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Students and Community Come Together

October 7, approximately 46 students from CHS joined efforts with the Mantua Revitalization Committee to help clean up the downtown area in preparation for "A Walk Through Mantua's Past" held October 9. The students were members of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), the Leadership class, and Senior Seminar class, all of which focus on creating future leaders and providing opportunities for students to become actively involved in giving back to their school and their community.

Edie Benner, President of the Mantua Revitalization Committee, stated that the students who attended "were all very focused, respectful and motivated to do their assigned tasks. When a group finished a task, they eagerly found one of the teachers or committee members to see what new task they could complete."

"All in all," said Benner, "the group completed over 192 person-hours of work sprucing-up downtown Mantua. The students and leaders pulled and scraped weeds, washed windows, distributed flyers, swept the sidewalks, picked up litter and cigarette butts and prepared the Hilltop Church, Livery and Grain Buildings and Mini-park for the event."

Thank you to all who helped in this effort and to all who provided this opportunity for students and community members to work together!





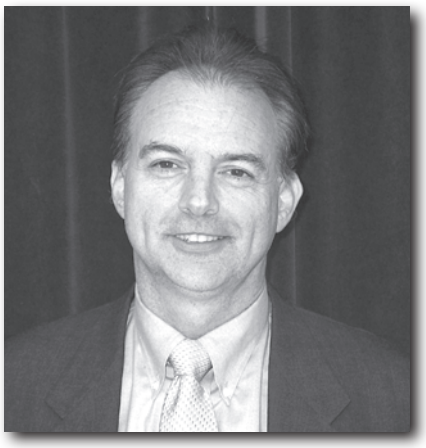




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Superintendent's Letter . . .



Mr. Joseph Iacano
Superintendent

New Maintenance Facility Nearly Complete

Many of you have noticed and commented upon the construction of the new maintenance facility taking place just north of Jack Lambert Stadium. This project has progressed smoothly and we hope to begin using these facilities in early November, since we have had good weather for construction.

The new maintenance facility will house and protect district equipment such as tractors, mowers, and trucks, and will also serve as a warehouse for paper, hardware, etc. The storage bins on the south side of the facility will be used mainly to store miscellaneous equipment for extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.

The new addition to our transportation building will have offices and a meeting room for transportation employees. It will also allow us to dispose of a rusty old trailer that was barely functional. The consolidation of these two facilities on one site will help to make our operations more efficient and allow us to eliminate the expense of the space we are currently leasing as a maintenance facility.

These facilities were built with "permanent improvement" funds that were realized, in-part, from the sale of the four old elementary buildings. Some of the work on the facilities has been done by area contractors including Harner Plumbing, J.M. Kline Mason Contractors Inc., and Wright Heating.

- Joe Iacano





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Regular Board of Education meetings are generally held the first Monday of the month, at the High School Library, 10919 N. Main Street Mantua, Ohio. Meetings are held at the Primary School during the summer months. The public is cordially invited to attend. If more information is needed about a Board meeting, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 330-274-8511.

CSG Ranks Among Elite as a Two-Time BOA Class A Champion Band!

On Saturday, October 16, 2010 the Crestwood Scarlet Guard Marching Band traveled to Akron, Ohio for the Bands of America Regional Championships. This is a national level competition circuit and featured some of the best bands in the country from Georgia, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Virginia. For the second time in the same season, the Crestwood Scarlet Guard was name Bands of America Regional Class Champions! The Scarlet Guard was also awarded Outstanding Visual Effect and Outstanding General Effect in Class A!

Each year there are only 16 Bands of America Regional Championships in the entire nation and there is only one Class Champion Band awarded at each event. Class Champion Bands are awarded with a Bands of America Regional Championship Medallion. The Crestwood Scarlet Guard became a regional class champion band twice in the same season - a very prestigious and remarkable accomplishment. This now places the Crestwood Band program as one of the top Bands of America Class A band programs in the country. The band also earned their own highest score and remarks ever received from a panel of adjudicators at a Bands of America Regional Championship!

Thank you so much to all the staff, parents, families and friends that traveled and contributed in support of the Scarlet Guard.

