



# Crawfordsville Community School Corporation The Athenian Oracle

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## CCSC accepts recognition of Marzano High Reliability School

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation was recently recognized at the National High Reliability Schools Summit in San Antonio, Texas,

for achieving Level 1 Certification in the Marzano High Reliability Schools (HRS) framework. This recognition highlights the unwavering commitment to creating a safe, supportive, and collaborative learning environment for all students.

Level 1 Certification signifies that CCSC schools have established a strong foundation of safe and collaborative cultures, ensuring that students, teachers, and staff thrive in a structured and supportive academic setting.

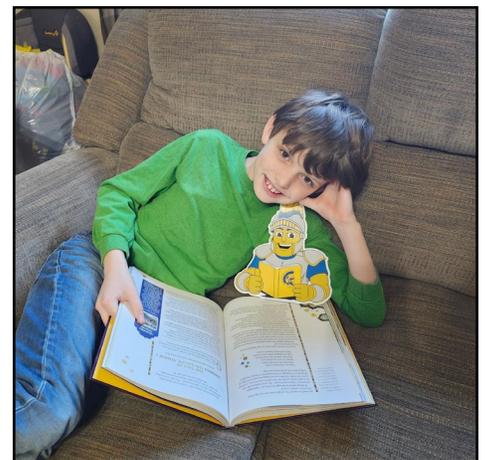


partners. We will continue our journey toward excellence by striving for higher levels of certification, further enhancing the quality of education in our district.

We thank our students, families, and community for their ongoing support in making Crawfordsville Community Schools a model of educational excellence.

Together, we will continue to provide the best possible learning experiences for all of our students!

Recognition as a Level 1 certified school district reflects the hard work and dedication of our educators, staff, students, parents, and community



## Students challenged to Read with Alexander

Hose and Nicholson Elementary students were challenged to read and bring along school mascot, Alexander, while doing it! Each student was given a paper Alexander to pose with and were encouraged to share the pictures on social media and send to their classroom teacher. See more pictures on page 9.



## Nicholson awards quarter two Noble Knights

Congratulations to the newest Nicholson Noble Knights who were officially knighted for their hard work and leadership. Noble Knights for quarter two include: Bailey Hornsby, Marcos Cervantes, Larissa Sanchez Mancilla, Kohl Ferati, Emma Bell, Enrique Sanchez Nunez, Naksh Patel, Daphne Jimenez, Yanelys Blandon Sanchez, Camila Cesar-Hernandez, Daisy Luna, Erik Cifuentes,

Kayleigh Romero, Angela DeAnda Morales, Ainslee Golladay, Ben Grimes, Zoe Collins, Rosabella Houston, Jordyn Watson, Brooklyn Fruits, Ford Villines Harper Hubble, Ingrid Seiferman, Jackson Perry, Charlie Cosby, Alex Hutchison, Harper Runyon, Amyra Keller, Laekyn Jennings, Greyson George, Cam Schlote, Henry Figueroa, Raelyn Millburg, Aubrey Pruett, Maverick Larsh, and Dorian Baker.



## Great turnout for CCSC elementary Family Game Night

The cafeteria and gymnasium were bustling with families who went to Hoover Elementary for the CCSC Elementary Schools' Family Game Night organized by the CCSC Title I Team.

Families enjoyed bowling and corn hole in the gym and a wide variety of board and card games in the cafeteria and classrooms. There was also popcorn and other snacks to enjoy during the fun night.

Random prize drawings took place for a chance win a board game to take home for continued family game night fun.

Thanks to Hoover Elementary for hosting the event and to the Title I Team for organizing.





## Hoover gives to Riley

The Hoover Elementary Student Council hosted a family movie night and raised \$375 for Riley Hospital for Children. Students held a prize drawing and sold snacks for the free movie night.



## Nicholson Music Club performs for school board

The Nicholson Elementary Music Club was invited to perform for the January school board meeting to showcase Nicholson's first year of music club which meets weekly. The group sang "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" with words by Robert Frost and music by Lowell Prescott.



## Spelling champ crowned

Congratulations to Hoover Elementary Spelling Bowl Champion, Adelay Miranda, right, and Runner-up Graham Petrie.



## Hoover Science Bowl competes

Congratulations to the Hoover Elementary Science Bowl team who placed 12th in their state-wide division.



# Sugar Creek Classic champs!

Congratulations to the junior varsity and varsity boys' basketball teams as they both are the 2025 Sugar Creek Classic Champions. For the varsity, this marks the 6th time CHS has claimed the championship title.



## SECTIONAL CHAMPS

*CHS girls swim team also claims final SAC champion title*

The girls swimming and diving team is the 2025 IHSAA Sectional Champions for the second year in a row! They ended the meet with 462 points ahead of North Montgomery who had 378 points.

