

CMS Portage County Spelling Bee Champ – 5th Year in a Row!

On Thursday, January 30, 2014 the Portage County Spelling Bee was held at Maplewood Career Center. Crestwood continued its tradition of producing Spelling Bee champions. Joey Peters (7th grade) came in 1st place, Ephraim Oliphant (8th grade and last year's champion) placed 5th, and Zach Johnson (7th grade) earned 6th place. The top five spellers move on to the Akron Regional competition. Joey Peters and Ephraim Oliphant will represent CMS at the Akron-Summit County Public Library on March 8 at 1 p.m. Congratulations to all our spellers!



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Red Devil Spirit Awards

The Red Devil Spirit Award is something new to Crestwood High School this year. You may have heard students talking about receiving a nomination from a teacher for excellent character. You may have heard a student talking about receiving a free ticket to a Crestwood event or having their picture taken for the *Crestwood Comments*. Still, you may not know how students receive the awards and what it is. This is a very special award to recognize students who show excellent character and admirable Crestwood Red Devil Spirit.

Students may not know this, but teachers pay attention to students and their interactions with others. They notice little kindnesses our students show to one another as well as the staff. They truly recognize that Crestwood has many awesome students who make school a wonderful place to be. This award is designed to acknowledge those students and make sure that they know how much they are appreciated!

Teachers nominate students who stand out because of their excellent character. The pillars of character are: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring,

and Citizenship. After students are nominated, teachers vote and we select the top three students for the award. The award includes a letter of congratulations sent to the students' families, a free ticket to an event at Crestwood, and an invitation to have lunch with the administrators.

Additionally, during the fourth quarter, teachers will have an opportunity to nominate students to receive the Red Devil Spirit Award at an awards ceremony toward the end of the school year. This award will require a great deal of observation and a nomination form requiring students to meet multiple criteria regarding students of consistently outstanding character. These students will be presented with a certificate and have their names engraved on a plate and placed on a perpetual plaque at the front of the building for all to see for years to come.



Conner Nemec Four Time PTC Wrestling Champion

Conner Nemec and Crestwood Wrestling team celebrating their fourth straight PTC Metro Division Championship at Waterloo High School on February 1, 2014.

Crestwood had three individual champions: Conner Nemec, Jake Zemaitis, and Kenn Jackson. Conner has been PTC wrestling champ four years in a row. This is only the eighth time in the history of the PCL/PTC that there has been a four time champ.

The 2014 team finished 17 - 4 in dual matches, won The Kenston Invitational, and finished in the Top Eight Div II Teams in the Ohio Duals Tournament.

Our head coach is Dave Wrobel.



District Follows Industry Standards and Reduces Costs Through Centralized Printing, Saves More Than \$50,000

As the District continues to look for ways to reduce costs, it began evaluating the Districts printing and copying needs in the Spring of 2013 to determine the impact of centralized printing. What this means is each building will be set up with printers that are centrally located for printing access by the teachers and students. The District began with a complete walk through to determine what printers and copiers the District had and what volumes they were producing. After analyzing this walkthrough it was determined the District could save a significant amount of money on the printing environment if we switched to a centralized printing environment. The walkthrough revealed the district had 226 printers, 187 were black and white, and 39 were color. There were 48 different models of printers, with 7 unique manufactures and there were 74 unique toner/ink cartridges. Along with the voluminous amount of printers, the District began looking at additional costs to operate these printers, such as a contract with an outside vendor for technology support, costs associated with repair of the printers, costs associated with paper,

toner/ink, electricity, and the overall per page charge as charged by our current copier vendor.

After looking at various vendors, the District decided to contact their current vendor, Graphic Enterprises and begin the process of converting the buildings to a centralized print environment. Over the Christmas break the Primary School and the Intermediate School were converted and during the summer break all of their desktop printing devices will be removed. The Middle School will be converted over spring break and all of their desktop printing devices will be removed during the summer break as well. The High School will be converted during the summer break along with removing all of their desktop printing devices.

