

Crooksville Exempted Village School District

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A Note from the Superintendent

Dear Ceramics,

The first half of the school year is complete and our winter sports seasons are well underway. We have been fairly fortunate with the weather so far this year, but I encourage you to watch your phones, local media, and our district Facebook and Twitter to see school closings and delays due to the weather. Typically, the third nine weeks is the quarter most effected by weather. I want to remind you about our plan to make-up calamity days. We will not be required to make-up the first five days we miss. If we have missed six days by February 17th, then this day will serve as a make-up day. If the sixth calamity day occurs after February 17th or we have used seven calamity days before March 13th, then March 13th will serve as a make-up day as well. After February 17th and March 13th make-up dates are scheduled to be used, the next three calamity days will be made up via Blizzard Bags. Students will not be required to make-up any additional calamity days unless the number of instructional hours fall below the state minimum requirements. As always, I continue to take the safety of our students very seriously and will close or delay school if it is unsafe for our students to travel. I will continue to notify the major media outlets and our social media platforms of any closings or delays and will also attempt to contact parents through our School Messenger phone system. Our School Messenger phone number is 844-875-6020. I encourage you to save that number in your contacts. Also, when you call the number back, you are able to hear previous messages if you happen to miss our call.

We were very blessed to have a local organization donate bicycles to some of our students this holiday season. Our district offers a big thank you to Bike Buckeye Lake for providing ten bikes, helmets, and locks.

This newsletter will provide you with some of the highlights from the first half of our very successful academic year. I invite you to attend one of our many upcoming sporting or academic events that take place within our schools. I truly appreciate all of the support our community shows for our students. I am a firm believer that it takes students, staff, support staff, administrators, parents, and community members all working together to provide the best possible education for our students.

Your partner in education,

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

Matt Sheridan



Crooksville High School

Principal, Scott Searing

The second nine weeks ended on December 20th and grade cards are being mailed out the week of January 13th. We will host our Awards Assembly for 2nd Quarter Honor Roll during the week of January 21st. This Quarter's Gear Up class reward will be a trip to COSI date TBD.

Athletic News

Winter Sports season is well underway. Sports in season are Boys' and Girls' Basketball, Wrestling, and Indoor Track. Boys' Basketball is currently 7-6 and in 3rd place in the MVL. The girls' basketball team is under the direction of new head coach Shawn Chamberlin. They are fielding a young team this year with just two seniors on the roster.

Indoor track has begun their season and is returning two state qualifying athletes. They are looking to improve on last years' success. The wrestling team is under the direction of new head coach Paul Sullivan. They have begun their year with great success so far and looking forward to a great season.

Varsity Sportsmanship Awards



November

Lucas Snouffer – Band
Madison Harney – Cheerleading

December

Mila Garrett- Cheerleading
David Chapman – Wrestling

Crooksville iLearn News

Joy Wolfel, Program Coordinator

The Crooksville iLearn program offers before and after school programming for our students in grades K-12. The before school program is open for students in grades K-4 while the after school program services all of our students. Our primary focus is to provide academic support for reading and math, but students also have the opportunity to attend homework help, study table and clubs.

Our elementary iLearn students have been working hard this year participating in homework help, receiving intervention and enrichment activities, participating in clubs, and project based learning. New clubs were introduced after returning from break. The fall clubs included science, nature, scrap-booking, and board games; students participated in these clubs two days a week. Elementary iLearn participated in three family events with our community partner, Perry County District Library. The activities were based around Harmony the Llama, The Lion King, Frozen, and Pizza with Santa.

The football team joined our Middle School iLearn program for study table in the fall. During this time, the students had the opportunity to complete their homework, study for upcoming assessments, and complete any missing assignments with their coach, Ron Childress. Eighth grade students have the opportunity to earn \$125 towards their trip to Washington by attending the iLearn program. We are excited to support over thirty 8th graders who have taken advantage of this opportunity. Our middle school students also participated in "Miracle on Main Street." They created cards, ornaments, and homemade cookies and delivered these items to local businesses on Main Street in Crooksville. This was a unique way for our students to interact with our community.

