



Percussion section continues to expand by Isabelle Buckley

The Crestview Marching Band is offered to students in grades 8-12 and has a percussion section that has 17 people. Three play tenor drum, five play bass drum, five play snare, and four are front ensemble. This was exciting to Eric Bable (the band director) mainly because last year, the percussion section had four people in it.

"Two of them played different instruments, and I had to talk them into playing percussion," said Bable.

From 5th grade, the children see the drummers in rock bands, and they get very excited and want to go into percussion! Another reason people are so drawn to this section is they don't have to learn notes. Sophomore Brayden DeCenso, the section leader, says there is a clear reason people choose this section.

"Because we make loud sounds...with drums," said DeCenso.

This year, the Crestview drumline participated in the Columbiana Band Show's Drumline Battle, finishing second to Columbiana. DeCenso believes the percussion is good enough to win "Best Percussion" at competitions. Bable is very excited to see how far the band will go and how they will improve!

The percussion section is very talented and with some work and dedication, can go very far.

8th graders offered new learning opportunities by Emmalee Owens

This year's 8th grade schedule is significantly different than last year. This year the students are given the opportunity to explore different electives. The system is set up similar to the high school to prepare the students for high school. There are exactly five electives: Home Improvement, Digital Media, Trip Planning, Weightlifting, and Journalism.

The 8th grade teachers believe that the electives were a good idea and a great use of time. The teachers say that there had been a lot of time that wasn't well spent in other 8th grade years and, therefore, this is an interesting adjustment. The first nine-weeks have been going pretty well considering the new change and teachers expect them to continue in good manner.

The 8th grade Home Improvement teacher Corey Hill says, "I'm glad that we are able to teach something that was outside of our regular content area. I think it's good for kids to kind of branch out and maybe learn about something that they are interested in."

Journalism teacher Aaron Blatch agrees on this topic: "I thought it was a good idea...you know there was maybe some down time that could have been used more productively so I think the electives are kind of a cool way to expose students to some different areas that maybe otherwise they wouldn't get during the school day," he said.



The students were able to choose their choice of electives in 7th grade and have been placed in these classes since then. The new 8th grade students have been experiencing the electives each in different perspectives.

"So far it's just mostly been working with my other teammates," said Noah Sotkovsky to the question of what he enjoys most in Digital Media, one of the new electives, since they've begun.

Nola Compton from Home Improvement explains what got her excited for 8th grade options: "Something I was excited for was being able to get high school credits." There are few options that are not considered electives but are also a part of the 8th grade schedule: Algebra 1, Choir, and Band. Each of the three non-electives can earn 8th grade students high school credits.

Students are also getting to explore their hobbies further with the electives. "I was mainly excited for Media because I thought it would be really cool to do...and plus I already do editing and I wanted to get better at it," said Kathryn Felger, who is in Trip Planning.

These electives have been influencing students and getting them excited for upcoming classes. The teachers are prepared to hopefully continue doing these electives for future 8th graders to come.



Freshmen find new challenge entering high school by Karoline McGrath

Every kid's least favorite place in school is a nauseating, stressful environment. However, the most stressful part of school is going from middle school to high school. In your head, you get the idea or image that high school is going to be a lot more difficult than it is. New freshman Sophia Noling says the hardest part has been the adjustment. Brady Barnhart also says a challenge was getting lost in high school.

Noling says, "I was really excited for high school volleyball."

Barhart also says, "Football, Basketball, sports."

Kelsey Houpp says the most exciting thing has been the opportunity for school dances. Both Noling and Houpp say the new classes were an exciting experience, with Houpp taking fitness and wellness classes.

Barnhart mentioned that the homework was just about the same amount that he had in middle school. On the other hand, Noling says that there has been a lot more homework, adding that it has caused her stress, trying to balance the amount of homework she has and her sports that take up the majority of her time, but she manages to get it done.

Houpp, Barnhart, and Noling all said they expected high school to be harder and a lot different. They were different but also didn't know what to expect. Noling said the advice she would give the upcoming freshmen who are eighth-graders at the moment, "You just have to prepare yourself and take accountability for yourself and your work and just get ready for the amount of work you're going to have."

Houpp says, "Study more than you do in middle school."

Emch: A Crestview Legend by Karoline McGrath

Abbey Emch has it all: dedication, mindset, positivity, mental toughness, emotional control, drive, passion. Everything a coach looks for, Emch is that. Crestview's varsity volleyball coach Alisha Auer says, "Abbey has played a big role for four years, this year being her senior year."

She also adds, "Abbey loves to play and her court presence and court attitude are very positive. Her physical skills are very high level. She's a powerful team player." She is a gift to have as not only a player but also a friend. She wins championships and is determined for her team.

