

Crooksville Exempted Village School District

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A Note from the Superintendent

Dear Ceramics,

As our first quarter ends, I want to extend my sincere gratitude for your continued cooperation and support as we remain in very challenging circumstances. We continue practicing health and safety precautions in our buildings to provide staff and students safe and clean learning areas. In my class visitations and observations, it is clear that we continue to provide a high quality educational experience for all students in our district. Some of these activities and events are highlighted in this newsletter. As our second quarter gets underway, we have now established our expectations and routines for the rest of the year.

Over the summer we began a few projects that will continue to take place throughout the school year. One of these includes the replacement of all of our heat pumps with the addition of air ionization capabilities. This will provide improved ventilation and air quality in all of our district buildings. Due to the location of these pumps, and to ensure everyone's safety, some of this work has to take place after school hours and during times when students are not in session. Something else we are very excited about is the installation of our new playgrounds. Although this is taking a little longer to complete than anticipated, we could not be more delighted to provide high quality, safety improved structures for our students to enjoy. With our new digital sign, we now have the capability to keep you better informed of upcoming district events.

As I begin my sixth year in the district and second as superintendent, I continue to be impressed by the amount of community pride that is displayed. I am grateful that we were able to host our open house in August and the homecoming parade last month on campus for everyone to attend. I encourage you to participate in one of our many other upcoming events that will be taking place. I look forward to continuing to work with you to provide the best education possible for our students.

Your partner in education,

Kevin Smith



iLearn Program Coordinator, Joy Wolfel

I am pleased to say that our iLearn program is starting its fifth year at Crooksville EVSD. We have another great year planned for our Elementary, Middle, and High School students. While our program began on September 20, 2021, it's not too late to sign your child up for one of our wonderful after school programs. This is a good opportunity for your child to work with our teachers and staff to get caught up on homework and join one of our many clubs while enjoying time with their friends.

We are continuing to work with several of our community partners to ensure the success of our program. The Children's Hunger Alliance will provide meals for all of our students again this year. We are also looking forward to working with the Perry County District Library for another year of engaging literacy activities for our Elementary students. Gear Up will also be working with our Middle and High School students throughout the year. As always, we will have family events and activities planned throughout the year for everyone to enjoy. If you have any questions or would like to enroll your child in the iLearn Program please contact Joy Wolfel at 740-982-7010 ext. 2326. We hope all of the Crooksville students and families have a great school year!



Meet Our Newest Ceramics!



We welcomed ten new staff members this school year, but not all are new faces as six are alumni. Among the new faces, we have teachers hailing from Coshocton, Millersport and two of the other schools in Perry County.



Interestingly enough our Elementary newcomers are all Crooksville alumni. Shonda Frash is teaching 2nd - 4th Grade Cross Categorical students. Rachel Beckert and Sierra Maclam are teaching First Grade. Hannah Wolfe is a new addition to our Third Grade Staff, and Audrey Thomas works as a Fourth Grade Intervention Specialist. Mrs. Frash spent time prior to becoming a teacher as a paraprofessional staff member. Rachel spent several years at Mid-East before returning home to, yet again, be a Ceramic. Hannah and Audrey also bring prior teaching experiences to their new positions. In addition to teaching duties, Audrey and Sierra are employed in coaching positions as well. We are beyond excited to have these talented ladies back with us as staff members.



Our Middle School new faces include two 6th grade teachers, Nicholas Jones and Intervention Specialist, Jennifer Altier. Kelly McCoy serves as an Intervention Specialist for 7th Grade, and Gage Lotozo is our new 8th Grade Intervention Specialist. We are happy to have these four individuals and their experiences. Mrs. McCoy comes to us from Coshocton bringing multiple years of teaching experience. Nicholas comes to us fresh out of college with a variety of student experiences and has expressed an interest in joining our coaching staff. He brings coaching experience in Middle School Boys Basketball and Boys and Girls Track and Field. Mr. Lotozo recently completed his student teaching in 8th Grade where he now holds that position. In addition to his teaching duties, Gage is also employed as a coach in the district. Mrs. Jennifer Altier brings prior teaching experience as well having spent time teaching in New Lexington.



