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U.S. News ranks CHS as one of the best again

Crawfordsville High School has recently been awarded and announced as one of the 2024-25 Best High Schools for high Schools and metro-area rankings, according to U.S. News and World Report.

CHS Principal Jay Strickland said, "It is always great for our team to be recognized for all the hard work and effort we put in to ensure our students have academic success. Our team continues to follow The Athenian Way and provide our students with amazing learning opportunities and experiences. We have a great school culture and team atmosphere at CHS and our students and families work along side our educators to support and challenge our students. This is truly an all-school award!"



This national ranking puts CHS in the top 40% from approximately 18,000 public schools across the nation. The rankings are created based on data including college readiness, breadth of college curriculum, assessment proficiency, assessment performance, and graduation rate.

In addition to high national rankings, Crawfordsville High School ranks 109th in the state of Indiana and #1 in the Crawfordsville Metro Area High Schools.

CHS provides Advanced Placement opportunities and has a 40% participation rate in AP. Most notably is the amount of AP classes offered to our students for the size of our school. Few schools our size offer multiple courses, but CHS offers up to 17 AP courses a year.



Max Brumett a National Merit Semifinalist

Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®) announced the names of more than 16,000 Semifinalists in the 70th annual National Merit Scholarship Program including Crawfordsville High School senior Max Brumett.

CHS Principal Jay Strickland said, "Max Brumett exemplifies The Athenian Way in all that he does at CHS. He is one of our top student leaders while participating in four sports and many different student organizations and clubs. Max is an intelligent, hard working and trustworthy student that truly cares about others and our school. This award is a tribute to his hard work and efforts throughout his academic career. It has been a true honor to work with Max the past four years at CHS. He is a true Athenian in every sense of the word."

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 6,870 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$26 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 95 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2025 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July.

Senior starts new program, ESL Extending Education

Typically senior students are focused on their final days of classes, looking forward to what comes next for them whether it's college, the workforce, or something in between. Most-ly, they are ready to move on from high school. A true senior leader, however, can't just move forward to what comes next for him, but focuses on leaving his empty place better than what he found it.

Senior Class President Max Brumett is working towards just that. He has seen an increasing need, has been brainstorming and planning how to improve it, and is taking action to make it happen and ultimately focus on serving others this year and in the years to come. In this instance, it is the ESL and Spanish-speaking students he is hoping to serve by helping their college application process be smoother and more attainable. He seeks to help through his new program, ESL Extending Education.

Brumett stated that studies have shown a steady decline in

college appli-cation rates, but the most decline is in our Span-ish-speaking population. He wants to turn those statistics around to give those interested the opportunity to apply.

"ESL Extending Education is all about opportunity. Here at CHS the staff and the culture place a lot of emphasis on preparing us students for our futures. This program falls right in line with that goal, as it aims to help seniors from our large Spanish-speaking population with the logistical side of college applications," Brumett said.

Brumett has recognized that while there are opportunities available, sometimes the language barrier interferes with the process. He noted that even students who are fluent and very proficient may still have hardships if the language barrier is difficult for their parents.



Brumett

"Our goal is to level the playing field and make higher education attainable and available for all who want it," he said, "These students are so capable and so deserving of opportunities, but often times the simplest things that I may take for granted, are exponentially more difficult for them simply because of the language barrier."

Brumett wants this new program to provide help with a range of college-seeking processes from Common App applications, scholarship applications, and even the individual college search process.

To get started with the program, Brumett met with school staff to share ideas and discuss plans to get the process started and how to reach out to those ESL students who would have an interest in seeking education after high school. Staff have commended him on his initiative and leadership.

Principal Jay Strickland said, "Max is one of our finest student leaders in the building.

I am not surprised that he has taken the initiative to start this important program at CHS. He has a genuine care and concern for his fellow classmates and this program will provide additional resources and support for our students."

