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COVINGTON EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Highlights from the Elementary

By Josh Long, ES Principal

Elementary Christmas Program: On Wednesday, Dec 11, our 4th and 5th grade students will present their musical entitled “A Pirate Christmas”. The story is about a group of elves on vacation who happen to run into a group of scurvy pirates. The pirates then learn from the elves the meaning of Christmas and what it means to give to others. We are excited to see what Ms. Allen and our students have in store for us! Please come out and join us at 7pm in the K8 Gym.

Principal’s Breakfast: We had our 1st quarter Principal’s Breakfast on November 6, 2024. One hundred twenty-six students in grades 3-5, earned the opportunity to come to the cafeteria during the first period and eat some yummy donuts.

We do this at the end of each quarter for our students that receive all A’s or all A’s and B’s. Please encourage your students to try to make this a goal for themselves at the end of next quarter. We would love to provide donuts for all students in grades 3-5.

BEST Skating Party and More: Our elementary students received their awards from our annual



BEST walk-a-thon. The highlight of the awards was the skate party at Skate 36 Club on November 14.

Thank you to our BEST organization for all your support. The money raised from our walk-a-thon sponsors many student centered activities throughout the year, which include great field trips for our students. So far this year our BEST has helped sponsor trips to Sunwatch Indian Village, Brumbaugh Fruit Farms, and Cox Arboretum MetroPark. There are more field trips to come along with an educational assembly in the spring.



CHS Music Upcoming Events

By Jessica Moore, Music Teacher

The Winter Concert for MS & HS bands and choirs will take place on the evening of Thursday December 12th at 7 PM in the Covington High School Gym.

Looking ahead, we will be participating in the OMEA Concert Band Contest at Versailles High School on March 7th. There will be a Spaghetti Supper Showcase on Tuesday March 18th. 6th Grade Band, 7th Grade Band, and High School instrumental solos/ensembles, Middle School, and High School Choirs will all be featured.



CHS Fall News

By Bridgit Kerber, HS Principal

CHS has had a busy and productive fall season! Between athletic excellence and academic achievement, our school community has much to be thankful for heading into the holidays!

We've had an outstanding fall sports season, seeing successes and progress on the field, court, and greens at both the league, regional, district and state levels! We also celebrated our Band of Bucc Pride and their State Superior recognition. The FFA has earned several accolades at the national level, and our clubs and organizations have served the community in a variety of ways already.

It's been a smooth start to the school year, with early parent teacher conferences to accommodate early interventions in academics. Students and staff alike are gearing up for the culmination of our semester with a return to semester exams, which we have not conducted since before COVID. In our constant desire to raise the bar for our Buccaneers, exams seemed like an obvious need. Helping students prepare for these high stakes tests are excellent preparation for whatever our students do next, whether they go to college, work or career, since we all know that a little bit of pressure can be a good thing. Parents and students should have received more information regarding the exam schedule from the weekly newsletter, but if there are any questions, please direct them to the HS office.

Finally, as we wrap up this quarter, it is a pleasure to have

recognized our students for so many outstanding achievements, but it is also the day to day interactions that make this a great place to work and learn.

For our honor roll and principal's list students, there was a special donut breakfast, and our students are recognizing each other for their daily contributions to our school community through the Bucc of the Week program, where they can nominate friends, classmates, and staff for going above and beyond. By fostering a spirit of gratitude in our students, we see the return in a safe, supportive, and encouraging environment where everyone matters. I'm so grateful to be a Buccaneer for life!

Middle School Holds Mental Health Day

By Michael Treon,
MS Principal

CMS's Mental Health Day, held last month for our 7th and 8th graders, was a huge success! Students rotated through stations hearing about coping skills and healthy relationship dynamics while also partaking in physical activities like yoga, line dancing, and blowing bubbles!



Good Study Skills

By Laura Ayres and Nicole Crawford



Good study skills are important for doing well in school. The CHS Guidance Department is working hard to help students study successfully.

Here are a few tips to help you get started: One helpful tip is to manage your time wisely. Make a schedule that includes study time and short breaks to stay focused and avoid getting tired. Break big tasks into smaller ones so they feel easier to handle. Setting goals for each study session can help you stay on track and feel good about what you've accomplished. Using a planner or an app to organize homework, tests, and projects can also make it easier to stay on top of your work.

Another way to study better is by being active in your learning. Instead of just reading or highlighting, try explaining what you've learned to someone else or summarizing it in your own words. Writing notes, asking questions, and using flashcards can also help you remember more. It's important to study in a quiet, clean space where you can focus without distractions. Trying different methods, like practicing with old tests or studying with friends, can help you find what works best for you. With a little planning and effort, you can make studying easier and more effective.