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State Auditor's Office Warns Districts of Funding Cuts

Carol Corbett, Treasurer
Joe Iacano, Superintendent

October 7, 2010 the State Auditor's Office notified all districts across the state that they are likely to receive a reduction in federal and/or state funds beginning next school year, 2011-2012. The reduction is due to a nonrenewal of federal/state funds awarded in 2010 and 2011 as part of the State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) in an effort to "minimize and avoid reductions in education and other essential services."

The notice states that, "SFSF has not been reauthorized; therefore, SFSF revenues should not be included in the five-year forecast beyond fiscal year 2011…. It should also be noted there is no reasonable basis to assume that the State of Ohio will increase State Funding for schools to cover/make up the amount of the SFSF funds distributed to school districts."

Crestwood's portion of this funding has been approximately $800,000 per year. Fortunately, we anticipated some reductions in funding and projected losing about half of these funds (about $400,000/year).

Due to our ongoing cost-containment efforts during the past several years, Crestwood's financial condition is still relatively healthy compared to many districts.* Nevertheless, reductions of an additional $400,000 per year starting in FY 2012 (i.e., 2011-2012 school-year) would require additional, noticeable "belt–tightening." At this point it is too early to identify where and when specific cost reductions would occur, but it is clear that we will need to scrutinize all current and anticipated expenditures closely in the next couple of months to reduce costs this year and next in order to avoid much larger cost-cutting measures later.

Although these are "potential" reductions in state funds, the auditor's email effectively prevents us from using these funds as anticipated revenue in our financial projections. We will not receive our *actual* funding levels for FY2012 and FY2013 until next July. The election of Ohio's next governor as well as the elections in the state and federal legislatures, will certainly have an impact on future funding of education in Ohio and in the U.S. Therefore, it is difficult to project funding levels until new office holders are elected, seated, and have an opportunity to prepare legislation. We will post updates in future issues of Crestwood Comments and on the district home page as well as through discussion at Board of Education meetings held at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month.

**Crestwood's expenditures in FY 2006, FY 2007, FY2008, FY 2009 and FY2010 were actually lower than they were in FY 2005. Some of the cost-containment measures include: staff reductions through attrition; reductions via an early retirement incentive; and significant reductions in health care costs through negotiation with staff and vendors.*

Other Happenings. . .

Entertainment Book Sale to Raise Money for TV Studio Enhancements



Crestwood Schools' Television is selling the 2011 Entertainment Book for $30. Cleveland, Akron, canton and Youngstown editions are available. Businesses in the Streetsboro and Aurora areas are found in the Cleveland edition.

Crestwood Schools' Television provides programming for local cable channel 9. All programs are produced by students in Mr. Marfy's Broadcast Media and Studio Production classes. In addition to purchasing new camcorders, software and paying for licensing and streaming fees for their online radio station, Crestwood Schools' Television is trying to raise $10,000 to purchase a portable digital production studio. This will improve the quality of programs seen on Channel 9 and will also allow students to create remote programming, such as on-location sporting and arts-related events that will include student announcers and professional-quality graphics.

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We are very excited that Crestwood Local School District participates in the National School Breakfast Program. Breakfast is available in every building, everyday! Each student has the opportunity to go to the cafeteria before class begins to purchase their food items. The cost is $1.75 (High & Middle), $1.50 (Intermediate & Primary), $.30 for all students who receive reduced lunch and free for all students who receive free lunch.

As with lunch, a monthly breakfast menu is posted online and in Crestwood Comments. In addition to the monthly menu, a variety of a la carte items are available at the middle and high school levels.

If you have any questions regarding the breakfast program please contact Jennifer Bujak-Hirsch, Food Service Director at 330-274-2294 ext. 2108.

Freshman Rummage Sale

The Freshman Class is holding a Rummage Sale November 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the High School cafeteria. In order for it to be successful, we need all the donations we can get! Drop off your donations at the high school. Be sure to come and shop on November 8. Remember, someone else's trash is another's treasure! See you there!

Please continue to bring in your used ink and toner cartridges, old cell phones and digital cameras. Recycle and support the freshman class!

Study Tables Available at CHS

Students who need assistance with projects, additional help with academic concepts, or help with homework, there is a time and place to get that help! Study Tables are offered at Crestwood High School Wednesday mornings between 6:45 and 7:30 a.m. and Wednesday afternoons between 3 and 4 p.m. Teachers are available to help high school students with school work in the Learning Center. There's no need to sign up…just show up!