Rounding out our new additions is another not new face. Bailey Hartley, a 2016 graduate of CHS has returned to teach in the High School Cross Categorical classroom. In addition to her daytime duties, Bailey works our iLearn program and is the Middle School eSports coach.

We are extremely pleased to welcome these individuals to the Crooksville family and look forward to many years with them as Ceramics.

Athletic Director, Shawn Chamberlin

It doesn't seem too long ago it was August and our fall sport's teams were preparing for the fall season, which was quickly approaching. Now fast forward to October and many events are happening in the district.

Boys golf advanced to the districts as a team. Our lone female golfer, Riley McKenzie was the co-medalist and co-sectional champion, as well as district champion and state qualifier. Good luck to both golf teams as they continue the excellent caliber of golf we all have come accustomed to over the past couple of years.

Both the volleyball and football teams continue to work hard to improve and grow as their season's progress. Volleyball postseason tournament information will be forthcoming.

Junior High Cross Country has been experiencing great success, and the future of our cross-country team looks to be very bright! Congratulations to Hannah Sheets on breaking the girls' junior high cross-country meet record with a new time of 13:19 seconds. Also, Grayson Houk finished in 2nd place out of 111 runners at the Cambridge Invitational this weekend with a time of 11:38 seconds.

Our junior high football team has been having a great season as well. Before their loss to Coshocton, 34-22 they were undefeated and only have one loss on the season now. They will finish the season with a home game vs New Lexington. If the junior high football team can win their last two games they will clinch a small school division crown! Good luck to them as they finish what has already been a great season!

Winter Sports have begun workouts and open gyms as they prepare for the winter season, which is quickly approaching. With that being said, please make sure if your son/daughter does not play a fall sport that they have a current physical on file, as they will not be permitted to participate in practices until this is taken care of. Parents of winter athletes please be sure to fill out and return all paperwork (i.e., EMA, drug form, sudden cardiac, and concussion) promptly.

As we begin the winter season, we will soon be dealing with weather delays and cancellations. Remember, you can always find up-to-the minute schedules and reschedules on Arbiter Live on our school athletic page!!



High School Principal, Scott Searing

We just completed a successful Homecoming Week and crowned our first King Ethan Sprinkle and our Queen Kelsey Lones. Our students and community enjoyed many activities that took place including a homecoming parade.

The week of October 11th will be our Senior Week and Beat New Lex week. We will hold Senior Night on October 12th before the High School Volleyball Game in the gym. Seniors for all Fall Sports and Band will have a Senior table in the Commons. We will announce each Senior and their Parents on the court before the Varsity Game.

On October 14th we will hold the annual Beat New Lex Rally in the gym and our Snake Dance and Bonfire. Festivities will begin at 7PM. October 15th our football team will travel to New Lex to take on the Panthers.

Our First Quarter comes to an end on October 15th. Parent Teacher Conference will be October 21st and the 26th. Information on how to discuss your student's progress will be shared with you in the coming days.

Pinktober is upon us and The Student Principal Advisory Committee and the National Honor Society has partnered again to raise money for Perry County Cancer Alliance. We are selling shirts and hoodies to raise money for the cause. We will also run a fundraiser in the school with prizes and activities for all students to participate in.

5-8 Middle School Principal, Scott Houk

We are off to another awesome year at Crooksville Middle School. Our students have been resilient as we have come back to full in-person learning. The students and teachers have been utilizing programs like Exact Path, Teach TCI, Google Classroom and Think Cerca to help ensure growth in their education. Mr. Hill has been working to get agriculture into our classrooms using PBL through The Ohio Rural Educator Program funded by United States Ag Department. There are a few field trips taking place this fall. The 8th graders are headed to the Mid-East Technical Campus to explore what options they may have when transitioning into high school in the coming years. The 8th grade also has a trip planned to Roscoe Village in the future. The traditional overnight 8th grade trip is still being discussed, and we will provide details about the trip soon. The 7th graders are headed to the Wilds for a hands-on experience to go along with their biomes lessons.