The total annual cost savings on this large initiative is approximately \$52,000. Graphic Enterprises ran an analysis of the printing volumes through software on our networked printers and supplied the District with an estimated savings of \$580 dollars per month (\$6,960 per year). This savings includes leasing new equipment for the Primary and Intermediate Buildings. The other major savings, as mentioned above, relates to a contract the District was paying for Technology support. This contract cost the District \$45,000 annually. Graphic Enterprises is managing our print environment now, they handle all of the maintenance, toner/ink, and service calls. Our Technology Department will no longer need to worry about printers and spend their valuable time on printer issues. This valuable time-saver allowed the District to discontinue the Technology support contract.



Superintendent's Letter . . . Social Networking Impacts Schools

Crestwood Local School District is an "Excellent" rated schools with excellent students, parents, teachers, administrators and staff who have worked so hard over the years to contribute to that outstanding rating. It is with genuine concern for our community, our families, but most of all our students, that we seek your assistance.

Over the past few years we have had to meet challenges within our community and school district as a result of "social networking." We see the frequency of these issues increasing and as a result we are concerned for the educational, emotional and social well-being of our students.

The Administrators and Guidance Staff estimate we spend a significant amount of time mediating, counseling and investigating individual and group cases that involve either facebook, twitter or texting. The majority of our students have their own facebook page, Twitter accounts as well as their own phones with texting capabilities. In this process we have had the opportunity to read many of our students' postings on facebook, twitter and their text messages. These are some of our findings:

- Language beyond inappropriate – it is appalling
- Language of a sexual nature – X-rated
- Slanderous comments regarding fellow students (innuendo, rumors)
- Threatening language (harassment, intimidation)

Even though this activity may be initiated outside of school hours, the impact is felt 24-7 which includes the students' time under our supervision. Education encompasses the child's whole being. When a student misses multiple days of school we are not only concerned, but obligated to take action. Upon our investigation we learn that students are afraid to come to school because of a threat posted by a peer on facebook or sent out in a "burst" text or tweet to all students in the school. When parents call us to tell us that their child is becoming sullen, angry, withdrawn, and exhibiting personality changes, we follow up on this. We then discover that the student had a rumor started that is so disturbing and widespread due to facebook and texting that they are overwhelmed and feel helpless.

As educators we go to extremes to provide an environment conducive to learning. We know hungry children cannot

concentrate – so we feed them; we know that children need to feel safe and secure in order to learn – so we go to great lengths to make our schools welcoming and safe. We also know that children who are "socially stressed" not only have difficulty concentrating and learning, but they also experience emotional "trauma" and for some it can be life-threatening.

If your child has a facebook account, twitter account and/or texting capabilities on their phone we are asking you to obtain their facebook log-in and password and check their wall postings and friends list daily. It isn't enough to friend your child because privacy settings can prevent you from seeing their entire account. Please begin monitoring their text messages daily. We are stressing the word daily because the problem with social media is that a misunderstanding between two people or a few people can be handled between them, but with facebook and texting it involves everyone in their social circle, everyone in the school and at times everyone in the community. This is generally irreparable and the ramifications can be devastating for a child. All children deserve and need to be parented regardless if they are 5 years old or 18 years old. We cannot control this problem, but you can and your help will go a long way in assisting us to keep our focus during school hours on education and community building. (We do not think it is an accident that they call it a facebook "wall" because that is exactly what it is for many students – a barrier to the development of healthy social skills and positive interaction with their peers.)

In closing, we would like to thank you for reading this and for recognizing our deep and genuine concern for your children and our students. We urge you to take the necessary steps we have underlined above so that we can all, parents and educators alike, continue to provide our students with the excellent education and strong sense of community and care for others that makes Crestwood the outstanding community that it is today!

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C ÷ D = π (Always?)



Recently, students in Mr. Nichols' 4-5 Red and 4-5 Gray classes had a lesson on circles in their study of geometry. Many of them already knew that the circumference (C) of a circle is about three times its diameter (D). But why...was that always true...for any size circle? To try and "prove" this, the classes needed to find different size circles; small, medium, and large ones. For the large circle, they went to the gym to use the circle at center court. Using a rope and tape measure, they measured the circumference at 38 feet and the diameter at 11 feet 9 inches. Doing the math, they found $38 \div 11.75 \approx 3.23$...not bad as $\pi \approx 3.14$. But what about other size circles? From the gym, the classes went back to the classroom where they measured 10 circles of varying size. Depending on how accurately they measured, they got answers from 3.0-3.5. Many students got surprisingly accurate answers very close to 3.14. While this was not a formal proof, hopefully it helped the students realize that $C \div D = \pi$ (Always).

