



Crawfordsville Community School Corporation

# The Athenian Oracle

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## Congratulations CHS Class of 2024



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On the evening of Friday, May 31, 2024, the entire 160 classmates of 2024 gathered together to celebrate the end of their four-year high school education.

The Crawfordsville High School band, directed by Jon Tebbe, began the graduation processional with the playing of "Athenians March" followed by "Pomp and Circumstance."

Attendees were welcomed to the event by class president, Tyson Fuller. Assistant Principal Mark Melton introduced the class valedictorian, Campbell Mason, and the title of his speech, "You are a Startling Sound." Following Mason's speech was class salutatorian, Whitman Horton's speech, "Comforting Irrelevance."

After the speeches, the CHS choir, directed by Jennie Swick, sang "Take These Wings" and "Light of Grace."

Following the speech of Principal Jay Strickland, the class was presented and awarded their diplomas as their name was called. Superintendent Dr. Rex Ryker followed with the official congratulations and declaration of the graduates to the class of 2024.

Closing remarks were given by senior class vice president, Ryan Miller just before the CHS Wind Ensemble closed the ceremony with "Onward C'ville."

Congratulations to the class of 2024 and their families!







Pictured above is the Crawfordsville Middle School staff with their new banner proudly displaying the Level 1 Certification of High Reliability Schools. In addition to CMS, each school will hang their banner to show their certification.

## CCSC schools achieve Level 1 HRS Certification



Following the partnership of Crawfordsville Community School Corporation and Marzano Resources, all schools within CCSC have completed the Highly Reliable School Level 1 Certification, which focuses on a safe, supportive, and collaborative culture. Marzano Resources is a nationally recognized educational research organization providing best practice solutions for teaching and learning. All CCSC schools have achieved certification and will proudly display their banners. Only 28 schools in Indiana have achieved HRS Certification and of those 28 schools 5 of them are CCSC schools.

Level 1 Certification means the following criteria has been met for a Safe, Supportive, and Collaborative Culture:

1. The faculty and staff perceive the school environment as safe and orderly.
2. Students, parents, and the community perceive the school environment as safe

and orderly.

3. Teachers have formal roles in the decision-making process regarding school initiatives.

4. Teacher teams and collaborative groups regularly interact to address common issues regarding curriculum, assessment, instruction, and the achievement of all students.

5. Teachers and staff have formal ways to provide input regarding the optimal functioning of the school.

6. Students, parents, and the community have formal ways to provide input regarding the optimal functioning of the school.

7. The success of the whole school, as well as individuals within the school, is appropriately acknowledged.

8. The fiscal, operational, and technological resources of the school are managed in a way that directly supports teachers.



A team of principals and teachers attended the National HRS Summit in San Antonio earlier this year listening to top speakers in education to start off the initiative for HRS.



# Students welcome all to Hose Toy County Fair

A new type of animal took over the Montgomery County Fairgrounds on Friday, May 17. Students in Mrs. Hensley, Mrs. Rohr, and Mr. Swank's kindergarten classes finished reading *Charlotte's Web* and just as some of those characters went to the county fair, the students got to create their own exhibits at the Hose Toy County Fair.

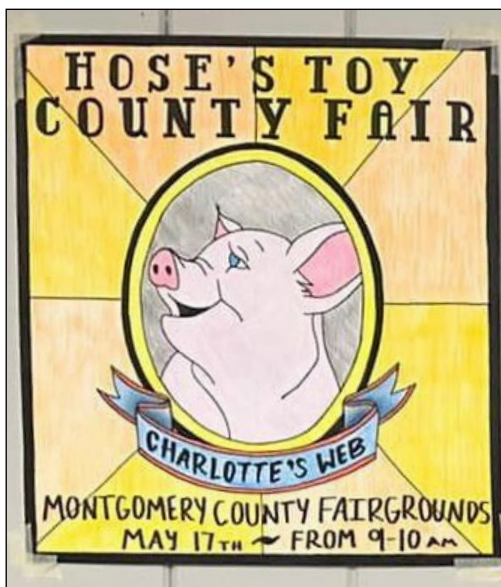
Students displayed their favorite stuffed farm animal and an information board they each created. Their board displayed important information like what the real animal likes to eat and other facts and also what they like to do with their animal.

