CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

CHS MUSIC STUDENTS HIT THE ROAD THIS FALL







The Crestwood High School Chamber Singers sang at the opening ceremony for the Potato Festival in September. The Scarlet Guard performed in the festival's parade. Scarlet Guard opened their competitive season the weekend of September 17 at the Louisville Invitational where they earned Best Auxiliary Class A; Best Percussion Class A; and Third Place Class A. The band traveled to Toledo and Sandusky for a fall mini trip. They performed in a Bands of America Regional and in a parade at Cedar Point.

SOPHOMORE REPRESENTS CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL AT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



Crestwood Local Schools Sophomore Hannah Bainey represented the district at a Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Training (HOBY) this summer at John Carroll University. HOBY is designed for high school sophomores to recognize their leadership talents and apply them in becoming effective, ethical leaders in their home, schools, workplace and community.

Hannah said HOBY was a "life changing" experience and she met so many people from across the state. She can't wait to apply what she learned to make her school and community a better place.

THREE CRESTWOOD TEACHERS ATTEND AIR CAMP IN DAYTON OHIO

This past summer, Crestwood High School teachers John Marfy, Matt Newshutz, and Colleen Schveder attended the Teacher Air Camp in Dayton, Ohio. This four-day camp for educators focuses on aviation and aeronautics.

Their lessons included the physics of flight, aeronautical design, flight control simulation and how to pilot an aircraft under the direction of an FAA Certified Flight Instructor. They visited the National Museum of the United States Air Force as well as the Huffman Prairie Flying Field which was used as a test field by the Wright brothers. "I had heard a lot about Air Camp after my wife, Kim Marfy, a Crestwood Middle School teacher, attended it last summer," said Marfy. "I was excited to attend this year and take advantage of the resources available. Although I am primarily a technology and social studies teacher, I have already used some of the lessons I learned at Air Camp in my own classrooms."

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> *Matt Newshutz, Crestwood High School teacher*



"All of my engineering classes have a decent amount of labs, hands-on activities, and projects for the students to be engaged in," said Newshutz. "After attending the Air Camp this summer, I was able to recall the role of a student versus that of a teacher. Also, I was able to engage in many real world activities and make new connections to what I teach in class, giving me the ability to provide more life connections with my students' lives and engineering"

"At the camp, we did many activities that involved engineering design, and those will be great in my 7th grade science classes," said Schveder. "I'm most looking forward to having them experiment with designing and launching straw rockets. They will be given variables to manipulate and work in groups to see who can design a rocket that will fly the furthest. I'll be able to introduce them to the basic concepts of the physics of flight as it applies to the rockets while focusing on the engineering design process."

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CRESTWOOD LOCAL SCHOOLS WELCOMES NEW TREASURER

Kathryn (Katie) Hoffmeister is the new treasurer of Crestwood Local Schools. Prior to joining the district, she was the assistant treasurer of the Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve. Her passion for school finance started in 2017 with the Geauga County Educational Service Center where she was employed as the accounts payable specialist. Over the years, Hoffmeister has gained experience working alongside and assisting the local schools in Lake and Geauga Counties and has done interim treasury services for Madison Local Schools and Crestwood Local Schools. Hoffmeister is a graduate of Chardon High School where she still resides with her family. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Lake Erie College in 2012. Katie obtained her Ohio State Treasurers License in 2020 and her School Business Manager License in 2021. In her spare time, she enjoys golfing and spending time with her husband and three daughters.

NUTRITION SERVICES

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Hello Crestwood Community,

Thank you for a great start to the school year. It is always great to see our students back in the classrooms and participating in extracurricular activities. We encourage you to partner actively with us in helping your child succeed. Students that attend school regularly and on time do better at school. Students that read often, and if younger, are read to, do better in school. Students with limited access and downtime from technology, including cell phones and social media, do better in school and social situations. Students with a quiet place to study and do their homework do better in school. Help us help your child.

- Encourage your child to get a good night's rest.
- Monitor their social media accounts and create some downtime from technology use
- Have your child read a good book or read to them.
- IXL

Every student at Crestwood has an IXL account. (https://www.ixl.com/) IXL can be done on your child's Chromebook, allowing them to work on their math and reading skills anytime. Please check it out. Here is a link to a parent's guide to IXL. https://www.ixl.com/inspiration/family-guide.pdf

Thank you for your support, and I hope to see you soon!

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CRESTWOOD LOCAL SCHOOL EARNS PBIS DISTRICT AWARD

Crestwood Local Schools has been recognized for its success in implementing an effective Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) framework within its buildings/programs. The district is one of 16 districts to be recognized at this level of distinction with a District Award. The award is presented by State Support Team Region 8.

Crestwood Primary & Intermediate School were honored as a recipient of the Ohio PBIS Silver Recognition Award for 2021-2022. Crestwood 7-12 Campus was honored as a recipient of the Ohio PBIS Bronze Recognition Award for the 2021-2022 school year.