The Brigade Challenge!

In an effort to engage students in small environmental initiatives that can have a big impact, Crestwood Middle School is participating in the Terracycle Packaging Brigade.



TerraCycle (www.terracycle.com) is creating national recycling systems for previously non-recyclable or hard-to-recycle waste. Their goal is to eliminate the idea of waste by creating collection and solution systems for anything that today must be sent to a landfill.

CMS asks that you please help your child collect the following:



Any brand of flexible cheese packaging



Any brand of tooth care product packaging



Any brand of drink pouch

TerraCycle will reward our schools, points which in turn will become charitable donations to Heifer International (<http://www.heifer.org/>), an organization that helps people obtain a sustainable source of food and income.

Please and Accept The Brigade Challenge!!! We'll be collecting all school year long.

Our CMS community will experience the joys of working together and of charitable giving, while helping to close the waste stream loop!

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Junior	10 - 13	2nd \$20
Senior	14 thru Grade 12	3rd \$15 4th \$5

Sign-ups for all girls will be from
 1 - 4 pm Sunday, March 16th
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2014 8th Grade PTC Wrestling Champs



Bottom Row: Dominic Savoca, Mackenzie Tayerle, Dominic Szuhay, Zach Guyette, Jeff Dunfee

Middle Row: Logan Beaver, Dalton Tyrrell, Michael Knipper, Domenic Picone, George Jyurovat, Tom Carson, Mitchell McGreal, Dan Painley

Top Row: Coach Fejedelem, Austin Shaffer, Frankie Morris, Eric Lawless, C.J. Novotny, Mitch Battiest, Coach Bendau, not pictured Coach Head

High School Guidance Dates to Remember

3/7/2014 - AP Test Registration Deadline

3/10 through 3/14 - OGT Testing for 10th Graders and Practice Testing for 9th Graders

Upper Classmen who have passed all of their OGTs DO NOT need to report until 9:45 a.m.

3/14/2014 - PSEO Participation Form and Application Verification Form Deadline

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District Completes First Semester With New Point of Sale System

The District is completing its first semester with the new Point of Sale, Fee payment system. The District received a grant from the Ohio Department of Education in the spring of 2013, totaling \$28,000, to purchase an automated cafeteria computer system and an online fee payment system.

Both systems have seen great response as many parents are able to go online and pay school fees, apply amounts to their child's cafeteria account and get an up to date list of fees owed. The online fee payment system has also allowed the secretaries the ability to enter their collected fees into one central data base that links to the student software and

the accounting software in the Treasurer's Office. This ability to have one central data entry location has been a huge time saver for the Treasurer's office staff as well as the food service team. The food service team saves time in daily and monthly record keeping required by the Ohio Department of Education and, most importantly, sees more students able to buy lunch.

Mantua Soccer Association Spring Soccer Registration

Sunday, March 9th • 12:30 - 2:30 pm
Sunday, March 16th • 12:30 - 2:30 pm

Registration will be held at
St. Joseph's Church in Mantua

Cost is \$65 and includes
shirt, shorts and socks.

For more information:
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Registration Deadline is March 31st

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~ March Breakfast & Lunch Menu ~

