



# Crawfordsville Community School Corporation The Athenian Oracle

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## Each student gifted a book

### *Generous anonymous donor gives \$600*

Nicholson Elementary students received a special surprise recently as each student in the entire building was able to take home a brand new book!

In the fall, an anonymous parent donor approached the school staff during the Scholastic Book Fair that they wanted to donate money to give each student a book. The school selected a variety of books from the fair so there were various reading levels and a variety of subject matter.

Their donation of \$600 covered about 60% of the total cost. Funds in the school's budget were able to provide the remaining amount so each student could take a book home to read with their family.

Principal Jennifer Coyle said, "Students were so excited to get these new books. It is wonderful when we can get books into the hands of our students, especially when they know they become 'theirs' and can take them home to share with families."



One of the Nicholson classrooms says "Thank You" as they show off their own book they get to keep and take home.

## Great turnout for Hoover Elementary's first blood drive



Above: Nicholson school nurse, Sabrina Gatlin, takes her turn to donate blood. Right: Students Olivia Calvert, Marley Dewey, and Samiyah Faris-Steen show their thank-you cards in front of the Versiti Blood Centers truck.

Hoover Elementary School's Student Council recently organized and offered its first blood drive on February 10. Through the Indiana Blood Center Drive, 100% of the blood collected in Montgomery County stays and is used in Montgomery County to assist those in need of blood and blood products. The drive was a great success and enough blood was collected to save 60 people in our community.

Hoover Principal, Marci Galinowski, said discussions began about the blood drive after the Indiana Blood Center reached out inquiring about the school's interest in partnering with them.

"The student council is always looking for ways to help out the community," she said, "We found out that all blood collected in the county, stays in the county. For that reason, it was a good fit for our student council's mission."

The blood drive was a huge success as all available appointments were quickly filled. The drive was open to the community, but after an initial email to the school's staff and families, those spots were filled by the supportive Hoover community alone.

"So many people were very excited to help for such a good cause," Galinowski said.

The Indiana Blood Center partnership made it a very easy process, and after a wonderful response, the Hoover Student Council plans to make it an annual event.







Alum Chris Hartman '00 joined his son, Brody, to play the drums together during the band's performance on February 18. Right: Students, four alumni, and two CCSC staff members joined the band section for the evening.

## Crawfordsville band invites alumni & staff to join senior night

The Crawfordsville band members had a little extra pep during the recent performance on February 18 during the boys' basketball game. Director Jon Tebbe invited all CHS band alumni and CCSC staff to join the band for the evening.

"I thought it would be a great way to connect with CHS grads that are still in the community," Tebbe said.

Tebbe also wants to create history and CHS band memories for the years to come. He said he's a history buff and has enjoyed learning about past details of CHS band, like the 1918-19 music teacher,

Leslie Lyons, and funny stories of the trip to the State Fair contest in 1964.

"I thought this [event] would be a great way to help engage the students in the history that they are now a part of, and over the years this might evolve into a 'history night' type-of-event to celebrate our historical successes," he said.

For the kick off year, the four alumni that joined the event were, Chris Hartman '00, Ryan Brant '01, Ashley Brown '05 and Whitney Anderson '06. In addition, two Crawfordsville Community School Corporation staff members also joined,

Kelly Wantuch, CHS art teacher, and Hoover library aide, Brian Bartlett.

Tebbe received great feedback from the night and was appreciative of the tremendous help from parent volunteers.

Memories were made all around. For both Tebbe and others, seeing the father-son duo of Chris Hartman '00 and Brody Hartman playing the drums together was very meaningful.

With the first year a success, Tebbe already has ideas for next year to reach more alumni and make the event run even smoother.

## Character Counts! top two essay winners both Athenians

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation is proud to announce that senior Elizabeth Bowling was the high school first place winner and overall winner of the Character Counts! Foundation for Life Essay contest sponsored by Character Counts! of Montgomery County. Additionally, the second place winner in the high school category was also an Athenian, junior Vidushi Kiran. The award earned Bowling a check for \$200 and Kiran received \$75.

Each year the Montgomery County Character Counts! Foundation for Life Essay Contest is offered to the students throughout Montgomery County in grades three to 12 with winners broken down into three categories of elementary, middle school, and high school.

