**CENTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS** 





## Looking back on the 2019-20 school year

In the fall of 2019, we welcomed 8,400 preschool through high school students back to school. We cheered on our athletes, welcomed family and friends to events like the Centerville Jazz Band Community Night, concerts and theatre productions, and encouraged our students in both academic pursuits and social-emotional wellness as the school year progressed.

In November, Centerville Schools returned to the ballot for the first time in six years, and Centerville-Washington Township voters passed Issue 8, a combined 1-mill permanent improvement and 5.9-mill operating levy. We continued implementing plans, such as expanding our



Advanced Placement, career education and workforce pathway programs, providing up-to-date educational technology necessary for today's world, determining longterm facility needs, and updating our safety and security processes.

Then, our world started to change. A few weeks after winter break, the global community began to hear about a new coronavirus. I remember calling our team of administrators together the evening of March 11 to put a plan in place for a switch to remote learning -- something we had never done before -- for what we thought would be a limited amount of time. As we all know, the stay-at-home order went into effect soon after and school buildings ended up being closed for the rest of the school year.

Through all the challenges of the spring, I was so proud of the way our staff, students and families worked together to make the emergency remote learning as productive as possible. Our team worked hard not only to provide educational opportunities and support for each other, but also to make sure students received food, devices and WiFi hotspots when needed. As Centerville Elks, we are "Elk Strong," and we will get through this pandemic together!

Tom Wenderson

Dr. Thomas Henderson Superintendent

Centerville City Schools serve about 8,000 students in Centerville and Washington Township in southwest Ohio, offering a variety of educational programs to a diverse student population. The district operates 13 school buildings, as well as two preschools and a bus facility accommodating and servicing more than 120 buses that also transports daily to public and non-public schools. Visit www.centerville.k12.oh.us for more information.



8,406

number of students enrolled in grades PreK-12



Centerville Schools' rating from Niche.com lifestyle website



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## 5 schools

designated Purple Star Schools by Ohio Department of Education



## **District**

honored by The NAMM Foundation for second year

# Pappreciate the opportunity to work in a district with a strong sense of pride not only in academic success, but also in the overall well-being of each student enrolled here in Centerville.

Katy Barker, Principal at Cline Elementary

#### **ACADEMICS**



U.S. News and World Report ranked Centerville High School in the top 7% of high schools in Ohio and the top 11% in the nation

Centerville Schools were rated A+ by Niche.com lifestyle website, with Centerville High School ranked #2 in the area, our three middle schools in the top six, and our six elementary schools in the region's top 25

Sinclair Community College and community business and industry partners assisted in linking workplace needs to career pathways with programs such as a panel presentation on skilled trades, reverse job fairs and internships

Nearly 59% of the Class of 2013 graduated from college within six years, putting Centerville in the top 6% of high schools in the state

94% of 2020 graduates planned to attend a two- or four-year institution or specialized school

21 seniors were recognized during the National Merit Recipient Assembly (12 Semifinalists, eight Commended Scholars and two National Hispanic Scholars)

22% of 2019-20 seniors graduated with a GPA of 4.0 or better, and 224 seniors received an Honors Diploma

Average ACT scores for Class of 2020:\*

	Composite	English	Math	Reading	Science	
Centerville	23	22	23	24	23	
State	19	18	19	20	19	

\*With a few exceptions, all students in the Class of 2020 were required to take the ACT.

8 students received a perfect score on the ACT

Average SAT scores for Class of 2020:

	Total	ERW	Math
Centerville	1313	651	662
State	1152	572	580

More than 770 students took 18 Advanced Placement (AP) courses, and 1,365 AP exams were administered in 20 subject areas

CHS students scored an average of 3.3 on AP exams, with 227 students named AP scholars for receiving a score of 3 or above on three or more exams

CHS hosted its first AP Fair for interested students to learn more about advanced classes as part of a partnership with Equal Opportunity Schools,

whose mission is to ensure students of color and low-income students have equitable access to academically advanced high school programs



High school students could choose from approximately 220 regular or special education courses, plus 12 Career Education programs at CHS and another seven available off-site