<p>The High School & Middle School will also have many more ala carte items and choices for breakfast!</p>	<p>March 3rd-7th is National School Breakfast Week. The theme is "Be a Superstar with School Breakfast"</p>		<p>P.A.C.K. Week is March 10th-14th is P.A.C.K. Week P.A.C.K.= Pack/Purchase Assorted Colors for Kids</p>	<p>March is National Nutrition Month. The theme is "Enjoy the taste of eating right!" We are celebrating with P.A.C.K. week!!</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;"> School Meals <small>We serve education every day!</small> </div> <p>K-5 Lunch \$2.50 6-12 Lunch \$2.75 Extra Milk \$.50 Menu subject to change.</p>
<p>March 3 "No Crunch-time Cereal" Assorted Fruits / Juice Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Cheese Quesadilla Refried Beans Assorted Fruit Milk</p>	<p>March 4 "Always Time for Slow-Cooked Oatmeal" String Cheese Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Chicken Tenders, Potato Smiles Mixed Veggies, Assorted Fruit Milk</p>	<p>March 5 "Bring-the-day-on Breakfast Burrito" Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Domino's Pizza Spinach & Romaine Salad Assorted Fruit Rice Krispy Treat, Milk</p>	<p>March 6 "Sit & Enjoy my Breakfast Sandwich" Assorted Fruits / Juice Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Chili-Cheese Wrap Corn, Assorted Fruit Oatmeal Cookie, Milk</p>	<p>March 7 "Perfect Pancakes, Perfect Morning" w/syrup Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Beef Teriyaki Dippers Cooked Carrots Assorted Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>Prepaid breakfast and lunches are available. Food Service does not accept personal checks, if sent, they will be returned to you. Cash, money order or certified bank checks, are accepted. Prepayments are NOT available for ala carte.</p>
<p>March 10 Assorted Cereals Assorted Fruits / Juice Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Mac & Cheese 3 Bean Salad Assorted Fruit Milk P.A.C.K. Week - Purple Day</p>	<p>March 11 Egg & Cheese Bagel Sandwich Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Taco Wedge Tomato Salsa w/ tortilla Chips Corn, Assorted Fruit Milk P.A.C.K. Week - White Day</p>	<p>March 12 Breakfast Burrito Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk</p> <hr/> <p>The Max stuffed crust Pizza Spinach & romaine Salad Assorted Fruit, Frozen Treat Milk P.A.C.K. Week - Green Day</p>	<p>March 13 French Toast w/syrup Sausage Assorted Fruits/Juice, Milk</p> <hr/> <p>General Tso's Chicken over rice Winter vegetable blend Assorted Fruit, Milk P.A.C.K. Week - Red Day</p>	<p>March 14 Cutie Pie Fruit Turnover Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Shredded Steak Hoagie Rosemary Fries, Green Beans Assorted Fruit, Milk P.A.C.K. Week - Yellow/Orange Day</p>	<p>Make lunch your way, everyday! Students may substitute the following for their main entrée:</p> <p>*Entrée size salad w/ dressing, crackers & cheesesticks</p>
<p>March 17 Shamrock Iced Cinnamon Roll Lime-Pear Cup</p> <hr/> <p>Bosco Dippers Green Beans Assorted Fruit Oatmeal Bar</p>	<p>March 18 Pillsbury Mini-Cinni's Cheese Wedge Assorted Fruits / Juice Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Sliders (mini burgers) Veggie Sticks w/ Hummus Assorted Fruit Milk</p>	<p>March 19 Pillsbury Frudel (Cherry or Apple) Yogurt, Assorted Fruits / Juice Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Domino's Pizza Spinach & Romaine Salad Assorted Fruit Cookie, Milk</p>	<p>March 20 Pillsbury Mini Pancakes Assorted Fruits / Juice Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Chicken Fajitas Red Pepper Slices Assorted Fruit Milk</p>	<p>March 21 Assorted Cereals Assorted Fruits / Juice</p> <hr/> <p>Honey BBQ Sandwich Waffle Fries Mixed Veggies Assorted Fruit Milk</p>	<p>Nutrition Tip: *Fruits and veggies provide a combination of great taste, nutrition and variety. They are nature's perfect convenience food! *Eating more fruits and vegetables helps maintain a healthy weight.</p>
<p>March 24 Assorted Cereals Assorted Fruits / Juice Milk</p> <hr/> <p>J&J Soft Pretzels w/dipping sauces, Cheesestick Mixed Veggies Assorted Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>March 25 Cook's Choice</p> <hr/> <p>Chicken Sandwich Sweet Potato Puffs Baked Beans Assorted Fruit Milk</p>	<p>March 26 Cook's Choice</p> <hr/> <p>Personal Pan Pizza Spinach & Romaine Salad Assorted Fruit Fruit Cobbler Milk</p>	<p>March 27</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>March 28 No School</p>	<p>Eating a variety of colors is important for your health. And by eating a variety of colors found in fruits and vegetables, you can ensure your body receives the essential vitamins and minerals it needs to stay healthy and strong!</p>
<p>Breakfast Prices: K-5 \$1.50 6-12 \$1.75 Reduced \$.30 Free- Free Extra Milk \$.50 Menu subject to change</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EXERCISE TIP: Hang out with an active and healthy friend or family member; it's contagious!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Juli Robine, PTA, BA. Advanced Rehabilitation & Health Specialists</p>		<p>Got questions? Feel free to call the Department Director or the Building Managers.</p> <p>Food Service Director: Jennifer Bujak-Hirsch, 330-357-8206 ext. 5004</p>	<p>Food Service Building Managers: High- Barb Blazek- 330-357-8205 ext. 118 Middle- Connie Nunns- 330-357-8204 Intermediate- Donna Lewis- 330-357-8203 ext. 3600 Primary- Susie Janson- 330-357-8202 ext. 4409</p>	<p>Lunch Prices: K-5 Lunch \$2.50 6-12 Lunch \$2.75 Extra Milk \$.50 Menu subject to change.</p>