Crestwood Schools' Television
is now offering the following services:
DVD Duplication--family mementos, etc.
$8.00 per DVD

Commencement Ceremony DVDs
Classes of: 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007
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Contact Mr. Marfy: jmarfy@crestwood.sparcc.org
(330) 274-2214 ext. 426

2010-2011 Yearbooks

Parent Pages Fundraiser

It's time again for the Crestwood High School annual Parent Page Fundraiser! We would like **all** Crestwood Senior parents to consider reserving a space to add a message and pictures to the yearbook for a graduating senior. These ads will be tastefully designed in black and white and due to overwhelming demand, we are accepting NO full page ads—sorry; we want to include as many seniors as possible. The acceptance process will be **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE**. **Your support of the Crestwood Yearbook is MUCH appreciated—thanks. The deadline for order form, payment, and pictures is Wednesday, March 10, 2011.**

Yahoo! time to order the 2010-2011 Yearbook.

Yearbook order forms have been sent home and are available at the Yearbook Website: http://crestwood.sparcc.org/olc/class.aspx?id=5051&s=632. **The deadline for order forms is February 22, 2011**. This year's book will continue to be sold for $50.00 and the sale will be conducted at the high school by Mr. Pavelek. Payments for the 2010-2011 yearbook need to be made by either cash or check, checks should be made payable to CHS and delivered to Mr. Pavelek in room 116.

Online Yearbook Ordering

Need to pay with a credit or debit card?

Walsworth will now take orders online for the Crestwood High School yearbook. Just go to www.yearbookforever.com and search Crestwood High School to purchase a book online.

2009-10 Yearbooks are in!

If your son or daughter bought a yearbook last year, please have them stop by Mr. Pavelek's room before or after school or contact him to make other arrangements.

Senior picture deadlines:

All senior pictures for the yearbook are due by November 30th, 2010. If you have not had your senior picture taken yet, please make arrangements immediately. Due to demand, getting senior pictures can be a timely process. Anyone in need of a photographer should contact Mike at J. Michaels Photography, 6576 Newton Falls Road, Ravenna, OH 44266, 330.296.2612, to arrange a time for a senior picture shoot.

If a senior picture is not submitted to Mr. Pavelek, that student will not be pictured with the senior class in the yearbook.

For any additional information and questions regarding Yearbooks, please contact Mr. Pavelek at the High School in room 116; via phone 330-274-2214 (x 416); e-mail pavelek@crestwood.sparcc.org; or mail Crestwood High School, C/O Andrew Pavelek/Yearbook, 10919 N. Main Street, Mantua, Ohio 44255. Or see his teacher website, http://crestwood.sparcc.org/olc/class.aspx?id=5051&s=632.

Crestwood High School Conferences

October 2010

Dear Parents:

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on **Thursday, November 18, and Monday, November 22**, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. We strongly encourage you to meet with all your son's/daughter's teachers during the conference days.

College Financial Planning Meeting – check the Crestwood High School Guidance web-page for time/date.

Child care is available from the National Honor Society on both nights.

Please complete the form below providing the time you can start your conferences and teachers you would like to meet with. The form may be returned to the Guidance Department by mail, e-mail (briggs@crestwood.sparcc.org), fax 330-274-0072, or with your child. If mailing this form, please address it to:

Crestwood High School - Mrs. Tricia Briggs
10919 N. Main Street
Mantua, Ohio 44255

If sending the form to school, please have it dropped off in the Guidance Office (Room 106). A confirming schedule will be sent home with your student or e-mailed if an address is provided. Copies of the conference schedules are also available in the Guidance Office at the beginning of the conferences. Thank you for taking the time and interest to talk with the teachers, it is indeed time well spent.

Sincerely,
Arden Sommers, Principal

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CONFERENCE TIMES	Thursday, November 18, 2010	4:00-7:30 P.M.
	Monday, November 22, 2010	4:00-7:30 P.M.

Student's Name _____

Parent's Name _____ e-mail address _____

Please schedule conferences on Date _____ Starting Time _____

TEACHER	SUBJECT	TEACHER	SUBJECT
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November 2010 Menus & CHS Events . . .