Crestview has driven Emch not only emotionally but also powerfully. Emch says, "It has been such a fun time, such a crazy time. I can't believe it is almost over, and I've just been so lucky to build the relationships that I have." Coach Auer has also been a constant in Emch's career and has been pushing her since a young age. Emch has had the support of her team and multiple coaches that support her unconditionally with positive surroundings. Emch said without it, that would have affected her on a different level. Her coach says Emch has been a great person to work with for more than four years.

Emch's talent led her to graduate early in her senior year and enroll at The University of Pittsburgh this winter. Emch won't graduate with the same people that got her to where she is, but she knows they will support her anywhere. "I'm super excited, it's going to be a big challenge, Because I'm going to miss a bunch of things with my friends," Emch says. "It felt like a family aspect when I went, and when I visited, and I've gone to a bunch of different camps in the past years and their culture was just amazing; it just felt like home." Again, family is everything an athlete needs for success; they support each other unconditionally.

Beyond Emch's journey at Crestview High School, being a player on the court or not, she will forever be a part of Crestview's legacy holding the record of 34 kills in one game. Emch has been not only an inspiration but a role model for underclassmen, playing an enormous role for them as athletes. Abbey Emch is pure talent, and her team, coaches, and friends are beyond proud to see where she ends up in life.

Varsity football continues great season by Owen Doran

Crestview varsity football has had a strong season so far.

Coach Dominic Perry says, "The season's going very well. We're 7-1 and tied for first place in the league, so I'm very happy."

They have gone against many different teams this season, fighting and only losing their first game. When asked what games he has enjoyed, Perry said, "The last seven because we won. Any league game we win is good. I really enjoyed the Brookfield game. I think our kids showed up and played really hard."

"The morale is very high right now," says Perry. "We're doing well."

Their best player, Max Hawkins leads in stats, but they also have Jamison English, Jake Noling, Mikey Proctor, Caiden McElhaney, Ethan Kane, and a strong offensive line.

They have lost against Western Reserve, and won against Southern, United, Liberty, Southeast, Brookfield, Newton Falls, and Champion.

The Rebels will look to finish the regular season strong and prepare for the playoffs.

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New students thrive at CMS by Rylee Land

At Crestview Middle School, the current 8th grade has gained four new students in the 2024-25 school year; the new students are Drake Huston, Micah Graham, Clayton Wilson, and Aiden Deem.

The new students were interviewed about what it's like to be a new student at Crestview Middle School. Our new students came from a variety of different schools. For example, Graham went to City Of Life Christian Academy in Kissimmee Florida; meanwhile, Huston went to Leetonia.

A common factor between all of the students was they all mostly don't miss their old school.

"Not really," states Wilson, when asked if he missed his past school. "Just a lot of kids that I didn't like at my school."

Another common factor between the new students is that most of them moved here because of their parents or even sports. For example, Deem states that he came to Crestview "for sports and a better Math Teacher; I don't really know."

During the Interview the students were asked about if they liked their old school. They mostly said different things. For example, Graham said, "Yes." Meanwhile, Huston said, "No. Not really."

Crestview is very excited to have these new students, and give them all a fresh new start.

Rebel seniors prepare for life after graduation by Isabelle Buckley

As the school year begins, Crestview seniors are looking ahead to what they plan to do after graduation. Seniors Brenna Figley, Luvrain Gaskins, and Myer Miller recently discussed what they were planning to do after graduation.

All three seniors stated they were planning to go to college. Figley plans to do cosmetology (the study and application of hair treatment), Miller plans to go into the medical field, and Gaskins plans on going to college for basketball. For underclassmen who are trying to plan their future, the seniors recommended doing something you enjoy, don't stress about it, and take in every little moment.

Figley is going to the Columbiana County Career and Technical Center for Cosmetology, and she plans to stick with that. She wants to pass her state boards and maybe do lashes as well. Her favorite part of high school is meeting new people.

"I feel like there were a lot of people that negatively taught me a lot of things," Figley said.

Gaskins wants to pursue her passion for basketball but she is unsure where yet. She has visited different schools to hopefully find where she can find a good college for her basketball talents.

Miller wants to go to a college, but is unsure where yet. She knows she wants to do something in the medical field. She is unsure of what medical career but she knows there are lots of choices on careers.

"I like helping people and I find it really fascinating that there are many careers you can get involved in," Miller stated.

The senior girls are planning their after-graduation life, and it is visible to us all that Figley, Gaskins, and Miller have a very bright future ahead of them.



Rebel soccer team caps off successful season by Staff Reporters

The Crestview High School boys' soccer season came to an end after a successful 10-8 season. The Rebels lost in the first round of the OHSAA tournament 2-1 in overtime to John F. Kennedy Catholic. Crestview went 8-3 in the MVAC, which placed them third in the conference. The team played well down the stretch, winning 5 of its final 6 regular season matches before the tough tournament loss.

Offensively, junior Peyton Mellott led the Rebels with 11 goals scored, while senior Brendan Dolan led with 6 assists. Goaltender duties were shared by senior Braden Devine and sophomore Riley Mercer. That duo notched 66 and 65 saves, respectively.