Regular Board of Education meetings are generally held the first Monday of the month, at the High School Library, 10919 N. Main Street Mantua, OH. The public is cordially invited to attend. If more information is needed about a Board meeting, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 330-357-8206.

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2013-2014 Meal Prices

Breakfast	Lunch
K-5 \$1.50	K-5 \$2.50
6-12 \$1.75	6-12 \$2.75
Reduced \$.30	Reduced \$.40

Extra Milk \$.50
Menu Subject To Change

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March Middle / High School Events & Games Schedule

Saturday, March 1

8:00AM Art Show in Gym

7:00PM Boys Varsity Basketball Tourn Basketball game @ Mooney or Lakeside

Sunday, March 2

10:00AM Cheerleading State Competition in Columbus

Monday, March 3

6:00PM Swimming Banquet @ Maplewood

Tuesday, March 4

6:00PM Boys BBall and Cheerleading Banquet @ Maplewood

Wednesday, March 5

7:00PM Track Meeting in Cafeteria

Thursday, March 6

6:00PM Bowling Banquet in Cafeteria

Monday, March 10

5:30PM Athletic Council Meeting in Library for Head Coaches

7:00PM CASB Meeting in Cafeteria

Tuesday, March 11

6:00PM Wrestling Banquet @ Maplewood

Friday, March 14

3:00PM Sophomore Class Fun Day in Gym

Saturday, March 15

7:00PM Father/Daughter Dance in Gym

Tuesday, March 18

6:00PM Girls Varsity Softball Varsity Indoor Scrimmage @ KSU

Thursday, March 20

Spring Sports PTP Due

Friday, March 21

End of third grading period

Wednesday, March 26

2:00PM March Madness Volleyball Assembly

Friday, March 28

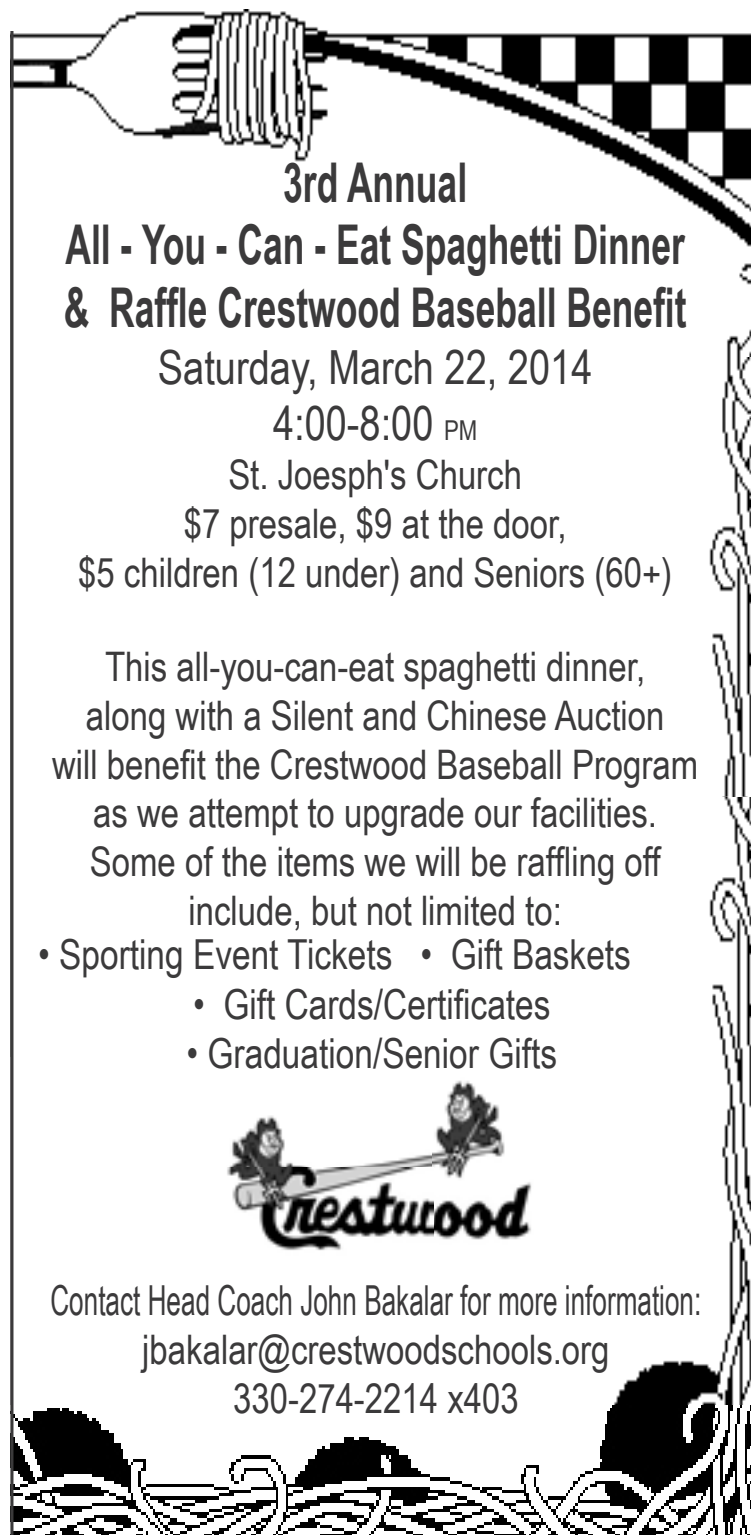
Teacher In-Service Day

Monday, March 31

Spring Break

4:30PM Boys Varsity Tennis Kent Roosevelt Away


4:30PM Boys Freshman Baseball Marlington Home



**3rd Annual
All - You - Can - Eat Spaghetti Dinner
& Raffle Crestwood Baseball Benefit**
Saturday, March 22, 2014
4:00-8:00 PM
St. Joseph's Church
\$7 presale, \$9 at the door,
\$5 children (12 under) and Seniors (60+)

