

Crooksville Exempted Village School District

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A Note from the Superintendent

Dear Ceramics,

Every year, it seems as though the first quarter of the school year flies by. Of course, this year has been no exception. We have had a great beginning and 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 as well as building programs taking place. 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 in addition to our routine maintenance. We are excited to officially open our new Ceramic Sports Complex (formerly the Frames building) which provides additional space for a variety of activities and classes as well as restrooms for use during softball and baseball contests. Additionally, we replaced the roof on the K8 building that was installed in 1980 when that section of the building was originally constructed.

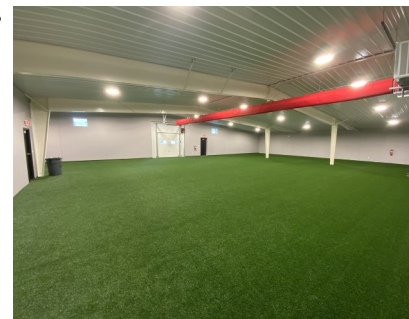
We are excited to once again be able to offer our iLearn program for students in grades K-12. If you are interested in having your child participate, please contact their building for enrollment forms and further information.


As I begin my eighth year in the district and fourth 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 during our district activities. I highly encourage everyone to participate in one of our many other upcoming events that will be taking place that showcases our students and amazing programs in our buildings. I look forward to continuing this great school year and working with you to provide the best education possible for our students.

Go Ceramics!

Your partner in education,

Kevin Smith





Crooksville iLearn
RETURNS
10/30/2023

Elementary Hours	Middle/High Hours
Before School: 7:30-8:55	After School: 2:20-5:30
After School: 3:30-5:30	

High School Principal, Scott Houk

It has been a wonderful start to the 23-24 school year here at Crooksville High School. Thank you to all the students and staff for making this transition a very exciting one. The students have been very busy with extra-curricular activities during and after school as well as excelling in academics. Teachers have been participating in professional development with Mrs. Barker to ensure our students are receiving the best possible practices available.

The students will have many opportunities for student-life experiences this school year. Student Council elections have been held and they are currently working on fundraisers and community service projects. The Quiz Team has participated in many competitions to start the year. National Honor Society has been actively seeking out new members and have been extremely busy working the Red Cross Blood Drive, attending the county-wide flu clinic, and working with the Perry County Homeless Coalition. The CHS Marching Band has competed in many contests, and were fortunate to bring home several awards and recognitions. They have recently received the honor to perform in the iconic venue of Ohio Stadium in Columbus. The Student Principal Advisory Committee has accepted many new members and along with the CHS Marching Band will present at the annual OSBA Conference held in Columbus in November. Class Officer elections will be happening on the same day as our National Election. The students will experience a real-world election to help understand how the election process runs. Students choosing to run for office will have to get a petition signed to run for office, campaign and give speeches just like a real election.



The students of CHS have been fortunate to participate in many learning opportunities outside of the classroom as well. Pairing with Jobs and Family Services the students have been able to visit Cherokee Valley Ranch, Genesis Health Care and Local 18 Laborers Union where students were able to operate heavy equipment. There will be many more opportunities to come. We will be taking trips to colleges, vocational schools and other educational facilities.



The leaders of SPAC and NHS will be holding their annual movie night on October 28th. NHS students will hold a trunk or treat activity at 6:30 in front of the stadium, and the movie will begin at 7:00. The cost is \$5.00 a person and all in the community are welcome to attend.

Athletic Director, Mike Fulkerson

As the fall sports season is winding down the athletic department would like to highlight some of our accomplishments so far this year.

Our football program started off the season 3-0 and have been very competitive in the tough MVL League. They are hoping to finish the season strong. Our Crooksville Golfers had a good season with Bo White being MVL Small School Division Individual top golfer and 5th overall with a 75 average in the league. He finished 2nd in Southeast District Sectionals and played well in the districts. Our volleyball team has made great strides since the beginning of the season with wins over Maysville, West Muskingum and looking to have a nice tournament run. Our cross country teams have had some great finishes. They competed at the Sheridan Back Woods Fest meet which had 38 teams. Hannah Sheets won the race and Grayson Houk finished 3rd overall. Grace Sheets also medaled with a top 15 finish. Hannah and Grayson were both ALL MVL in the MVL Championship Races with 8th place finishes and our boys team finished 2nd in the small school division which we held here at Crooksville for the first time. Luke Sheets also won the boys middle school MVL race.