In athletics, the football players and cheerleaders have been working hard each week and are showing signs of improvement. The Ceramics have impressive wins over: Morgan, Meadowbrook, Meigs, River View, Philo, and Coshocton. The volleyball teams are also playing very well together and are improving each and every week. The 7th grade team has yet to get a win after several hard fought matches. The 8th grade team is 4-3 with wins over: Maysville twice, John Glenn, and Coshocton. Cross country has been traveling all around the area and the athletes are improving their times each week. Congrats to Hannah Sheets (13:46) and Sheridan Glanemann (13:48) for breaking the middle school girls record. Please look at the schedule of events and come out to support all of our middle school athletes.

Crooksville Middle School has many new additions to the staff this year. In the lunch room, Tim White replaces Bill Hampton in the role of custodian. Deanna Hinkle and Kayla Ross have been added to assist with lunchroom monitoring as well. The middle school has also welcomed four new teachers to our district, and they are: Gage Lotozo- 8th Intervention Specialist, Kelly McCoy- 7th Intervention Specialist, Jennifer Altier- 6th Intervention Specialist, and Nick Jones- 6th Social Studies.

The 8th grade will have a chili cook-off the week of Thanksgiving Break. There will be several teams made up of all of our 8th grade students. There will be a panel of judges consisting of: administrators, high school students, and others throughout the community. This cook-off goes along with the students Food Fridays which teach them to cook and problem solve.

Go Ceramics!

K-4 Elementary School Principal, Sharon Nye

We have had a fantastic start to our school year. Our teachers came back to school recharged and ready for a new start. Our students and teachers are so thankful to be back to full face-to-face learning. Our new playground areas are fully under construction and we are all excited about that as well. We have started our fall fundraiser with our students selling cookie dough and chocolates. Sales will end on Friday, October 15th.

We have Parent-Teacher Conferences approaching on Thursday, October, 21st from 4:00-7:30 and Tuesday, October 26th (2 hour Early Out) from 2:00-5:30. There will be no school on Friday, October 22nd.

Our elementary students are excited to be actively learning Heggerty Phonemic Awareness along with their teachers. I'm certain families are hearing all about it at home. Our building has taken on some exciting new changes as the advanced art students from the high school have been creatively painting a fall theme on our windows in the hallway leading from the office area to the classrooms. Our students are working on their PAX leadership skills here at school and hopefully you are hearing and seeing that carry over at home.

Thank you so much for the support I have received from so many of you. Crooksville Elementary is dedicated to enriching your child's life. We look forward to keeping an open line of communication with our families this year. It is an honor and privilege to serve as your principal. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or just stop by and say hello. I am eager to meet all of our families and get to know all of you. Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for each and every child.

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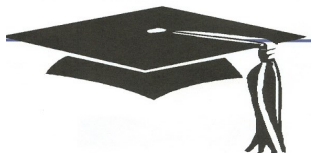
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Mark Your Calendar

October 11

October 15

October 21

October 22

October 26

November 2

November 24

November 25

November 26

November 29

December 17

December 20 - December 31

January 3

No School

End of First Grading Period

Parent Teacher Conferences

Grades 5-12 3:00-6:30 Grades KG-4 4:00-7:30

No School

Parent Teacher Conferences Two Hour Early Out

Grades 5-12 1:00-4:30 Grades KG-4 2:00-5:30

No School

Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving Day

PT Comp Day

Thanksgiving Break

End of Second Grading Period/First Semester

No School Christmas Break

Return to School



2021 Homecoming

Senior Queen and King Attendants