This all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner, along with a Silent and Chinese Auction will benefit the Crestwood Baseball Program as we attempt to upgrade our facilities. Some of the items we will be raffling off include, but not limited to:

- Sporting Event Tickets
- Gift Baskets
- Gift Cards/Certificates
- Graduation/Senior Gifts


Crestwood

Contact Head Coach John Bakalar for more information:
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330-274-2214 x403

Hiram College Hosts Math Night

Hiram College's Early Childhood Math Methods class will be hosting Math Night this year. It is free and open to all students grades K-5. All activities are high-interest and hands-on. Your child will have 2,000 lbs. (a ton!) of fun. It will be held on Thursday, March 6 from 6 – 8 p.m. on the 2nd floor of Hinsdale Hall.



District Keeps Eye on 5-Year Forecast

As the District moves forward over the next several years and begins to develop a strategic plan there are few key issues that are at the forefront. These issues include:

- The continued loss of state funding over the past 5 years
- The potential loss of additional state funding, and
- Levy timing.

Loss of State Funding Over the Past 5 Years

In Fiscal Year 2010 and 2011 the federal government gave money to the state governments to try to stabilize the economy. This funding was passed on to the schools as State Stabilization Funding. During this time the District received approximately \$1.6 million. This funding was one time funding by the federal government and was not renewed.

Also, around this same time period (Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012), the federal government gave money to school districts to help sustain jobs called Education Jobs Funding. The District received approximately \$650,000. It also was funded one time through the federal government and was not renewed.

The total amount of additional funding for these two Federal initiatives totaled approximately \$2.3 million. When this funding was not renewed by the federal government beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, the District was operating with \$2.3 million less than the previous two years.