We have had so many great comments on how nice our facilities look and we should be very proud of them. We appreciate all the community support we have had during the fall season. I want to personally thank everyone who helps behind the scenes to make this all happen. Athletic secretary, assistant athletic director, ticket takers, maintenance, grounds crew, custodians, bus drivers, the Athletic Boosters, chain gang, announcers, clock operators and score board video operators.



5-8 Middle School Principal, Mary Ann Headley

The new school year has kicked off with a bang at our middle school, and we couldn't be more excited to share the fantastic news with you.

Academic Excellence: Literacy and Mathematics

Our students have started the year with a tremendous surge of enthusiasm for learning. In the world of academics, we're witnessing remarkable progress in both literacy and mathematics. Teachers have been impressed by the dedication and hard work of our students, who are showing a keen interest in leveling up their skills and earning candy in the process. Our literacy programs have seen a remarkable boost in student engagement. In the realm of mathematics, our students are proving that they're up for the challenge. The middle school math classes have become hubs of collaborative learning and critical thinking.

Trivia Extravaganza: A Hit at School-Wide Level

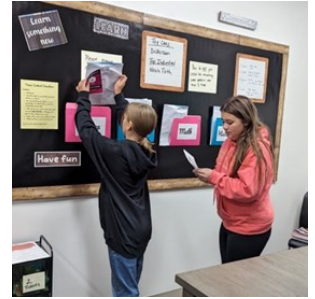
Who doesn't love a good trivia competition? Our school-wide trivia event has been an absolute hit among students. With a blend of fun and learning, our trivia contest is keeping the middle school community on their toes.

What's even more exciting is that we're not just rewarding individual brilliance; we're also recognizing the teamwork and camaraderie in our classrooms. Prizes are not only going to the trivia masters but also to entire classrooms that work together to achieve victory. It's a celebration of collective effort and unity, which is an essential part of our school's positive atmosphere

CMS Can Dos: Focusing on Success

The "CMS Can Dos" initiative has captured the attention and commitment of our students. These are the essential skills and values that we believe every student should practice as part of their middle school journey. I encourage you to ask your middle schooler what the four can dos are and what they mean. Students are randomly recognized each week for 'hitting a homerun' meaning no behavior strikes. Students focus on keeping their belongings in the appropriate place, dressing for success, and practicing good manners.

As we look ahead to the rest of the school year, we're filled with optimism and pride in our middle school community. With the dedication of our students, the passion of our teachers, and the support of parents and guardians there's no limit to what we can achieve together. Stay tuned for more updates on our middle school's exciting journey through the 2023-2024 academic year. It's going to be a year filled with academic excellence, teamwork, and personal growth, and we can't wait to share it all with you. Here's to an incredible year ahead!



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 and meet their child's new teacher. 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, 95% Phonics and now Reveal Math.

Grandparents Day Luncheons have been a welcomed success once again. This year we did things a little different and designated one day each week as we welcomed over 400 grandparents to enjoy lunch with their grandchildren.

This month was bus count week as our drivers gave out tickets daily to students riding the bus to school. Each day kids traded their tickets for candy and at the end of the week I drew tickets from a jar to award bigger prizes. One student was awarded an autographed Cleveland Browns Football! Our local Crooksville Fire & EMS presented our K-4 students with a fantastic Fire Safety Program with students getting hands-on experience with a fire truck along with visits from Sparky the Fire Dog and Smokey the Bear. We hosted our annual book fair in the media center, October 16-19.

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 was *Kindness*. This month we will recognize those students who display *Grit*.

Our first grade students will celebrate their annual Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 21st 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 Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30.

As you can see, there is a lot to be excited about this school year. What we are most excited about is welcoming our Little Ceramics each and every day with their book bag and a smile!



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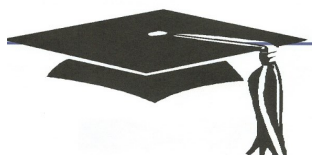
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Mark Your Calendars



November 22

November 23

November 24

November 27

December 15

December 18 - January 2

January 3

January 15

February 19

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

Martin Luther King Jr. Day—No School

Presidents' Day - No School



2023 Homecoming Queen and King Attendants

