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The Athenian Oracle

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STATE CHAMPIONS

CHS Social Studies Academic Super Bowl wins the Class 2 champion title

The Crawfordsville High School Academic Teams competed recently at the State competition on Saturday, May 6 and for the second year in a row, a team has won the state champion title. This year the state champions are the members of the Social Studies team consisting of Jacob Burke, Evan Tyler, and Esther Xotla. They are coached by Matt Reynolds.

Last year the social studies team finished runners up and both Burke and Tyler were members.

Coach Matt Reynolds said, “This group did an awesome job all season long. They put in the extra time outside of our practices and it really showed during all of our competitions. Thank you Jacob for an amazing senior season; you were a great leader on the team. I couldn’t be more proud of what our team was able to accomplish! Thank you for allowing me to be your coach!”



Graduating seniors walk through elementaries, CMS

The Crawfordsville High School graduating seniors walked through the hallways of all three elementary schools and Crawfordsville Middle School in celebration of their upcoming graduation. Pictured above were students from Nicholson Elementary who were very excited to high five and see older role model students parading the hallways.

Crawfordsville to leave Sagamore Conference

Last week, a press release announced that Crawfordsville High School, Frankfort High School, North Montgomery High School, Southmont High School and Western Boone Jr.-Sr. High School submitted a letter of separation from the Sagamore Athletic Conference in accordance with conference by-laws.

The administration and athletic departments thanked the entire Sagamore Athletic Conference for the transparency, communication and professionalism that has taken place over the years and throughout this process. Each member school has a long history within the conference, and it has been a privilege to be Sagamore Athletic Conference members.

Crawfordsville High School, Frankfort High School, North Montgomery High School, Southmont High School and Western Boone Jr.-Sr. High School and a school to be named later will be founding members of a new athletic conference. We anticipate this conference going into effect no later than the 2026-27 school year, with the possibility of earlier implementation. This timeline prioritizes the ability for schools to honor former commitments, form conference by-laws and confirm scheduling, etc.

This new athletic conference will comprise of at least six member schools with the possibility to expand in the future.

The Sagamore Conference was formed in 1966. The original members were Brownsburg, Carmel, Crawfordsville, Frankfort, Lebanon and Noblesville. Carmel left in 1973 and Noblesville in 1979. North Montgomery joined the conference in 1975 and Western Boone in 1982. Southmont replaced Brownsburg in 1985 and Danville and Tri-West both joined in 1998 to make the Sagamore an eight-team conference.



New members inducted in National Honor Society

The Crawfordsville High School chapter of the National Honor Society recently held an induction ceremony at CHS. Forty-two students became members of the nation's oldest and most prestigious honor society. Students are selected by the faculty based on excellence in scholarship, leadership, character and service.

The National Honor Society officers are Mia Freeman, Thayli Cuevas, Vidushi Kiran,

Adelyn Morgan, Thomas Bowling, Hayden Jefferies and Olivia Biddle.

New members include: Seniors: Macy Bruton, Andrew Jones, Kira Thayer, McKenzie Wilson; Juniors: Kaydence Brost, Reese Busenbark, Patrick Corado, Mateo Flores, Simon Galbert, Drew Griggs, Ethan McLemore, Jada Moore, Michelle Vazques Parra, Zion Zacarias; Sophomores: Lily Bridgham, Cadence Brown, Max Brumett,

Emma Buser, Na'arah Byard, Cole Capper, Abigail Coffey, Jude Coursey, Reagan Cox, Ashley Dominguez, Thad Garrett, Hutton Haas, Georgiana Hernandez, Lillian Hummel, Shayla Ingram, Taiga Koyanagi, Sophia Melevage, Celeste Moore, Sam Minnette, Raley Norman, Frida Palacios, Olivia Pettit, Guinevere Schmitzer-Torbert, Jaylinn Servies, Ellie Walker, Adah Westphal, Campbell White, and Katherine Whitecotton.