The soccer program will graduate seniors Asher Moore and Jacob Wainwright, in addition to Dolan and Devine. Congrats to these student-athletes on excellent careers!

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Students reflect on middle school play by Emmalee Owens

For several years, Crestview Middle School has been putting on plays, but they only recently became bigger and more eye-catching since Marcia Bable has taken over. Just as she made those productions great, she plans to do the same with this year's play "High School Musical Jr."

Eric Bable, a helper in the Middle School Plays and Director of High School Marching Band, as well as Middle School Concert Band, says, "Some questions have to be answered since the stage is currently the band room and that show would typically happen in November it would be challenging right now. So we're not sure exactly when or how that's going to happen at this point but, should it happen, 'High School Musical' is the one."

Eric Bable says that he does not direct the plays but rather helps out, but from what he has seen they have occasionally come across problems. "Things pretty much go as planned every now and then. There's a little surprise here and there but overall things went mostly like we planned them," he said.

Each year these students work hard after school and even on weekends to bring the play to completion in order to show us their extraordinary talents. Many of these students have come out of their comfort zones because of friends that convinced them to join only to love it just as much as anyone else.

"Theater isn't for everybody; if you try it for your first year and you don't like it, keep trying and maybe you'll find where you like to be," says Wyatt Holmes, who was last year's Nemo in "Finding Nemo Jr."

Jasmine Maurer, who played the part of Mufasa in "Lion King Jr.," describes her experience of the auditions for the cast list: "Auditions were pretty simple. We had two Musical Audition Clinics beforehand and we had to pick parts to audition for, and then we would sing a whole group song."

All the students had a different view on how they felt at the reveal of the cast list. Some were upset, others excited, about their upcoming roles in the plays, but one thing is for certain - they definitely made many memories.

"I was very split about it because at the beginning I was very disappointed I didn't get the one I wanted and auditioned for, but then I came to realize that like this is a good role and I still had lines," said Maurer as she shared her experience of the release of the cast list.

Holmes shares his opposite feeling to the subject: "I really just wanted to be in the show but I got the role I really wanted."

Though they had different expectations, they both ended up creating great friendships and bonds with other cast members, even without exactly getting the role they'd hoped for.

"The play is not like the actual movie; everything is different and it's a whole lot more magical on set than it is on screen," said Holmes as he explained his view on what he thought of the play.

These students expect to continue in Theater whether it was in high school or the rest of middle school. They had no doubt created some of their best memories in these plays. The plays not only brought unexpected friendships together but also created a community amongst the middle school.



Football captains take on leadership role by Olivia Lombardo

Crestview's middle school football team has dominated all their opponents. The Rebels finished with an undefeated season. This year's captains are Dane Peel, Landon Hildreth, Paxson Taggart, and Taylor Stoffer.

Peel says that he is sad that the season is ending because he likes to play football. Peel also says that some improvements since the first game are discipline and working together more. Taggart says that he is sad the season is ending because it is his last year in middle school football. But Taggart also says that he will play football in high school.

Micah Graham says that the biggest improvement from the first game is that they work better together as a team and they all know each other better. An accomplishment that he has made this season is helping the team go undefeated.

Camden Collins says that he is sad the season is ending because it's his last game in middle school football. He also says that he has made a lot of accomplishments like a few sacks, a 20 yard catch, and 15+ tackles. Something Collins wants to improve with in high school is his form as a defensive end and getting around tackles. He says that he definitely will play football in high school.

Daniel Novak says that it is pretty good to have the season coming to an end. Something that motivates him is winning. Something that Novak thinks is hard about the season coming to an end is that he will miss it and he will maybe play in high school.

While some players think that it feels good for the season coming to an end, others are sad. The middle school teams of 2023 and 2024 have been undefeated; let's hope that it can stay that way for 2025!

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Students, teachers, administrators give opinions on CMS dress code

By Rylee Land

Crestview Middle School's dress code can spark a debate sometimes amongst certain people. We have interviewed a few students, teachers, and administrators at CMS to get their opinion on the dress code.

For example, principal Timothy Pancake states, "I think it twofold. I worked at a district prior to Crestview, where they actually had a real dress code, and what I mean by that is everyone - male or female - they were allowed to wear a polo shirt. It had to be black, white, or navy and then their pants had to be white, khaki, or black."

When asked more about the dress code, Pancake goes on to say, "So to me I think that is a true dress code. I'm not necessarily in favor of something like that; however, I do think a dress code is necessary to be able to keep people on track in the classroom, so I don't want someone violating the dress code that could be a distraction to someone's education."

Middle school counselor Kayla Sidell also adds onto what Pancake said in stating, "I agree that it's important that the dress code ensures that there are not distractions to the educational environment; however, I do think because of the stereotypical nature of what some females students might wear vs. male students, I do hear some of our

female students have concerns about the dress code not being fair in regards to what our female students might wear like tank-tops, leggings, shorts, or skirts and the length and thing that they may, stereotypically wear obviously more than some of our male students."