Parents and many in the school community were invited to visit the fair and ask the students about their farm animals.

Through their *Charlotte's Web* project, students combined writing and literacy skills with project design skills to bring together many concepts from the kindergarten curriculum.

Mr. Swank said, "The Hose County Fair was a capstone project that encompassed all learning objectives for the year, honored a classic novel, and paid homage to a time-honored rural tradition of the county fair. This was a unique opportunity for our children to demonstrate writing, communication, reading and comprehension skills in a fun and interactive setting with families, faculty, and peers. We are so excited to be able to host the second annual Hose County Fair next year!"

Thank you to the Montgomery County Extension Office for partnering with Hose to create this experience for our students.



## Congratulations to the nominated Hose Heroes

The final Hose Hero celebration of this school year was held Wednesday, May 22 in the Hose library. Families attended the ceremony and helped surprise each of the eight selected students with their award.

The students were selected by the PBIS committee each quarter at Hose from nominations by all staff to receive the honor of being named a Hose Hero. Students chosen exhibit the qualities of being Helpful, Encouraging others, showing Respect and responsibility, and overall Outstanding citizenship.

Our quarter four Hose Hero recipients are Brayleigh Brumley, Ryan Geiger, Penelope George, Daisy Luna, Aariah Mell, Lydia Palmer, Wyatt Schlote, and Lucille Weedman.

## Hose ends a 'glowing' year

As a celebration of all of the hard work and learning completed during the 2023-2024 school year, students at Hose celebrated with a glow party during their related arts class time. On Friday, May 17, 2024, teachers and staff transformed the Hose gymnasium into a glowing place and students got to do special activities like drawing with highlighters and dancing with glow sticks.





# Nicholson career week makes dreams for future

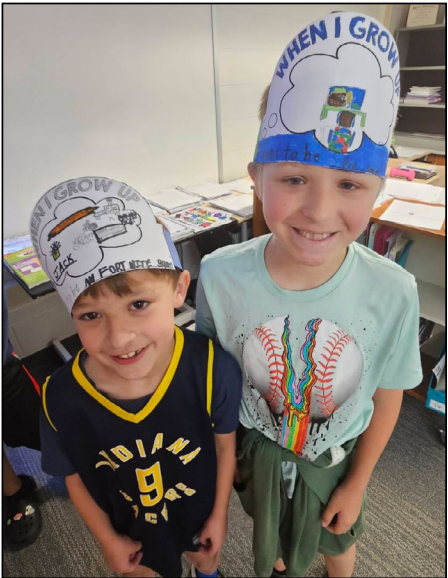
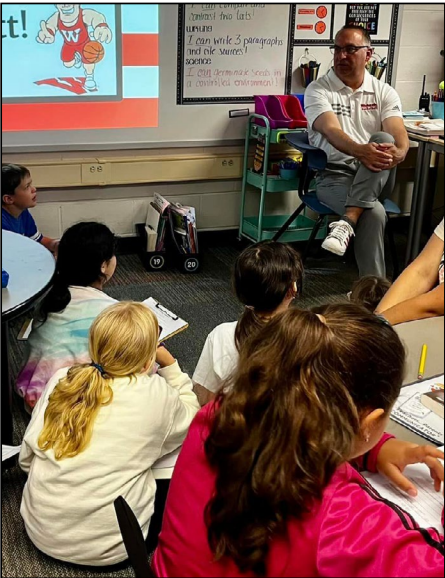


Nicholson Elementary featured a career week for students filled with activities, dress-up days, guest speakers, and more to help students think and dream about future possibilities.

