

Crooksville Exempted Village School District

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A Note from the Superintendent

Dear Ceramics,

It looks as if winter is behind us and spring has finally arrived, bringing with it our fourth grading period. We are very thankful it was a relatively mild winter this year in both terms of temperatures and snowfall. Spring sports are well underway and so is our annual state testing. Our students last day should remain May 18. Graduation for our seniors will be on Sunday, May 15 at 2:00 p.m. It is hard to believe the end of the school year is only a few weeks away.

The third nine weeks was a busy one at Crooksville Exempted Village Schools. This newsletter will highlight many of the activities that took place during the third quarter of the school year. Our elementary students have continued to showcase their emotional and social growth and several have been honored through our "Step Up to Blue" program. Middle school students participated in the history bee, won awards for essay writing, and are planning their eighth grade trip to Washington D.C. Also, two of our high school students, Trevor Piccone and Bailey Hartley, and one of our middle school teachers, Mr. Baughman, were honored at the annual Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center Awards Banquet. Finally, our drama department recently performed *Cinderella* for our community.

Crooksville Exempted Village Schools continues to offer many excellent learning opportunities for

our students. I encourage you to attend one of the many events we have going on at the schools before the end of the school year.

Your partner in education,

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

Matt Sheridan

Academics at Crooksville Exempted Village School District are our top priority. We continually strive to offer students the highest quality education possible.

Our curriculum continues to change and expand to meet the needs of our capable students. At Crooksville High School, our College Credit Plus program progresses to offer students college credit while still in high school. We currently offer 13 courses at CHS including; Physics I & II, English Composition I, American Literature, British Literature, American National Government, Psychology, Sociology, Micro Applications, Advanced Chemistry, Geology, Pre-Calculus and Calculus. Several teachers, in our high school have become credentialed adjunct professors for our college partners which include Zane State and Hocking College, and therefore, can provide high school, as well as, college credit. Additionally, our high school was awarded a seven year GEAR-UP grant that offers every

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student who attends post-secondary schooling some scholarship dollars towards their education. Students at the high school level are enjoying iPads to enhance their learning as our district now offers an iPad for every student in our high school. CHS also boasts three technology labs, including a green screen and 3-D printer for state of the art presentations for both staff and students. A personalized learning lab has expanded our course offerings, including electives and offers students many choices when determining their learning path with a blended learning option.

Our middle school students are enjoying high-quality instruction delivered by teachers who work diligently on lesson development and student engagement. Students have been afforded opportunities to work within a group to develop skills such as; communication, cooperation and collaboration which are needed for life existence. Teachers have offered students rigorous content, problem-solving activities and options for presentations of their personal learning successes.

In our elementary and preschools, teachers continue to do an outstanding job of starting our youngest learners on their school pathway. Students are provided with over an hour and a half of reading and mathematics instruction on a daily basis. Additionally, small group instruction is offered daily for individual learning needs.

Every day, every child has been a continuous motto for our school system. We will forge ahead and work tirelessly to educate our students to their highest potential.

Mrs. Alea Barker
Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Crooksville High School

Principal, Kevin Smith

Crooksville High School students and staff were recognized on March 9 at the annual banquet held by the Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center. Senior, Bailey Hartley (pictured left with Mr. Baughman) was awarded “Outstanding Student”



and she chose to recognize Mr. Baughman as the teacher that provided the greatest influence on her educational experience.

Senior, Trevor Piccone (pictured below) received the Franklin B. Walter award for Perry county for his academic success, and his school and community involvement and services.



Trevor received recognition this month at a luncheon in Columbus for all state award recipients.

CHS Drama Club

The drama club under the direction of Ms. Meagan Powell, produced the musical *Cinderella*. The two night performance was attended with large crowds that filled the high school commons. The audiences were treated with songs, humor, a live carriage and a fantastic storyline produced by the members ranging from twelfth to fourth grade. Seniors who participated in their final performance were;

Trevor Piccone, Kitana Vanoy, Amy Williams and Tayler Wilson.



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National Honor Society Community Service

Mr. LaBatte, our National Honor Society advisor has taken the initiative to prioritize community service as an important aspect of our NHS members. This has led to the involvement of those members in numerous community service projects this year. The two largest contributions have been their participation at the Perry County Animal Shelter and Habitat for Humanity. Students have volunteered their time to help at the animal shelter cleaning, washing and taking care of animals, and with Habitat helping to organize, store and label different materials that are donated for them to reuse.



NHS members have also volunteered for the drive through flu shot clinic and blood drives that are hosted at Crooksville High School. These members have learned the valuable lesson of giving back and have produced great relationships with our community members.

High School Spring Sports

Baseball has had a slow start this season. Coach Chamberlin has a young team comprised of zero seniors and only two juniors, Kolvin Hunter and Gunner Lindell. Six sophomores will see time with Kevin Taylor, Trey White, Gavan Rodgers, Landon Hinkle, Hayden Hamilton, and Noah Hurford. Four freshman will also get key playing time with Nick Headley, Michael Baughman, Brock White, and Eric Taylor. Assistant Coaches Nate Van Meter and Chad Trussell

Softball is led by four year letter winning seniors; Kaitlyn Mills-LF, Casey Hurst-SS, Jamesca Davis-C, Jade Thompson-1B/P, and Shayna

Grannon-RF. Two juniors, Cassidy Lindsey-DP/2B and Lauren Rambo-CF who also have lettered all three years. Sophomores, Layona Davis-2B/P and Ava Finck-3B are starting on the infield with McKenzie LeRoy helping out in the outfield when needed. Sophomore, Daralyn Ater will be splitting time with freshman, Alanah Williams playing 1B when Jade Thompson pitches. Sophomore, Hannah Mumford and freshman, Lakyn German will also get some time with the varsity at pitcher. Head Coach, Greg Williams, Assistants Casey Vallee and Scott Harper