Sidell and Pancake both have a similar opinion on the Crestview Middle School dress code, but some of the students have a different approach. For example Savannah Buckel and Meya Miller say, "It's sexist." Buckel and Miller make it very clear they don't like the dress code very much.

Another opinion on the dress code is from teacher Corey Hill.

Hill states, "I think we should have uniforms because then it takes all the guesswork out of dress coding. But when I say uniforms, not necessarily like a shirt and tie, but pants, collared shirt, or a certain color, or shorts and that's what students would have to wear." From that quote, Hill thinks Crestview Middle School should wear uniforms, also like what Pancake says during his interview.

As a result, Crestview Middle School has many different teachers, administrators and students saying many different things about the dress code. Many schools have a dress code similar or even different from Crestview's. Dress codes are here to ensure students focus on their education and not focus on what someone is wearing.



8th grade volleyball completes strong season by Olivia Lombardo

The 8th grade volleyball team had a great season with their record being 15-3. They had a good season but sadly the season ended with a loss against Southeast. Their captains are Haley Boano and Addison Finch.

Boano says that she is sad that the season is ending but that they had a good season so she's really proud of her team. An accomplishment she has made this year is she has adjusted better to defense and hitting. Something that motivates Boano is praying; they pray before every game, so she says that she thinks it is a big part of them winning their games.

Izabella Ciapala says that she is also sad that the season is ending and that it is a little disappointing but they had a good season. Ciapala says that one of their biggest improvements is that they started talking and moving more. She says that her biggest accomplishment is that she got better at communicating.

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Bogerd makes successful transition to Crestview by Karoline McGrath

Being a coach and being in charge of an entire team of athletes may be hard, but imagine an even harder job: the athletic director. Crestview's newest Athletic Director, Casey Bogerd, decided to come to Crestview after being a part of Youngstown City Schools' community for the last 22 years, the last six as athletic director.

It must have been a hard decision to choose to move jobs after being somewhere so long. However, Bogerd had connections with Crestview from Chaney High School, like one of his athletic trainers, Dylan Gorby, and his head football coach, Seth Antram, both being Crestview graduates.

Bogerd says, "After going through the interview process and meeting with the administrative team and the district, I just thought it'd be very exciting to be able to work with those people since they're great people." He also added, "But this is very familiar too because it's very similar to the kind of place that I grew up in."

Already in the short amount of time that Bogerd has been in charge of the athletic department, Crestview has made so many achievements. Bogerd says he is just happy to see the success students have and he's happy to be a part of it.

On a different note, Bogerd says, "I like this school because everybody knows everybody; there's a close knit community." This shows and proves that Crestview is beyond just a school, but a community of friendliness and happiness. The community is built off of love and support and everyone should have the chance to be a part of it.



Robotics: A leap in student education by Owen Doran

Robotics class allows Crestview 7th and 8th grade students to learn robotics with autonomous driving and coding as well as driver skills, eventually competing in competitions at the Columbiana County Career and Technical Center. Right now they are learning in a competitive "rapid relay," where they code a robot to shoot a mini soccer ball into goals. Students have already learned the rules and the strategy of it. They compete in teams of four; generally this activity helps with engineering skills, which in turn helps with jobs. It also helps with basic problem-solving.

"When we build something and have to tear it apart over and over and over again the thing gets a little old," says teacher Steven Weber. "We try to minimize that, but it's inevitable. It happens; we make changes all the time."

In competitions starting in November, they compete with other schools: East Palestine, Columbiana, Southern Local, Springfield, Beaver Local, United, Salem, etc. When asked what is so special about robots, Weber said, "I think it gives students an opportunity to do something different and apply the skills they learn in their normal core classes."

When asked about why he joined robotics, Jonathan Wollet said, "I like building things and I thought it would be pretty cool and be a fun experience." When Wollet was asked how robotics has been helpful, he said, "Well, I think it really enables your critical thinking."

Another student, Tallen Jones, said in answer to why he joined robotics, "Well, I joined it because I wanted to hang out with my friends more; that would be pretty interesting."

The Robotics class continues to evolve and provides students with innovative learning opportunities.

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Homecoming was special night at CHS by Rylee Land

Crestview High School's homecoming took place on September 28, 2024. Homecoming this year was a very special experience for many new high school students and upperclassmen.

For example, Ava Bucey is a junior at Crestview Local Schools and for Bucey homecoming was a very special night: "This year's homecoming was very special to me because I am now an upperclassman and it feels different knowing my time is almost up. I have started to have more and more fun because it truly does go very fast. The after-party and time before homecoming holds a very special place in my heart. Being able to make memories with my best friends and my date was something so special I will never forget. Before homecoming, my date and I ate dinner, and he also bought me a necklace that I liked so I could wear it to the dance and have it forever. The after-party was extremely special because I have met so many new people this year I never expected to get close with and seeing them all there made me realize how special life truly is. The amount of laughs shared was very special."