Each day of the week offered a themed dress up day focusing on dreaming big, working hard, and looking toward bright futures!

Classes especially had fun on Wednesday when they dressed as their dream career.

To end career week, various community members were invited to share about their occupation with classes. Careers included firemen, police officers, Wabash basketball coach, judge, electrician, nurse, and many more.

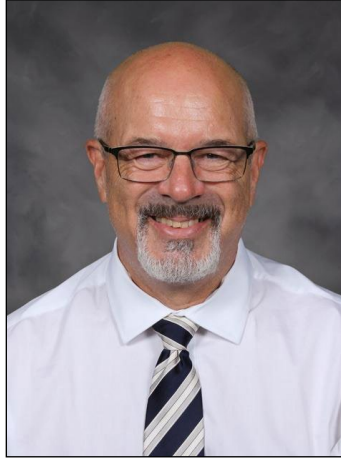




# Congratulations to our 2024 CCSC retirees!



Crawfordsville High School Retirees  
Chris Ervin



John Wentland



Nicholson Retirees left to right, Kerri Warner, Kim Lawson, Lissa Fairfield, Ellen Rooze, Shelly Drake, Claudia Toyotome, and Connie LaFoe.

We would like to congratulate all of the CCSC retirees for their dedication and commitment to education.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of so many students during your years of service. We wish you the best in your retirement!



Hose Elementary  
Lisa Lindsey



Hoover Retirees left to right, Joyce Musselman, Ann Stanley, Kristy Reese, and Steve Spencer.



## Class receives nutrition lesson from CCSC's dietician

Ms. Pool's class enjoyed a fun classroom nutrition lesson from CCSC's Registered Dietician, Kayla Jewell. Kayla came into the classroom to teach the students about nutrition and healthy snacks using exotic fruits. She and the students created two healthy snacks and of course they got to sample them! Each week the stu-

dents have had the opportunity to try different fruits and vegetables in the classroom for a snack.

Kayla brought some of those fruits to show how they can make a variety of things. Students also learned the different unique cultural backgrounds of each of the fruits used.



# CMS announces winners of American Legion Award

Crawfordsville Middle School held its honors and awards ceremony in May honoring students for numerous academic and athletic achievements. This year's American Legion Award winners were Gabe Elizondo, Caroline Bowling, and Isabel Gerdes. They are pictured with CMS Principal, Tami Haas.



This award represents the highest honor that a student can achieve at Crawfordsville Middle School. It is awarded to students who exhibit the highest levels of courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship, and service throughout their entire career at Crawfordsville Middle School. The American Legion Award has been given every year since 1963.



## Weather was great for the Hoover Track meet

The 5th graders at Hoover Elementary competed at the annual track meet at Crawfordsville High School running in both individual races and relays. A team of teachers even joined the fun and competed against students in a 4x100 meter relay.



## Annual Hoover Pioneer Day always a 4th grade highlight

The 4th graders at Hoover Elementary had a beautiful day to be outside for their annual Pioneer Day listening, learning, and making items the old-fashioned way. Classes began with a story-teller in the cafeteria followed by a variety of stations. Stations provided opportunities to dip and make their own candles, churn their own butter by shaking a small jar of cream, eat their butter on a biscuit while learning about cooking over a fire, listen and learn about music and how they made instruments, learn about medicine and examine an old medical kit, which happens to be one of only a few remaining, try their hand at wood carving tools, and kick up their heels for square dancing.