FFA Happenings

By Christopher Deaton, FFA Student Officer

As 2024-2025 FFA kicks off, FFA members are gearing up for a jam-packed season filled with diverse and exciting competitions. From public speaking and food science to livestock and equine judging, students are preparing to showcase their skills and leadership abilities across a range of agricultural fields. With events taking place from December to March, FFA members are ready to represent their school with pride.

State Parliamentary Procedure – December 7th

The novice team secured a spot at the State Parliamentary Procedure event on December 7th, a major achievement considering that only two teams from each district were selected. This is the first time Covington made the state contest and they placed in the top ten! In this event, students will demonstrate their knowledge of parliamentary procedure, including motions, debates, and the management of meetings. This event highlights the importance of teamwork and effective communication, valuable skills for any future leader.

Food Science CDE – December 17th

On December 17th, FFA students will compete in the Food Science Career Development Event (CDE). Participants will take an online exam testing their knowledge of food science and evaluate various food products to determine their differences in quality and processing. This event gives students a chance to explore the science behind food production and food safety, vital topics for the growing food industry.

Ag Sales CDE – February 20th

In February, FFA members will participate in the Ag Sales CDE. Teams of four will demonstrate their understanding of the professional sales process, including customer relations, advertising, telephone skills, and product displays. Competitors will also present a sales pitch for an agricultural product, complete an exam, and provide a project summary. This event offers students practical skills that are essential in agriculture-related sales and marketing careers.

Public Speaking CDE – February 6th

On February 6th, FFA members with a talent for public speaking will compete in one of four divisions. The Public Speaking CDE challenges students to craft and deliver a speech on a range of agricultural topics. Competitors will be judged on content, delivery, and audience engagement, giving them the opportunity to develop their communication skills—an invaluable asset in both agricultural and professional settings.

State Degrees and Proficiency Awards – State Convention

In January, FFA members will submit a detailed application showcasing their achievements in areas such as agricultural education, leadership, and community involvement. These prestigious awards recognize the dedication and hard work of top FFA members, marking a significant milestone in their FFA careers.

State Ag Science Fair – Begins in December

FFA students interested in agricultural science will begin preparing for the State Ag Science Fair, which starts gathering information in December and runs until early spring. Students can choose to submit their agricultural experiments to the state, where they'll have the opportunity to present their research and innovations to a broader audience. This event encourages students to engage in scientific research and contribute to the future of agriculture.

National Chapter Application – Coming Soon

In addition to the various competitions, FFA chapters will begin submitting their National Chapter Applications. These applications recognize chapters that excel in member engagement, chapter operations, and community service. Submitting a National Chapter Application provides an opportunity for chapters to gain national recognition for their hard work and impact.



A Message from the Superintendent

By Dr. Joseph Hoelzle, Superintendent

As we move into the holiday season, the Covington Exempted Village School district would like to express our gratitude for the generous support the community consistently provides to the schools. Critical support came last month with the renewal of our income tax. This revenue, and its continued renewal for the last two decades, has been instrumental in ensuring the financial stability of the schools and demonstrates our communities' investment in them. Because of this, the board of education, administration, staff, and students wish to communicate a giant "THANK YOU!" to the community.

In the new year, the school district is excited to move forward with plans to improve in the maintenance and appearance of our track and stadium. Twenty-five years ago, the school district invested and installed an all-weather track at the Smith Field with great community support. This coming summer, we plan on repaving and repairing any damaged portions of the aging track, rebuilding the press box, and installing new fencing and a new entry gate. I believe that these will be projects the community can be proud of for years to come.

As always, if you have suggestions about how the school district can improve, have questions about how things are going, or just want to talk, I am here to listen. You can call the board office at 937-473-2249 or email me at hoelzlej@covingtonk12.org and I would be pleased to set up a meeting with you.

Go BUCCS!

New Staff Spotlight—Dana Roskey

MS & HS Engineering Teacher



My name is Mrs. Dana Roskey. I have taught for 8 years varying from science to project based learning in medical and engineering fields. Before teaching, I have spent time in various industries and bring those employability skills and evaluations to my classroom preparing students for the workforce.

Currently at Covington we are offering a new exciting pathway: engineering. This pathway utilizes the Project Lead The Way (PLTW) curriculum providing students with a comprehensive foundation in engineering principles through hands-on learning and problem solving.

In the *Design and Modeling* course students develop their creativity and technical skills by designing solutions to real world problems using computer-aided design (CAD) software. The *Robotics and Automation* course introduces students to the principles of automation, robotics systems, and programming, where they build and program robots to perform tasks. Lastly, the *Introduction to Engineering* course lays the groundwork for understanding the various fields of engineering, focusing on problem-solving, teamwork, and the application of engineering concepts to real-world challenges.

THANKS FOR ASKING!

I have a question about the Covington Schools or a suggestion for improving the schools.

Name: _____ Address: _____

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