275 Centerville students earned 1,794 college credits in 2019-20 through College Credit Plus

65 seniors earned Ohio's Seal of Biliteracy, demonstrating a high level of proficiency in English and at least one world language

About 28% of middle school students and 21% of fourth and fifth grade students participated in an advanced math program

15% of kindergarten through fifth grade students received additional literacy support through individualized or small group instruction

Our ratio for kindergarten and first grade was 20 students per teacher, with 22 students per teacher in grades 2-5



French, German and Spanish offered beginning in middle school, with about 1,480 middle schoolers and 1,560 high schoolers enrolled in world language classes

#### **STUDENT SERVICES**

percent of first through 12th grade students who are identified as gifted

Gifted Intervention Specialists are assigned to each of our elementary schools, and there are gifted coaches at the elementary, middle and high school levels

13% of students, ages 3-22, were identified as having special needs

More than 80 intervention specialists and over 100 paraprofessionals assist students in preschool through 12th grade, and intervention specialists, and paraprofessionals support transition students after they have graduated but deferred their diplomas

One physical therapist, three occupational therapists, 13 speech and language therapists and one behavioral specialist provide related services to students in preschool through 12th grade, and Montgomery County ESC and South Community provide additional related service support

Three special education coordinators and seven school psychologists support students and staff in all buildings throughout the district

Six school nurses and nine clinic nurses support the health needs of students in the district

A parent mentor, who is the parent of a child with a disability and employed by the school district, helps families in Centerville and Oakwood by providing support, information and training services

Five EL Specialists support English Learners in each building, along with EL tutors, many of whom are bilingual and also provide language support for parents in Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Spanish and Turkish

number of languages spoken by the families of our 254 students identified as English Language Learners (ELL)

49 students scored proficient on Ohio's annual assessment of English language proficiency, and all seniors who were English learners graduated

26 immigrant families were matched with host families at the beginning of the school year as part of the Connect Centerville Host Family program



Preschool services are offered to students, ages 3-5, who have been identified as having special needs, and they are placed in classrooms with their typical peers

In 2019-20, we had 20 preschool classrooms serving 283 children

Centerville Preschool, with programs at both Primary Village North and Primary Village South, maintained its 5-star rating in Ohio's "Step Up to Quality" accreditation process

## **CAREER EDUCATION**

number of Career Education 19 programs available to **Centerville High School** 

473 juniors and seniors participated in 12 Career Education programs offered at Centerville High School and seven at Kettering Fairmont High School

Students enrolled in Career Education programs earned 1,283 college credits

230 seniors earned the \$3,000 Tech Prep Scholarship from Sinclair Community College

25 students qualified for the DECA state competition

64 students qualified for Business Professionals of America state competition and 20 qualified for Business Professionals of America Nationals

I've learned a lot of different ways to creatively solve problems that arise as I'm working on projects.

Jacob Niswonger, Engineering Student, Class of 2020

## [Band] teaches me how to work together with my peers to make something great.

Matthew Crump, Class of 2021

#### **ARTS**

Integrated arts classes (art, library, music and physical education) are offered for all grade levels

Centerville Schools were honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for outstanding commitment to music education

Primary and elementary students participate in musical performances from preschool through fifth grade

Each elementary school offers extracurricular fine arts opportunities to help students improve and excel in music, visual arts and writing

All six elementary schools offer chorus, with more than 350 students participating in this extracurricular activity district-wide

About 220 sixth through eighth graders participated in chorus at our three middle schools

25 students from the Magsig Middle School chorus performed during the City of Centerville's tree lighting ceremony



CHS Symphonic Choir performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City under the direction of Grammy Awardwinning choral conductor Eric Whitacre

Forte A Cappella released their 10-year anniversary album, and their recordings were highlighted on The Best of High School A Cappella 2019-20 albums as well as on Voices Only

Forte's original album, "Life's So Lyrical," was selected over thousands of others as one of the Albums of the Decade by RARB (Recorded A Cappella Review Board)

Centerville Jazz Band was selected to perform at the 95th **Annual Macy's Thanksgiving** Day Parade in New York City -one of only seven high school bands from across the country selected to perform in 2021