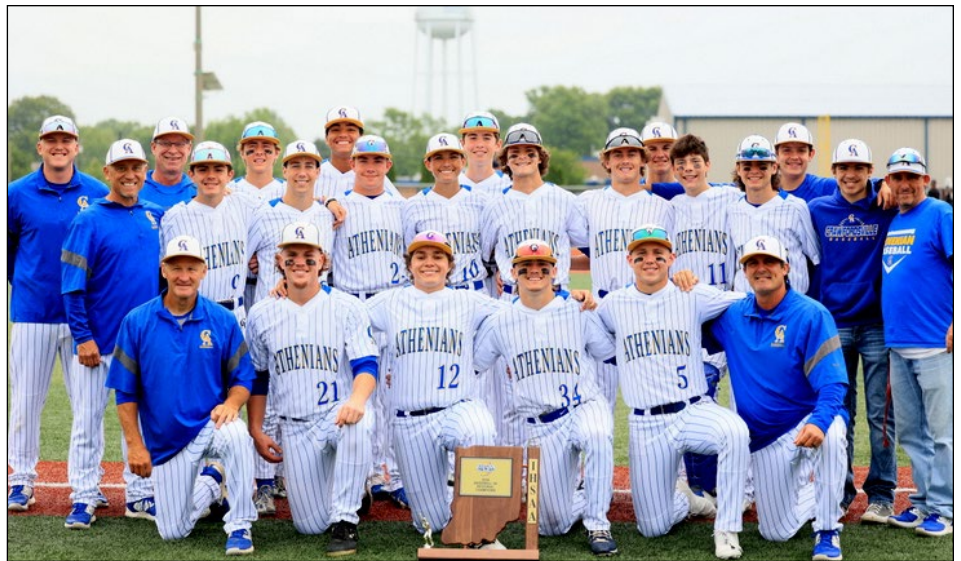
# Baseball team wins sectional, regional

*Season comes to a close at semi-state*

The Athenians traveled to the University of Evansville for the semi-state matchup against Brebeuf on Saturday, June 8, but came up short against the Braves, 2-7.

However, there is much to be proud of as the CHS team is the 2024 Regional Champions after defeating Northview, 4-0, at Mooresville High School.

Prior to that, CHS claimed the Sectional Championship title after defeating the Western Boone Stars 9-1 on Memorial Day. This marks the Athenians first sectional championship since 2013.



## Byard ties for 18th at State

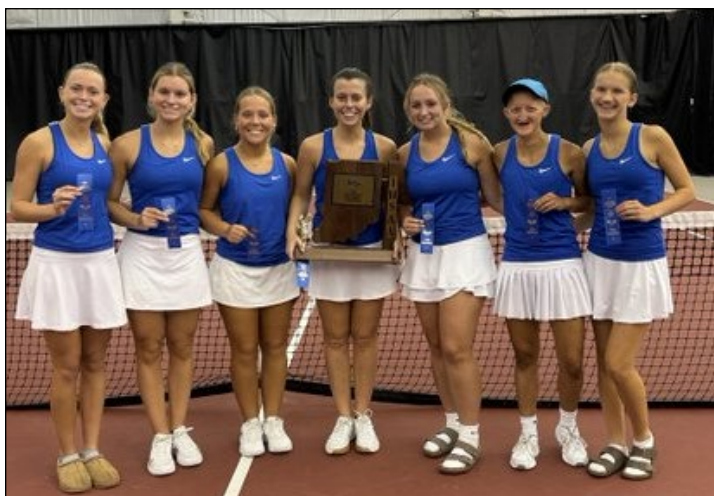
CHS Track & Field represent well at Regionals

Junior Na'arah Byard advanced to the state track and field meet in the long jump, and finished in a tie for 18th place with a jump of 16 ft 8 1/4 inches.

This is the first time since 2006 a female has advanced to state and the first time since 2010 that any track athlete has advanced to state. At Regionals, Byard placed second with a jump of 17 ft 9 inches.

Also competing at the girls Regional meet was the the 4x800 relay team of Sophia and Caroline Melevage, Syklah Strawser, and Katherine Novak who finished 13th; Guinevere Schmitzer-Torbert in the 300 hurdles finishing sixth and a PR; Riley Gardner in the high jump with a sixth place finish.

