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**COVINGTON EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## CES Kindergarten Registration

by Josh Long

We are now accepting kindergarten enrollments for the 2022-2023 school year. If your child will be five years old prior to August 1, 2022, you may start the registration process. Simply go to our website and follow the three step process under kindergarten registration. We look forward to meeting all of our new kindergarteners during our screening days on May 4th and 5th. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Benson at (937) 473-2252.

## Covington Jr/Sr High News

by Josh Meyer

I would like to thank our students, parents, and community members for all of their support during the first half of this school year. This support is reflected in the achievements of our students. As we continue to move forward, we encourage parents to be vigilant in monitoring student grades through ProgressBook. Let's make sure our students continue their great start and finish the 2021/2022 school year strong!

The Covington HS Business Professionals of America had eighteen members compete at the State Competition in a variety of events in Columbus on March 10th and 11th. This group continues to grow and compete at a high level.

Lady Bucc Basketball player Claudia Harrington was named the Three Rivers Conference Player of the Year and became the 9th Lady Bucc Basketball player to score her 1,000th point earlier this winter. The Buccaneer wrestling team also had a successful season that included winning the first ever Three Rivers Conference championship! We wish the wrestling team continued success in the postseason!

Congratulations to Ella Remley, CHS Junior! Recently, Ella Remley was recognized as the Americanism and Government Test Champion at the District level. The American Legion Americanism and Government Test is a statewide civics-based program sponsored by the Ohio American Legion and Ohio American Legion Auxiliary, that encourages students to learn about our country's national, state, and local governments.

Any student interested in the College Credit Plus program may access the information found on the school website at: <https://www.covington.k12.oh.us/hs/Content2/ccp-instructions>. If you have yet to complete the steps to enroll in the CCP program please contact Mrs. Ayres in the HS office at 937-473-3746 for more information.

Thank you to all of the parents that attended Parent/Teacher Conference night on February 17th. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact your child's teacher directly.

Thank you for everything that you do to make our school the "Best 7-12 School in Ohio". Go Buccs!

## 2021-2022 Wrestling Season Recap

by Ashley Johnson

The wrestling program has had an outstanding winter season so far, as they continue into the OHSAA State Wrestling Championships.

In January, the varsity wrestling team won the first Three Rivers Conference wrestling championship held at Lehman Catholic High School. Jericho Quinter, Michael Hagan, and Hayden Barker were individual conference champions in their respective weight classes, earning them First Team All-Conference honors.

The Buccaneers hosted this year's sectional tournament and earned a Sectional Championship. Nine individual wrestlers, Carson Taylor, Jericho Quinter, Michael Hagan, Chase Vanderhorst, Aveyen Meek, Jackson Shiverdecker, Connor Sindelir, Jensen Wagoner, and Scott Blumenstock, and one alternate, Caleb Miller, qualified for the District Tournament at Hobart Area in Troy.

The Buccs' success continued at the District Tournament again this year, qualifying five wrestlers to the state tournament. Carson Taylor, Jericho Quinter, Michael Hagan, Chase Vanderhorst, and Scott Blumenstock qualified to compete in the Ohio High School Athletic Association's state wrestling tournament March 11<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations on a great season, and good luck at the state tournament!

## **Eric Flory - P.L.U.S. 5K**

by Josh Long

The Covington P.L.U.S. (Positive + Leader + Uplifting + Supportive) organization will host the annual P.L.U.S. 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, April 24, at 1:00 pm. The event will begin and end at St. John's Lutheran Church at the corner of Bridge and Wall Street in Covington. Please register and enjoy a flat/fast course that runs through a residential area and down a country road.

The entry fee is \$20 for participants who pre-register by April 15th, \$25 same day registration (beginning at 11:30a.m.), with pre-registration participants receiving an Eric Flory - P.L.U.S. 5K t-shirt. Participants may register online at: <https://www.cantstoprunningco.com/>.

**All Covington 5th and 6th grade students may be entered for free.**

All proceeds benefit the 5th and 6th grade "overnighter," which is designed to promote personal growth, improve self-esteem, and foster healthy life choices, with the primary focus being on substance abuse. This year's P.L.U.S. Overnighter will take place on April 29th and 30th. Those interested in volunteering at the 5K, or wishing to donate door prizes, can contact Dave Larson at 937-570-0197.

## **2021-2022 Basketball Season Recap**

by Ashley Johnson

The student-athletes in the boys' and girls' basketball programs have had an outstanding winter season!

The junior high boys' basketball teams finished their season in the first round of the Three Rivers Conference Tournament. The 7th grade boys' had a 7-7 conference record, while the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' team finished with a 5-9 conference record.

