April 2020

CMS Sends 8 Students to Portage County Math 24 Competition

Congratulations to CMS Math 24 competitors who attended the county-wide competition March 6. All students played well. A special congratulations to Lana White for finishing in the top 8 among all 8th graders from the county.

Pictured from left to right: (front) Augie Schweickert, Joey Olesh and Cooper Pausch; (back) Logan Roegiers, Thea Kasper, Mia Gullatta, Lana White and Ben Roegeiers.



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Crestwood COMMENTS

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Committed Cafeteria team Rocking School Meals During Crisis

The novel coronavirus (also known as COVID-19) has led to sudden, widespread school closures across the country. As Sonny Perdue, United States Secretary of Agriculture, deemed school nutrition members as essential workers, school food teams have been working tirelessly to adapt to school closures and provide remote feeding solutions.

Across the country millions of families rely on these government-subsidised meals and that is true here at Crestwood as well. The Crestwood Nutrition Services team is showing what dedication looks like...leaving their own children and loved ones at home, risking their own health, to continue to serve free meals to the kiddos in our community.

This has been no small feat, especially as the pandemic numbers grow, distributors continue to run out of product and the numbers of those in need rises with each meal distribution service. "Our team has worked hard to figure out innovative ways to continue to serve our children while meeting the regulations" said Mrs. Bujak-Hirsch, Crestwood School Nutrition Director. These regulations include ensuring the meals contain fruits, vegetables, whole-grains, legumes, meat or protein and fluid milk.

Meals are prepped on Monday's and distributed on Tuesday's. During distribution families enter the bus loop at CPS and get their meals loaded into their car. We have asked that no one exits their vehicle to increase safety for everyone. 'We are continually re-evaluating and making necessary changes as the guidelines, regulations and safety recommendations are changing rapidly" says Mrs. Bujak-Hirsch. "I am proud of my team, their flexibility and their commitment. One of my team members summed it up best…"It's all about the kids!"



Superintendent Column

David Toth, Superintendent

Meal Distribution



Superintendent David Toth

Crestwood'sfood service team offers meal distribution Tuesdays, at Crestwood Primary school from 10-11 am.

These meals are offered FREE to all Crestwood enrolled students. Students DO NOT need to be present but parents/guardians should have student names ready at check-in, preferably written on a paper.

Please enter the back of CPS via Pioneer Trail and follow the signs. Please do not exit your vehicle. If you are unable to pick-up your food please contact Mrs. Bujak-Hirsch at 330-357-8206 ext 5004.

If your meals have been delivered to your home in the past you are already on the delivery list and do not need to do anything further.

At-Home non-traditional Instruction

While we adjust to this new at-home non-traditional instruction, our focus is on student learning and ensuring our students' well being. During this unprecedented time, students' grades are secondary to student learning. Strong relationships and open communication among our school teams, students, and families are essential elements for supporting students' engagement in education.



High School Yearbook in Search of "School from Home" Submissions

The Crestwood High School Yearbook staff is working hard to complete the yearbook during the COVID19 crisis. The end of a school year is typically a busy time for the staff, but especially this year when students are not able to go to school. The staff came up with a way to document this difficult time in the yearbook by asking CHS staff and students to submit photos of themselves during this time. CHS staff and students can email Mrs. Skully at tskully@crestwoodschools.org with a photo of themselves for the COVID19 yearbook spread.

Students and their families are having a wide range of experiences during this worldwide crisis. Recognizing the challenges they may be facing, and that is out of their control, our grading policies must not harm any child.

Students are expected to engage with the at-home non-traditional instruction and progress in their learning. Students will demonstrate engagement by logging into their Google Classroom courses or other online programs as assigned by their classroom teachers and completing and submitting the assignments and activities. If a student does not have internet access or are in the primary grades, they are to complete the assigned work to the best of their ability. Students who need extra support should reach out to their teacher with questions, needs, and concerns. If they can not reach their classroom teacher, please contact the building principal. Our school teams will make an effort to connect with students who are not engaging in this non-traditional instruction. A teacher, with the building team (administrators, counselors, and support educators, when appropriate), will make every attempt to connect with the student and family to determine how to support the student in engaging in the non-traditional instruction.

Grades

We are all living in difficult, unprecedented times. Educators are working hard each day to do the best for their students and provide learning in adaptive ways. Because grades describing student knowledge and understanding of course standards will assuredly be inaccurate during this time, no grades in K-8 will be awarded as of the date schools were closed due to the coronavirus. A student will receive a "Pass" if, at the time the school was closed due to the coronavirus, they were meeting minimum standards in a course and have been actively engaged in non-traditional instruction. Any student who was not meeting minimum standards in the class until that point will have the opportunity to fulfill the requirements remotely and receive a "Pass" for the course. If a student is unable to meet the criteria for whatever reason, they will get an "Incomplete" for the course and, when schools reopen or over the summer, be provided sufficient opportunity to fulfill requirements.

