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“In This Family, No One Fights Alone”

*CCSC rallies around CHS secretary
Carrie Saunders as she battles cancer*



The CCSC community is rallying around CHS Administrative Assistant Carrie Saunders as she was recently diagnosed with cancer. T-shirts were made in her honor as a fundraiser to support her and her family during this time. Various groups of staff and students throughout the corporation gather for pictures often flashing the sign language sign for “I Love You,” a gesture frequently used among her family.



Whit Horton named Commended Student

Whitman Horton has been named a Commended Student in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, was presented to this scholastically talented senior.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2024 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2024 competition by taking the 2022 Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

“Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success,” a NMSC spokesperson said. “These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success.”



CHS Marching Band takes Gold rating at ISSMA

The Crawfordsville High School Marching Band received a gold rating on their halftime show at the Indiana State School Music Association Marching Band Festival. The gold rating is the highest achievable rating given by the judges. The judges rate the bands on a scale of one to four on several components.

CHS received all ratings of 1 or 1.5. This is the first time in about 20 years that Crawfordsville has received a gold rating in marching band. Director Jon Tebbe said, "I am super proud of the students and I'm really excited to see how this momentum affects the rest of the school year."

In addition, several band members were selected to the 2023 West Central Indiana All-District Band. Selected members from left to right include; Colten Brock, Mercedes Randles, Beth Turner, Ruth Garcia, Shayla Ingram, Georgianna Hernandez, Ian Hurt, Feliz Montero, and Marcus Rogers.



Art students showcase their work throughout downtown

Three Crawfordsville High School students have some of their artwork on display through the 11th Annual Crawfordsville Art Walk sponsored by The Art League of Montgomery County. The official walk took place on Sept. 23 with artwork from artists, community members, and local students displayed in more than 30 various downtown businesses.

To participate in the Art Walk, Elizabeth (Elli) Jeffries, Rebecca Bailey, and Ryan White contacted the art director, framed their own artwork, wrote their bio, and set up their display.

Jeffries, a senior, said she's been making art for as long as she remembers and has always been inspired by dragons. She said she enjoys illustrating whimsical scenes of creatures and environments in both



watercolor and ink mediums. For her senior portfolio, she has begun pursuing nature-based illustrations.

Senior Bianca White's display consists of handmade jewelry and a personal charcoal piece from her sophomore year which she said is one of her best works. Also in her display is colored pencil art from three characters she has created and developed over time.



Elizabeth Jeffries, left, Rebecca Bailey, and Ryan White were the three students who participated in the Annual Crawfordsville Art Walk.



Special visitors give hands-on experience at Willson Preschool



Fire gear, fire truck on site for fire safety month



Police officers, K-9 officer offer demonstration

Willson Preschool had some special guests recently while they were learning about safety and community awareness. Students had the chance to learn about the role of a police officer and a K-9 officer. Officer Villalpando, Officer Rohl, and K-9 Officer Tyr were happy to share with the preschoolers about their duties as police officers.

Students are busy learning about fire safety with activities and lessons. Local firefighters stopped by Willson Preschool to talk about the duties of firefighters and explain their special gear. Students also had the chance to walk through a firetruck.

2023 HOMECOMING



The CHS pep rally was filled with excitement and school spirit during the week of homecoming. The CHS staff won the volleyball title after defeating the senior boys while the sophomores girls were kickball champions.



Homecoming queen is crowned

Cimbria Bowling, second from left in the front row, was crowned homecoming queen at Crawfordsville High School on Friday, September 22. Also pictured in the front row are senior queen contestants, Yuryko Martinez, Stephany Olvera and Sam Rohr. Pictured in the back row are freshman attendant Dayanara Fernandez, sophomore attendant Alayna Hall, and junior attendant Eva McCandless.

Annual Hoover camping trip makes lasting impression



Great anticipation leads up to the annual 5th grade camping trip each year and once again it did not disappoint! The Hoover fifth graders left on a Wednesday morning and spent two nights at Camp Tecumseh before returning midday on Friday. The days were filled with activities such as hiking, learning about and petting new animals, archery, canoeing, sliding down the “Black Hole,” and so much more.

This year there were 220 students and chaperones that attended. Hoover Principal Marci Galinowski said Hoover students were the first school group to use the camp’s new dining hall and many students had positive things to say about the food.

Next year’s trip is scheduled for September 4-6, 2024.



Nicholson Elementary Bike and Hike always a great success



The annual Nicholson Bike and Hike event was a great success. There were around 100 students in attendance with their families. The event began at the Crawfordsville District Public Library and participants could ride their bikes or walk the marked route of blocked off streets to Nicholson Elementary. The West Main Street residents were out and about waving and smiling at Nicholson students and their families.

When the walkers and riders arrived at Nicholson, there were snacks provided by Chartwells and Purdue Extension and there were a variety of games and activities for everyone to participate in. Students also had the chance to register for a prize and because of the support of the Dairy Council and NFL, each Nicholson student that attended received a prize!

Some of the activities at the school included a milk mustache booth, cowbell ringing station, obstacle course, nutrition toss, and a football toss.

