

Crooksville Exempted Village School District

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A Note from the Superintendent

Dear Ceramics,

Every year, it seems like the first quarter of the school year flies by. Of course, this year was no exception. Now that the second quarter of the year has begun, we have already set the tone for the school year and established our expectations and routines. I always enjoy visiting our classrooms to see our students and teachers highly engaged in educational activities. 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 new learning opportunities, and many others.

Over the summer we completed a few projects throughout our district. We were proud to officially open our new Ceramic Stadium during our community night prior to our first day of school. Additionally, we have successfully replaced every heat pump in both of our buildings with updated controls. This provides consistent classroom temperatures, reduces humidity levels and provides higher quality air flow. Our high school and K8 stages received updates as well, which provide enhanced performance areas.

As I begin my seventh year in the district and third as superintendent, I continue to be impressed by the amount of community pride that is displayed. I am grateful and appreciative for the attendance and participation for our open house in August and homecoming festivities that were held several weeks ago. I encourage everyone 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.

Go Ceramics!

Your partner in education,

Kevin Smith



High School Principal, Scott Searing

Academics

We are off to a great start here at Crooksville High School academically. This year we have added new course opportunities for students. After listening to our student body we created a Life Skills class that teaches students preparation for life outside of high school. Students are learning key life skills such as cooking, basic home and car maintenance, financial skills and much more. We also now offer a partnership with Mid-East Buffalo campus called the W.A.G.E.S. Program. This partnership was created to teach students the basics of workforce. Students in this program are required to work outside of school and learn skills for their career. In math we are offering Quantitative Reasoning as an alternative to Algebra II. This course teaches math in a real life practical way for students utilizing a hands on approach. We have expanded the ALA program from 8th grade to the high school as well. This program is designed to foster leadership skills for students. We continue to offer a wide array of College Credit Plus opportunities on campus. This year we have added CCP courses in the medical field for students wishing to pursue a degrees in that area.

School Safety

We are very conscientious of the safety of students in the building. This year we have made it a priority to revamp our safety protocol and training for both staff and students. This year we trained all staff in new ALICE Training techniques of VCI (Violent Critical Incident). Our district is focused on earning an ALICE Certification. The High School has completed new student training during their Flex classes this year and participated in a school wide lockdown practice. The students and staff did an amazing job. We will soon be completing a district wide evacuation simulation.

JFS Partnership

We have begun a Job and Family Services (JFS) Partnership and have a representative on campus one day a week. Students can set up meetings with the representative to discuss many options JFS has to assist students with workforce development while in high school and beyond into post-graduation life. JFS offer many other opportunities than just workforce for our community and are willing to assist students in those avenues. If you have questions, please reach out to the school on Tuesdays 9am to 12pm to talk to them.

SPAC/NHS Community Night

On October 29th our Student Principal Advisory Committee (SPAC) and National Honor Society (NHS) students will present a night for the Community. On this night at 6:30 PM NHS will sponsor a Trunk or Treat in the parking lot. This event is free for all to attend. At 8:00 PM SPAC will present a Movie on the Field Night. They will be showing Hocus Pocus on the scoreboard for families and community to come and enjoy. Concessions will be available as well as glow items for sale. The cost for entrance is \$5 per person. 3 and under are free. Any student in 6th grade or below must be accompanied by an adult. ***To save the new turf and track, no chairs are allowed. There will be a handicap accessible option available.***

Athletic Director, Mike Fulkerson

Fall sports seasons are winding down fast. The new stadium and sports complex are almost finished with the track being resurfaced and the weight room to be finished soon. We have had some great accomplishments during this fall season. Our lone female golfer, Riley McKenzie was the MVL Champion, Sectional Champion, District Champion and was All Ohio with a State Runner up Finish. She shot the best overall round of the 2 day State Tournament. She has had an amazing career. Our boys golf team finished 4th in the sectionals and a great 2nd place finish in the



Districts while just missing a state qualification by a few strokes.

We had our brand new football field opened for the first game of the year. This was a tremendous event with a fireworks show and a former alumnus delivering the game ball via parachute entrance. It was an amazing event and we are very proud of our new facility. Volleyball won their first MVL match in years and has made improvement throughout the year.

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 finishing 5th place overall and being named All MVL. Also, Grayson Houk and Grace Sheets finished in 17th place just missing out on that honor. Two middle school runners were awarded medals for finishing in the top 15, Luke Sheets and Brody Merckle.

Our junior high football teams had a great season as well and 8th grade only had one loss on the season. Our Band is having a great year with a Best in Class at River View and at Maysville and receiving Best Percussion Award at Maysville's Band-A-Palooza. 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!!

