



# COVINGTON CONNECTION

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Gene Gooding, Superintendent

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**COVINGTON EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **Thank You CES Families by Josh Long**

As the end of the school year quickly approaches, we wanted to take a moment to share important upcoming dates and extend a thank you to all of the families for making the 2021-2022 school year a success. Our staff is truly blessed to be able to work with your children on a daily basis. We are extremely proud of all of our students and the wonderful work they do each and every day. As families, your efforts have been appreciated throughout the school year in helping provide a positive home to school connection. As we conclude the final month of the school year, we want to remind you of some upcoming dates.

- May 23- Teacher Meet and Greet  
K-2 Superkids Celebration
- May 24 -Field Day (rain date is May 25)
- May 26 -End of the year awards  
K-2, morning and 3-6, afternoon
- May 27- Last Day – 1:00 p.m. Early Dismissal

## **Miami County Pre-School by Josh Long**

The Miami County Educational Service Center currently provides preschool services for Covington students who qualify as a child with a disability. This pre-school is for children who are three and four years old. Students may be enrolled any time throughout the school year. There is a screening process that children must go through at the Miami County Pre-school offices in Troy.

The county pre-school may have 10 to 12 students. Eight of these students are students who qualify for early intervention prior to kindergarten. The rest are typical students. At this time there is a waiting list for the typical students. If interested or for more information, please call the Miami County Pre-school Office at 332-6029.

## **Covington Jr/Sr High News by Josh Meyer**

I want to personally thank our students, parents, staff, and community for their support during the 2021-2022 school year. I am always impressed by how the Covington Community supports their children and partners with the school to provide the best education possible for all of our students. The reason that our students continue to achieve at a high level is a direct reflection of the support of our community, the dedication of our staff, and the work ethic of our children.

On April 23, 24 students were inducted into the National Honor Society. Congratulations to these students and their parents! It takes an immense amount of work and self-discipline to be inducted into the National Honor Society. The annual High School Honors Banquet was held on May 2. At this ceremony 47 students at Covington High School were recognized for a wide range of academic achievements. The support that our community provides is evidenced in the number of awards given and amount of money awarded to our students. On April 30 we held Prom at the Round Barn in Piqua. This was a great way for our upperclassmen to spend time together and the memories that were made during Prom and After Prom will last a lifetime. Graduation will be held on May 29 at 2 PM at Hobart Arena. I look forward to celebrating our graduates on that day. Lastly, there are numerous other activities that our students are involved in that deserve mentioning. FFA competed at their state convention, the Covington HS BPA sent eight of their members to the national competition, the music program continues to perform at a high level at their competitions, and the Art Club held an Art Show this spring. It is evident to anyone that works with our students that they are the key ingredient in making Covington Jr/Sr High School the BEST 7-12 School in Ohio.

**Congratulations to the Class of 2022!**

## Covington BPA Update by Kristi Homan

Students from Covington High School's Business Professionals of America (BPA) chapter will attend the 2022 BPA National Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas, May 4–8.

The conference will bring together an estimated six thousand delegates from across the country to vie for top honors in business, finance, technology, marketing and health administration skills competitions. The students will have the opportunity to attend leadership and professional development workshops. They can receive awards for community service activities and will elect BPA's 2022–2023 national student leadership team.

The 2022 National Leadership Conference is presented by Certiport, a Pearson VUE business, the leading provider of certification exam development, delivery, and program management services. Conference attendees have the option to complete software certifications from Certiport during the event in Dallas.

“For students and chapter advisors attending the National Leadership Conference, the event is the culmination of a year's work,” said Dr. Brenda Jacobsen, Chair of BPA's National Board of Trustees. “We applaud these BPA members for the energy they have devoted to advancing to nationals in competitive events, sharpening their career skills and contributing to community betterment through service initiatives.”

The students from the Covington BPA chapter attending the conference are: Gavin Fraley and Christian Jarvis (Promotional Branding Team); Drew Gessner, Chase Vanderhorst, Bryson Hite, and Jacob Tipps (Economic Research Team); and Jenna Belmaggio (Health Administration Leadership).

While in Dallas, participants will also have opportunities to network with other BPA members and industry representatives, visit famous attractions in the region, and participate in a walk that raises money for Special Olympics.



CHS Prom Queen, Holly Beasley and Prom King Gavin Fraley



National Honor Society inductees: Daniel Leistner, Levi Weldy, Connor Humphrey, Grant Blore, Kearsten Wiggins, Kinsey Mitchell, Emmaline Kiser, Megan Naylor, Ayden Reynolds, Asher Long, Chase Vanderhorst, Audrey Tobe, Ella White, Emily Daly, Monica Ostendorf, Sydney Richard, Allison Gostomsky, Nora Hand, Emma Wilson, Reagan Lemp, and Kamryn Barnes



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## **Valedictorians**

### **by Laura Ayres**

It is our pleasure to announce the Covington High School Class of 2022 Valedictorians: Holly Beasley and Elizabeth Kuether. Both of these students have worked incredibly hard throughout high school, maintaining a 4.0 grade point average.

