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Dr. Joseph Hoelzle Superintendent

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COVINGTON EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

2022-2023 Building Information

Opening Day – Grades K-12 -- August 23, 2022

	<u>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL K-6</u>	<u>JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 7-8</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL 9-12</u>
New Student Registration	Please go to covington.k12.oh.us to complete the registration forms in Final Forms. Then, beginning August 8 th , please call 473-2252 to schedule an appointment. A parent or guardian MUST be present to register the student & provide a photo ID.	Please go to covington.k12.oh.us to complete the registration forms in Final Forms. Then, beginning August 8 th , please call 473-3746 to schedule an appointment. A parent or guardian MUST be present to register the student & provide a photo ID.	Please go to covington.k12.oh.us to complete the registration forms in Final Forms. Then, beginning August 8 th , please call 473-3746 to schedule an appointment. A parent or guardian MUST be present to register the student & provide a photo ID.
New Students Must Bring	Parents proof of residency, proof of immunization, last report card, original birth certificate, legal custody papers and IEP's if applicable.	Transfer/Withdrawal records, proof of residency, proof of immunization, last report card, original birth certificate, legal custody papers and IEP's if applicable.	Transfer/Withdrawal records, proof of residency, proof of immunization, last report card, original birth certificate, legal custody papers and IEP's if applicable.
Schedules/Fees	Kindergarten - 6: \$45.00 Students will pay a flat fee for the grade they are assigned for homeroom.	Grades 7-8: Student Fees-\$50.00 Schedule pickup Wednesday, August 10, 10:00 am-noon and 1:00-3:00 pm. Students will pay a flat fee for the grade they are assigned for homeroom.	Grade 9: Freshman Orientation Thursday, August 11 at 6:30 pm; Grades 10-12: Schedule pickup Tuesday, August 16, 9:00-noon and 1:00-3:00 pm; HS Schedule changes are on August 17 th & 18 th . Guidance Office hours are 9:00-noon and 1:00-3:00 pm. Grades 9-12 fees: \$70.00; All students will pay a flat fee; some classes require an additional fee. UVCC fees will vary.
School Hours	Students admitted into building at 7:50 a.m. Start time 8:10 a.m. End time 3:00 pm Lunch/Recess times: 10:35 - 11:20 Kindergarten 10:55 - 11:45 1st/2nd Graders 11:15 - 12:00 7th Graders 11:45 - 12:30 5th/6th Graders 12:05 - 12:50 8th Graders 12:30 - 1:15 3rd/4th Graders	Students admitted into building at 7:50 a.m. Start time 8:10 a.m. End time 2:57 p.m. Lunch times: (A) 11:14 a.m.–11:44 a.m. (B) 12:00 p.m.–12:30p.m.	Students admitted into building at 7:50 a.m. Start time 8:10 a.m. End time 2:54 p.m. Lunch times: 11:15 a.m. – 12:29 p.m. Food and drink, with the exception of water, are only permitted in the commons area.
Open House	Monday, August 22 nd , 4:30-6:30 p.m.	Monday, August 22 nd , 4:30-6:30 p.m.	Monday, August 22 nd , 4:30–6:30 p.m.
Contact Information	Josh Long, Principal Lisa Benson, Secretary 807 Chestnut Street, Suite B Covington OH 45318 Phone: (937) 473-2252 Fax: (937) 473-3685	Courtney Downs, Principal Amy Mitchell, Secretary 807 Chestnut Street, Suite B Covington OH 45318 Phone: (937) 473-3746 Fax: (937) 473-3730	Bridgit Kerber, Principal Amy Mitchell, Secretary 807 Chestnut Street, Suite A Covington OH 45318 Phone: (937) 473-3746 Fax: (937) 473-3730
Breakfast and Lunch Prices	Breakfast is \$1.50 Lunch is \$2.60. Milk is \$.50.	Breakfast is \$1.50 Lunch is \$2.85. Milk is \$.50.	Breakfast is \$1.50 Lunch is \$2.85. Milk is \$.50.

CES STAFF UPDATES

by Josh Long

Covington Elementary would like to welcome several new staff members to our building this year. Mr. Zachary Shilt will be taking over in Mrs. May's classroom. We also would like to welcome Shannon Young, Leah Wilburn, and Christina McQuinn to CES. All three of these ladies will be teacher assistants this school year. We would also like to wish Mrs. Diane Wenning and Mrs. Amy Lavey a happy retirement. They both have had a tremendous impact on our students at CES over the years and will be missed.

CES Busing

Please be patient the first few weeks of school as bus schedules are adjusted for times. The first few days may see students being a little late coming home from school, as we make sure our first graders and kindergarten students are on the correct bus. Bus drivers are not allowed to answer cell phones while driving. If there is a busing concern about a child, the office will leave a message for the bus driver. The driver will return the call, when able to do so. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation! If you have questions concerning bus routes and/or transportation issues, please contact Miss Ashley Johnson at 473-2552.

Open House

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our open house on the 22nd. Please remember to pick up your **KONA ICE** ticket from your teacher to get your free shaved ice!

Please also remember to bring your student fee payment to open house. We will have staff available from 4-7pm in the elementary and HS offices to assist with online fee payments and to accept check and exact cash payments. Following payment, pick up your entry ticket for a chance to win a \$25 **SUBWAY** gift card!(4 available)

Return of the Buccs by Bridgit Kerber

As the summer days come to an end, the halls of CHS beckon the Buccaneers back to school, and teachers and staff anticipate the coming clamor of lockers slamming, students laughing, and tardy bells ringing. However many traditions we anticipate returning to, we also want students and families to be aware of some important changes.

