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Crestview busing makes successful transition
by Claire Crable

The 2025-2026 school year has brought a sudden change to Crestview busing. Due to all Crestview campuses starting class at the same time, all grades K-12 are following the same bus schedule. This change is affecting many bus drivers, teachers, and students.

Crestview transportation supervisor, Annette Vanhorn states, “I know the concern for most people is gonna be the high school kids being on the bus with the elementary kids, but we do keep them separated.”

Vanhorn believes the reason behind the change was very beneficial.

“The reason behind the change was because here when the school is finished, we will be one campus, and the students and staff need time to adjust to this change; also, financially it is a save,” said Vanhorn.

Vanhorn believes that this change will be a little challenging for students, but they will quickly adjust.

Vanhorn states, “It's a curveball, but if you’re a ball player, you will hit it out of the park.”



Crestview recently opened a new athletic complex. Photo credit: Aaron Blatch

Athletic facility open to students
by Callie Harvey

Crestview is excited to announce the opening of the new athletic facility. This facility is definitely something that you should go see. There are so many new features already built as well as a new entrance for football games that is being worked on right now.

I got to speak with the Athletic Director Casey Bogerd. Bogerd was polite enough to offer me a tour of the facility. The facility waiting room/board offices are very sleek and well-designed. The board offices are on one side of the entrance area, and the other side is the receptionist and the waiting area.

The next stop we took was the football locker room that has been used by the players. I was also shown where the athletic trainer will be. Then we went through another door and saw the turf. The turf is about thirty yards of room for practices and other events.

Next we went up some steps and it brought us to the weight room. It is decked out with weights and machines. Varsity football coach Dominic Perry was teaching a weight lifting class while we were there, and they were all being very productive. Bogerd explained to me that his favorite part is the view from the weight lifting room overlooking the turf.

Overall, this facility is definitely an important part of the school’s remodeling.

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Construction of new building underway
by Jackson Yoho

Progress on the new Crestview Local School building is underway and still on schedule. The new school should be ready for middle and high school students to move in after next year's Christmas break. An exact date is not known, but we do know the month that 5th-12th graders are moving in: January 2027.

Progress on the new school is going well, as administrators and architects are now picking out what the inside of the school would look like.

Superintendent Daniel Hill says, "We are designing the inside of the school...we were picking out colors of paint, what the furniture will look like, and flooring samples were reviewed."

On the way of building the new school some problems have occurred but not many.

Hill says, "At first, when they first started the construction, we had a little bit of delay because of the weather because last winter was pretty wet and cold...But, I was excited to see the students sign the beam that's going in the new school."

Along with problems comes benefits. Hill explains what to expect in the new school.

Hill says, "I think it's going to make the most up-to-date learning spaces for classrooms... that are probably never seen before and will allow them to collaborate with other classrooms. So in math class we'll have an easier opportunity to collaborate on a project with science."

As the new school gets built, the more excited the Crestview community gets.

Percussion section shines at competition
by Caleb Juillerat

The Crestview High School band recently competed at the Columbiana Band Show, with the percussion section winning first place.

Band director Eric Bable feels like this was a good accomplishment and he is very pleased with the percussion section.

"They were very locked-in and focused," Bable said.

Bable attributes the band's success to its skill and showmanship. He knows it will be a difficult task to accomplish again; however, Bable believes the band will be up for the challenge.

"Knowing the band, they have already started working on the next thing to top last year's performance, but it's going to be more difficult because every other band is going to be working to top their performances," Bable said.

The band will do very well next year and hopefully get first place again.



Members of the Crestview percussion section.
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Seniors prepare for next step
by Jazzlyn Anderson

Members of the Crestview class of 2026 are taking many steps and approaches to get ready to enter the real world. Many of the seniors have the same thing to accomplish after senior year.

For example, Lilli Neese said, “I would like to go to college to be a veterinarian.”

Senior Nathan Hoprich also looks forward to college after the school year is over.

He said, “I would like to go to college for mechanical engineering.”

Hoprich is going to succeed after high school by going to college and doing well.

Another senior, Milton Scott, plans to go to college as well. He said he plans to “go to college for engineering.” He is ready to be out of school and be successful when school is out and when he goes to college.

Senior Ava Bucey plans to major in nursing, and she will be involved with a lot of things in college. She said she wants to “go into nursing because the nurses were nice to me every time I would go to the nurses, so that's why I want to be a nurse”.

Bucey feels good about graduating this year. She is ready to go to college and be a nurse.

Senior Tyler Savage is very excited to graduate; he also wants to go to college.

He said, “I want to go to college to get a degree, and work hard to get the job that I want.”

However, Savage will miss hanging out with his friends in math class.