More than 275 students participated in the high school band program, and 325 middle school students participated in band at their respective schools

Six students from Magsig Middle School and eight from Watts Middle School were selected to perform with the Ohio Music Educators District 12 Honor Band

Middle school bands performed at schools and various locations throughout the community, including Laurelwood Senior Center, St. Leonard and the Beavercreek Weekend of Iazz Festival

220 students participated in a middle school curricular orchestra, and a number of middle school students participated, through competitive audition, in Centerville Youth Orchestra, Dayton Philharmonic Junior Strings and Dayton Philharmonic Youth Strings

118 students participated in one of three curricular orchestra offerings at CHS and over half participated in one of four extracurricular offerings the district provides

37 orchestra students were named by competitive audition to the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra Education Ensembles (Dayton Philharmonic Junior Strings, Dayton Philharmonic Youth Strings, Dayton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra)

CHS Philharmonic Orchestra had nine students in the honors ensemble, OMEA Southwest Region Orchestra, and two students were named to OMEA All-State Orchestra from more than 100 advanced level musicians in the Cincinnati and Dayton area who auditioned for this honor



CHS Orchestra program recognized as part of Music for All Advocacy in Action awards, receiving an honorable mention for "Evening of Strings: Miami Valley Orchestra Event"

Centerville Orchestras took the stage with worldclass performers, including a Philharmonic Orchestra performance with CHS alumnus Jon McCullough-Benner, principal bass of the Milwaukee Symphony, a Chamber Orchestra performance at OMEA Conference with Mark Wood, formerly of Trans-Siberian Orchestra, and an Alternative Strings performance with Joe Mullins and the Radio Ramblers, an award-winning Bluegrass band

Approximately 150 high school students took one of four theatre classes



Around the World in 80 Days was selected as a featured, full-length performance at the Ohio Thespians State Conference

Performance and technical theatre students earned more than 30 recognitions in a 2020 celebration from the Miami Valley High School Theatre Awards, including "Outstanding Overall Production" for *Cactus Flower, First Date* and *Around the World in 80 Days.* 

Artwork by kindergarten through eighth grade students was featured in the annual KidsView Art Exhibit (this year's artwork was displayed virtually because of the pandemic)

Two students from Primary Village North, two from John Hole Elementary and two from Watts Middle School won awards from the Ohio Art Education Association (OAEA) for their artwork

21 students from Weller Elementary had their artwork displayed as part of NDC Technologies' Young Artists Display, and the company donated \$500 to the school for use on future art projects

Artwork created by Normandy Elementary students was featured as part of the "Changing Climate, Changing Communities: Local Reflections of a Global Issue" art display at the Oxford Community Arts Center

Students from PVN, PVS, John Hole and Watts had artwork displayed in OAEA's Western Region virtual art show

Nearly 900 high school students took at least one of 12 art courses offered

14 CHS students were named regional winners for Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, with three Silver Key and four Gold Key award winners as well as two American Vision Awards, signifying the top five juried pieces from the 400 piece show

Studio Art was added to the CHS Advanced Placement (AP) course offerings, and 31 students participated in the class, which culminated in a year-end virtual art show

Centerville Dance Program took 35 CHS students to the Disney Springs stage in Orlando, Fla., to perform an evening length movement rendition of "Queen" and experience a master class with a professional Disney choreographer, with tips for successful auditions in the dance industry

Centerville Dance Program presented *With a Twist,* a fresh approach to Tchaikovsky's holiday classic, *The Nutcracker* 

CHS Coeds Jr. Varsity Dance Team earned the Dayton Regional Championship Title at the Showcase America Unlimited, Tippecanoe Regional Championship with a clean sweep, earning first place in the Pom, Jazz, Hip Hop and Lyrical categories

CHS performing arts organizations joined together in October for "Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat," a food drive that collected thousands of donations for a local food pantry

37

number of seniors who were recognized during the second annual CHS Arts Signing as they plan to pursue a creative, arts-based area of study after high school

## I love the connection I get with my other teammates and how close we become, through talking to each other and getting to know each other, and how we communicate and learn together.