The first big change for students is a return to an 8 period schedule, with a homeroom/SEL period built into our Thursday. Seniors may recognize this as return to pre-COVID scheduling, and while the block schedule and modified block served us well for safety and health reasons, it is time to make a full return to normal.

You may also notice some changes to the grounds. The maintenance and custodial team has been working hard to get the building and grounds ready for students with a few upgrades. The JH competition gym, lovingly referred to as the "old gym," has received a total overhaul with new paint and lines. It is going to bring pride to our junior high students as they compete in the TRC. Another change is an upgrade to the Smith Field stadium restrooms. There has also been a walkway added to the baseball stadium from the student parking lot, improving access to the bleachers for our spectators. Finally, several of the parking lots have been resealed and striped to improve the overall appearance of our campus. A huge thanks to all of our maintenance team for their dedication and pride in our campus and grounds.

Another big change is the division of leadership among grades 7-12, with Mrs. Courtney Downs taking over grades 7-8 as the junior high principal. We hope this change will provide our junior high students with a more focused experience in which they can thrive and succeed in academics, athletics, and social growth. Mrs. Downs' optimism, instructional leadership, and commitment to our community will be a huge asset to our students' CJHS experience.

Finally, I will be your new CHS principal. I am humbled and honored to be leading the building where I spent 16 years teaching, and the last four in administration. I intend to maintain the culture of excellence and proud traditions of our community. Born and raised here, I am excited to work with our students, parents, and community to help our students experience all that it means to be a Buccaneer.

In just a few weeks the Buccs will return to walking the halls of CHS, and we are ready to welcome them. Please feel free to contact me at the High School office at 937-473-3746 if you ever have any questions or concerns.



**COVINGTON EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR**

2022

August 8	Teacher Work Day/In-Service
August 9	Teacher Work Day/In-Service
August 19	Teacher Work Day/In-Service
August 22	Teacher Work Day/In-Service
	Open House
August 23	First Day of School for Grades K-12
September 5	Labor Day (No School)
October 27	End of First Quarter (47 days)
October 28	No School
November 10	Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:30-9:00 p.m. Early dismissal 1:00 p.m.
November 11	No School
November 23-25	Thanksgiving Break (No School)
November 28	School resumes
December 21	Early dismissal 1:00 p.m.
December 22	Winter Break (No School)

2023

January 3	School resumes
January 13	End of Second Quarter (43 days) End of First Semester (90 days)
January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr Day (No School)
February 16	Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:30-9:00 p.m. Early dismissal 1:00 p.m.
February 17	No School
February 20	Presidents' Day (No School)
March 10	No School
March 24	End of Third Quarter (46 days)
April 6-10	Easter Break (No School)
April 11	School resumes
May 26	Last Day of School for Students End of Fourth Quarter (42 days) End of Second Semester (88 days) Early dismissal 1:00 p.m.
	Teacher Work Day/In-Service 1:00-9:00 p.m.
May 28	Graduation Ceremony

Contingency Plan (as required by O.R.C. 3317.01B) make-up day(s) will be made up according to page 12 of the CEA Master Agreement, Article III, Section 8, Category E, Item 1. Also, the policy can be reviewed on-line at: www.covington.k12.oh.us

*Additional early dismissals will be reviewed at a later date.

Adopted: 1/12/2022

A Message from Superintendent Dr. Joseph Hoelzle

I am so excited to be the new Superintendent of Covington Exempted Village Schools. I come to Covington from Tri-County North where I was a principal for the past 6 years. I have spent my entire career in small rural districts as I have also served the Hardin Northern (principal – 4 years) and Hopewell Loudon (teacher and coach – 7 years) communities. I am excited to have found another small, supportive community that values education to continue my career.

I am also excited to announce some staffing changes for the upcoming school year. Mrs. Bridgit Kerber will be changing roles from the position of curriculum director/assistant principal to the role of High School Principal. Technology Director Mr. Jim Sagona will now be picking up some curriculum duties along with still managing the technology department. We welcome Mrs. Courtney Downs as our new Junior High principal, as she transitions from the classroom in Piqua City Schools to an administrative position. With all of these changes, we will now be having a principal focused on the Junior High instead of a k-12 assistant, which will help us focus on the unique needs of junior high school students.

Facilities Update

I am happy to announce many updates to facilities that have occurred over summer break. We have added a lighted walkway from the high school parking lot to the stadium, which will help alleviate parking congestion for events at Smith field. The baseball batting cage (pitching machines) and the ticket booth now have electricity. The restrooms at the stadium have been remodeled with new doors, epoxy flooring, partitions and new fixtures installed.

In the new gymnasium (K-8 building) we have screened and coated the floor. In the old gymnasium (High School) we have had the gym floor sanded, repaired, then stained and painted to match the K-8 gym floor. The concession stand has also been updated with a countertop, shelving, and a sink. The stage floor has also been repainted.

The high school staff parking lot, board of education parking lot, and bus loop have been resealed and striped.

In all, the summer maintenance crew has done a great job cleaning the building and getting our facilities ready for our students and community to enjoy this coming fall.

Communications Update

One of my initial goals is to understand and improve how Covington Exempted Village Schools communicates with our stakeholders. In working towards this goal, we will be decreasing this Covington Connection newsletter to a quarterly newsletter, but then looking for opportunities to expand our communications using diversified channels (social media, etc).

If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime at 937-473-2249, or hoelzlej@covingtonk12.org. We are extremely excited for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year and are looking forward to working with our great students.

Thank You and Go Buccs!



THANKS FOR ASKING!

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

Name: _____ Address: _____

Mail your questions or suggestions to: Dr. Joseph Hoelzle, Covington EVSD, 807 Chestnut St., Suite B, Covington, OH 45318