### **Holly Beasley, Valedictorian**

Holly Beasley is the daughter of Dan and Linda Beasley. She is an active member in many school activities such as SADD Club, Drama Club, and National Honor Society, and is heavily involved in the schools music program. She plays saxophone in marching band, concert band, jazz band, and pep band, and sings in the choir. This fall she will be attending Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, as a music education major.

### **Elizabeth Kuether, Valedictorian**

Elizabeth is the daughter of Tony and Michelle Kuether, and has four brothers. Elizabeth has been involved in many school activities such as National Honor Society, Drama Club, Spanish Club, and SADD club. She also plays the flute in concert, pep, and marching band. In her free time, she enjoys being outside, reading, and hanging out with friends. Elizabeth will be attending Bowling Green State University this fall.

### **Student Council News**

#### **by Bridgit Kerber**

The high school student council is rounding out its year by working with the junior high and elementary student councils to conduct a district wide fundraising event that will benefit fellow Buccaneer, Colton Foutz and family in his battle with cancer. This fundraiser is being held May 9-13, and will include dress up days, a penny war, a road block, and a pie in the face of the losing crew representative. Most of this fun and helpful event has been planned by elementary school student council advisor Mrs. Bell, and her excellent council members, but high school students are organizing the roadblock event on Wednesday, May 11. This event will happen before school when parents and students are arriving for the day. High school and junior high student council members will be stopping cars and asking drivers to empty their consoles of coins to benefit the Colton Strong foundation. The week is gearing up to be a fun and

engaging way to raise money to support one of our own.

## **ENGAGE Ohio**

### **by Lauren Bell and Nicole Crawford**

Covington has partnered with Ohio's Department of Education to provide an extra layer of support for K-12 students and their families to boost school engagement and academic success during the upcoming school year.

Students who choose to participate in the program will be assigned an Academic Success Coach who will answer questions, connect them with resources, and develop a plan to help the student stay on track and engaged with their schooling.

Coaches provide support such as:

- Guidance on technical and teacher access
- Encouragement and motivation to help students stay on track with their studies
- Organization and study tips
- Educational resources and exercises to help strengthen reading and math skills
- Referrals to local nonprofit organizations that can provide social-emotional support

This program is state-funded and completely FREE to students and their families. If you could like more information about ENGAGE Ohio, please reach out to Lauren Bell (937) 473-8335 or Nicole Crawford at (937) 437-2856 opt. 2.

## **Spring Sports Update**

### **by Ashley Johnson**

The spring sports have had a great start to the spring season so far.

The varsity baseball team is currently tied for third in the Three Rivers Conference with a conference record of 6-5.

The varsity softball team is currently leading the Three Rivers Conference with a conference record of 7-0.

The high school track teams have had a successful spring season so far, and the junior high and high school track teams will compete in the Three Rivers Conference track championships at Northridge on May 12th and 14th.



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## A Message from Superintendent Gene Gooding

### Upcoming Summer Projects

As we do each summer, we will take advantage of our time without students to provide a few upgrades to the school building and the surrounding facilities. First, the gym floor in the high school building will be sanded down and resurfaced. This minor repair will extend the life of this gym floor by approximately ten to fifteen years, and provide a much better surface for our Physical Education classes and our athletic contests.

In addition, we will upgrade the restrooms at Smith Field. This project will be a cosmetic upgrade and will not involve changing the structure. When the fall arrives, you will notice new partitions, new doors, a resurfaced floor, and an overall new and clean appearance. This upgrade is long overdue and is greatly needed to help maintain our excellent facilities.

Finally, minor repairs will be made to the parking lots around the school. Each of the small cracks that have developed in the lots will be filled. In addition, the CHS lot and the lot in front of the Board office will receive new top-coats. We will continue to make minor repairs to these parking lots and drive ways each year. This routine maintenance will allow us to extend the life of each of these areas for years to come.

### Thank you Covington Staff Members

The week of May 2<sup>nd</sup> was Staff Appreciation Week at Covington. On behalf of the entire community, I would like to thank all of the bus drivers, cafeteria workers, custodians, educational aides, teachers, secretaries, and administrators for their hard work and dedication to students. We have a very caring and compassionate staff at CEVSD, and they do their best every day to help our students achieve success.

Providing an outstanding educational experience for each student is extremely important to our staff members, and they appreciate the opportunity that they have to work with the youth of our community. Once again, I would like to thank the staff members of Covington Elementary School, Covington Junior High School, and Covington High School for all that they do for our great students!

### CHS Class of 2022

It is hard to believe, but the 2021-2022 school year will be over in a few short weeks, and it will be time to celebrate the graduation of the CHS Class of 2022. The ceremony will be held at Hobart Arena on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. I encourage everyone who is able to attend the graduation ceremony to help honor this outstanding class.

The Class of 2022 has certainly faced challenges throughout their high school careers, but they will be remembered as a resilient and determined group of young men and women. They have overcome all of the obstacles in their path and achieved at an extremely high level. They have excelled academically, artistically, musically, and athletically. In addition, they are a very personable group that has represented our community with pride. On behalf of the entire school district, I wish the CHS Class of 2022 the best of luck in their post-high school careers!

Thank you and Go Buccs!



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

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