At the high school (grades 9-12), the context requires that an A-F letter grade be assigned. For a full year course, a student will receive the average letter grade for three quarters if they continue to be actively engaged in the non-traditional instruction until the end of the school year. As long as the student remains actively involved in the non-traditional instruction, grades can improve, but will not be lower. For a second semester course at the high school, the student will receive the same grade as the third quarter with the same qualifiers as detailed above. If a student is unable to meet these criteria for whatever reason, they will get an "Incomplete" for the course and, when schools reopen or over the summer, be provided sufficient opportunity to fulfill requirements.

Thank you and be safe!
David M. Toth
Superintendent

CEA Offers Summer Camp Scholarships

In hopes that Summer Camps will still be available to students, Crestwood Education Association is moving forward with offering scholarships. Students may be able to receive a scholarship of $100.00 to help pay for a summer camp of their choice. Camps include but are not limited to scouts, 4H, church, music, sports, dance, gymnastics, day camp, etc.

Please complete an application available through the student's school building and return by May 1. Families will be notified if they are chosen. Up to three (3) scholarships will be awarded.

Senior Events Rescheduled in Summer



We have been working very hard to continue to provide you with memories associated with your senior year. I am pleased to deliver on a previously shared commitment to maintain as many activities associated with the end of your senior school year as possible.

If healthcare restrictions have been lifted in time, the following events are scheduled to take place in June:

Prom, Sun, June, 21, The NEW Center, NEOMED, Rootstown

Senior Picnic, Tues, June 23, Crestwood High School Stadium

Senior Boat Trip, Tues, June 23, Nautica Queen, Cleveland

Graduation, Thurs, June 25, TBD (Parkside or CHS Stadium)

If healthcare restrictions have not been lifted by June, the following events are scheduled to take place in July:

Prom, Thur, July 16, The NEW Center, NEOMED

Senior Picnic, Mon, July 20, Crestwood High School Stadium

Senior Boat Trip, Mon, July 20, Nautica Queen, Cleveland

Graduation, Wed, July 22, TBD (Parkside or CHS Stadium)

Again, please note that our ability to provide these activities is contingent on our current health crisis. More information concerning these events will be provided in a future senior newsletter. Please know that all that all of us at Crestwood miss you and look forward to celebrating your accomplishments with you. Stay safe and healthy.

Intermediate Students Art Displayed in Windows of Restoration 44



Restoration 44 Coffee Company was more than willing to display the CIS students' art work in the windows of the Mantua coffee shop.

Digital photos of students' artwork was displayed so others could see the awesome job they were doing with the distance learning assignments. Take a walk downtown to see their stunning arwork. Thank you so much.

Intermediate School Hosts Career Cafe



The Career Cafe is in its second year at Crestwood Intermediate. We have enjoyed listening to many community members speak about their careers including a federal background investigator, an esthetician, a published author, and travel agents.

The presentations help expose students to a variety of careers while helping students understand the important role their education plays throughout their lives. During each Career Cafe, students learn about the education and skills required for different careers, what a typical day looks like, and other interesting facts. Students are then given an opportunity to ask their own questions. It is a fun way for students and staff to see what a range of careers we have in this very community.

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5 Crestwood Teams Competed in Regional Destination Imagination Competition

On March 4th, five teams from the Crestwood School District traveled to Barberton to participate in the Region 15 Destination Imagination tournament.

Destination Imagination is a problem solving competition that teaches patience, flexibility, persistence, and team collaboration skills. There are 6 different areas, technical, structural, fine arts, improvisational, service learning, and scientific for grades 3-12, that students may choose as their challenge. There is also an early learning competition, called Rising Stars" for grades K-2. The students have been working on a solution to their selected challenge to present at the tournament since September.

At the K-2 level students do not get placed, but the CPS team of Linden McCreight, Hannah Bricker-Thompson, Abigail Humes, Natalie Goodell, and Helene Merrin put on a fantastic performance. Their skit earned them high praise from the judges and a medal.They made straw rockets that they launched at the audience! Their team managers were Monica Bricker-Thompson and Chris McCreight.

Bringing home a fourth place trophy in the improvisational category was the team managed by Kris Rivera and Amanda Stanely. Team members were Brayden and Liam Stanely, Gabriella McClure, and Austin Ayala-Rivera. They had to quickly come up with a skit that included a super power. They creatively came up with the idea of "super hair" that could take down any villain.