Track & Field results from the first invitational at Maysville: Lindsey Baughman—3rd 100 Sophia Marolt—4th long jump Relay Team: Lindsey Baughman, Sophia Marolt, Jade Printz, Kaylea Brannon 2nd 4x200—3rd 4x100 Boys Team: Tanner Watson—4th 200 Austin Dalrymple—3rd 400 Tech Kirkpatrick—2nd high jump Gary Kinney—2nd 300HH, 3rd 110HH Head Coach Scott Houk, Assistant Coaches Will Sheets and Chris Rice

Crooksville Archery Program

The high school team is currently tied for second place in the MVL after beating Maysville. The middle school team is currently tied for first place with Maysville after beating them April 12. The elementary team has locked up second place for the season. We have our last head to head match on April 19. The final MVL tournament to determine final standings will be April 23 at Crooksville High School. Our 90 archers are thankful for the support from the community and we hope many will come out to watch as we finish the season off strong. Coach Adam Pontious



K-8 Middle School

Asst. Principal, John Gardner

As the school year winds down there are many events keeping our students engaged. Fifth graders' **Ke-na Hunter** and **Leah Rodgers** took first and second place respectively in the Masonic Lodge's annual "Why my family is important to me!" essay contest. These young ladies, their families and their teachers, Mrs. Filkins and Mrs. Smith attended a recognition dinner at the Lancaster Masonic Lodge.

The Annual Sharon Watson History Bee hosted by Mr. Baughman was held on April 8.



Congratulations to our 2016 Sharon Watson History Bee Champion, sixth grader, **Branden**

Post. Congratulations to the following finalists: **Owen Carney, Ashley Allen, Connor Harrison, Destiny Holbert, Allison Baughman, Layla McLean, Darian Daugherty, Trevor Bowen, Jackson Misuraca, Paige Emory, Greta Barker, Kam Hunter, Katelyn Lindsey, Caden Sparks, Tanner Collins, Jessie Sampson, and Allison Hampton.**

Mr. Hill has been planning the eighth grade trip throughout the year. Students will be traveling to Washington D.C. for three days and will have the opportunity to visit many of the landmarks at our nation's capital.

Student Service Project

Our middle school Building Leadership Team wanted their students to work on a community service project to promote the spirit of giving this spring to our younger students. The students will be holding a **Summer Send Off Toy Drive** for students in the elementary school who may need some summer fun toys.

We are asking families to donate a gently used or brand new summer toy that an elementary student may enjoy outside during the summer

months. Examples: balls of all sorts and sizes, bats, sand toys, kites, hula hoops, Frisbees, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, glider planes—anything you would play with outside. Many of these items may be purchased at a dollar store.



Collection day for the toys will be May 6 and you may drop the toy off at the red track building. Middle school students will be working in shifts while having a field day at the track.

Distribution day will be May 13 for the Summer Send Off Toy Drive to be given to elementary students.

Thank you for your support, this is a great learning project for our students.

Our eighth grade boys' basketball team completed a great season with a runner-up finish in the MVL tournament. **David Chapman** won an MVL individual title at the league wrestling meet this year.



Seventh grade gymnast **Greta Barker** recently qualified for level 9 regionals to be held in Bourbonnais, Illinois and seventh grader, **Logyn Chamberlin** qualified for the level 8 state gymnastics team and will compete in the regional meet held in Lexington, Kentucky. Fifth grader, **Samantha Reed** was recently crowned all-around champion in her age division at the state gymnastics meet. At



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the beginning of April, seventh grader, **Tanner Collins** won the GNCC motocross championship in North Carolina.

Congratulations to all of these fine young students and keep up the great work.

K-8 Elementary School

Principal, John Toeller

Congratulations goes to the following students who have shown outstanding character and citizenship and therefore have "**Stepped Up to Blue**" for the months of January and February: **Chloe Stapleton, Drew Hartley, Elijah Storts, Skylin Smith, Julia Ramsey, Brynn Lundell, Leila Finck, Korynn McIntyre** and **Chloe Garey**. Recipients received a certificate, dog tags, McDonald's gift cards and a good character book mark.

To BLUE"

"Step Up

Children will be involved in many outdoor activities during the rest of the school year. While they may wear shorts it will often be cool enough for them to need jackets. Please check the weather and dress your child accordingly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, students, parents, volunteers and community members for making this school year a success. Crooksville Elementary School is a great school because we all work together to do what's best for our kids.

Thanks, and again have a great



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April 28 Choir Concert 7 p.m. HS
April 29 Father-Daughter Dance 7 p.m.
K-8 for grades PS-8
April 30 Prom at Crooksville High School
Promenade 6 p.m.
Dinner 7 p.m.—8 p.m.
Dance 8 p.m.—11 p.m.
After Prom 12 a.m.—2:30 a.m.
May 6 Middle School Field Day
MS Collection Day for Summer
Send Off Toy Drive
Band Concert 7 p.m. HS
May 11 Kindergarten Program 7 p.m. HS
May 13 Summer Send Off Toy Drive
Distribution for Elementary
May 15 Graduation 2 p.m. CHS
May 17 K-8 Super Games
May 18 Last Day of School
Aug. 17 Open House 5-7 pm
Aug. 18 First Day of School

Interested in becoming a Crooksville School
Bus Driver? Call or stop
in at the bus garage 740
-982-6362, training will
be available May 17,
18, 19, 24 and 25, 2016.



*The One-Hundred Fifteenth
Crooksville High School
Graduation*

*Class of 2016
Sunday, May 15
2:00 p.m.*