Although homecoming was special to some, it may not be for all. For example, when Aubrey Peel was asked if homecoming was special this year she states, "No, nothing special."

Many high school students including Emery Matheny said that she would rate this year's homecoming a 10 out of 10.

Homecoming is an incredible experience that all high school students should have the chance to experience. Based on multiple Crestview High School students, no matter the grade, homecoming is a recommended event to all who choose to attend.



Kline builds connections with CMS cheerleaders by Olivia Lombardo

Surprisingly, there is only one new fall sports coach this year at Crestview Middle School. That coach is Carly Kline, for middle school cheerleading. From interviewing some of the cheerleaders, they seem to really enjoy her as a coach.

Kline is not a Crestview alumnus, so she says that it is really different from where she went to school and it is difficult to relearn everything.

She has been a coach for two years but she has never been a middle/high school coach, only for Little Rebels.

Team captains Rylee Land, Lauren Ward, and Lily Wilcox all said that they really enjoy her being a coach, and that she is very organized for it being her first time as a coach.

Meya Miller loves her coach and thinks she's always on top of things. Cassidee Buckley says that Kline is very organized and "she knows what to do when we are not paying attention." Buckley says that this year is better because the girls that deserved to make the team made it because there were cuts and that the dance that they learned this year looks cleaner.

Karoline McGrath says that it is really hard to learn all of the cheers that they learn and do them all for games. She really enjoys Kline as a coach and she says that she does a very good job with the team.

Kline says that she enjoys coaching and the biggest part of that is the team she coaches. But sometimes it's difficult because it is middle school girls with drama, but it seems like she hasn't had that much trouble with it yet.

So far it seems that Kline has not had any problems with drama or the team and it also seems like the team really enjoys her as a coach.

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8th graders strengthen high school band and choir by Isabelle Buckley and Emmalee Owens

Crestview Local Schools offered 8th graders the opportunity to join high school band and choir. So far, they seem to enjoy it and are flourishing. The band director, Eric Bable, and the choir director, Brady Amerson, both stated they don't have a problem with the 8th graders, and actually believe they are a great addition. Most students agree that band and choir are enjoyable, despite them being with high school students. A choir student, Cassidee Buckley, stated that high school choir is not much different than 7th grade choir.

Band on the other hand, is quite different, according to Bable: "I think middle school band is much more like your typical class where you worry about it mostly during school. Obviously, we would like people to play their instrument at home a little bit, but we know how much that happens. In high school band, it's almost more like a extracurricular activity and a class because we do a lot of stuff during the school day, but we also have a lot of after school events as well."

The Crestview choir is full of so much potential. Amerson stated that he believes every single one of his students in the high school choir have potential to be a great singer. Another student, Lily Wilcox, says that she enjoys choir because everyone wants to be there, so there's less yelling. Wilcox stated she joined choir because she thought it would be fun. Meya Miller did 7th grade band, but joined choir because she wanted to do it with friends. One of the choir students, Izabella Dermotta, is in both

the marching band and high school choir. She joined choir for the high school credits, which will get her two credits to start her freshman year.

Dermotta stated there is a clear reason why she enjoys choir: "I get to sing with other people, and all the songs are pretty nice."

The Crestview High School Band has shown great improvement since the 8th grade joined high school. The majority of the 8th graders agree that they truly enjoy being in the high school band. Bable explains how regular class or events are not very difficult because the students understand that they have to be responsible now that they are in a high school class and not a middle school class.

Bable states, "The expectation is the 8th graders are taking a high school class and so they are not treated any differently than we would treat a junior or senior."

These 8th grade students have taken on great responsibility since joining high school band and have continued to work hard at each one of their football games since band camp. Lauren Hutira is an 8th grade member of the high school band and plays the bass drum. She explains what her experience of band camp was like.

"It was a lot of work - definitely a lot of work - but it was also really fun. Lot's of walking, I will say it was painful and I slept for like about

twenty hours when we got home. I had a lot of fun and I think I learned a lot of stuff that I didn't before just marching and even music and stuff like that," explains Hutira.

Both the marching band and the high school choir have improved tremendously since the 8th grade addition. The 8th graders enjoy both classes and don't regret joining them. Each student earns a single high school credit in either class. At Crestview, every student is required to earn 22 credits to graduate; these 8th graders will have some credits before they even start their freshman year. Most will agree the high school band and choir are already amazing, but the 8th graders add even more potential for upcoming events.



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Construction underway on new building by Emmalee Owens

Crestview has started building its new and improved school. The new school will combine both the Elementary and the already conjoined High School and Middle Schools. The construction workers have been hard at work in order to get the school done by the set year, which is 2027. Most of the people involved in the new school agree that they are satisfied with the process of the construction. Superintendent Dan Hill supervises the construction and all of the plans for Crestview's future school.