The essays are read and critiqued by a panel of judges and scores are given based on how the student's essay focuses on the six pillars of character. The six pillars of character are the foundation of the national Character Counts! Program and represent trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

Monetary awards are sponsored by Hoosier Heartland State Bank, Crawfordsville Community Schools, North Montgomery Community Schools, and South Montgomery Community Schools.



Principal Jay Strickland, left, and Bryce Barton, far right, stand with Character Counts! Foundation for Life essay contest winners, Elizabeth Bowling and Vidushi Kiran. Bowling, a senior, was the overall winner and first place winner in the high school category. Kiran, a junior, was the second place high school winner. Congratulations, Athenians!





Congratulations to the Crawfordsville High School Robotics Team as they won the Inspire Award, the highest honor, at the Northwestern League Tournament. The team advances to the FIRST Technology Challenge State Championship on March 12.

## Robotics team wins coveted award

The Crawfordsville High School Robotics team recently competed against 17 other teams at the Northwestern League Tournament at Griffith Senior High School and came home with the highest honor, the Inspire Award, and a ticket to the State Championship on March 12, which will be at Crawfordsville High School.

First year coach, Jared Kaminski said, "Winning the Inspire award simply speaks to the incredible amount of hard work that the team put in this year. Everyone on the team works extensively to provide their own time and talents into not only constructing a functioning robot, but doing so much good beyond that as well. The Inspire Award isn't only about engineering, but is about the attitude and gracious professionalism that teams are called to strive for. Our team showed that they have that this year."

The Inspire Award is given to the team who meets several factors of criteria. First and foremost, the team shows respect and Gracious Professionalism® to everyone they meet at the event. Other criteria includes, being a strong contender for other judged awards, an ambassador for FIRST programs, positivity and inclusiveness, an impressive engineering portfolio, an innovative robot design, and lastly a professional and engaging team interview.

The CHS varsity team, "535 TOBOR," is a seasoned competitor at the state tournaments with long-time former coach, Darrin Wilcoxson, establishing a great program. Wilcoxson is now using his engineering skills while employed at Purdue University's engineering department.

CHS will compete against the state's top 24 teams. The top two teams advance to the World Championship in Dallas.



## --Dancers On To State!--

Both the CMS and CHS dance teams are headed to state! The dance regionals were at Terre Haute South on March 5 where the CHS Blue Illusions got 1st place in AA Hip Hop and 3rd place in AA Jazz. The CMS Starlettes received 2nd place in JHA Hip Hop and 2nd place in JHA Jazz. The teams will compete at state which is held in Lafayette.



Left: Kennah Popp from Miss Rita's class works with tiles to create the shape of a dinosaur. Right: Paizley McCormick from Miss Leanna's class is carefully working to hatch a dinosaur egg.



## Willson students discover dinosaurs

Willson Preschool students have been busying learning about dinosaurs in the recent weeks. The students have been pretending to hatch dinosaur eggs and are learning to identify meat-eating and plant-eating dinosaurs. Their artistic skills have been put to work by coloring and creating dinosaur books and stamps with paint. Blocks and tiles were used to replicate dinosaur species and students' fine motor skills have been lacing dinosaur cutouts and making paper replicas. Preschoolers are also pronouncing those large dinosaur names, including Coelophysis, which is a small meat-eating and one of the earliest dinosaurs.

## Special guest-readers at Hose



Hose Elementary had some special guest-readers, CHS U.S. History teacher Gary Linn, left photo, and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Rex Ryker. Both visited the classrooms to read books to the students and share their love of reading.

## Athenians win 32 out of 38 art show awards

The Tri Kappa Annual Art Show is currently on display at the Crawfordsville District Public Library. The juried art show offers students from all three county high schools the opportunity to compete for cash prize awards and display their artwork to the community.

On March 2nd, the winners were announced with CHS junior Claire Edwards winning the 2022 Best of Show for her charcoal drawing titled, "Steampunk Traveler." Overall the Athenian art students won an impressive 32 out of 38 awards!



CHS junior, Claire Edwards, was the 2022 Best of Show winner at the Tri Kappa Annual Art Show.