The team is also the Sagamore Athletic Conference Champions for the first time since 2019 making them the final champions of the Sagamore Athletic Conference as we know it. Congratulations, Athenians!

# Wrestling team successful in post season

*Team 2nd place at Sectionals,  
2 Sectional Champions,  
9 to Regionals,  
4 to Semi-State*

Congratulations to the wrestling team who has had a successful post-season run. The Athenians finished second at Sectionals as a team behind Zionsville while individually both Braden Hites and Landon Vaught were Sectional Champions.

In addition to Hites and Vaught, seven individuals advanced from Sectionals to Regionals including Taiga Koyanagi, Carols Gutierrez, Armando Munoz, Blayze Robbins, Aiden Hutchison, Jaziel Gil-Herrera, and Keegan Cokel.

From Regionals, four advance to Semi-State which include those pictured on the right, Vaught, Hites, Koyanagi, and Hutchison. They will compete at semi-state this weekend at New Castle.



Top Left: Landon Vaught, top right: Braeden Hites, bottom left: Taiga Koyanagi, and bottom right: Aiden Hutchison all advanced to semi-state after their success at Regionals.



# CHS bowling teams finish great season

*Campbell White is Semi-State Champion*

The Crawfordsville High School bowling teams have had great success this year. Leading both teams is Campbell White who is the girls Semi-State Champion. Prior to Regionals, White earned the title of Sectional Champion after finishing first out of 32 bowlers.

Teammate, Lizzie Ellingwood, finished third place and also advanced to Regionals with White.

Individually for the boys, Aiden Stephenson advanced to Regionals placing third out of 42 bowlers, Lincoln Sheets was 7th place, and William Gobel finished in 8th place.

Both teams advanced to regionals after the girls won 2nd place in the Wabash Valley South Sectional and the boys finished in first place in their sectional.





## Blue Illusions receive Sportsmanship Award

Congratulations to the Crawfordsville Blue Illusions who were awarded the Sportsmanship Award from the Homestead High School dance competition. A sportsmanship award is given at each regular season competition voted on by the IHSDTA coaches. Blue Illusions will now become a nominee for the coveted statewide Sportsmanship of the Year award.

## Coach Motz receives District K Coach of the Year

Crawfordsville High School head baseball coach, Brett Motz, was honored with the 2024 District K Coach of the Year award at the Indiana High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame Banquet in January. Several of the baseball coaching staff were at the banquet to see Coach Motz receive this award. District K includes the schools in Montgomery, Boone, Hendricks, Clinton and Hamilton counties.



# IHSAA highlights CHS exemplary behavior



JV boys basketball team

IHSAA officials have recently noticed great sportsmanship and characteristics from our student athletes at various events and awarded them with the Exemplary Behavior award. Top photo is the JV boys' basketball team who was recognized for their politeness throughout the game and for continuing to play hard against a tough opponent even when the score wasn't in their favor.

Marie Hesler, pictured with Athletic Director Bryce Barton was noticed for supporting and consoling a swim competitor who was upset following their race.

Melanie Dowd was noticed for great sportsmanship when she stepped away from her relay



Marie Hesler and Athletic Director Barton



CHS swimmer Melanie Dowd

to give a North freshman an encouraging hug as they prepared to swim against each other.



# CHS Athenian Way Awards Announced

Crawfordsville High School has announced the quarter two Athenian Way Award winners demonstrating Respect, Kindness, Engagement, Pride, and Grit.

**Jazmen Russell** (Nominated by Tom Perkins): After a successful volleyball season, Jazmen suffered a season-ending labrum injury during wrestling season. She opted to, and had, surgery which will repair the damage and allow her to resume her Athenian athletics participation. Throughout the whole process, Jazmen has been a warrior and is determined to come back better than ever. There's no "woe is me" in her. Despite being in a cumbersome arm sling, she is still pleasant and working to maintain her academic excellence. Through it all, Jazmen has shown true Athenian GRIT and I cheerfully nominate her for this award.

**Art Hart** (Nominated by Jon Tebbe): Art has continued to strive to be better in band each day. First semester of this year Art worked hard to be more INVOLVED in the day-to-day activities of the program. He has shown a new found PRIDE in his playing that has shown on many occasions. Art stays engaged by asking for help when needed and asking thoughtful questions, demonstrating his determination and GRIT. He shows a strong desire to be in class each day and I am tremendously proud of his growth as a person and a musician. Outside of rehearsal he has

demonstrated KINDNESS and RESPECT towards me and fellow classmates that clearly shows how much he has grown! In my opinion Art has become a great model of the Athenian Way and I am proud to nominate him!