Hill states that everything has been going as planned: "The construction is going along at the rate -since we've been approved - that it should. The approval process just took us a lot longer to get approved by the state of Ohio, but the actual speed of the construction, yes, they've stayed on schedule and we're happy with that."

Hill explained how they have not had many difficulties but rather just a few underground utilities that needed to be taken care of. He also says that the best way to keep everything going smoothly is to make sure that everyone understands what needs to be completed and just generally informing people of the plan so that no mistakes are made.

"All of the schematic design has already been completed, so we know what we are getting. So in other words, all of the excavation

is ready to start today. So they can go out there and start pouring the footers and the concrete. It's just a matter of aligning those different subcontractors to do their job," said Hill.

Alan Unkefer, a site planning engineer, who has worked with the company building the school for only a year, explains what a work day during school hours looks like: "We try to be quiet as much as possible to not interrupt any classes and stuff. We kind of coordinate as much as we can to try to keep the noise down, but obviously it can be difficult when we have bigger, larger equipment going on," said Unkefer.

The new school will bring all the different grades into one area going from Pre-K all the way to 12th grade. The students will get an extended learning area to work specifically on work from other classes, but this doesn't include the other great options the new school gives the students to help with their learning.

Unkefer explains what it's like working with his colleagues on the project of Crestview's new school building: "Great! We have a good team; they're just excited and energetic to get this thing going and get this thing out of the ground. Great community out here, it's been great to work with."

All the people involved in the building of Crestview's new school believe it's going well and hope for it to continue in that direction. Overall, the new school building is under great progress.

8th graders excel in Algebra 1 class by Isabelle Buckley

At Crestview Local Schools, you are required to earn 22 credits to graduate. In 8th grade, there are three classes you can take to earn those credits: Choir, Marching Band, and Algebra 1. Toward the end of 7th grade, all students take a placement test. If they do well enough, they are put into the Algebra 1 class, instead of 8th grade math. Three students, Tori Griffith, Daniel Novak, and Robert Birchler, all stated they enjoyed this class, and all were decently confident they were going to pass the placement test.

Griffith states she enjoys the class, but says it is difficult to be in a class with all freshmen, though she likes her classmates. Novak states he finds the class fun, though he says he believes the class is hard. He also likes his classmates, despite them being freshmen. Birchler says he enjoys learning something that isn't easy, but also states it's harder. All of the students have one more thing in common: they all like the teacher of Algebra 1, Mrs. Randi Kubas.

"Yeah she's nice; she's really smart, too," Birchler states.

Kubas is a first-time Algebra 1 teacher. She used to teach 8th grade STEM, so she had no problem with having 8th graders in her class. Kubas says she is always so impressed with some of their higher-end thinking and questions, saying their contributions to class are "a good shock! So I do think they are more thoughtful."

There are still ways to earn high school credits as an 8th grader if you don't pass the placement test. The High School Band and High School Choir classes also give high school credits. The 8th graders in this class will have a high school credit before they start their freshman year, leaving 21 left to go before graduation in four years.

Volcanoes in STEM by Ryker Jones and Cazlyn Spalding

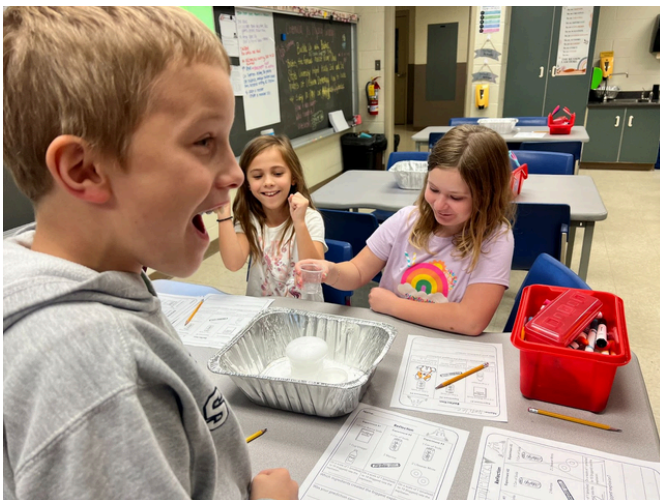
Eruptions everywhere! Students in Mrs. Beebout's STEM classes were able to create their own type of volcano.

After reading the book, *My Mouth is a Volcano*, students learned not to interrupt. Students completed an experiment with toothpaste and learned that you cannot get all the toothpaste back into a tube, just like you can't take back the words you say. Many students were able to put this connection together right away and really liked the "cute little toothpaste bottles!"

Next came the science! Students were asked to make a hypothesis to test which ingredients would make the largest eruption. Students learned that when they mix baking soda and vinegar together, it erupts! This also helped introduce the idea of physical and chemical changes because the solid of baking soda mixed with the liquid of vinegar created a gas- carbon dioxide!