This great event isn’t possible without the help of many teachers, volunteers, Wabash College student volunteers, local police officers, and many more. We appreciate the support to make fun, family-focused events a success!

Second grade class visits Crawfordsville airport



Mrs. Kim Lawson's class recently had a fun-filled trip to the Crawfordsville Airport. They had the opportunity to watch several planes take off and land while learning all about flying. The class discussed force and motion, learned about features on the airplane, and much more. Each student also had the chance to sit inside an airplane.



CMS ATEAM helps create two buddy benches in honor of Zachary Carter

A special dedication ceremony was recently held at Crawfordsville Middle School alongside the Zachary Thomas Carter Foundation and its official launch. The CMS ATEAM's efforts of collecting plastic bottle caps led to the production of two Buddy Benches made in honor and memory of Zachary Carter.

The bench project started in August 2022 when ATEAM member, Taylor Bray, heard about the Zachary Thomas Carter Foundation collecting bottle caps and brought the idea to the group. The group unanimously accepted the challenge and

got to work. By the end of November enough had been collected for two benches. Upon reaching the impressive total, ATEAM members voted on the bench colors and inspirational quotes to be displayed on the bench plaques.

Carter was known for seeing the good in everyone and was a constant support for his friends and those around him by always spreading positivity. Unfortunately through his own battles with mental illness, he passed away



from suicide at 21 years old. The foundation was created to spread joy and love to others and to ultimately bring support, prevention, and education surrounding mental health.



Teachers pucker up for Jasmine the Llama at rally

The Crawfordsville Middle School had a Pep Rally to end the first quarter of school and it was filled with school spirit! Three teachers were voted to kiss Jasmine the Llama, Mr. Simmons, Dr. Nunan, and pictured above, Mr. Streetman.

Fall sports teams were highlighted, the dance team performed, and various games group games with toilet paper, pin the face on the pumpkin, relay races, and other fun activities filled the pep session.



Mrs. Ludlum came to Mr. Swank's class.



Sheriff Needham reads to Mrs. Pendleton's class.



Mr. Strickland reads a book to Mrs. Rohr's class.

New initiative *Leaders as Readers* bring community to classes

Twice per month each classroom at Hose Elementary hosts a special visitor who is helping students get excited about reading and conveying to students that they are cared about by our larger community. Professionals from the schools and the community volunteer their time to positively impact our young learners.

"My students are always excited for the day our leader comes to read," said Paq-tonne Maurer, 1st grade teacher at Hose. "It is the highlight of the week."

While at Hose, the reader leader reads

a story the teacher has chosen for the class and spends some time interacting with the students. "I love how it has opened the door to exploring what future careers my students might wish to have," said Diamond Carrell, kindergarten teacher at Hose. "I have several students who shared that they would like to be a police officer and our leader is from the Crawfordsville Police Department. This has given my students the opportunity to ask questions and learn about that career option while seeing the importance of learning to read for their future."



Ms. Kader Lillard from Safe Hiring Solutions reads to Mrs. Chaney's first grade class.

Hoover Flag Brigade demonstrates Patriotism

Patriotism and support of our military servicemen and women and their families are just a couple of the core values that Hoover Elementary instills in all of its students. While students are enrolled at Hoover extra care is taken to teach all of the students about the important role that the military plays in the lives of all Americans. They teach students about the sacrifice all military personnel and their families make to support our freedoms as citizens of the United States.

Each year, for nearly 20 years, Hoover staff members have nominated fifth grade students to be appointed to the Hoover Flag Brigade. Selected students need to be responsible, able to arrive at school on-time each day and have excellent attendance. Once selected, the students chosen for the responsibility of hoisting the flags each day go through flag instruction with School Resource Officer

Jack Taylor. Officer Taylor instructs students on how to properly fold and store the flag. Students also learn how to attach the flags to the rope without allowing it to touch the ground while making sure it ends up on top and flying freely in the correct direction. Managing a very large flag is quite a feat for young scholars. The students know to check in daily with the help of Emily Murphy, Administrative Assistant, and Nathan Mason, Student Services Director, to see if the President or Governor has declared the



flags are to be displayed at half-staff or if they should fly high as usual. Students also learn about proper lighting and weather conditions for displaying the flag, and help make the determination if it should fly or not during inclement weather.

This year, Hoover has three

fifth grade students who carry on this important responsibility each day: Remy Cord, Alec Blackwell, and Mark Mouradian. In the afternoons, several other student volunteers get the opportunity throughout the year to assist the core flag brigade with flag lowering.

Hoisting the flag each day is not only important to Hoover, but also to the local neighborhood residents who have taken note as well. Over the years the Hoover office has received many calls from neighbors expressing their appreciation for teaching the next generation respect for our country's flag. Veteran visitors to the building have long complimented Hoover students for their care and respect towards the flag and our US Military.

Principal Marci Galinowski said, "We are very proud of this tradition and look forward to many more years of student involvement in this endeavor."