Athenian Way award winners announced

Brenden Warren: Nominated by Renae Bronnberg

"Brenden is a great example of a leader in our school. Outside of being one of the most respectful kids I know he goes out of his way to be kind to people. During the musical this year and years passed he has made sure to walk Ian to his dad's car, help him learn dances, and make sure that he always has a buddy to hang out with. He puts in more behind the scenes hours than anyone else and deserves recognition for his hard work"

Katie Neier: Nominated by Matthew Reynolds

"Katie does an excellent job demonstrating the Athenian Way. She is always respectful to peers and adults, alike. She has pride in her work and has maintained a GPA of 4.0 or above throughout this second semester. Katie has missed several days of school, because of illness, but has shown grit and determination in maintaining her high academic standards and completing makeup work in a timely and exemplary fashion. Katie sincerely deserves to be recognized as a student who demonstrates the Athenian Way."

Abbie Lain: Nominated by Brayden Montgomery

Abbie is kind to everyone. She is a model student who takes great pride in her classwork. She frequently collaborates with other students and motivates others to participate in class. She always has a positive attitude and makes everyone around her better. In addition to her accomplishments in the classroom, Abbie is involved in many extracurricular activities like gymnastics, track, student council, and spirit club! Abbie is a shining example of "The Athenian Way."



Ethan Cooper: Nominated by Jenny Sims

Ethan is an outstanding young man who exemplifies all the qualities that constitute "The Athenian Way". He has pride in both his school and his family. He is respectful in the classroom and in the community. He shows GRIT in both in and outside the classroom. He is involved not only in daily student duties but strives to improve himself and serve others. He is an athlete that takes his role seriously and puts in the time. Ethan's participation in the CTE program also speaks to his kindness. This young man has a great sense of self, family and the greater good that is wise beyond his years. He is incredibly honest and exudes a quiet confidence that is only gained through hard work and determination.

Whit Horton: Nominated Bryce Barton

I would like to nominate Whit for a multitude of reasons. First of
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West Central CTE has spring award ceremony

The West Central Indiana Career & Technical Education had its annual Spring Awards Ceremony and National Technical Honor Society induction at Crawfordsville High School.

From all school corporations of Crawfordsville, North Montgomery, Southmont, and Western Boone, there were 58 new members inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. The NTHS provides lifetime membership with access to industry opportunities, knowledge, and networking. In addition, NTHS gives approximately \$2 million in scholarships to its members.

The following Crawfordsville High School students were inducted into the honor society. — Aaliyah Strawser, Abigail Cox, Addison Hodges, Ava Dodson, A'Zaria Howard-McGregory, Emily Weliver, Emma Adair, Skylah Strawser, Michelle Vazquez Parra, Yuryko Martinez Bolanos, Ellie Mills and Vanessa Sanchez.

In addition, the CTE instructors nominated students in their programs for Excellence in CTE, Outstanding Improvement in CTE, and Service in CTE. The following 2023 CTE Awards Winners for Crawfordsville are - Issac Bracket, Excellence, Cybersecurity; Jacob Burke, Outstanding Improvement, Cybersecurity; Jennifer Bryer, CTE Service, Cybersecurity; Bailey Crane, Outstanding Improvement, Pre-Nursing; Uziel Zuniga Murillo, Outstanding Improvement, Pre-Nursing; Shelsy Ruiz Soto, CTE Service, Pre-Nursing; Giovanni Perez, CTE Service, HVAC; Austin Peters, Outstanding Improvement, Automotive Services; Christen Saunders, Excellence, Fire & Rescue

Athenian Way . . .

all, I have received a lot of positive feedback for Whit's role with the IHSAA Student-Advisory Committee. He has been a leader among leaders and a great representative for CHS.

Whit had a phenomenal performance at the Swimming State Finals in late February capped off by a podium-finish. He is the first CHS swimmer to medal since 2008.

Finally, Whit was a great leader for a very inexperienced swim and dive team this year. I witnessed Whit break his normal pre-race routine to console a teammate who did not perform up to his expectations. Whit calmed him down, talked him up, and tried to get him refocused on his next race, all right before Whit was to take the blocks before his race. What a perfect example of "the Athenian Way" to be more concerned with others as he showed kindness, pride, and grit all in that moment.

Hallie Gayler: Nominated by Shelley Clouser

Hallie gives meaning to the word kindness. She is kind to everyone all of the time. She is always smiling and brightens everyone's day. Hallie has stepped up and helped with Champions Together when needed, even though she is not even a member. Hallie is an Amazing Athenian, all the time!