Brumett has started meeting with initial students who have shown interest in the advisory program. He plans to hold regular meetings from now and most likely through the third quarter, around the time that most application processes are completed.

Brumett is appreciative of how receptive CHS has been to the new ideas.

"All of our staff at CHS have been incredibly accommodating and helpful, and the administrators have helped to make this a reality," he said.

Discussions have already begun for how to sustain this program after Brumett graduates. The goal is to find additional students to carry on the program and continue meeting with future college applicants.

Hoover Elementary volleyball league a great success



Congratulations to the Hoover 5th grade volleyball champions and Coach Wilson! Team members include Dago-berito Gutierrez, Caleb Hernandez-Zavaleta, Gemma McIn-tyre, Miracle Gaskins, Allison Castro, Amelia George, Bao Jimenez-Aguilar, Khamille Walker, and Samantha Huesca Ambriz.



Way to go, Tigers!



Community Day of Service makes an impact

Crawfordsville teams, students join in at inaugural event

The Montgomery County Leadership Academy kicked off its first Community Day of Service at the end of September bringing together community members, volunteers, local non-profit organizations to connect, serve, and hopefully start an annual event. Included in volunteers were various CCSC groups including members of the CHS volleyball team and the CMS A-Team Service club.

Fortunately for the day being on a Wednesday, which is a late-morning start, middle school and high school students used their extra time to serve their community.

The volleyball team was responsible for helping check in approximately 200 volunteers and passing out shirts, bags, and other items to volunteers.

Head coach Allison Manwell said, "We enjoyed being part of the first ever day of service and establishing a new tradition. We take pride in our community and were excited for the opportunity to give back. In a quick morning of work, we bonded as a team, built and practiced leadership skills, and had fun!"

In addition to the CHS volleyball team, the A-Team Service Club of Crawfordsville Middle School, stepped up to complete their service project in conjunction with the community service day. When club leaders Mrs. Vellner and Mrs. Hudson saw the announcement for the Community Service Day they decided to have the club support the day.

Their longstanding project, Adopt A Drain, was set up several years ago for the A-Team to care for the drains surrounding Crawfordsville Middle School.

Work for the project includes walking the block with rakes, shovels, gloves, and trash bags on a monthly basis to pick up trash, clean the drains, and meet and greet with residents in the area.



Members of the CHS volleyball team gave up their late-start Wednesday to serve their community alongside other volunteers and local organizations.



The CMS A-Team was busy cleaning the drains surrounding the middle school on the inaugural Community Day of Service.

Students enjoying new Engineering Essentials

Some may not know, but for the last three years, Crawfordsville Middle School has been offering six classes where students can earn high school credit. The newest addition for these courses is Engineering Essentials and it's making an impact on students.

The course, Engineering Essentials, allows students to explore the work of engineers and their role in the design and development of solutions to real-world problems. Students are introduced to engineering concepts applicable across multiple engineering disciplines.

Like each of the high school credit courses, the goal is to spark interest in a potential career field so they can further pursue those opportunities and advanced opportunities when they reach the high school level.

Eighth grader Trevor Norton said, "Engineering Essentials is helping me to work toward my future plans of being a mechanical engineer and I am having fun with the hands-on activities."

Engineering teacher, Brent Dickinson, said "The curriculum provided by PLTW for the Engineering Essentials class is both challenging and engaging. Students are enjoying learning the engineering design process through various hands-on projects, and it has been a helpful experience for them to encounter the rigor of a high school level class. I am very much enjoying teaching students about topics that align so well with my personal interests and previous professional experience in automotive engineering."

Claire Dennison enjoys the class opportunity and how it impacts and helps her with other clubs and activities.

"I enjoy Engineering Essentials because it gives me a chance to start my day with hands-on learning which boosts my morale for my other classes where I don't do that kind of thing as much. It also gives me a chance to work with VEX parts like we use in



Students in the Engineering Essentials class participate and observe during one of their hands-on activities.

robotics and gives me knowledge that I can apply to my robots as well as everyday life! Engineering Essentials is one of my favorite classes," Dennison said.