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November 1st Assorted Cereals Assorted Yogurts Assorted Fruits Milk Grilled Cheese/ Pickles Soup Various Veggies Assorted Fruit Pumpkin Bar Milk	**November 2nd** G-Force or CoCo Bar Yogurt Assorted Fruits Milk Sloppy Joes Fries Various Veggies Assorted Fruits Jello Cup	**November 3rd** Waffle with Fruit Topping Sausage Links Milk Personal Pizza Garden Salad Assorted Fruit Oatmeal Cookie Milk	**November 4th** Fruit & Yogurt Parfait Granola Milk Chicken Sandwich Fries Various Veggies Assorted Fruits Ice Juicee Milk	**November 5th** Egg & Cheese Omelet Sausage Patty Assorted Fruits Milk Ham & Cheese Stromboli Side Salad Various Veggies Assorted Fruits No-Bake Cookie Milk	Eating breakfast is important for everyone, especially children and adolescents. According to the American Dietetic Association, children who eat breakfast perform better in the classroom and in physical activities, with better concentration, problem-solving skills, and eye-hand coordination.
November 8th Waiver Day No School	**November 9th** Cutie Pie Fruit Turnover Cheese stick or yogurt Assorted Fruits Milk Chicken Fajitas w/ Salsa Corn Assorted Fruit Cinnamon Tostadas Milk	**November 10th** Pancakes w/syrup Sausage links Assorted fruits Milk Dominos' Pizza Garden Salad Mixed Fruit Fresh Baked Cookie Milk	**November 11th** Pop tarts Trail Mix Assorted Fruits Milk Hot Ham & Cheese Chicken Noodle Soup Various Veggies Assorted Fruit Cookie Milk Thank a Veteran Today!	**November 12th** Egg & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits Milk Cook's Choice National Chicken Soup Day!	Studies show that eating a healthy breakfast can help give you a more nutritionally complete diet-higher in nutrients, vitamins and minerals.
November 15th Assorted Cereals Assorted Yogurts Assorted Fruits Milk Homemade Macaroni & Cheese Bread w/ Peanut Butter Various Veggies Assorted Fruit Milk Meatless Monday! America Recycles Day!	**November 16th** Pizza Assorted Fruits Milk Reverse Day! (Sausage & eggs for lunch!!) Eggs & Cheese Omelet French Toast or Waffles Sausage Various Veggies Assorted Fruit Milk (Pizza for breakfast!)	**November 17th** Waffle with Fruit Topping Sausage Links Milk Gionino's Pizza Garden Salad Mixed Fruit Pudding Cake Milk	**November 18th** Cutie Pie Fruit Turnover Cheese stick or yogurt Milk Slow-Roasted Turkey Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Herb Seasoned Stuffing Assorted Fruit Thanksgiving Treat, Milk	**November 19th** Muffins Cheese Wedge Assorted Fruits Milk Cook's Choice	Many studies, in both adults and children, have shown that breakfast eaters tend to weigh less than breakfast skippers.
November 22nd Assorted Cereals Assorted Yogurts Assorted Fruits Milk Breaded Mozzarella Sticks or Cheese Bread Sticks w/ dipping sauces Various Veggies Assorted Fruit Frozen Treat Milk Meatless Monday!	**November 23rd** Cook's Choice Breakfast!	**November 24th** No School	**November 25th** No School Happy Thanksgiving!!	**November 26th** No School	Why? One theory suggests that eating a healthy breakfast can reduce hunger throughout the day, and help people make better food choices. Typically, hunger gets the best of breakfast-skippers, and they eat more at lunch and throughout the day.
November 29th Assorted Cereals Assorted Yogurts Assorted Fruits Milk Cheese & Veggie Quesadilla Chips & Salsa Various Veggies Assorted Fruit Milk Meatless Monday!	**November 30th** Granola Bar String Cheese Assorted Fruits Milk Chicken Nuggets or Strips w/ dipping sauces Various Veggies Assorted Fruit Pumpkin Bar Milk		Food Service Director: Jennifer Bujak-Hirsch, 330-274-2294 ext. 2108	The High School & Middle School have many more ala carte items and choices for breakfast!	Be sure to get <u>your</u> breakfast daily at your school!