Third place in the technology challenge went to the team of Olivia Kuchenbecker, Bailey Jaeger, Mia Divis, Allie Ailif, Payton Cardinal, and Katie Lyons. In their skit, they created a cat flashlight that enabled them to see during a power outage. Ryann Kuckenbecker was their team manager.

Placing first in the technical category was the team of Everett Baynes, Sophia Hankinson, Ryan Goodell, Maya Hankinson, Riley Danner, and Leighton Baynes. The team created a device that can be used to help students remember their lunchboxes for school. The team qualified to move on to the state competition. Unfortunately, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the state competition and Global DI tournament were canceled. Their team managers were Eric Hankinson and Pam Baynes.

The Middle School team of Natalie Prijatel, Katrina Richards, Kiera Borrelli, Emma Gaines, Erica Vanas, Emma Lyons, and Haley McFrederick placed first in the Fine Arts challenge. The team had to create and present a story that had an unseen character and a photograph. Their team manager was Kelly Prijatel. They also were to participate in the state competition.

Crestwood is proud of all of their teams and their strong showing at the Region 15 competition. If your child is interested in participating in DI, more information can be found on their website destinationimagination.org. Teams at Crestwood begin to form in September. If your child is interested in being on a team next year, contact Mrs. Grebb at mgrebb@crestwoodschools.org or look for information sent home in the beginning of the school year.



2020-21 Kindergarten Registration Information

Kindergarten Registration will be held on Saturday, May 30th from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at Crestwood Primary School at 11256 Bowen Rd, Mantua. If you need a Kindergarten Registration Packet contact CPS.

PBIS District-Wide Acts of Kindness

We miss you! With our time apart consider showing some kindness to our Crestwood Community. Share using #crestwoodcares.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 6 *Call someone you think may be lonely*	April 7 *Cook something for someone else*	April 8 *Go outside & pick up trash that you see*	April 9 *Snail mail - make and send a card*	April 10 *Take care of yourself today*	April 11 *Text a friend you haven't talked to*	April 12 *Help by doing dishes or laundry*
April 13 *Message a friend from school*	April 14 *If you can, buy from somewhere local*	April 15 *Make a "hello" sign and wave at people*	April 16 *Cheer someone up w/ flowers (drawn or real)*	April 17 *Take care of yourself today*	April 18 *Call an older family member and talk*	April 19 *Help by cleaning something up*
April 20 *Call someone you think may be lonely*	April 21 *Share a favorite toy/food*	April 22 *Drive by a friend's house & wave hello*	April 23 *Snail mail - make and send a card*	April 24 *Take care of yourself today*	April 25 *Text a friend that you miss*	April 26 *Help by cleaning the bathroom/kitchen*
April 27 *Message your teacher and say hi*	April 28 *Post something positive*	April 29 *Make a "thank you" sign for first responders*	April 30 *Post about your favorite local business*	May 1 *Take care of yourself today*	May 2 *Call a younger family member and talk*	May 3 *Help by making beds in your home*

Starting Monday, April 13 we will be conducting a district-wide virtual spirit week sponsored by the Crestwood District Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) team! You've already seen some of the other PBIS activities that have been occurring throughout the district; such as our meal pick-ups, Wonderful Wednesday video, senior student posting online and the marquee, and of course-the #PBISActsOfKindess calendar.

Our PBIS team has now put together a virtual spirit week and encourages all of our students, staff, and community members to participate. There will be a different theme each day and daily prizes will be given to 5 winners selected at random. Our spirit week is being held to show that the Devil Spirit is still alive and well in our community! I hope to see each of you participate by sharing pictures throughout the week using the hashtag #CWOODPBIS

Go Devils!



We'd like to know how our families and students are doing. Please complete this survey to let us know how we can help.

https://forms.gle/XRWC1j1wbCk1Dw4r8

Thank you and be safe!

Classes Connecting with Zoom



Mrs. Cobb has been learning how to use Zoom and is holding breakout rooms for kids to chat about math. In return, her kids have been teaching her to use a lot of the fun extras like backgrounds and flipping yourself sideways!

Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Cobb's classes are also searching for fractions in action at their homes and giving book reviews in our weekly class meetings!

We miss being together, but we continue to learn from each other - together!

District-Wide Spirit Week Begins April 13

PBIS District-Wide Spirit Week

Share your spirit on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram using the hashtag #CWOODPBIS by 6 pm to be entered to win a prize each day!

MONDAY: PAJAMA PARTY
We hope you are comfy at home, in your pjs!

TUESDAY: HAT DAY
One benefit of being home is you can wear your favorite hat to school!