Overall, Neese, Hoprich, Scott, Bucey, and Savage all want to move forward, go to college and prepare for their careers.



The varsity football team prepares to run out to the field on Senior Night.
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Students adjust to new phone law
by Karlisle Miller

The Ohio “House Bill 250" phone law has been implemented at Crestview school district this year. Middle school principal Tim Pancake concluded that the law has had positive results and that students are more focused while in school without phones.

“I think it’s had a positive effect on our culture and has cut down on students' discipline from the beginning of the day to the end of the day,” Pancake said.

With this new phone law, Pancake thinks behavior has improved since the law has been enacted. The law also leads to fewer arguments between students and problems causing less discipline.

“I think they are most focused across the board because there is no ‘what did you post to your Instagram or I saw this here, I saw that there,’” Pancake states.

Some students at Crestview Middle School have some responses about this and have some concerns on this topic, such as the dangers, socializing, and school work.

“Students aren't able to talk to their friends (through their phones) and socialize more now,” 8th grader Clinton Anderson said.

“I think it’s good in some ways, but in other ways it can be kind of dangerous for emergencies,” 8th grader Brandon Tray states.

“It definitely has made it harder to do school work sometimes without being able to communicate as easily,” 8th grader Tarynn McCowin said.

It will be interesting to see how this law continues to impact education and students throughout the school year.

Rebel freshmen thrive in high school
by Chance Maier

New curriculum. High school sports and marching band. Worrying about GPA’s. The added stress of stricter classes. Going from middle school to high school presents many challenges. However, the freshmen of Crestview High School seem to be adjusting smoothly.

Crestview freshmen have various opinions on the strictness of their new classes. Freshman Victoria Griffith believes high school classes give you more freedom: “The teachers kind of let you do what you want” as long as work is getting done.

However, freshman Jamie Melott believes the classes are a lot more difficult: “They’re definitely a lot more strict, and they’re a lot shorter,” referring to the classes’ length.

Besides all the stress going from middle school to high school gives you, there’s really not much to worry about. Freshman Isabelle Buckley says “It’s no different than going from grade to grade.”

When asked how high school is different, freshman Nola Compton responded, “You have the freedom to be in charge of how your work gets done, and when it gets done.”

The freshmen offer advice for upcoming freshmen: Buckley says, “Get a good amount of sleep because you’re going to need it a lot more than you think you will.”

Compton responds, "Don't be so nervous about it at first because it’ll be okay. You’ll adjust quicker than you think.”

Melott says, "Don't overthink it. It’s pretty much the same thing as middle school.”

Griffith states, “Stay organized and don't think you’re better than everyone else.”

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Principal Profile: Tim Pancake
by Ezra Olsen

For the last few years, students at Crestview Middle School have had Timothy Pancake as a principal, but not many know what his background is.

“I worked for my dad’s business, Pancake Lawn Co,” Pancake said.

From there, Pancake attended college at Mount Union University in Alliance. Soon after, he began his teaching career.

“I started teaching in 2008; I taught 4th grade at Alliance School,” he said.

“My very first year at Crestview was in the middle of COVID; I have been working here for seven years in total.”

“Overall, this is my tenth year as an administrator. Whether it be special education direction, assistant principal, elementary teacher, and now middle school principal for the last 3 years.”

Pancake has thrived in his role as Crestview’s Middle School principal.

“My favorite thing about being a principal is building positive relationships with students and staff,” Pancake stated.

Crestview Middle School students and staff are happy that Pancake's path led him here.

7th graders offered new opportunities
by Adelyn Hutmacher

Students in 7th grade are looking forward to new athletic and extracurricular opportunities. 7th graders get to join robotics and move on from youth sports to a more competitive version of the sport they play.

Students this year seem to enjoy the new opportunities they have. Two students in robotics, Caleb Wiery and Carter Krawchyk, say they both enjoy being able to participate in robotics.

Sportswise, athletes in 7th grade are enjoying being able to play for the school and take their sport more seriously.

Football player Quran Smith says he enjoys playing football and believes he’s doing well this season. When asked about how youth football is different from football this year, Smith says, “You finally get to play for the school.”

Laura Rotnem, a new student at Crestview and a cheerleader, said she enjoys being on the cheer team for Cresview. When asked about the differences between 7th grade and youth cheerleading, Rotnem responded, “I used to do competitive cheerleading, so we had more practices.”

Volleyball player Charlie Louk’s response to the question “What has been the biggest challenge of 7th grade volleyball?” is “Being able to work with everyone”. Louk also said that she enjoys playing volleyball this season.

7th graders are exposed to these great new athletic and extracurricular activities and are looking forward to them.