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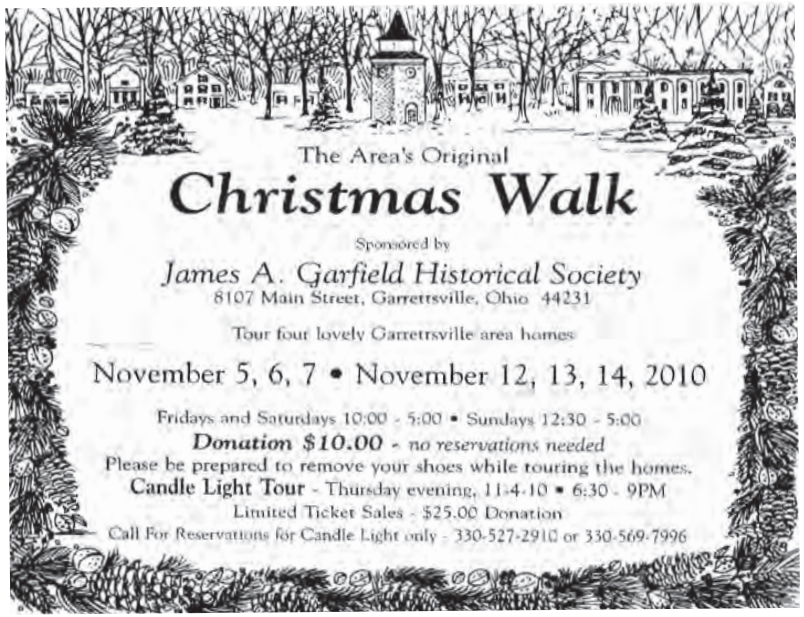
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Crestwood High School Events for November 2010

11/01/10 Monday
3:00PM Drama Tech Week in High School Gym
Home 6:00PM Powder Puff Football @ Stadium

11/02/10 Tuesday
3:00PM Drama Tech Week in High School Gym

11/03/10 Wednesday
3:00PM Drama Tech Week in High School Gym
Home 6:00PM Band Practice @ Stadium

11/04/10 Thursday 3
:00PM Drama Tech Week in High SchoolGym

11/05/10 Friday
Home 7:30PM Fall Play

11/06/10 Saturday
Basketball V & JV Girls Away 9:00AM Woodridge and Barberton @ Barberton
Scrimmage Bus 7:45AM
Home 7:30PM Fall Play

11/07/10 Sunday
Home 2:00PM Fall Play

11/08/10 Monday
Teacher In-Service Day. No School for Students
Home 9:30AM Dance Team Practice in HS Gym

11/09/10 Tuesday
Home 5:30PM Athletic Council Meeting for Head Coaches in Library
Basketball V & JV Girls Away 5:30PM Harvey and Eastlake North @ Painsville Harvey Scrimmage Bus 4:00PM

11/13/10 Saturday
Basketball V & JV Girls Away TBA Hiram College Scrimmage
Basketball FR Boys Home 11:00AM Aurora and Streetsboro Scrimmage
Basketball V & JV Boys Away 1:00PM Aurora Scrimmage Bus 12:15PM

11/16/10 Tuesday
Basketball V & JV Girls Home 6:00PM Waterloo Scrimmage

11/17/10 Wednesday
Basketball V & JV Boys Away 6:00PM Chagrin Falls Scrimmage Bus 5:00PM
Basketball FR Boys Home 6:00PM Chagrin Falls Scrimmage

11/19/10 Friday
Home 4:00PM Dance Team Practice in Primary Gym

11/20/10 Saturday
Basketball V & JV Boys Home 11:00AM Sebring Scrimmage
Basketball V & JV Girls Away 11:00AM Our Lady of the Elms Scrimmage Bus 9:30AM

11/22/10 Monday
Home 3:00PM Winter Sports Picture Day in Gym

11/23/10 Tuesday
Bowling V Boys/Girls Away 4:15PM Champion @ Champion Lanes District Bus 3:00PM

11/24/10 Wednesday
Basketball V & JV Boys Home 3:30PM Lake Center Christian School Scrimmage

11/24/10-11/26/10 - No School Thanksgiving Break

11/27/10 Saturday
Basketball JV Girls Away 6:00PM Rootstown Bus 4:30PM
11/27/10 Saturday
Basketball V Girls Away 7:30PM Rootstown Bus 4:30PM

11/30/10 Tuesday
Bowling V Boys/Girls Home 4:00PM Walsh Jesuit @ Sky Lanes

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High School . . .