The varsity boys' basketball team finished the season with a 2-12 Three Rivers Conference record, and a 5-16 overall record. Britton Miller

and Carter Maxson earned Honorable Mention All-Conference honors.

The junior high girls' basketball teams finished their seasons as Runner-Up in the Three Rivers Conference tournament. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls finished the regular season with an 8-6 conference record, while the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' team finished the regular season with a 10-4 conference record.

The varsity girls' basketball team won a share of the first Three Rivers Conference Girls' Basketball Championship. The girls finished with a 12-2 conference record, and a 20-5 overall record. The Lady Buccs had five players earning All-Conference honors this season. Claudia Harrington was voted Player of the Year and earned First-Team All-Conference honors. Carlie Besecker also earned First Team All-Conference honors, Claire Fraley earned Second Team All-Conference honors, and Gracie Anderson and Maggie Anderson earned Honorable Mention All-Conference honors.

Congratulations to all of our student-athletes for an outstanding basketball season!

## **Summer Bridge Activities**

by Josh Long

Covington Elementary School is once again offering an opportunity for your child to review and retain their current skill levels through a summer activity book called "Summer Bridge Activities." This workbook will enhance the skills students have developed over this past school year, plus boost new learning. Look for order forms to be sent home in early April.

## **Spaghetti Supper**

by Nicole Crawford and Laura Ayres

The annual Covington High School Spaghetti Supper will be held on March 22nd from 4:30-6:30 pm. On the evening of the event, the meal will be served in the K-8 Cafeteria. All proceeds from the dinner will benefit

the Covington Schools Scholarship Fund Program. Each dinner will include Italian spaghetti with meat sauce, homemade coleslaw, garlic toast, dessert, and drinks. The cost of the dinners this year is \$7.00.

Also, the community scholarship fund drive is underway. Many individuals and organizations have continuously been supportive of this cause throughout the years. Donations to the scholarship fund should be sent to Laura Ayres at Covington High School, 807 Chestnut St., Suite A, Covington, Ohio 45318, through March 22. For more information, call 937-473-2856, Opt 1.

The community's continued support is greatly appreciated!

## **National BPA Leadership Conference**

by Heidi Anderson

Covington High School is recognized as an outstanding chapter in the Business Professionals of America's 2021-2022 Virtual Events. This year, BPA experienced record registration numbers in all ten National Virtual Events, and to be considered as a top individual/team competitor means that a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication was completed over multiple months of competition. Gavin Fraley and Christian Jarvis were recognized for their high-ranking performance and have been formally invited to the 2022 BPA National Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas as Top Ten competitors in V10 - Virtual Branding Team Pilot.

## **The Lady Buccs Play at The Hoosier Gym**

by Ashley Johnson

On Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Covington Lady Buccs Basketball Team traveled to Knightstown, Indiana to face the Versailles Tigers in the famous Hoosier Gym. The Hoosier Gym is now a museum and community center, but in 1986 it was the filming location for the movie

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“Hoosiers” and was the home court for the Hickory Huskers.

The Lady Buccs had the full “Hoosiers” experience, from playing on the original floor, to using the home locker room where Coach Norman Dale (Gene Hackman) gave numerous pre-game and post-game speeches.

The Lady Buccs came out strong, and were victorious against Versailles, 54-42.

To top off the experience, Claudia Harrington scored her 1,000th point on a baseline jump shot in the third quarter of the game. Claudia became the ninth Lady Bucc basketball player to reach the 1,000 point milestone in their career.

### **Junior High Scholarship Club**

by Adam Sweigart

On Thursday, February 17th, thirty-nine students were inducted into the Covington Junior High School Scholarship Club. This club recognizes the academic efforts that seventh and eighth grade students exhibit in the classroom on a daily basis. The newly inducted thirty nine students, and the nineteen current members, maintain a 3.6 GPA in their five core classes (English, Math, Reading, Social Studies, and Science) from their first grading period at CJHS to now. The assembly, held in the K8 Gymnasium, was a great success and a special thank you goes out to all of the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, and even cousins who made it a special day for all of the new inductees! Both seventh and eighth grade students were inducted during the ceremony. Thank you to all of our talented Covington staff members who assisted in making this special day a reality. Congratulations to our new inductees and keep up the academic excellence!

### **Bucc Pals**

by Nicole Crawford and Lauren Bell

The counseling program is starting a Student-Mentoring Program called “Bucc Pals,” to help boost the school's friendly and inviting atmosphere. Students from the high school are invited to apply for a mentor position, where they would be given the unique opportunity to help make a positive impact on their school community through mentoring elementary students.

Students who mentor have skills such as: the ability to solve problems independently, are responsible, organized, consistently show respect to others, and are leaders in the school and community. During mentoring, students are able to tutor, read to their mentee, talk about their day, play games, and do creative activities together on a weekly basis. Through counselor collaboration, our high school students are

paired with the elementary students based on a number of factors.