Our High School students visited Cherry Orchards where they enjoyed sampling a variety of apples, learned what it takes to run an apple orchard, and got to bring apples home with them. We started a new Thanksgiving tradition this year that allowed students to create their own Thanksgiving meal. Students decided what they wanted to eat, created a shopping list, cooked the food, learned about portion control, and prepared the table. They finished the meal by sharing what they were thankful for. The drivers education program has returned for a second year. A mandatory parent meeting is scheduled for January 22nd at 5:00 pm in the K8 library. The program begins on January 27th. Indoor track has been busy practicing and participating in track meets around the state of Ohio. Drama Club will begin practice soon for their spring play with the assistance of iLearn. We are excited to introduce ESports as a new CHS afterschool club. More information about joining the team and the upcoming schedule of events will be sent home soon. On February 13th a partnership with COAD and iLearn will be offering Systematic Training for Effective Parenting to families of students ages 6-12. Parents/Guardians will learn how to build self-esteem, discipline effectively, and deal with common parent concerns. This will be held in the K8 library, babysitting will be provided at no cost, and gas cards are available to defray travel cost. Please call Joy Wolfel at 740-982-7010 if you would like to register or have any questions.

K-8 Middle School**Asst. Principal, Scott Houk**

The first half of the school year has come to a close and the students are excited to be back from the long winter break.

Basketball season is in full swing. We have one boys team and one girls team, both compiled of 7th and 8th graders playing on the same team. Wins have been hard to come by so far. The boys have 1 win over Philo and both boys and girls teams are improving each week and play hard. The girls season will finish at the MVL Tournament starting February 8th, and the boys season tournament will be the following week starting on February 15th.



The wrestlers have a few matches under their belt. They are working very hard each and every day. The Ceramics have wins over Philo, West M, Tri-Valley, Maysville, and John Glenn. The wrestling season will come to a close on February 21st at the MVL Championship which will take place right here on our campus.

This winter there are a few events scheduled at the middle school. On January 17th, Mr. Ron Derry will be here to talk to our 7th graders about his life as a blind man as part of the G.O.O.D program. Also on January 17th, some of our 8th graders have been selected to participate in the Middle Grades Longitudinal Study which is part of a national data collection program. In February, the sweetheart dance will be held in the K8 upper gym for grades 6-8.

**K-8 Elementary School****Principal, John Toeller**

As we enter into the winter months it becomes increasingly important that children are dressed properly for the elements when they come to school. Please be sure children have hats and gloves to wear as we will be going outside as the temperature and weather permits.



A huge thank you goes out to all families that participated in our fall fundraiser. The fundraiser raised over \$10,000 and will be used to help fund field trips, student incentives, and other reward related activities for students.

Attendance at school is very important to your child's academic and social development. Ohio law requires us to notify parents when students reach certain hour thresholds due to absence from school. This includes excused student absences. Habitually truant students or students absent without a valid excuse, will be referred to our truancy officer. If you receive a letter from us concerning absences and you have questions please call and we will be happy to answer them.

As always we encourage you to contact your child's teacher if you have concerns about their progress or questions arise. Thank you for your continued support through the rest of the school year.

**Staff Spotlight****Tammie Finck****High School Secretary**

Crooksville Schools would like to spotlight Tammie Finck, Crooksville High School Secretary. Tammie is currently halfway through year two as a district employee. Prior to joining our school family, Tammie worked at a law firm for 26 years. When asked about her role as secretary Tammie said that she enjoys being with the students and that her job allows her to learn new things. She feels making the move to the school setting from private work was a positive change and she is thankful for her new coworkers/work family.

Tammie has had three children pass through the halls of CHS. She and her husband Bill enjoy spending time with each other Harley riding. She also enjoys watching sports including softball at Marietta College where her daughter is a coach.

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Mark Your Calendar



Jan. 20 Martin Luther King Day—No School

Feb. 17 Presidents' Day—No School possible make-up day if missed 6 or more calamity days before this date

Mar. 8 Daylight Savings Time Clocks Forward

Mar. 12 End of Third Grading Period

Mar. 12 Parent-Teacher Conferences

Mar. 13 No School possible make-up day if missed 7 calamity days

Mar. 17 Parent-Teacher Conferences TWO HOUR EARLY OUT

April 3-4 Drama Musical Shrek 7 PM