Another favorite part of the experiment was watching the carbon dioxide blow up a balloon by just putting the ingredients into a water bottle and a balloon on top.

Overall, students learned how to work together and how to go through the scientific process in a fun and hands-on way!



Start with Hello by Mikaylah Haynie, Madelyn Neff, and Claire Smith

Sometimes all it takes is just saying hello! This past September, students at Crestview Elementary celebrated Start with Hello Week. Start with hello week is a nationwide event to help kids connect with each other at school and reduce social isolation.

This started because of the Sandy Hook Promise. The Sandy Hook Promise is a non-profit organization focused on empowering young people to create unity in their schools. Mrs Demster, the CES counselor helped make this week come true.

For Mrs.Demster, she feels the best part is All the different ways the students come up with ideas she had never thought of before. She also loves seeing how students talk and interact with one another! On Wednesday, September 18th, nearly all students and staff members wore green to symbolize that everyone belongs!



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Safety Day by Allie Newton and Piper Wiery

On October 8th, students at Crestview Elementary learned so much more than just stop, drop, and roll thanks to many emergency responders who showed up to create a fun and educational safety day..

The emergency responders from New Waterford and Columbiana that came to CES were very excited to teach the students how to keep themselves safe during a serious situation. Some of the situations taught were what to do if they were in a building that was on fire, being aware of your surroundings, and even just knowing what a smoke detector sounds like. The students were very happy to listen!

Students were also gifted with a goodie bag from the fire department and sheriff hat and cape from the police officers. Students from Pre-K to 4th grade could be seen proudly wearing these throughout the halls!

Sirens could be heard all over and students learned that when they hear this, not to be afraid, but how to react in a safe and calm manner.

Fun was definitely had for all ages during Safety Day at CES!



Spirit Week at CES by Devon Bach, Jude Holmes, and Carter Oates

Spirit walked through the halls of Crestview Elementary! During the week of September 23rd, students at Crestview Elementary participated in spirit week to celebrate hopefully winning the Homecoming football game.

Many different themes were celebrated. The theme days were pajama day, wearing blue to support Leukodystrophy Awareness, dressing up as princesses and superheroes, wearing western gear, and of course showing Rebel Pride.

Some of the students' favorite days are pajama day because they like being comfy and cozy and wearing rebel gear because everyone can participate with black and gold!

Not only do the students like to participate to show school spirit, but so do the teachers and principal! Mrs. Lemaster likes to dress up because she loves seeing the spirit school wide!

Luckily, the spirit helped to support our varsity football team because they ended up winning with a score of 57-7 against Brookfield.

Athlete Breakfast with Second Grade by Jagger Bogerd and Stella Dickey

Special autographs and breakfast with some of Crestview's very own athletes happened for the second graders at CES. On Friday, September 13th, 2024, the second graders ate a delicious breakfast in the elementary cafeteria with the fall sport athletes.

At the breakfast, the students were offered donuts, fruit, yogurt, french toast sticks, milk or juice. The yogurt was made to look like candy corn and many students thought it tasted delicious

The football athletes that were there were: Jameson English, Max Hawkins, Luke Julian, Jaden Kimball, Chase Nelson, and Josh Dragovich. The volleyball Athletes were: Lydia Campbell, Abbey Emch, Alli Howell, Natalie Blakeman, Abby Boyarko, Jayden Scheller, and Aubrey Unkefer. The athletes for girls soccer were: Alexa Dicross, Trista Griffth, Ameila Blower, Marissa Smith, and Kiersten Burton. For boys soccer we had: Asher Moore, Brendan Dolan, Jacob Wainwright, and Braden Devine. We had one golfer, Peyton Conkle. For the band we had: Evan Neff, Marina Benner, Mason Cowan, Brayden Ensell, and Braden Devine.

Overall, the second graders loved having the older students there. The athletes were great role models for the second graders because they showed them what teamwork and dedication is all about. There Were a lot of smiles, laughs and autographs handed out!

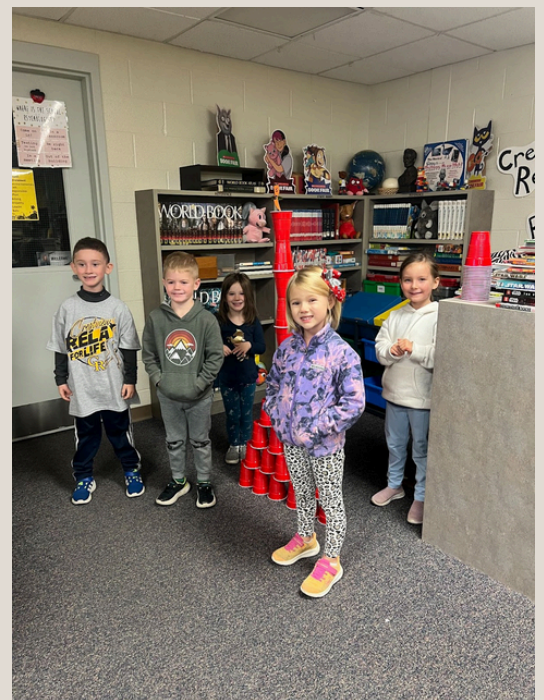


Relay for Life by Jaxon Guy and Paisley Harvey

Everyone K-12 teamed up for a good cause on Friday, October 18th. Students pre-K- 12 participated in Relay for Life at Crestview. Relay for life is when the whole entire school does multiple activities to raise money for those affected by cancer. This to honor or recognize people who had or have cancer.