In addition to Engineering Essentials, the other high school credit classes include Spanish, Japanese, Algebra, Health, Preparing for College and Careers.



Preschoolers learn about apples, five senses

Willson Preschool Academy has been studying the five senses and learning with apples. One of the activities included apple taste-testing. Students had to find their favorite type of apple from Red Delicious, Gala, or Granny Smith.

Students love annual Nicholson Bike & Hike

Nicholson Elementary's annual Bike and Hike event is always a student and family favorite each year!

More than 300 participants gathered together to bike or walk the route, which began at the public library, down West Main Street, and eventually ending at the school for additional games and activities.

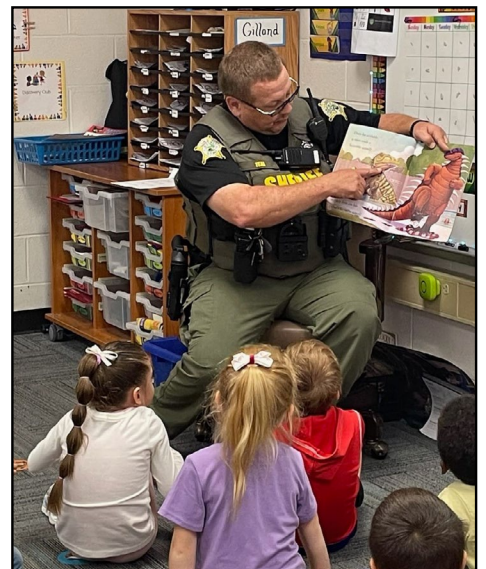
Fortunately the City of Crawfordsville closes the streets of the route to ensure safety of students, staff, volunteers, and families.

Once back at the school, students enjoyed outdoor games with Alexander, stations in the gym, visits with Buttercup the Cow, playground fun, and other obstacle courses.

Thank you to all the volunteers and families who joined the fun!



Hose students love their Leaders as Readers



It's always a special day when the community Leaders as Readers visit Hose Elementary. Recent readers are from left to right, Chief Mattingly, Dr. Dane Mishler, and Scott Teal of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department.



Feast of the Hunter's Moon

The third graders of Nicholson Elementary got to attend the Feast of the Hunter's Moon in West Lafayette. The feast is a celebration of the friendship that blossomed between the Wea tribe who resided on one side of the Wabash River, and the French colonists at Fort Ouiatenon (a fur trading post) on the other side of

the river. The feast event is located at the current day location of Fort Ouiatenon.

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Students were able to travel back in time to learn how the two cultures lived. Students got to witness basket weaving, blacksmiths at work, soap making, French and

Native American music and dance, and so much more!



Transportation department practices evacuation procedures



Each school building participated in bus evacuation drills over the past couple weeks. Designated students practiced speaking on the radio to alert the department and students then proceeded to evacuate the bus from the emergency exit.



Congratulations to Georgianna Hernandez who was crowned the 2024 Homecoming Queen. Also pictured, from left, in the front row, are seniors Cadence Brown, Katie Douglas and Celeste Moore; and back row, freshman attendant Ella Patton, junior attendant Emma Mulvey and sophomore attendant Kaya Money.

