



A Note from the Superintendent

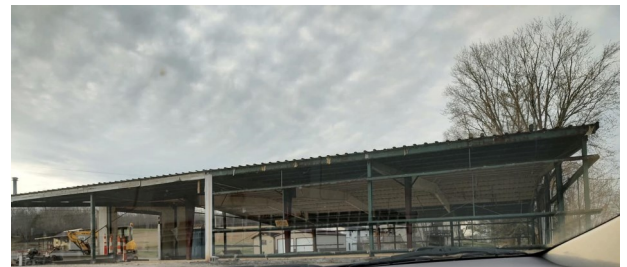
Dear Ceramics,



I want to begin by thanking our staff, students, parents/guardians and our community for another great school year. With a collaborative and inclusive approach, Crooksville Schools continues to offer amazing learning opportunities for our students. We are making a concentrated effort to expand on these offerings at the high school level next year with the addition of pre-apprenticeships and work based learning experiences. This will only better prepare our older students with necessary skills and abilities in their pursuit of work force employment.

With recent events nationally, school violence has been all over the news and social media. I want to reassure everyone that student safety remains our top priority. A few of our recent measures that we have taken include; single entry buzz in entrances at both of our buildings, ID badges for all staff, the addition of two-way communication radios to contact law enforcement, security camera upgrades and the installation of monitors for these cameras in the offices at both buildings, and various exercises and trainings done in conjunction with law enforcement on threats, including ALICE training and certification. Crooksville Schools was fortunate to be the recent recipient of additional safety grant money from the Governor's office which will be used to enhance our safety even further.

We have a few projects scheduled for this summer. If you have driven past the district, you have witnessed that the former Frames building is currently under construction. The building is scheduled for completion by the start of next school year. This multipurpose facility provides additional space for extracurricular activities, restrooms for use during baseball and softball contests as well as designated storage.



A second major project this summer is the replacement of the elementary roof. This work will begin immediately after our last day of school and is scheduled to be completed by the beginning of next school year.

I wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer break. Congratulations to our 2023 graduating class, and I look forward to seeing all of our returning students on August 17th.

Your partner in education,

Kevin Smith

High School Principal, Scott Searing

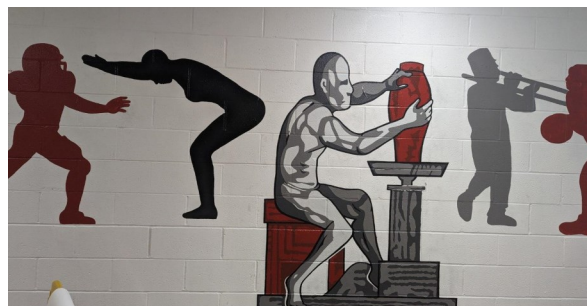
This school year has been very exciting and we are heading down the home stretch. State testing has finished up, spring athletics are winding down, many student groups are taking field trips and senior activities are in full swing.

The concert band, led by Mr. Dunlap, competed at Gahanna Lincoln High School for State competition once again. Congratulations band we are very proud of your accomplishments. The art class has been very busy showcasing their talents by designing a beautiful mural in the athletic hallway. When you come and visit the high school, please stop by and see their work.

The high school has a lot of year end activities planned for the month of May. The steered straight assembly will take place for grades 9 & 10, nerf war activity for grades 8-12, transition day for 8th grade students moving to the high school and Pathway to our future signing day and field day.

We are very excited to be hosting the first ever Perry County Possibilities Invitational track meet at Ceramic Stadium on May 17th. Crooksville, Miller, New Lex and Sheridan Middle & High School Special Education classes are coming together to showcase their students abilities. This will be a very exciting day for our students!!

The last day for Seniors will be Friday, May 19th with graduation practice taking place that morning. Graduation for the Class of 2023 will take place on May 21st, 2023 and the last day for ALL students will be Wednesday, May 24th. Thank you to everyone for a successful year at CHS. Have a wonderful and relaxing summer break.



5-8 Middle School Principal, Scott Houk

The school year in the middle school has gone by extremely fast. The students are excited to have their testing complete for another year. We have had many successful students this year including: countless students of the month, honor roll students, and many others. Mrs. Davis (5th grade) was honored as CORAS Outstanding Middle School Teacher this school year. The middle school track team had many accomplishments this season. They are competing great against their competition and have set a few school records along the way. The archery teams have excelled as well. The middle school and elementary archers have huge wins over a few of the top teams in the league. The middle school team finished 2nd in the State 3D Tournament, and had several students place in the top 5.



The eighth graders are getting more and more excited for their annual class trip. This year the students are going on a trip new to our school and will include activities in Kentucky and Ohio. The sites included on their 8th grade trip include: Newport Aquarium, Louisville Slugger Museum, Churchill Downs, Kentucky Derby Museum, Mammoth Cave and Kings Island. This will be a great learning adventure for all the students and staff. We would like to thank everyone for making this trip available to our students.

We have many fun activities planned for our students to finish up the school year. We have secured Super Games once again as a reward for the student's great effort on their annual tests. The students will be able to participate with inflatable games and obstacle courses along with other exciting games and activities. Several grade levels have planned a field day for their students, and others have outdoor activities planned for their science classes.

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

Crooksville Elementary has been a busy place to be. Back in December we hosted our first *2nd and 3rd grade Holiday Program* in many years. On April 20th we hosted our first *1-2 Spring Music Program*. Both took place in our Upper Gymnasium on our K8 stage. We are so happy to have our beautiful new stage curtains. In February we held our first *Cookie Decorating Day* in third grade with a special family member and once again in April with Kindergarten. Also, in April we shared a Donut with a Dear One in second grade. We will have families join us on May 11th as our 4th graders display and present the *Living Wax Museum and Spring Concert*. *LifeWise* was a huge success this year. Our last session ended April 25th. We have grades 1-4 attending field trips this spring along with kindergarten enjoying an outdoor fun day! Super Games will take place in May along with a morning visit with a clown from Culpepper Merriweather Circus. We have a planned visit from a K9 unit along with celebrating *Right to Read Week* May 15-19 with some fun themed activities planned for students. Students are enjoying our *PAX Cafeteria Challenge*. Before spring break all grades, K-4 earned a popcorn party. Currently students are working to earn a popsicle party before the end of the school year. Our *PAX Bus Challenge* began March 13th until the end of the year. Each time the students on a bus earn 10 coins for super bus behavior they earn a reward. Our third and fourth graders completed spring state testing as well. Our elementary school is extremely busy and our staff is so proud of our *Little Ceramics* each and every day! Keep in mind the last day of school for students will be Wednesday, May 24th. We hope your child will continue to enjoy reading over the summer either at home or through our Perry County District Library system.



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