Colten Custer: Nominated by Kris Sims

Colten exemplifies the characteristics of the Athenian Way through the PRIDE that he exudes on and off the field for his school and community, RESPECT that he shows every student and staff member, GRIT in the form of the hard work he exhibits in the classroom and on the field, INVOLVEMENT in numerous sports and clubs, and KINDNESS he shows toward everyone he meets.

Jude Coursey: Nominated by Alexis Rogers

I am nominating Jude Coursey for the "Athenian Way" award because throughout the second semester he has consistently shown



Hoover wins first place

Several Hoover Elementary students competed at the area Math Bowl contest and earned 1st place in their division scoring 15 out of 32 points. Their success ranks them 62 out of 116 participants.



kindness, respect, and grit in my classroom. He's very respectful and takes pride in his work. I admire his determination and drive in academics and extracurricular activities.

Hallie Gayler: Nominated by Lucy Becker

Hallie is the epitome of "The Athenian Way". Hallie is a leader through and through. She demonstrates Kindness and Respect on a daily basis with teammates, classmates, and staff. When you meet Hallie, you can just tell how proud she is of CHS. Her Involvement in CHS is going to be something I will truly miss next year. She is everyone's biggest fan, whether on the court or in the classroom. She is just that type of person to help anyone out and give all she can give to take the weight off of someone else. She is constantly working hard in the weight room and in the classroom. You can really tell that Hallie bleeds Gold & Blue! I am proud to have had her as a student in multiple classes! Go Big Hal!

Cyandra Johnson: Nominated by Jennie Swick

Cyandra takes great PRIDE in all of her school activities and in her school. She shows RESPECT for her fellow classmates, cast members, and teachers. She is understanding of everyone's different abilities and shows KINDNESS but helping other students. She shows her GRIT by being willing to do the jobs no one wants to do and she does it without complaining and most times, without being asked. She is committed to making her choir and shows the best by leading by example and doing what needs to be done even if it is challenging. Cyandra is INVOLVED in many activities. She was elected the President of Dynamic Expression this year, had a role in the musical, was a featured soloist at the holiday concert and in our competition set, was a manager of the wrestling team, and was on court for Homecoming this year. She is a true Athenian and is a great example of the Athenian Way.

Carli Bokhart wins county contest



Hoover Elementary 4th grade student Carli Bokhart was selected as the winner for the overall county 4th grade American Legion Essay Contest. Congratulations on a job well done, Carli!



CHS teacher leaders, Jenny Veatch, left, and Morgan Rainwater were part of year two of CHS Principal Jay Strickland's IPLI Leadership training.

Strickland completes leadership program

CHS principal, Jay Strickland, completed IPLI (Indiana Principal Leadership Institute) graduating from the leadership institute in April at IPLI's annual showcase of schools. IPLI is a two year intensive leadership development program that attracts the best principals around the state of Indiana. Year one of IPLI focuses on the principal's individual leadership capacity and year two focuses on school improvement capacity with teacher leaders. CCSC is thankful for Mr. Strickland's commitment to continue to grow as a leader and congratulations on his completion of IPLI!



Hoover Carnival efforts donate \$1,500 to Mary Ludwig Free Clinic

After a very successful Student Council Carnival, Student Council President Kellie Cortez, Secretary Nathan Tucker, Treasurer Mila Greene, and Principal Marci Galinowski presented David Johnson, Executive Director of the Montgomery County Free Clinic with a check for \$1,500.



Hose students study earthworms

Mrs. Carrell's class at Hose Elementary had some fun with worms during their living and non-living unit. Students worked together to measure the worms, inspect its movements, and of course hold the worms.

Bryce Barton competes in 8th Boston Marathon

On top of a full time day job which includes evening and weekend athletic events too, Crawfordsville High School athletic director, Bryce Barton, still finds time, energy, and discipline to train for marathons including the Boston Marathon. During the most in depth training, he'll reach 60+ miles a week!