2024 CHS Homecoming

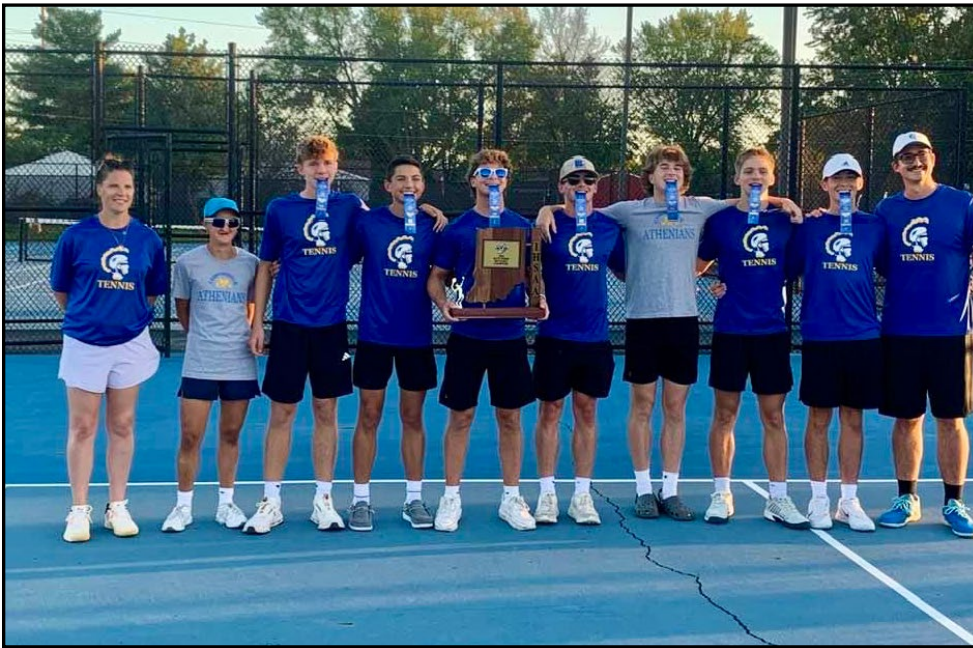


CHS staff and students participated in fun school spirit dress up days that included Soccer Mom vs BBQ Dad, 1776-America Day, Holiday Day, Blast from the Past, and Blue & Gold Day!



Sectional Champions

Boys tennis team defeats Lebanon 4-1 for Sectional title



The boys tennis team claimed the Sectional title the first week of October after defeating Lebanon, 4-1. They advanced to Regionals against Parke Heritage, but lost in a tough match up.

In addition to the Sectional title, the team is the 2024 Sagamore Champions and County Champions.

CMS sports teams claim County Champ titles

Girls soccer has impressive undefeated season, 7-0-1



Congratulations to the middle school girls cross country team and the boys and girls soccer teams who are all Montgomery County Champions!

The girls soccer team are the county champions for the second consecutive year and they finished the season undefeated with a 7-0-1 record.

Both the soccer teams are also Conference Champions after the girls defeated both North and South and the boys defeated North and Frankfort in the conference tournament.

Way to go, Athenians!



FALL MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHAMPIONS

County Chase points are adding up quickly!



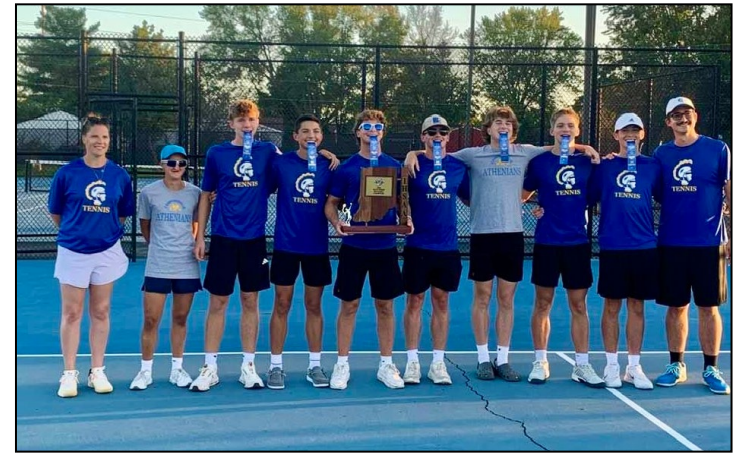
Boys Cross Country



Girls Cross Country



Volleyball



Boys Tennis



Girls Soccer



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