Some of the activities included for this year were kickball, walking laps at the track ,a fall scavenger hunt, a stem activity,and the most important is when all students created a card to go to a child at Akron Children's Hospital. Here, students made their own card to encourage children with cancer to keep battling!

Though it is a very serious subject, students were able to help raise money to support cancer research by buying t-shirts and participating in the activities.



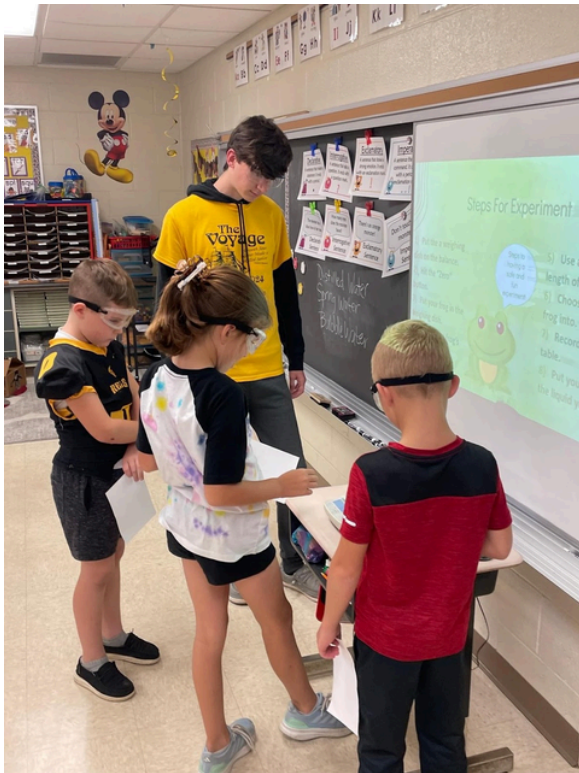
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Chemistry with 2nd Grade by Brooklynn Birnesser and Tenley Menning

In September, high schoolers in Mrs. Kotel's chemistry class got the chance to teach Mrs. Shaffer's second graders a little chemistry by teaching them about matter.

In Mrs. Shaffer's classroom, the students learned so much! They learned how to use a scale to weigh plastic frogs, how to use a ruler to measure the frogs, a little more about the states of matter and most importantly, they learned that they want to do more experiments!

Up next, the second graders head to the high school the end of this month to do an experiment in their lab! They will be doing experiments each month this year with the Chemistry class.

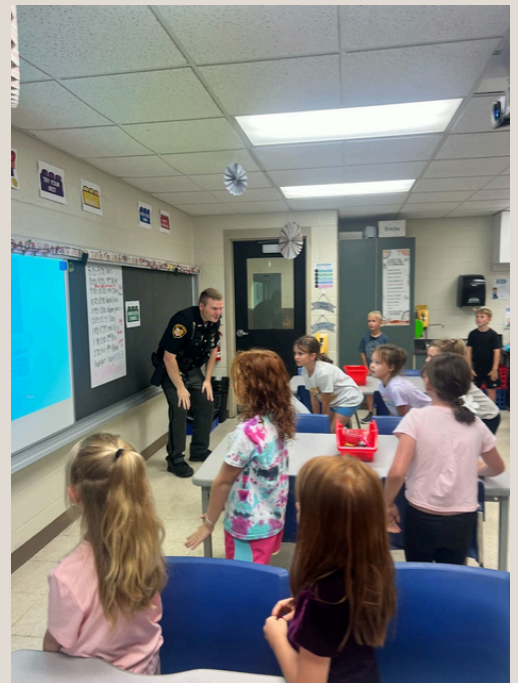


Buckle Up with Brutus Visits Crestview by the Fourth Grade Rebel Writers

This past September, Brutus, the famous mascot from The Ohio State University helped teach the 2nd and 3rd graders at Crestview Elementary how to buckle up safely when riding in a car.

Officer Walker, Officer Rob, and Mrs. Beebout, the STEM and ExCel teacher, taught each second and third grade student how to be safer in a car. Thanks to the curriculum developed by The Ohio State University, students were able to get a hands-on experience with seatbelt safety. Each student did a little dance to help them remember how to buckle up the correct way.

There was also a demonstration done with plastic eggs that showed what would happen if someone was not buckled up correctly. Students learned that sitting in the back is best and if they are under 4'9, then a booster seat is needed!



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