What started as a means to get in shape as a senior in college, soon would become a passion and hobby for Barton. Also as a competitive former athlete, he had the drive to push himself to become a better runner, improve his times, and learn more about running in general.

"The learning curve was huge at the beginning, but as I read and talked to runners, you learn that nutrition, sleep, and training methods can help you get better, long after your "peak" athletic age. I still think I can get better, even as I push 50 in the coming years," Barton said.

At any age, running a marathon is impressive and more impressive is that the 2023 Boston Marathon marks Barton's 8th time running the classic race, which also included the virtual race during Covid.

Last month Barton finished the 127th Boston Marathon in a time of 3:06:44. Out of 27,024 total runners, Barton placed 5,583rd. This time placed him in the top 20% of all runners, the top 33% of men, and the top 24% of his age group.

Barton ran his first Boston Marathon in 2012 and was a memorable one for him because it included heat exhaustion during and after the race and in his own words, "It was beyond miserable!" He said the 89 degree temperature led to race officials red-flagging the event and for runners to run at their own risk because of the hot temperatures.

However, the red-flag message came when he was already at the Chicago airport, he had months of training completed, hotel, airline expenses, and the \$200+ registration fees paid so he completed the race. That year with the heat exhaustion he finished in just under four hours.

His first experience didn't deter him from competing and he qualified again and ran in 2015. The qualification requirement is one of the unique reasons the Boston Marathon is special to Barton.

"The majority of runners are "qualified" runners meaning they have hit a specific time standard



for their age. The only other way is to raise money for a foundation and accept a race entry that way," Barton said.

According to the Boston Marathon's website, runners must submit a qualifying time for their age range by the September

registration date prior to the April race. Runners have a year prior to the September registration to complete the qualifying time. Even with an acceptable time, not all entries are accepted due to field size limitations.

Barton said an additional reason the Boston Marathon is special is just the overall mystique. Marathon Monday is a holiday for Bostonians and college students have the day off from classes. People line the course from Hopkinton to Boston.

"There is not a spot on the course where there are not fans cheering for you," Barton said.

Barton's training is a year-round activity for him. He says while not the recommended schedule, he typically runs seven days a week for the majority

of the year. Often runs are in the five to six mile range with some weight training. He estimates about 10 hours of training a week, with most of those being completed before the school day begins.

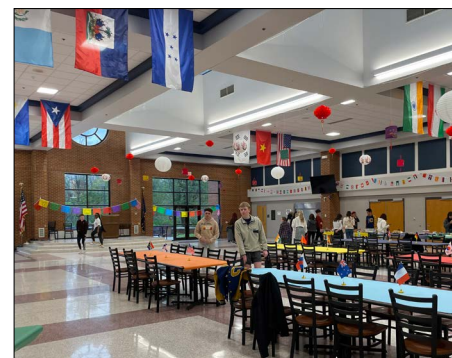
Leading up to Marathon Monday, he likes to include about a handful of runs in the 15 to 18 mile range and a couple of 20+ mile runs to prepare. In addition, each year he tries to run two or three mini-marathons and sometimes two marathons in a calendar year. The tricky part is finding open weekends that coordinate with his athletic director responsibilities.

While the running provides a competitive outlet for Barton it has also been a form of stress relief for him. "I put my headphones in, turn on music, podcasts, or sports talk radio and can get away from the daily grind. Sometimes I can do my best thinking about work or home while running," Barton said. He said while others like to golf, read, or fish, he happens to find the same joy from running.

Barton is appreciative of the support from CHS and the school corporation. "It was enjoyable to see well wishes, congratulatory emails, and social media posts about my experience at Boston. We have a great group of staff that support each other in our endeavors and they know how much time and effort I put into my hobby," he said.