Lana Mullins, Softball Player, Class of 2022

#### **STUDENT LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES**

1,451 participants on 73 high school athletic teams in 28 sports, and 347 participants on 28 middle school athletic teams in 11 sports

Boys Bowling was state runner-up, Girls Golf placed fifth in state competition, Competition Cheer was runner-up in both state and national competitions, and Boys Basketball was a regional semifinalist

Boys Swimming had six state qualifiers, and Girls Swimming had five, with Nicola Lane as state champion in both the 500 freestyle and 100 backstroke

Wrestling had five individuals qualify for state competition

Elks have won the GWOC All Sports Trophy 44 of the last 45 years

382 juniors and seniors were recognized as Scholar Athletes for maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher and earning a varsity letter during the 2019-20 school year

326 high school juniors and seniors were members of the National Honor Society, logging more than 8,000 hours of community service

209 students from all grade levels participated on 39 Destination Imagination teams throughout the district, with four high school, three middle school and one elementary team qualifying for the Ohio State DI Tournament, and six teams going on to compete in the first-ever Virtual Global **Finals** 

After winning the Greater Cincinnati Regional Science Bowl, the CHS team represented the Greater Cincinnati area in the National Science Bowl, with both competitions held virtually



After winning the regional Penguin Bowl, the CHS Ocean Sciences team placed fourth in the National Ocean Sciences Bowl, which was held virtually

Two middle school students qualified to compete in the 2020 National Geographic GeoBee Ohio State Competition

CHS student Madeline Thomas was selected as a third round finalist for The New York Times Student Editorial Contest from more than 7,300 submissions

Students have hundreds of diverse activities to participate in throughout their school years, such Alpha Club and Student Council in elementary school, Muse Machine and Junior Optimist Club in middle school, Key Club and Environmental Club in high school, and hundreds more



#### STAFF LEADERSHIP

We have 613.5 certificated staff, which includes administrators, counselors, librarians, psychologists, school nurses, speech and occupational therapists and teachers

District also employs approximately 450 support staff

75% of our teachers hold master's degrees

8 National Board Certified Teachers

603 certificated and 85 classified staff members participated in professional development opportunities during Summer and Winter Institutes, with 35% also participating in independent learning proposals

Centerville Education Foundation awarded more than \$14,500 in grants for classroom projects to 33 individuals and groups of teachers

Matt Szozda, art teacher at Cline Elementary, was named the State Board District 3 Teacher of the Year for 2020

Kim Crasto, an English language arts teacher at Magsig Middle School, was named the district's 2020 Teacher of the Year

Centerville Board of Education approved the District Diversity Plan, establishing a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Team with multiple task forces to support the district's work with diversity and related equity issues

\$29,000

amount of Human Capital Strategies in Ohio Grant to help district recruit and retain staff members from underrepresented racial and ethnic populations to better serve all students

We all have an impact on the students we serve.

Moira Dressel, School Counselor at Stingley Elementary



Chromebooks and WiFi hotspots were deployed to any student that needed one, helping more than 4,000 students maintain access to learning while school buildings were closed in the spring

Classroom teachers adopted numerous technology tools, including Google Classroom, Zoom and many other online resources, in support of teaching and learning during emergency remote learning

Teachers relied on tablet computers, document cameras and large classroom displays to conduct remote instruction in the spring

Content filtering on student Chromebooks was extended to protect students from inappropriate content both at school and at home

Both wired and wireless points of network access were upgraded to support the additional bandwidth requirements for teaching and learning

Redundant backup district-wide Internet access was installed to provide a pathway to services even if META, our primary internet provider, is down

Home Access Center gives parents of middle and high schoolers instant access to monitor their student's progress

### PARENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

In recognition for their commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military, Centerville High School, Magsig Middle School, Tower Heights Middle School, Watts Middle School and Primary Village North were designated as Purple Star schools by the Ohio Department of Education

7,794

number of service hours logged by 384 parent and community volunteers who served as Academic Volunteers

133 families with 313 children from our community received food baskets and gifts during our annual Adopt-a-Family program