**Shayla Ingram** (Nominated by Jordan Chandler): I am nominating Shayla Ingram because of her dedication to making a positive impact here at CHS. She is highly involved in multiple clubs, holding key leadership positions in a few of them. While being heavily involved in clubs and activities, she still manages a 4.0 GPA. She does all of these things while maintaining a positive attitude and a smile on her face. I have only known Shayla for a short time, but in that time, I have learned that Shayla is a very creative and kind individual and brings a lot of great ideas to our BC2M Club. She also designed our BC2M T-shirts and was elected to be on the BC2M Indiana Teen Advocacy Board. Shayla also stays after club dismissal to ensure things are cleaned up. Shayla's determination and dedication are truly inspiring.

**Marcus Rogers** (Nominated by Jenny Veatch): I was in the hallway and as Marcus passed by another student he could tell the student was having a bad day and was upset. Marcus stopped, turned around and went up to ask him if he was doing ok and what he could do to help him. I don't see those simple acts of kindness

very often in the hallways, especially by a teenage boy. I had no idea who Marcus was, but I made sure to find out.

**Amanda Ellenberger** (Nominated by Charissa Ajayi): I am honored to nominate Amanda Ellenberger for the Athenian Way Award. Having had the privilege of working closely with Amanda, I can confidently say that she exemplifies the core values of the Athenian Way! At the heart of Amanda's character is her kindness. She goes out of her way to help others, whether by offering a listening ear to a friend, providing assistance with a difficult assignment, or simply brightening someone's day with a kind word... or a Snickers bar! Her genuine compassion and empathy create an atmosphere of support and encouragement, and her actions make a real difference in the lives of those around her. I love how Amanda consistently demonstrates deep respect for everyone she interacts with. She listens attentively to others' opinions, values differing perspectives, and always treats others with kindness and dignity. If that's not enough to push Amanda to the top of the nomination list... I can keep going. Another of Amanda's most admirable qualities is her unwavering grit. She tackles challenges head-on and never backs down from a difficult task. Amanda maintains a determined and positive attitude, encouraging others to

persevere alongside her. Whether she is working on a class project, participating in extracurricular activities, or supporting her peers, Amanda approaches each task with dedication and a strong sense of personal responsibility. Amanda exudes the qualities that the Athenian Way Award seeks to recognize. Her unwavering pride in her work, deep respect for others, unshakable grit, and boundless kindness make her an exceptional individual who truly enriches the lives of those around her. I can think of no one more deserving of this honor than Amanda, and I wholeheartedly recommend her for the Athenian Way Award.

**Brooklyn Crew** (Nominated by Edward Siefertman): Brooklyn worked as hard if not harder than any other student during the 1st Semester, and deserves whatever academic success she had in my class! She not only did everything asked of her, but went "above & beyond," and would often find additional practice problems on the Internet, and work through those. Brooklyn persevered, and asked questions, when she didn't understand the material. She always participates in group discussions, and isn't afraid to raise her hand and be "wrong." In addition, she is exceedingly polite! Brooklyn always goes out of her way to greet me as she enters the room, and makes a point to say "goodbye," and wishes me a good rest of the day, as she leaves

my room.

**Roxanna Shahan** (Nominated by Amanda Ellenberger): Roxanna has shown so much growth in the last year. She is kind and respectful to me. She has helped me with multiple activities and projects and expects nothing in return. I enjoyed her in class so much. I know she will continue to do well!

**Marie Hesler** (Nominated by Brandy Franklin): I am nominating Marie for her positive attitude and academic excellence in the Pre-Nursing Program. Marie does an exceptional job in her clinical skills. She is not afraid to jump in where needed and shows much care and compassion for our residents while always having a smile on her face. It is obvious that she takes pride not only in her clinical work but also in her academics as well. She maintains one of the highest grades in class, finishing semester one with a 99%. Marie is also a member of the CHS Swim team and I have much respect for a student who puts in a swim practice before coming to clinicals and still giving her best effort. I am thankful to have Marie in my class as she is a leader and is a positive influence for her peers.

**Ava Pettit** (Nominated by Shelley Clouser): Ava is an excellent example of the Athenian Way. She is a hard worker, and always tries her best. Ava takes pride in her work; even when things are difficult she demonstrates that she has GRIT. She has a laughter that is contagious and is ALWAYS kind to others. I am very proud of Ava and her accomplishments at CHS!

**Cohen McClamroch** (Nominated by Craig Carrell): Cohen demonstrates The Athenian Way in Algebra 2. Cohen takes great Pride in his work. He is respectful and willing to answer questions during lessons. Cohen is always helping other students in class. Cohen is a pleasure to have in class and demonstrates The Athenian Way!