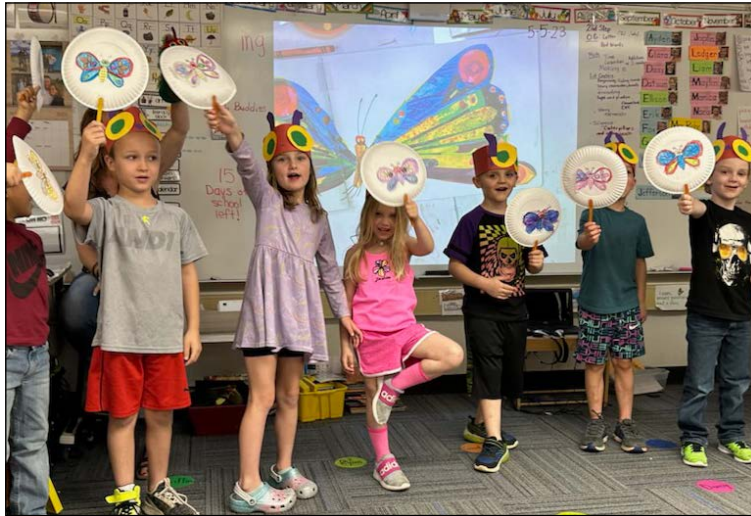
Diversity of CHS celebrated with Culture Night

On Saturday, April 22nd the CHS commons was transformed into a cultural celebration highlighting the diversity of our school! There was authentic food from all over the world as well as games and music. Teachers, students and their families had a blast trying new things and sharing their talents. Culture Night was hosted by the CHS Diversity Club, French Club and Spanish Club.



Hose Elementary students practice skating skills

Students at Hose Elementary have been learning to roller skate. All students in kindergarten and 1st grade learn roller skating as a part of the PE curriculum. Parent volunteers have come to help kids get gear on and assist students, and are vital to making the program possible. Roller skating helps the students with balance and works many muscles in the body, including the heart. According to PE teacher Mackenzie Landrum, she enjoys teaching skating because “kids can use it outside of school so they are active and having fun.” Even a few teachers braved the skates and took a few laps around the gym with their classes. Keep on rolling Hose kids!



Rohr's class performs The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Mrs. Rohr's kindergarten students acted out the book “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” by Eric Carle. They studied the book for an entire week with literacy and math activities. Students made their own props and costume head piece. Other classes and staff members

in the building came to watch and there will be a performance for parents in the future. “The students have taken a lot of ownership in this and feel proud to present,” said Mrs. Rohr. “It gives every kid a chance to shine.”

Hose students learn about agriculture at Lawson's farm



Nicholson Elementary reads “A Boy Called Bat”

This year, Nicholson chose “A Boy Called Bat” for its 6th annual One Book, One School program! OBOS is always an exciting time at Nicholson. It is a chance for students and staff to build connections through a common piece of literature. This book is about a third grader who tries to convince his mom, who happens to be a veterinarian, to let him keep an orphaned skunk as a pet! BAT, short for Bixby Alexander Tam, shows compassion, dedication, and persistence as he researches everything he can to prove to his mother that a skunk would be a great addition to the family. The book teaches about friendship, persistence, acceptance, and looking at things from different perspectives.

To kick things off, we invited Julie and Princess Diana the Skunk from Indiana Skunk Rescue to Nicholson where students and staff learned all about skunks.

Every student was given a copy of the book to take home to share with their families. These past few weeks students have completed activities that connect to grade level standards, took part in weekly school-wide challenges, and answered daily trivia questions. There has been so much we’ve learned about our stinky striped friends, and Nicholson has enjoyed every moment of it!



2nd Annual Nicholson Cookies & Canvas a success



Nicholson Elementary hosted its second annual Cookies and Canvas event and once again it was a great success. Art teacher Mrs. Garvin led families in creating a beautiful piece of artwork. This year it was a colorful tree complete with a tree swing.

It was wonderful to see the talent of students and their families!



COUNTY CHAMPIONS!



*CHS Girls Track and Field
Back to Back Champs*



CHS Girls Tennis

The Crawfordsville girls tennis defeated Frankfort 5-0 to clinch the out-right Sagamore Conference title with an undefeated record of 6-0. It's their first out-right title since 2015.



New school records were broken at the county meet. The boys' 4x800m relay of Max Brumett, Roman Contreras, Ryan Miller, and Tyson Fuller finished in 8:23.54. The girls 4x100m of Lily Hummel, Parker Hartman, Campbell White, and Na'arah Byard also broke the school record with a time of 51.54.



CHS Baseball



*CMS Boys
Golf*



CMS Boys & Girls Track and Field

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Tennis*