Congratulations to the boys swim team who finished their season with eight swimmers advancing to state and four to the state finals! Congratulations are also in order for senior Marshall Horton who won the Herman F. Keller Mental Attitude Award, which is presented to one senior who advances to the finals, meets various criteria, and is nominated by the coach and principal.

## Athenians, Horton make their mark at State

The boys' swim team wrapped up their season and once again had great success and made their mark in Athenian history. For the first time in history, every swimmer advanced to the sectional championship following the preliminaries. For the 7th time in eight years, the Athenians were the sectional champions, winning 10 of the 11 events. After the sectional championship, eight swimmers continued their swim season at the state meet at the IUPUI Natatorium in nearly every event.

In addition to sectional first place finishes, pool and sectional records were broken in the 200 Medley Relay and the 200 Free Relay, and Marshall Horton set records for the school, pool, and sectional in the 100 Breaststroke.

At the state meet, the Athenians had two events advance to the state finals the following day. The last time an Athenian continued to the state finals was in 2007. The two events were the 200 Medley Relay, which included swimmers Whitman and Marshall

Horton, Thristan Callejas, and Evan Chaney; and Marshall Horton in the 100 Free.

After the finals, both events finished in 16th place with the 200 Medley Relay time of 1:37.51 and Marshall Horton's 100 Free time of 47.52.

To top off the state meet, senior Marshall Horton was awarded the 2022 Herman F. Keller Mental Attitude Award presented by Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance. The award is given to one qualified senior who advances to the finals, is nominated by their coach and principal, and meets the criteria of excellence in mental attitude, athletic ability, scholarship and leadership throughout his or her four-year high school career.

The last and only time a Crawfordville Athenian swimmer/diver has been given the award was to Josh Mikesell in the 1987-88 season. The award is in honor of Herman F. Keller who was the former IHSAA assistant commissioner who served the association from 1961-73.

## 2022 CHS State Swimming Events IUPUI Natatorium

**200 Medley Relay** - Whitman Horton, Marshall Horton, Thristan Callejas, Evan Chaney

- **Advanced to State Finals**
- **Finished 16th with a time of 1:37.51**

**200 Freestyle** - Thristan Callejas

**200 IM** - Whitman Horton

**100 Butterfly** - Thristan Callejas

**100 Freestyle** - Marshall Horton

- **Advanced to State Finals**
- **Finished 16th with time of 47.25**

**500 Freestyle** - Campbell Mason

**200 Freestyle Relay** - Ben Brown, Evan Chaney, Whitman Horton, Marshall Horton

**100 Backstroke** - Whitman Horton

**100 Breaststroke** - Marshall Horton

**400 Freestyle Relay** - Thristan Callejas, Joseph Sanchez, Aidan Mason, Ben Brown

**2022 Herman F. Keller Mental Attitude Award winner** - Marshall Horton

## CMS swimmers & divers are 2022 county champs

The Crawfordville Middle School boys and girls swim teams are the 2022 county champions. The girls won 10 out of 12 events and the boys won 11 out of 12. Individual event county champions were Katherine Novak, Henry Hoar, Marie Hesler, Jayden Callejas, Maesa Horton, Adrian Medina, Katie Neier, Matt Miller, Shawn Ewoldt, and Soren Olofson.

Individual records were also broken during the county meet. Marie Hesler broke the county and school records in the 100 Individual Medley and the school record in the 50 Butterfly. Matt Miller broke the county record in diving and nearly broke the school record.



Congratulations to the 2022 CMS Swimming & Diving County Champions! Matt Miller, middle, broke the school diving record with a score of 145.90. Marie Hesler, right, now holds the school record in the 100 IM and the 50 butterfly and is 2nd in the 200 Freestyle.

Following the county meet, success continued for the CMS team as both the girls and boys won over Fountain Central. The girls are now 8-0 and the boys team is 5-3. Matt Miller broke the CMS school diving record

with a score of 145.90 which breaks Brett Linn's record of 137.55 from 2005.

Marie Hesler's added another top 10 time moving into 2nd overall in the 200 Freestyle.

Individual event winners at



Fountain Central were Marie Hesler, Jason Minette, Maesa Horton, Henry Hoar, Jayden Callejas, Katie Neier, Adrian Medina, Shawn Ewoldt, Katherine Novak, and Braxton Lewellen.