Crestwood Local Schools will be honored at the 2022 Ohio PBIS Showcase, held in conjunction with the Ohio Leadership Advisory Council (OLAC) on December 6, 2022, through a virtual conference event.



Ohio PBIS Network
State Support Team 8

2021 - 2022 Ohio PBIS Award Recognition
District Award Notification

Greetings David Toth,

Congratulations to Crestwood Local Schools on being designated by your State Support Team as a recipient of the Ohio PBIS District Recognition Award for 2021 - 2022!

We look forward to celebrating this accomplishment with your team at the Annual Ohio PBIS Showcase for 2022. The Showcase is on December 6, 2022. We are united with the Ohio Leadership Advisory Council (OLAC) for this event. The theme for the conference is All in For Ohio's Schools, Students & Communities. The event is virtual again this year. Registration is FREE! Here is the link to conference information.

We look forward to celebrating with all of you who are implementing PBIS with fidelity to maintain a positive school culture and climate that benefits your entire school community.

Congratulations again!

Sincerely,

Director, State Support Team Region 8

PBIS Lead, State Support Team Region 8

CRESTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

CRESTWOOD PRIMARY STUDENTS DIVE INTO MUSIC THIS SCHOOL YEAR

Jennifer Gilles' classroom is full of the sounds of music. Students in the first, second and third grade are reviewing skills and concepts learned the previous school year.

For example, second graders worked in small groups to compose and perform short rhythm patterns using quarter notes and eighth note pairs. Third graders spent time reviewing pentatonic pitches with the Appalachian folk song, Ida Red, by singing and playing the melody. And first graders reviewed four percussion timbres and independent steady beats with a song called, Time To Play Percussion.

Kindergarteners are beginning to work with maintaining the steady beat of music using body percussion, instruments and Beat Buddies. The drums have been a big "hit" with the students. All students will be learning a variety of longways, circles, and scattered formation folk dances. Some of the dances that the students have started with are the Seven Jumps, a circle dance, and the Chimes of Dunkirk, a longways formation dance.



PRIMARY STUDENTS COLLABORATE ON YEAR-LONG LEGO-INSPIRED MURAL

Crestwood Primary School (CPS) artists have kicked off the start of a new year by working on a collaborative art mural titled "Everyone is Awesome at CPS." This Lego-inspired mural will feature a self-designed lego-Minifigure portrait of every CPS student. The collaborative mural project is something that we do at the beginning of the school year. It is always accompanied with a book or movie to teach the concept of theme. Every student contributes a piece to the puzzle which signifies the importance of their place in our school and collectively expresses unity amongst our budding artists. The collaborative mural incorporates the Ohio Visual Arts "Enduring Understandings" in Personal Choice and Visual as well as Authentic Application and Collaboration.

The CPS Lego Gallery will feature rotating exhibitions of lego artwork from different artists throughout the year. To begin this exhibit, the students worked collaboratively with other classes in their special rotation day to create colorful masterpieces using lego dots. These collaborative murals have become a tradition at CPS. Students enjoy looking for their contribution to the piece for the entire school year.



CRESTWOOD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

CRESTWOOD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL HELPS STUDENTS WITH THE "CASE OF THE MONDAYS"

It is a saying we hear often..."I have the case of the Mondays!" Crestwood Intermediate School does their best to create positive learning opportunities. Our goal is to create a predictable, consistent, positive and safe classroom. This school year, the staff worked hard to develop an interactive opportunity for students called "Case of the Mondays" to help brighten spirits at the start of the school week.

"Case of the Mondays" is every other Monday and focuses on a specific skill and character trait. Staff develop student-centered classroom discussions. The school community then works together for those next two weeks to focus on these positive traits and characteristics so that their lessons become more rewarding and enriching.

Examples of these classroom discussions include helping students stay focused, planning ahead and setting goals, having positive interactions, developing grit, monitoring their own learning, and thinking flexibly and creatively. "We feel students with these skills can boost academic performance," said Principal Pat Griffis, Crestwood Intermediate School. "Having our entire school community on the same page working together to develop these positive traits and skills will ultimately create increased focus on student learning. We truly feel that the students will feel empowered with strategies and skills that help reduce the barriers to growth and smooth out any bumps in the road for students and teachers."

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Problem Solving
Perseverance

FOURTH AND FIFTH-GRADE STUDENTS EXPLORE OUTDOOR EDUCATION ADVENTURE CAMP

Fourth and fifth-grade students at Crestwood Intermediate School (CIS) were given the opportunity to participate in an outdoor education adventure camp at Hiram House Camp this past September. This field trip experience allowed the students to develop and expand on their team building and leadership skills.

Some of the activities the students participated in were canoeing, archery, rock climbing, and obstacle courses while working together and getting to know each other in another setting other than the classroom. The students even got to eat s'mores at a campfire.

"These student leadership opportunities will create long-lasting memories and skills that will help the students become successful outside the classroom," said Principal Pat Griffis, Crestwood Intermediate School. "These activities support our instructional philosophy–to create an engaging learning environment that will inspire and enable students to develop and strengthen 21st century skills, empowering them to become productive citizens within our community."