For the boys track team, seniors Ryan Miller and Tyson Fuller, and junior Alex Saidian advanced to Regionals in the 3200, the 400 and 100, and the 110 hurdles. Miller finished 11th in the 3200 with a new school record of 9:48.66 and beating his previous record. Fuller finished 9th in the 400m race in a time of 50.03. Fuller was also 13th in the 100m with a time of 11.50. Saidian finished 5th in the 110m hurdles with a time of 15.14.



## Sectional Champions

Congratulations to the girls tennis team who are the Sectional Champions for the fourth year in a row. They defeated Western Boon 4-1 to take the title. The team's season ended after falling to Fountain Central in the Regional meet.



## Seniors celebrate Chase

The seniors celebrated with the Journal Review County Chase trophy as they broke the total point record with 54 points to capture the County Chase title. Way to go Athenians!





Pictured above are the girls track and field members receiving their certificates and/or varsity letters.

# Spring Sports banquet celebrates athletes

The CHS Spring All-Sports Banquet was held on June 5 to celebrate each athlete who contributed to the CHS athletic programs and send well-wishes to the baseball team who was set to compete at Semi-State on Saturday, June 8.

The night highlighted a long list of accomplishments including the record-breaking Chase Championship, the boys' Sagamore All-Conference race, won the first time since 2008-09, the conference, sectional, and regional championship for the baseball team, 4-time sectional title for girls tennis, and the first state track and field qualifier in 14 years.

The Sagamore Athletic All Conference Award winners were recognized at the banquet. In addition, First Team winners were honored at Lebanon High School for the All-Conference Banquet.

First team honorees are listed in bold font, while 2nd team is regular.

**Baseball- Kale Wemer, Wyatt Motz, Bryce Dowell, Jude Coursey, Matt Miller & Kaden Patton**

**Softball- Christian Sussdorf, Molly Pierce & Sabella Moore**

**Track & Field- Na'arah**

**Byard, Guinevere Schmitzer Torbert, Lily Hummel, Ally Strickland, Bea Swick, Caroline Melevage, Riley Gardner, Alec Saidian, Aubry Lowe, Sophia Melevage, Katherine Novak, Skylah Strawser, Sydney Elizondo, Tyson Fuller, Ryan Miller, Cole Capper, Jantzen Thayer, Max Brumett,**

**Girls Tennis- Sam Rohr, Reagan Cox,** Emily and Amy Weliver

**Boys Golf-Tanner Gilland**

Baseball senior Kale Wemer was recognized as the IHSBCA District K Runner-up Player of the Year.

The track and field team had several school records broken after a great season. These included Na'arah Byard in both the Long Jump and 100 M Dash, Ryan Miller in the 3200 M Run, and the girls' 3200 M Relay team consisting of Caroline & Sophia Melevage, Katherine Novak, and Skylah Strawser.

First time letter winners were given their "C" and pin.

**Baseball- Cohen McClamroch, Mateo Flores, Hayden Craig**

**Track & Field- Logan**



Lowe, Jackson Wireman,

Huntyr Miles, Mary Halupka, Jazmen Russell, Jozlyn Hudson Rivenbark, Olivia Jett, Ally Johnson, Ruth Garcia, Sydney Elizondo

**Girls Tennis- Isla Seward**  
**Boys Golf- Camden Dowden**

Seniors who lettered three times in this year were given a special plaque for their hard work. Those athletes include Tyson Fuller, Addison Hodges, Ryan Miller, Kaden Patton, Jacob Russell, and Gabby Warren

Seniors who earned at least nine varsity letters, some many more, over the course of their athletic career were given a desk clock. Those athletes are Tyson Fuller, Ryan Miller, Skylah Strawser, and Gabby Warren.

Finally, each year CHS presents a Female and Male athlete of the year after nominations from coaches, student athlete votes, and a formula carefully calculated are completed.

This year's awards were presented to Na'arah Byard and Ethan McLemore.

Following the large group celebration, each team along with family and friends met separately to continue presenting additional awards and final closing words for the season.