Each of our schools has an active PTO, which assists in a variety of ways, including hosting fundraisers to support our students' needs

**CHS Spirit Chain raised** \$72,500 -- a school record -for BOGG Ministries, Shoes 4 the Shoeless and Cooperative for Education, with Centerville and Kettering students raising more than \$2 million for charity over the past 35 years



Centerville Education Foundation continued to support classrooms, awarding more than \$14,500 in teacher grants and virtually recognizing 18 educators, alumni and students for their commitment to our schools

Area organizations, such as Centerville-Washington History, Centerville-Washington Park District, Washington Centerville Public Library and many others, partner with our schools to provide hands-on and immersive learning experiences for students

## We are continuously examining our security measures to determine how to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Jon Wesney, Director of Business Operations

#### **SAFETY & SECURITY**

Three buildings -- Centerville High School, Watts Middle School and Primary Village South -- were evaluated as part of the Department of Homeland Security's efforts to help school districts develop comprehensive targeted violence prevention plans, and school resource officers are evaluating remaining district buildings using Security and Vulnerability Assessment process from Department of Public Safety

The district began replacing surveillance equipment and adding more security cameras as part of ongoing safety and security enhancements throughout facilities

In addition to the cameras, larger screens are being added to each school so personnel can monitor the cameras, with funding provided by Centerville Safe Inc., a non-profit that works with Centerville Schools to determine priorities, coordinate fundraising activities, and implement school safety and security best practices between local law enforcement, parents, students, volunteers, staff and administrators

All buildings are locked and have video surveillance, and visitors must request access from the school office

Safety drills are practiced in each school, and staff and students are trained to use ALICE to proactively handle threats

Stingley Elementary and Magsig Middle School were the first district schools to have LED lighting installed inside and outside as part of the district's efforts to help lower operating costs, use resources more effectively, and save money for local taxpayers

Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) used in all school buildings, and district-wide radio system allows staff from all schools to communicate with district leadership, other buildings, school resource officers, Centerville Police Department and Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

Another school resource officer was added at Centerville High School, so the district now has one SRO from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and three from the City of Centerville Police Department, who patrol our buildings and provide safety lessons to students, plus CHS employs four security personnel

24-hour Student Safety Reporting anonymous tip line where students, parents and community members can share information of concern

Contract with Social Sentinel to scan social media sites for keywords that may lead to cause and concern for school safety



#### FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

**District General** Fund revenue comes from the following sources: A 76% from local property taxes, B 13% from state aid. C 8% from statereimbursed rollback and Homestead Exemptions, and D 3% from other revenue

Updated monthly financial reports to provide timely communication to Centerville Board of Education and community

Annual cost to educate each student is \$14,183, with 73% of each dollar spent on instruction and pupil support

After six years without asking voters for a new levy, the community passed Issue 8 in November 2019, which

continues to provide the district with funds to maintain excellent educational opportunities for students

Treasurer's Office received Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting in Fiscal Year 2019 from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)

Fiscal Year 2020 audit by State of Ohio was unmodified, or "clean," audit and Annual Financial Report is available online: www.centerville.k12.oh.us/about-us/treasurer

Cost-saving contracts for energy, buses, equipment and supplies are leveraged through a purchasing co-op with other districts

**Ohio Environmental Protection** Agency (EPA) grant provided \$206,000 to Transportation Department toward cost of purchasing new clean diesel powered school buses



These additional funds will assist us in keeping and attracting great teachers, continuing college and career readiness courses, updating classroom technology, and ensuring our schools are safe, secure and in good condition.

Dr. Tom Henderson following the passage of Issue 8 in November 2019



## **Centerville City Schools**

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## **Centerville City Schools Directory**

Primary Village North	(937)	438-6062
Primary Village South		
Cline Elementary	(937)	435-1315
Driscoll Elementary		
John Hole Elementary		
Normandy Elementary		
Stingley Elementary	(937)	434-1054
Weller Elementary	(937)	885-3273
Magsig Middle School	(937)	433-0965
Tower Heights Middle School		
Watts Middle School	(937)	434-0370
Centerville High School	(937)	439-3500
School of Possibilities	(937)	438-6092