the floor in our high school gymnasium. Near the end of the last school year, the Athletic Boosters partnered with the district to upgrade the sound system in the gymnasium as well. All three improvements have proven to be significant upgrades. We also refinished the stage floor and purchased a new stage curtain for the high school to replace the original curtain which was installed when the building was built. The stage looks fantastic and we are excited to host our upcoming student performances. We also have converted our high school library into a Maker Space where students have the opportunity to make, create, and explore. Our tools in this area include a bank of 3D printers, 3D pens, sewing machines, vinyl cutters, and various other tools. So far, we have been very impressed with our students' creativity. Also, I would be remiss if I did not congratulate our Varsity Boys Golf Team on their outstanding season and District Championship and Savannah Moorehead

on capturing the girl's individual MVL Cross Country title.

One more item I wanted to remind you of is the School Messenger phone number to deliver school and district information as well as school closings and delay information. The number is 844-875-6020. You may want to save that 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 fifth 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 sporting 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,

Matt Sheridan

Maker Space News

Students have been designing creative projects with all the new gadgets and gizmos that the space has to offer. Our Lego Wall gives the space an exciting added feature. Students completed multiple projects that were designed to improve the school building. Projects included hallway signs that are designed to assist law enforcement identify locations within the building during an emergency. Other projects were designed to boost school culture throughout the building. Teachers are also taking advantage of Maker Space as a useful tool to enhance their classroom instruction. Maker Space has been valuable in creating lessons that require outside the box thinking skills as well as creating a culture of innovation.

Welcome
Back to
SCHOOL

Crooksville High School

Principal, Scott Searing

I am excited and blessed to be a part of the Ceramic Family. I have been in the school since the end of July and during this time I have met some phenomenal people. I definitely understand what it means to be a part of the Ceramic Family. The first few days of school I have been amazed at how great the students and staff are at Crooksville High School. I am looking forward to an exciting year.

I wanted to take this time to give you a little information about myself. I was born and raised in Southern California, in and around Long Beach, CA. I played baseball at the 2 year level and have coached baseball/softball for about 25 years. I have coached many different sports from ages 5 to college level. Due to this experience, I have a passion for working with young people.

I began as a teacher in a small community and taught grades 6-8 in Social Studies, PE, and Math. I moved to Ohio in 2005 and began teaching Social Studies in ODYS. I then taught 5 years in Columbus City Schools before getting into Administration. I was an Administrator for 4 years in CCS before moving to Reynoldsburg for 2 years as a High School Assistant Principal.

I am a massive sports fan and love attending high school sporting events. You will see me throughout the year at as many events as I can. I am also a fan of the arts and can't wait to attend plays and upcoming events. Anything our students do to represent Crooksville High, I will be there and support them. I truly believe in the Mission "Kids First!"

Crooksville eAcademy

Jacqueline Bolyard, Director

The school year is well under way and many high school students are taking advantage of the online classes being offered by Crooksville High School and the Crooksville eAcademy. While there are thirty-eight students completing all of their courses outside the traditional classroom through the use of online programming, the majority of students are taking online classes during their regular school day in the Independent Learning Lab.

The Independent Learning Lab is set up to allow students to pursue a variety of courses offered online. Many of these online courses are electives not currently offered in the high school classroom. For example, many students are taking French, American Sign Language, and Career Essentials. Other students are taking the opportunity to recover credit they may be missing so that they can graduate on time with their class. Last year alone, one hundred and thirty-eight students took online classes in the Independent Learning Lab and earned a combined total of 169.5 high school credits!

Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Melissa (Missy) Lundell is the Attendance, Discipline, and Athletics secretary at Crooksville High School. Missy has served students in our district for 30 years, working her first 23 in Pre-School. For the last 7 years Missy has been the Attendance, Discipline & Athletic Secretary for Crooksville High School. In addition to these duties, she also aides in such things as helping with prom and other events for our students.