Another loss relating to state funds is the loss of Tangible Personal Property Reimbursement (TPP). TPP used to be collected through the County (like Real Estate Taxes) and it was a tax on the inventory for businesses. Several years ago the state government voted to eliminate this tax, to entice businesses to come to Ohio, and agreed to reimburse districts for this loss through Fiscal Year 2017. During the biennial budget for Fiscal Year 2011/2012, this reimbursement by the State was eliminated. The District was promised approximately \$2.9 million over a seven year period (FY 2012 through FY 2017) and only received approximately \$282,000. The difference equates to \$2.6 million less, or an average of \$370,000 per year.

Potential Loss of Additional State Funding

The District primarily receives two sources of revenue. The first source is from the state and is referred to State Foundation Revenue and the second source is from the collection of taxes. The Districts received approximately 62% of its revenues from the State Foundation and the remaining 38% from taxes. The State of Ohio prepares a two year budget (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015) and included in this budget is the funding for education in Ohio. There is lot of uncertainty surrounding this two year budget as school districts in the State of Ohio have seen many cuts in the education funding line item over the past couple budget cycles. When the budget was originally released districts were excited by the potential increase in revenue considering previous years' decreases

in revenue. However, when the final budget details were released, they showed the Crestwood District receiving exactly the same amount for fiscal year 2014 in State Foundation dollars as in the past year (fiscal year 2013). This amount would also remain for fiscal year 2015.

The alarming reality of the new budget was the District did not see an increase in funding and was put on a 36% "guarantee." A "guarantee" means the State of Ohio will guarantee the District they will provide the same funding as in the previous year. It also means that the State of Ohio feels the District should not be getting 36% of the revenue it received in the previous year, but will pay, or "guarantee," the District in a good faith effort. Currently 190 school districts (out of 615) are on the guarantee. Current talk from the Governor's office is about decreasing or eliminating this guarantee in the future, but there has been no time frame or reduction schedule provided at this time. This would have a significant negative impact on the District.

Levy Timing

The District currently has two levies that will be up for renewal as early as 2015. These levies include the Emergency Levy and the Permanent Improvement Levy. As outlined in the paragraphs above, the District has lost a significant amount of State Aid in the recent years. The Emergency Levy was passed in November 2012 and was a four (4) year levy, collecting \$1.4 million annually. It expires in the Spring of 2017. This levy can be placed on the ballot for the May or November 2015 elections or any election in 2016. Unfortunately, even if the District renews this levy, the revenue generated will not keep the District from having a cash deficit.

The Permanent Improvement Levy was renewed in November 2011 for a period of five (5) years. This levy generates approximately \$450,000 annually and expires in 2018. This levy can be placed on the ballot for the November 2016 election or any election in 2017. This money is used by the District to make needed improvement to its facilities.

No decisions about levy placement have been made at this time and the district continues to look for ways to streamline operations, reduce costs and seek additional sources of funding. If you have questions regarding the 5-year focus, please contact the Superintendent's office at 330-357-8206.



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One Book, One School

The Mouse and the Motorcycle

The students of CPS weren't "mousing" around when it came to reading. As part of their annual One Book, One School celebration, the boys and girls spent several weeks focusing on Ralph and Keith, the main characters in *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary. As part of the celebration, the kids were encouraged to read 2500 books. They surpassed their goal, and as a reward, Ralph S. Mouse (AKA Mrs. Cindy Ducca, CPS principal) rode into school in style. On the back of a motorcycle, of course!



The afternoon pre-school class making "mouse" headbands for the One School, One Book - "Mouse and the Motorcycle."



Crestwood All Sports Boosters are Hosting Hershey Track Meet

Crestwood is hosting a Hershey Track Meet again this summer for students ages 5-14* interested in track. (*Age as of December 31, 2014)

Running, jumping, and throwing events that are certified by Hershey Track will be taught at practices to be held at Jack Lambert Stadium at Crestwood High School.

Practice will be held from 9:30-11:00 a.m. **June 16-20.**

The \$35.00 participation fee covers T-shirt, prizes and snacks!

All youth ages 9-14 years who WIN their event will qualify for the HERSHEY State Meet in Columbus to be held in July.

Contact Samantha Usher (CIS) 330.357.8203 or Mary Beth Thigpen (CMS) 330.357.8204 with questions.



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District Implements Online Application System

The District is moving to an online application system to streamline the application process and open the District to more applicants when searching to fill vacant positions, including supplemental positions. Applitrack is web-based paperless application, applicant tracking and recruiting system for public school districts.