Students Solve Real-World Problems in New HS Course, Applied Mathematics



Seniors (from left to right) Josh Fehrenbach, Wes Skupski, D.J. Lowry are designing a floor plan for a restaurant patio.

The Ohio Department of Education has mandated all high school students receive four mathematics credits in order to graduate. Whereas, in the past graduation requirements called for three credit hours. Students who are freshmen in 2010-2011 must meet this requirement. In order to reach the needs of all students, Mrs. Teresa Moon is developing a course called *Applied Mathematics.* The course obtains the necessary state standards while providing real-life learning opportunities for each student. The class is offered to seniors this fall.

Applied Mathematics provides students with a new project every 2-3 weeks. The goal is to allow students to explore mathematics as it would pertain to the real world. All students will learn to use 21st Century skills including:

- Creativity and motivation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Communication and collaboration
- Information, media, and technology skills
- Life and career skills
- Social and cross-cultural skills
- Productivity and accountability

Projects include field work in which students will be outside or in the community. The idea is to teach them how to use mathematics to become productive citizens. The year is off to an excellent start! Students are running their own small business and designing patio floor layouts for a restaurant.

SEPTEMBER 2010 STUDENTS AND ATHLETES OF THE MONTH



Back Row: P. J. Scarl (Golf), Mike Fixel (11th), Michael France (12th)
Front Row: Sammi Vaughan (X-Country), Katie Cook (12th), Brooke Hunter (9th), Aleya Judd (10th)

HS Students Explore Career and College Options



During September and October, the high school guidance department has been providing resources and opportunities to help students plan and explore college and post-secondary options. All seniors were presented with the Crestwood High School College Planning Guide, which outlines the college application process, a step-by step calendar and organizer, information on how to find and apply for scholarships, and valuable websites that are helpful with addressing students' and parents' questions about this exciting time in their lives. Seniors then traveled to Kent State University for the annual college fair, which hosts over 150 colleges and universities from around the region.

New this year, students as well as parents have the opportunity to speak directly with the representatives during the school day. This is a great way to gather pertinent materials and information to assist with selecting a college. CHS has had 25-30 representatives from various colleges visit already this fall. The guidance department hosted three college planning seminars during a variety of days and times to accommodate parents' schedules. An invitation was mailed to each senior's home. There was representation from two-year, four-year, public, and private schools and each presented parents with information relevant to the college selection and application process. A follow-up presentation during parent teacher conferences will be held in November to address the financial aid process and how to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid).

The guidance department recognizes the need to prepare all students for post-secondary planning during the early years of high school. In addition to all sophomores taking the PSAT in October, we are developing career and college planning activities and resources for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors to promote awareness and direction in preparing for life after graduation.

Please visit the high school guidance department website at http://www.crestwood.sparcc.org/School_Dept aspx?schoolID=1&deptID=182 for important updates and links to helpful resources.



Middle School . . .

SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

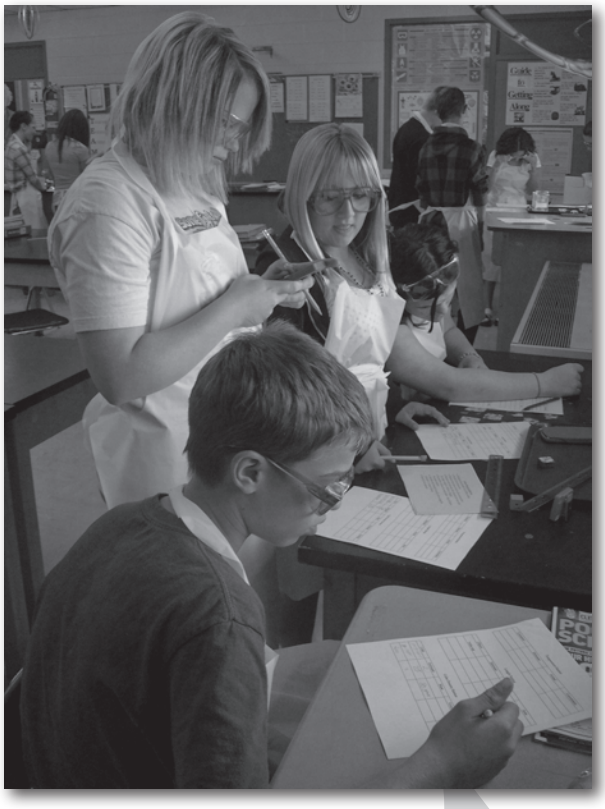


6th Grade: *Emma Kotkowski, Rachel Hutchison, Cameron Crabtree, Derek Crislip, Paige Fitzwater, Kenneth Haynie*
7th Grade: *Isabel Hysing, Timothy Whitecotton, Alexis Mazey, Andrew Boyer, Kara Semety, Ben Ubienski*
8th Grade: *Hannah Bennett, Jared Bailey, Bryanna Herbold, Nathan Nielsen, Hannah Hilty, Terance Brunty*

CMS Earns Recognition for 2010 Right to Read Week Celebration

Crestwood Middle School has been recognized the second year in a row by the Ohio Council of the International Reading Association for last year's Right to Read Week Celebration. Our theme was "Master the Art of Reading" – a blending of the fine arts and reading. The Ohio Right to Read Week Celebration Award is awarded to those schools that participate in at least three activities from an approved list. Last year, our students participated in daily Sustained Silent Reading (SSR), themed dress-up days, contests, and our "Milk and Cookies" activity sponsored by PAC. Congratulations to all who participated and a special thank you to CMS' Language Arts Teachers.







Do you think in SI Units? All scientists do!

Working and thinking like a scientist starts by being observant and understanding measurement. Eighth grade students worked cooperatively in groups to estimate, measure and record units in the SI system of measurement. All students demonstrated safety in the lab, while selecting appropriate tools for volume, mass, length and temperature. Mrs.Duesing's and Mr. Kerst's classes rotated through six lab stations demonstrating their ability to work safely and measure up in science.

Intermediate School . . .

Combining Literature and Letter Writing

Students in Mrs. Patton and Mrs. Pochedly/Mrs. Komoff's classes have been reading Goblins in the Castle by Bruce Coville. After reading, students wrote friendly letters from one character to another. Letter writing is an important content standard in 4th grade.



Sandy Hahn and Josh Howell



JulieAnne Czerney and Meghan Griffin

Native American Culture

Submitted by Holly Cartwright



Pictured are students James Centorbi, Katie Fosnight, Frank Fugman

Fifth grade students are currently studying the history of Native American settlements and their interactions with the environment. Several fifth grade students took on an extra credit challenge to create Native American projects. These students chose to create models of Native American shelters, wampum belts, or coup sticks. Students enjoyed learning a Coup Stick was used by Plains warriors to touch live enemies-not to kill them and wampum belts were seashell beads woven into belts or jewelry for trading. All the creative projects are on display in the Intermediate School's main entry.



Third Grade Goes to Akron Zoo

On Thursday October 14, 2010 the entire 3rd grade went on their annual field trip to the Akron Zoo. Though the weather was inclement that didn't stop the students, teachers and chaperones from having a wonderful time. Everyone seemed to enjoy the wild animals and the beautiful gardens. Perhaps the most popular items were the rope bridge and climbing wall which gave the kids a chance to exert some of their boundless energy. The jelly fish and bat exhibits were also favorites too!

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Primary School . . .







Mrs. Curfman's class had a great time at Pioneer Trail Apple Orchard! They loved the apples, cider, and the wagon ride. Thanks, Mrs. Monroe!



Planting Seeds of Discovery

Mrs. Plicka's students planted seeds during science class to identify the parts of a plant and their functions. Now we will wait and use our scientific skills to observe and watch the plants grow!







Fire Safety

Students at CPS have been learning about Fire Safety during the month of October. Thank you to the Mantua Shalersville Fire Department for making sure our children know what to do in case of a fire. Boys and girls were given a tour of the safety vehicles as well as in class instruction.

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