**Cohen McClamroch** (Nominated by Jenny Sims): Cohen is the embodiment of "The Athenian Way." From the classroom to the athletic fields

he gives 100% all the time. In this day and age it is rare to meet a truly selfless individual. That is Cohen. I have had the honor to observe this young man both in and out of the classroom over the last three years. His commitment to his studies and the integrity and grit which he displays on the field is truly inspirational. He is not a flashy athlete desiring the spotlight and all the praise, but is the humble, solid backbone of his teams, leading with a quiet strength that speaks volumes. He sets the bar high, constantly sacrificing for the team's good, whether physically or through unselfish play. I have never seen this young man lose his composure. Even when injured he is there supporting his teammates. He is a dedicated member of his school, involved in additional activities, and is always polite to everyone. It is for these and countless more that I nominate him for this award. I know that these qualities will serve him well in whatever he chooses to do.

**Josmary Sanchez Huesca** (Nominated by Craig Carrell): Josmary has done really well in Geometry this year. She is willing to ask questions when she doesn't understand something. She takes great pride in her work. She is willing to come before and after class to seek guidance on her Geometry problems, true GRIT! Josmary, during classwork, will help other students and demonstrate to them how to solve problems. Josmary demonstrates The Athenian Way!

**Emma Buser** (Nominated by Brayden Montgomery): I am proud to nominate Emma for "The Athenian Way" this quarter. Emma is one of the most kind and respectful students I've had. She takes great pride in her academic work by asking questions and collaborating with others. She challenges herself by taking AP classes, participating in extracurriculars, and finding time to run 5Ks. It's been a joy having Emma in my class and she deserves to be recognized for all of her hard work! Keep it up Emma!

**Ayden Saunders** (Nominated by Ryan Hall): This semester is the first semester that I have had Ayden in class since his sophomore year. He has become a mature, responsible, and respectful student. Proud of you Ayden and can't wait to see you walk across that CHS stage!!

**Jaxon VanBibber** (Nominated by Brett Motz): Jaxon has been a consistent hard worker in Specialized Physical Education. He takes pride in working to the best of his ability every day. He has the ability to improve the performance of his workout partner through his example. Jaxon sets goals for himself and works toward accomplishing those goals even through illness or temporary setbacks. He has done a great job of setting himself up for success through consistent hard work and perseverance in my class.

**Samantha Rivera** (Nominated by Brandy Franklin): I have watched Samantha grow exponentially in the Pre-Nursing Program. While this class might present some challenges, she listens and continues to persevere. She is a hard worker and truly wants to do her best. Samantha is outspoken and kind. I consistently see her sharing with others and giving compliments to her peers. This is Samantha's first year at CHS and while being a new student can be very difficult, she has taken on that challenge and does not give up. She is a friend to others, even students from other schools that we have in class. I am proud of her hard work and the way she pushes herself to succeed. Samantha is enlisting in the armed forces after high school which is another example of her character and grit. Samantha is deserving of this award and I hope that it encourages her to continue to work hard. Super proud of her!

**Gabe Elizondo** (Nominated by Jay Strickland): Gabe follows The Athenian Way on a daily basis at CHS. He demonstrates a positive attitude while being kind and respectful of teachers and classmates. He attends events, participates in activities and athletics. He is respected by

his teachers and classmates for the respect he shows everyone at CHS and for the kindness he shows others. He also continues to work hard to build his own baking business and provides baked goods for staff, students and at CHS events. I have enjoyed getting to know Gabe and look forward to him continuing to promote The Athenian Way and make positive contributions to our school.

**Ian Stewart** (Nominated by Lisa Warren): I am nominating Ian Stewart for his long involvement in the Crawfordsville Theater Program. Addams Family marks Ian's 7th production while attending Crawfordsville Schools. Ian takes great pride in each production he is a part of and always looks forward to the next one. Every year I present Ian with new challenges and he always meets the expectation. He shows great responsibility and independence by using our canvas course and checking emails along with staying on top of our rehearsal schedule and practice videos. Ian is one of the most dedicated students I have ever worked with. When not performing he always attends the other school productions to support his friends. I have seen so much growth over the years and his confidence continues to soar. I am so proud of Ian and I am grateful I was given the opportunity to work with him on so many productions.

**Aiden French** (Nominated by Lucy Garing): Aiden demonstrates the Athenian Way on a daily basis. He is extremely hard working. While others may view basic PE as a stepping stone to specialized PE, Aiden doesn't. He shows up to class each day absorbing all the knowledge he can while giving us 110%. He is respectful to his classmates and teachers. During our difficult workouts in class, he demonstrates GRIT by persevering and pushing himself to better his athletic ability, while cheering on classmates. He is a great student and athlete! I am very proud of him and how he overcomes obstacles while keeping a smile on his face! Way to go French!

# Read with Alexander Challenge!

We have loved seeing your photos during the "Read with Alexander Challenge!"  
Keep up the great work reading!