5-8 Middle School Principal, Scott Houk

We are off to another awesome year at Crooksville Middle School. Our students have been working very hard and enjoying the start of a great year. The students and teachers have been utilizing technology based programs such as, Exact Path, Teach TCI, Google Classroom, Gizmos, ALEKS, and Think Cerca to help ensure growth in their education. We had our first middle school dance in the beginning of October for a cheerleading fundraiser. There are a few field trips taking place this fall. The 8th graders are headed to the Mid-East Technology Campus to explore what options they may have when transitioning into high school in the coming years. The traditional overnight 8th grade trip is still being discussed, and we will provide details about the trip soon. The 8th grade students are hosting Fall Fest again this year on October 28th and the cost is \$2 for each student in grades K-7 to participate. The 7th graders are headed to the Opera House in McConnelsville for an upcoming show.



In athletics, the football players and cheerleaders have been working hard each week and are showing signs of success winning most of their games along the way. The volleyball teams are also playing their very best and have a few wins during their season. Cross country has been traveling all around the area and the athletes are improving their times each week. Please look at the schedule of events and come out to support all of our middle school athletes this year. A big shout out to our 6th grade students for doing some community service in helping with stadium set up and clean up on Fridays.

In the middle school we also have a few new additions to our teaching staff as well as a few others that have switched positions. Crooksville Middle School has two new additions to their teaching staff this year. We would like to welcome Ashton Fox (6th grade science) and Colton Bolyard (6th grade math) to our 6th grade team. We look forward to many years to come with our new additions.

Ms. Fox comes to us all the way from Palm Beach County, Florida, where she taught 6th grade science for four years. Ashton graduated college from the University of Central Florida with a degree in Elementary Education. After graduating college, she taught third grade and Kindergarten. Ms. Fox lives in Junction City with her husband, Orlando, and her three sons, Orlando, Lucas, and Miles. Originally from Perry County, Ashton is happy to be back in Ohio and part of such a great, close-knit community.

Mr. Bolyard has been a part of our district the last few years as a substitute teacher and an assistant basketball coach for our high school boys team. He comes to us from Ohio University where he earned his undergraduate degree in 2021. Mr. Bolyard is a recent Crooksville High School graduate from the class of 2017, and he also participated in athletics during his tenure. Colton is the son of Doug and Jacqueline Bolyard and also has one sister, Darby.

Go Ceramics!

From the desk of Mrs Nye, K-4 Elementary Principal

Our school year has definitely been refreshing and off to a great start. Our community night back in August was a wonderful opportunity for families to visit our elementary classrooms, meet teachers and see all the great changes we made over the summer. Our Kindergarten staggered start provided the opportunity for our teachers to work with a small group of students each day, teach routines, gather data and ensure students could navigate through our building and be comfortable in their environment. Our elementary teachers are working harder than ever to make positive contributions to our school. Our students are getting daily doses of Heggerty Phonemic Awareness and 95% Phonics.

The week of September 12th we were able to celebrate our very first Grandparents Week for grades K-4. We welcomed close to 450 grandparents that week to enjoy lunch with their grandchildren. We hope to expand and make it even better next year. Two of our community partners, The VFW and Goebel's Funeral Home both donated money towards the cost of the grandparent lunches. We are so grateful to both of them.



This month we are excited for our annual book fair in the media center, October 17-20, as well as Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, October 20 4:00-7:30 and Tuesday, October 25 2:00-5:30. We will celebrate Halloween in the elementary building on Friday, October 28th.

Each month we are celebrating students nominated by their teachers as PAX Leaders of the Month. They are recognized for different character traits. The character traits for August/September were *Listening and Following Directions*. This month we will recognize those students who display wonderful *Hallway Etiquette*.

Our first grade students will celebrate their annual Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 22nd in our cafeteria/upper gym and our second and third grade students will perform their annual Holiday Program in the Upper Gym of our building on Thursday, December 8th. We are excited for our newly renovated stage with new curtains and sound system.



We are most excited to welcome our community into our school for the first time in a few years to celebrate learning and all the special events we have planned.

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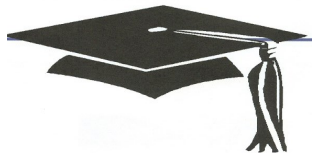
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ordering are available from Ms.
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Mark Your Calendars

October 25

November 23

November 24

November 25

November 28

December 16

December 19 - January 3

January 4

Parent Teacher Conferences Two Hour Early Out

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

Thanksgiving Break—No School

Thanksgiving Day—No School

PT Comp Day—No School

Thanksgiving Break—No School

End of Second Grading Period/First Semester

No School Christmas Break

Return to School



2022 Homecoming Queen & King Attendants

