

Crooksville Exempted Village School District

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A Note from the Superintendent

Dear Ceramics,

Every year the first quarter of the school year seems to fly by and this year is no different. Now that the second quarter of the 2019-2020 school year is underway, we have established expectations and routines and are in the middle of teaching and learning. 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 great 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 started an Energy Conservation Project to make many upgrades to the school. Some parts of the project are ongoing but some have already been completed. These upgrades include repaving the parking lot, upgrading both the interior and exterior lighting to LED, new HVAC controls, new chillers at the high school, new boilers at the K8, and window wraps on the entrance to the high school. All of these upgrades were needed to ensure our students have a safe and comfortable learning environment as well as to extend the useful life of our buildings. Even though our buildings are over thirty years old, they remain in great shape. First time visitors to our district often express their amazement that our buildings look as good as they do given their age. A big reason behind that is our preventative and continued maintenance to our buildings and

grounds. Thank you to our custodial and maintenance staff for all of your hard work.

We have continued to upgrade our academic programming over the summer as well. This includes replacing our outdated iPads for all high school students as we continue our one device to one student initiative throughout the district. We also added an additional full time and a part time social worker to help address the mental health needs of our students. Finally, we added a Creation Station for our elementary students so that they can experience some of the same opportunities available to our middle and high school students in our Maker Space. Also, I would be remiss if I did not congratulate our Varsity Boys Golf team on their outstanding season and trip back to the State Tournament. Our Girls Golf team also had an excellent season and finished first in the MVL. Congratulations to both teams!

We also continue to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students. Study after study has shown that it is extremely difficult for a hungry student to learn. We are able to take advantage of federal funding to offer these meals to our students at no cost. We are only reimbursed for those students who actually eat these meals, so we have continued to look for ways to increase participation. This year we have experimented with delivering breakfast to elementary classrooms. We appreciate you encouraging your children to eat breakfast and lunch here at school (even if they eat at home as well). The higher our participation rate, the greater the funding we are provided, and the greater the chance we can continue offering free

breakfast and lunch in the future.

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 many of you know, we already had to use this system this school year to cancel elementary school right before the school day began due to lack of water pressure. I really appreciate the quick response from our parents and guardians in picking up the children who had already arrived at school. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

As I begin my sixth 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,

Matt Sheridan
Superintendent

Crooksville High School

Principal, Scott Searing

The school year has gotten off to a great start. There have been many changes to the daily structure of the building and this seems to have brought positive changes. We have revamped the hall pass system, added a Production Engineering course, and continue to expand the Maker Space platform. Here is some key information coming up for the first semester:

October

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony 10/23 @ 5:30pm.

Senior Application Day 10/24

No School 10/25

Parent Teacher Conferences 10/24 and 10/29

November

Senior Night 11/1

Blood Drive 11/18

Gear Up FAFSA Help Night 11/20

Thanksgiving Break 11/27 - 12/2

December

Band Concert 12/4

Choir Concert 12/10

Christmas Break begins 12/23/19 - 1/3/20

Athletic News

Football has 3 games remaining including 1 home game which is Senior Night on 11/1 vs John Glenn. Volleyball is winding down and will travel to Southeastern on 10/15 for sectional play. Cross Country will travel to Rio Grande for Districts on 10/19. The girl's golf team won the MVL Tournament and placed 2nd in Sectionals. Riley McKenzie was MVL Player of the year. The boy's golf team were Back to Back Sectional and District Champions this year. The team finished 7th in the State for DIII. Owen Carney was All-Ohio & All MVL and Blake White was MVL Player of the Year and District Medalist – 1st Place. Congratulations to both teams on a great season.



Staff Spotlight

Kyle Lane



Kyle Lane is the newest addition to the Crooksville Ceramics staff. We are happy to have a CHS Alumni back in our ranks. Mr. Lane teaches sixth grade science for most of his day and a section of science to our seventh graders.

Upon graduating from CHS, Kyle attended Ohio University and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Middle Childhood Education. He used this degree for six years teaching science and social studies at Warren Middle School in Vincent, Ohio. In addition to a Bachelor's Degree, Mr. Lane holds a Master's Degree from American College in Educational Administration.

When asked about coming back to Crooksville, Kyle said, "I decided to come to Crooksville because this is my home. I grew up in Crooksville and graduated from Crooksville High School. I saw this as an opportunity to give back to my hometown."

Kyle enjoys spending time outside of his school day with his wife and children, this includes spending time at as many Ceramic athletic events as possible.

K-8 Middle School

Asst. Principal, Scott Houk

We are off to another fantastic year at Crooksville Middle School. In athletics, the football players and cheerleaders have been working hard each week and are showing signs of improvement. They had an impressive win over Philo. The volleyball teams are also coming together as a unit at the end of the season. The 7th grade has won games against Philo, West M, Maysville, and New Lex. The 8th graders have one win over Philo.

The middle school and elementary students will be hosting a Kona Day to honor the September Students of the Month for being the hardest working students. The Students of the Month will receive a FREE Kona Ice while all other students can buy one for the cost of \$3. The first Kona Day will be October 16th. We are implementing these Kona Days as part of our district PBIS program. Be on the look-out for a School Connects message explaining in more detail.

We have two new teachers in our building this year. We would like to welcome Mrs. Carpenter and Mr. Lane. Mrs. Carpenter is teaching in the self-contained resource room. She has been in our district for many years and has recently made the move from our pre-school program.

Mr. Lane comes to us from the Warren Local School District and is a 2009 Crooksville High School graduate. He is the new 6th and 7th grade Science teacher. Kyle is excited to be back in his hometown. He attended Ohio University for his undergraduate degree, and American College of Education for his master's degree. Kyle lives in the community with his wife, Alyssa, and their two children. They are all excited to be Ceramics! The school year has started out great for his students and they have done an amazing job over the first nine weeks of school. The 6th graders have been studying about rocks and minerals and the 7th graders have been learning all about atoms.

Go Ceramics!



K-8 Elementary School

Principal, John Toeller

You may be hearing your child talk about a 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 Granny's 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. 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 the weather 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 three Student Advocates. Their names are Christina Johnson, Victoria Hilliard and Courtney Brown-

ing. They are trained to deal with students who are having issues such as depression, death in a family, or other mental health concerns. If you are in need of social services for your child they can speak with your child or help you get in contact with the right agency.



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Mark Your Calendar

November 27	No School	PT Comp Day
November 28	No School	Thanksgiving Day
November 29	No School	Thanksgiving Break
December 2	No School	Thanksgiving Break
December 4	HS & MS Band Concert 6:30 PM HS	
December 10	HS & MS Choir Concert 6:30 PM HS	
December 19	Preschool Christmas Program—HS 6:00 PM	
December 20	End of 2nd Grading Period/First Semester	
December 23—Jan. 3	No School Christmas Break	
January 6, 2019	Return to School	