To establish a complete pre-employment file the candidate must complete the online application on the Crestwood website. All Applications are routed to the appropriate administrator once file is completed. When an opening is posted, we will evaluate all candidates that hold the appropriate Ohio certificate / license and whose qualifications meet district requirements. Candidates will then be contacted for an interview. The application will be retained in active status for one school year.



January 2014 Students & Athletes of the Month

Back Row. Brittany Caldwell (Swimming), Ricky Kollman (11th), Jake Zamaitis (Wrestling)
Front Row: Valori Vaught(10th), Gabi Campana (9th), Emma Dockery (Bowling)
Not Pictured: Zach Strenk, Randi Lyle, Danny O'Sickey



Facts About Head Lice

Head lice are active year round but seem to have waves of flare ups. As a result of your efforts to check your child's scalp weekly as part of their normal hygiene,

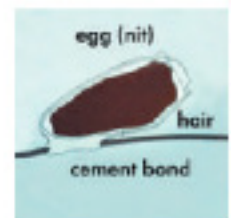
we have had few cases of head lice reported to school this year. Thank you so much for helping to keep these insects in check. The following information from the Ohio Department of Health may help you to identify these pests.

What are they?

1. Head lice are yellowish-white insects that live on the human scalp.
2. Lice don't have wings, and they cannot fly, hop, or jump.



3. Head lice are about 1/8 of an inch long.
4. Head lice are difficult to see because they are so small and move very quickly.
5. Itching of the scalp may be the first sign of head lice.
6. Most often, what you will see are the oval eggs (nits) which have been laid by the lice.



7. The eggs are laid close to the scalp (eggs farther than 1/4 inch from the scalp are probably already hatched or dead).

8. The nits are off white in color and are attached to the hair by a cement-like substance.

9. Lice do not cause disease; they are more of an embarrassment and nuisance.

How do you get it?

10. Lice are passed from direct personal contact (head-to-head contact or combs, hats, or coats).

11. Lice are not passed in swimming pools, and you cannot get them from pets.

Who gets them?

12. Lice can live on any person's head—regardless of age, income, social status, or cleanliness.

13. If one child has lice, check the hair of everyone else in your house.



Fourth Grade Students Become Teachers

Mrs. Isler's fourth grade CHARGE students have taken on the role of teachers. They taught chess to all fourth grade classrooms. The CHARGE students then acted as personal coaches while their peers practiced the game.

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Second grade student Gavin McIntyre uses an ipod to assess classmate Cody Brugmann's form during PE class.



- Lizzie Hayes, Joy Justice & Leighton Baynes having fun at COSI

Tolerance Fair Features Rachel's Challenge Founder Darrell Scott

On March 9 from 1 – 5 p.m., Disability Rights Ohio is hosting Tolerance Fair 2014 at the Cleveland Convention Center featuring guest speaker Darrell Scott. The Tolerance Fair is an annual event that “raises public awareness about differences and diversity, provides resources to those with differences, and introduces volunteer opportunities to passionate and supportive members of our community.” It is a free event open to the public.

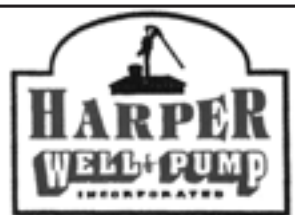
Mr. Scott founded Rachel's Challenge with his wife after the death of his daughter, Rachel Joy Scott, in the Columbine High School shootings. Crestwood Middle School launched Rachel's Challenge in the Fall 2012 to encourage student to spread kindness and compassion within the school and the community.



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Crestwood and the **Big Red Book Shelf**



- Crestwood Middle School Leadership students are working with The United Way to collect new or gently used books for PK-3rd graders.
- Books donated to the Big Red Book Shelf project will fill book shelves throughout our Crestwood Community.
- Access to books at an early age can inspire a child to be a lifelong reader.
- Children will be invited to share or keep a book from a nearby bookshelf.
- We want you to help us stock our bookshelves by donating books from February 28 – March 27.
- Please take all book donations to the Crestwood Middle School or the Crestwood Intermediate School
- Questions? Please Contact Mrs. Manfrass smanfrass@crestwoodschoools.org



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