When asked about the best part of her job she said, "I enjoy all the aspects of my job, but mainly the

Athletic part of it. I love Crooksville Sports! It means a lot to me to help the sports programs at Crooksville in any way I can. This includes my regular job duties as well as ringing my cowbell and siren to help support the athletes."

When not at work Missy enjoys spending time with her husband Doug and her family. Missy has 7 grandchildren and regularly attends events that they participate in.



Athletic News

Fall season is winding down and Ceramic Athletics have had some tremendous success this year. Our Boy's Golf Team qualified for the State Tournament for the first time in over 30 years. During the process they won Back to Back Sectional Championships as well as a District Championship. Junior Savannah Moorehead won our first ever MVL Cross Country Championship and begins her drive for a State Championship. Our girls' volleyball team has fought hard in the MVL and our football team finishes up their last game at John Glenn on Friday, October 26. Our athletic programs are thriving.



K-8 Middle School

Asst. Principal, John Gardner

The school year is off to a great start for middle school students. We are implementing PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) in the middle school. This program focuses on rewarding students with short-term and long-term incentives for positive behaviors.

Our two-week incentive is the first of our short-term reward system. Every other Friday, two students from each grade level are randomly drawn in the middle school. Those eight students receive a reward if they have displayed positive behaviors during that two-week span. Our most recent recipients of the two-week incentive are Ryan Moore, Karah Brown, Michaela Schmitt, Amista Hill, Michael Tabler, Erica Flood, Gabe Sandefur, and Hunter Hurst.

Our second short-term reward is our student of the month program. Each homeroom teacher chooses a student that best portrays that month's theme. Students are recognized in front of the K-8 during a very popular event known as our high-five hallway. Students of the month receive a monthly themed t-shirt and ice cream.

At the end of each nine week period students displaying positive behaviors are rewarded with an incentive day. The first -nine week incentive day included popcorn made by Mr. Houk's students and an afternoon of board games with friends in each classroom.

Each incentive has a particular set of criteria that must be met for a student to be eligible. We have already seen an improvement in student behavior this year. The middle school staff has done a great job at helping students learn from their mistakes and teaching them to continually improve!



K-8 Elementary School

Principal, John Toeller

During this school year we will be instituting a new program in the elementary school called PAX Good Behavior Game. Our staff was trained to use the PAX system to improve behavior, develop self-discipline in students, grow positive relationships between students, and strengthen time on task in classrooms. Your child may talk with you about things such as PAX Quiet, PAX Hands, and Wacky Prizes. He or she may bring home a positive Tootles note written by either a teacher or another student. You may also hear about their teacher using a harmonica in class. These are all part of PAX. Our goal is to have the program fully implemented by the end of the school year. We have already witnessed better relationships being built amongst students as well as quieter hallways and smoother transitions. If you have any questions about PAX in your child's classroom please contact their teacher.

As the weather changes it is important that you check each day to ensure your child is dressed appropriately for outside recess. Children will be going outside in the mornings when it is cool. Please dress them appropriately.

It has been an outstanding beginning to the school year. Thank you for all your help and for allowing us to work with your children. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to do what is best for your child.

This year we are fortunate to have the services of a Social Worker two days a week. Her name is Victoria Hilliard. If you are in need of social services for your child she can help you get in contact with the right agency.



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Mark Your Calendar

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| November 15 | Mystery Dinner Theatre |
| November 21 | No School PT Comp Day |
| November 22 | No School Thanksgiving Day |
| November 23 | No School Thanksgiving Break |
| November 26 | No School Thanksgiving Break |
| December 10 | HS & MS Choir Concert 7 PM HS |
| December 12 | HS & MS Band Concert 7 PM HS |
| December 19 | Preschool Christmas Program—HS 6:30 PM |
| December 20 | End of 2nd Grading Period/First Semester |
| December 21—Jan. 4 | No School Christmas Break |
| January 7, 2019 | Return to School |