WEDNESDAY: DIGITAL TWINNING
Find the friend or group of friends and post together (make a collage)!

THURSDAY: SCHOOL CELEBRITY
We miss you - what teacher, custodia, secretary, lunch lady, or principal are you missing? Dress like them and have some fun!

FRIDAY: RED & GRAY
Dress to show your Devil Spirit! Post pics using #ALWAYSADEVIL

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Companies Offer Free Internet to Assist with Virtual Learning

In this time of COVID-19, companies are doing their part to help families access online learning. Below are a list of resources available.

PCS for People:
https://www.pcsforpeople.org/

Spectrum:
https://corporate.charter.com/newsroom/charter-to-offer-free-access-to-spectrum-broadband-and-wifi-for-60-days-for-new-K12-and-college-student-households-and-more

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This link is from the Ohio Department of Education:
http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Coronavirus/Ohio%E2%80%99s-Remote-Learning-Resources

There is a section on identifying internet providers:

The following internet providers are offering free or reduced-priced services during the coronavirus pandemic crisis. This list was identified in partnership with InnovateOhio and Ohio Broadband Strategy.

• **Charter Communication**, which operates under the brand Spectrum, is offering free internet and broadband, including in-home Wi-Fi, to new subscriber households with K-12 and/or college students, as well as teachers, for 60 days. To enroll, call 1-844-488-8395.

Free Spectrum Assist Service, with speeds of 30 mbps, is available for low-income families who are not already enrolled in the program. To be eligible, households must be recipients of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of NSLP or receive supplemental security income (for applicants ages 65+ only).

Free Spectrum Internet is available for any households with K-12 and/or college students or teachers who do not already have Spectrum Internet subscriptions.

Free self-installation kits will be provided for new subscriber households.

Spectrum will partner with school districts to ensure local communities are aware of these tools to help students learn remotely.

No data caps and no hidden fees.

• **AT&T** is offering internet access for qualifying limited-income households at $10 a month through its Access from AT&T program. It is expanding eligibility to Access from AT&T to households participating in the National School Lunch Program and Head Start; providing two months of free service to new Access from AT&T subscribers; and providing free access to and unlimited usage of Caribou, a video calling application.

• **Comcast** is making all Xfinity Wi-Fi Public Hotspots open to everyone on the "xfinitywifi" service set identifier. Public hotspots can be found in small/medium businesses and outdoors in commercial areas. Non-Xfinity subscribers need to accept the terms and conditions to access the network and repeat when requested to continue to receive free unlimited access. To find the hotspot in your area, enter your zip code at the following link: https://wifi.xfinity.com/.

Not sure which internet providers are available in your area? Visit https://www.inmyarea.com/ and type in your zip code to see which providers service your area.

A Pandemic Reflection from Teacher, Sarah Ingram

Last month when our schools had to close their doors I had a mix of emotions. The thought of not seeing my school family for weeks felt devastating. On top of that, I realized quickly that I would be responsible for creating assignments, not only digitally but also in paper form. I had to find ways to check on our students and their families to make sure they had what they needed and were okay. I had to grab what I thought was most important out of my classroom in a few short hours. I had to rearrange my home so that I had a place to work from each day that looked inviting and safe and happy. I have never dealt well with ambiguity, but I had to dig deep to figure out how to go from planning my life 2-3 weeks in advance to planning hour to hour and day to day.

I have always been the kind of person who looks for the silver lining in the midst of the chaos and stress. I realized how much I love being a teacher. This pandemic has forced me to learn a lot of new things in a very short time. I am immersed in a productive struggle every minute of every day. I have been blessed to relive what it feels like to be a student, a novice. To not know where to start or what to do and to try and fail over and over, until I finally achieve success. Some days are more successful than others, but I keep trying.

I realized that I work with an AMAZING team of educators that are always there to support me and our students. I have the support of 40 families that are patiently waiting at home for my assignments to post to Google Classroom each day or waiting for our next Zoom meeting. I have an inbox FILLED with emails saying "thank you" and " I appreciate all that you do for my child" and "Stay safe" from parents and faculty members. I find little comments inside of assignments from students asking if I am okay or telling me about their day.

In conclusion, I would like to just say THANK YOU to the Crestwood community. We are thinking about you every day and are always working to make our "new normal" better for all of us. Stay safe and please reach out if you need us



Crestwood Staff Creates Video to let Students Know they are Missed

The Crestwood Local School District Staff put together a video to show how much they miss all of our students. We are so proud of their hardwork during this time and can't wait to see them in our buildings soon! Enjoy!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhgPUfiDg_k&feature=youtu.be