We are excited to provide this new opportunity to our students and staff as we believe it will be beneficial to all. If you wish to have your student participate in any capacity please contact Mrs. Bell at the elementary 937-473-8335 or Mrs. Crawford at the high school 937-473-2856 Opt. 2.

### **Spring Testing News**

by Bridgit Kerber

Spring testing will begin in April for students in grades 3-11. Most tests will be administered over two day periods for grades 3-8, while high school end-of-course tests are usually administered in one sitting. The State testing windows, and our own Easter break, caused some tests to be given earlier or later than in the past, so please be sure to mark your calendars!

On testing days, it is important that students attend school, get plenty of sleep, eat a well-balanced breakfast, and come prepared to do their best. While the tests are not the most important determination of student achievement, they are a valuable source of data for teachers to plan instruction, so students should take the tests seriously. To avoid unnecessary testing stress, students should be encouraged at home to participate in some physical exercise and fun time with family and friends on testing days.

### **English Language Arts:**

March 30-31: Grades 4 and 5 ELA

March 31-April 1: Grade 7 ELA

April 6: Grade 10 ELA

April 6-7: Grades 3 and 6 ELA

April 7- 8: Grade 8 ELA

April 11-13: ELA Make-up testing

### **Science, Math, Social Studies:**

April 19-20: Grades 3 and 6 Math

April 20-21: Grade 7 Math

April 21-22: Grades 4 and 5 Math

April 22: Grade 10 American History and Grade 11 Government

April 25: Grade 8 Science

April 26-27: Grade 8 Math (Math Transitions and Algebra)

April 27-28: Grade 5 Science

April 28: Grade 9 and 10 Math

May 3: Grade 9 and 10 Science

April 29-May 6 : Science/Math/Social Studies Make-up testing

Testing dates are subject to change, to accommodate changes to the school schedule if necessary. The final testing schedule will be posted on the school website.

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## A Message from Superintendent Gene Gooding

### CHS Drama Club Performance

The CHS Drama Club will perform the play *Murder at the Goon Show* on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Both nights, the play will be held in the K-8 cafeteria and will begin at 7:00. Presale tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and Senior Citizens, and can be purchased at the high school office. Tickets at the door will be \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and Senior Citizens.

The students and directors have worked extremely hard over the last few months preparing to perform this comedy/murder mystery and it promises to be an outstanding show! Please feel free to come support the CHS Drama Club on March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The doors will open each night at 6:30.

### Great Winter Sports Season!

Miss Johnson did an excellent job of recapping the winter sports seasons earlier in this publication. I would like to thank the basketball players, cheerleaders, wrestlers, and coaches for completing outstanding seasons and for representing the school district and the community with class and pride! Thank you also to everyone who supported the Lady Buccs and the Buccs as they competed in their respective sports. Your encouragement and enthusiasm means a great deal to our student athletes.

The Spring athletes are already practicing and their games and meets will begin very soon. If you have the opportunity this Spring, please come watch our softball team, track team, and baseball team as they compete in the Three Rivers Conference for the first time. They are working extremely hard and hope to match, or exceed, the outstanding successes achieved by our fall and winter athletes!

### Academic Success

Congratulations to the students who were recently inducted into the Junior High School Scholarship Club. As Mr. Sweigart noted in his article, to be inducted, these students had to work extremely hard and had to earn a 3.6 grade point average in their core academic subjects. Maintaining such high academic standards is not easy to do, and it has become more challenging over the years as Junior High students are involved in more and more activities. Congratulations again to this outstanding group of students for remaining focused on your academics and for challenging yourselves to succeed!

Congratulations also to the elementary students who were invited to the recent Principal's Breakfast. After each quarter, Mr. Long invites the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students who earned all A's and B's, or all A's, to have breakfast with him. The students enjoy donuts, milk, juice, and listen to some fantastic music. It is a great tradition and the students look forward to celebrating with Mr. Long each quarter!

### Spring Focus

There is so much for our students to look forward to in the spring. The weather is nice, outdoor sports begin, field trips are scheduled, and summer looms just around the corner. Unfortunately, this season can also cause even the most serious students to lose focus on their homework and classroom projects. Therefore, it is also a very important time to keep the lines of communication open with your child's teachers and principals. If you have any questions, concerns, or simply want an update on your child's progress, please feel free to email or call the appropriate staff member. As we all know, students succeed at a much higher rate if the student, teacher, and parents are all on the same page!

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## THANKS FOR ASKING!

I have a question about the Covington Schools or a suggestion for improving the schools.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail your questions or suggestions to: Mr. Gene Gooding, Covington EVSD, 807 Chestnut St., Suite B, Covington, OH 45318*

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