Hose staff has fun with pumpkin decorating contest

Teams of teachers worked together at a recent staff meeting to create fun pumpkin designs. Principal Jen Hall issued the surprise challenge during the October meeting providing a pumpkin for each team of three to four teachers and a bag of random supplies that had to be included in that team's pumpkin design. Supplies ranged from toilet brushes and scrubbing pads to pacifiers and art supplies. Teams could also add their own supplies from their classroom to the required supplies.

Once completed, students at Hose Elementary had a chance to

individually vote for their favorite pumpkin using tickets. Mrs. Hall then counted the votes and announced the winners. The top three teams received certificates and miniature pumpkins for their winning efforts. Later this month, some of the students and their families from Hose will have the opportunity to create their own pumpkin with their family at a fall family night.

The winning pumpkin (pictured above) named Sleepy Baby Pumpkin earned 70 student votes and was created by Mrs. Hauk, Mrs. Keller, and Mrs. Cooper.

Officer Villalpando serves up coffee and conversation

Last month the CHS Blue and Gold Cafe, which is located in the high school library, had a lot more traffic than it was accustomed to. The reason was for the opportunity to have “Coffee with a Cop” served by Police and School Resource Officer, Alfredo Villalpando.

Following last year’s purchase of a small espresso machine, Assistant Librarian Sarah Sieferman and Villalpando, who also happens to be a coffee enthusiast, decided it would be fun if he served the students lattes. Each saw the opportunity for positive opportunities and communication between students and the school resource officer.

“My hope is that by giving our students the opportunity to see officers in a different setting, one that enables lighthearted communication, they will be encouraged to form or strengthen relationships; which can have positive impacts that reach far beyond the classroom walls,” Sieferman said.

The idea was a hit among students as the cafe served more than 80 students just during the lunch shifts. Sieferman said that it far exceeded the daily numbers it typically serves.

Needless to say Coffee with a Cop will continue each month creating the opportunity once again for students to connect and build relationships. The next event for the month of October will be on Halloween. Officer Villalpando is recruiting additional officers to help with the cafe workflow as well as offer more interaction and conversation time with local police officers.

Sieferman said, “I’m so thankful that Crawfordsville has such willing officers who want to develop relationships and trust with our students, and to serve the Athenian community.”



Officer Villalpando is ready to serve Liseth Hernandez Zavaleta, left, and Mrs. Whitecotton during the kickoff event of Coffee with a Cop.

Crawfordsville Middle School Fall Sports Congratulations to our CMS County Champions!



8th Grade Football



Girls Soccer



Boys Soccer



*Girls
Golf*



Boys Tennis



JV and Varsity are Clinton Central Champions

The CHS Athenian volleyball teams both traveled to Clinton Central High School to compete in their JV and Varsity tournaments. Both teams played well and each went 3-0 for the day to earn the champion title and bring

home the two trophies for display at the high school. The JV team defeated Frankfort, Logansport, and Clinton Central while the varsity defeated Herron, Logansport, and Clinton Central. Congratulations, Athenians!

County Chase fall update

Athenians in the lead following fall season

Following the fall sports season the Crawfordville Athenians are in the lead with double the amount of points as North Montgomery and Southmont. Crawfordville currently has 24 chase points with county titles in boys tennis, boys cross country, girls cross country, girls soccer, and boys soccer. Currently North and South have 12 points each. Keep up the good work, Athenians!



Boys cross country are SAC Champions

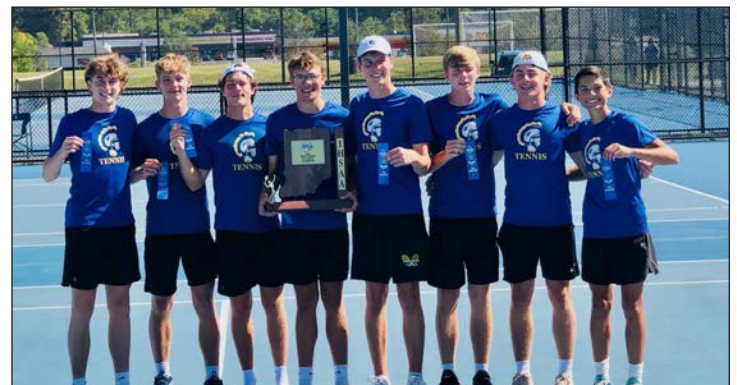
Boys and girls teams both county champs

Congratulations to the boys cross country team who are once again the Sagamore Conference champions after finishing first place at the SAC meet. This marks the third title in the last four seasons. The boys and girls teams are also 2023 county champions. It is the 7th straight title for the boys and the 4th straight for the girls.



Boys soccer are SAC Champions once again

The boys soccer team once again won the SAC title and the county title before falling short in the sectional game against Cascade. The team finished 11-7 for the season.



Boy tennis Sectional Champions again

The CHS boys tennis team defeated Southmont 5-0 in the Sectional semi-finals and then Lebanon 3-2 in the finals making them back to back Sectional Champions.



Girls soccer team claims county title

The girls soccer team claimed the county champion title after defeating North Montgomery 7-0. This was the Athenians first county title since 2015. Earlier in the season CHS defeated Southmont 3-2 in overtime.