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Crestview welcomes new staff
by June Gentry

With the start of the 2025-2026 school year, Crestview has welcomed several new staff members: Mr. Daniel Dougherty, Mr. Robert Wiery, Ms. Megan Shaffer, and Mrs. Alannah Smith. They were all interviewed to get their thoughts on Crestview.

7th Grade Social Studies Teacher
Daniel Dougherty

Q: What are your thoughts on how Crestview is run?
A: “I think Crestview is run really well. I’m impressed with all the moving parts and I think everyone involved does really well.”

Q: How did you end up at Crestview?
A: “I was lucky an opportunity came up and I was very excited.”

Q: What are your thoughts on the people you work with?
A: “I think there’s great teachers here and the seventh grade team has been very welcoming.”

Q: How has your first month been at Crestview?
A: “The first month’s been fun, the students have been great to work with, and I’m looking forward to the rest of the year.”

Q: Describe your teaching background prior to this job, if any.
A: “I taught for eight years at Lowellville.”

Q: Is there anything else you would like to say?
A: “Thank you everyone for the warm welcome.”

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School Counselor
Alannah Smith

Q: What are your thoughts on how Crestview is run?
A: “I think it is run with a ‘kids first’ mentality from the top down, and I love that about this school.”

Q: How did you end up at Crestview?
A: “Well, I was at Southern Local for the last four years and the job position came available and I decided to apply because it was closer to home, and then I have been here for college fairs before, and I always said I would love to work there some day.”

Q: What are your thoughts on the people you work with?
A: “I love everyone here, they are all so nice and have been really welcoming. They’ve all had their hand in getting me through the first week of school and I have been very grateful.”

Q: How has your first month been at Crestview?
A: “It’s been very busy and also wonderful. I’ve been getting to know the kids more and they have all been welcoming.”

Q: Describe your teaching background prior to this job, if any.
A: “I was a mental health counselor since 2016 and throughout that time I’ve worked with a lot of kids at schools. Being in the school environment and being in schools made me realize how important the adults are this time in childhood and I wanted to be one of those important adults.”

Q: Is there anything else you would like to say?
A: “I am so excited to be part of the Crestview family.”

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Crestview welcomes new staff (cont.)

2nd Grade Teacher
Megan Shaffer

Q: What are your thoughts on how Crestview is run?
A: “I think Crestview is run with a lot of pride, tradition, and care for both students and staff. You can feel that it’s a place where people genuinely want the best for one another, and that makes it really special. Crestview is one big family; my family!”

Q: How did you end up at Crestview?
A: “Crestview has always been my dream school. My experience through Crestview as a student, the incredible staff, supportive administration, truly wonderful community, and most incredible students made my decision very easy. When the opportunity opened up—especially since it was the position my mom held for so many years—it felt like everything lined up perfectly. It’s truly full circle for me. There is no place I would rather be. I am so lucky to call Crestview my home.”

Q: What are your thoughts on the people you work with?
A: “The people I work with are incredible. They’ve been so welcoming, kind, and supportive, helping me greatly as a first-year teacher. It feels more like a family than just coworkers, which makes coming to school every day really enjoyable.”

Q: How has your first month been at Crestview?
A: “My first month has been exciting, busy, and full of learning (for both the kiddos and myself!) I have had multiple ‘pinch me’ moments, as this really is my dream come true! It’s been such a joy to build relationships with my students. The students are the ‘why’ behind it all! I feel grateful every day to walk into this school as a teacher.”

Q: Describe your teaching background prior to this job, if any.
A: “My education experience started back when I was a high school student at Crestview. I was a part of a “work study” program my senior year, where I would help one of Crestview’s kindergarten teachers with everyday activities. After graduating from Crestview in 2021, I attended Youngstown State University. I graduated this past May from YSU with a bachelor’s degree in Primary Education. Through my time at YSU, I had plenty of education placements in Youngstown City Schools, Southern Local, and Crestview. While working toward my degree, I was employed by Crestview as a substitute teacher. I worked at Crestview as a sub all four years of my college experience. This is my first year as a teacher; my first official teaching job.”

Q: Is there anything else you would like to say?
A: “I am so proud to be teaching at my alma mater. Crestview shaped me into the person I am today. I am beyond lucky to call Crestview my forever home!”

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Crestview welcomes new staff (cont.)

Government Teacher
Robert Wiery

Q: What are your thoughts on how Crestview is run?
A: “A month into school I have to say that this school runs very efficiently. Everything we do seems to have a designed purpose and is executed. From administration to teachers and support staff, all the way down to students everybody knows what they are doing and we do it well.”

Q: How did you end up at Crestview?
A: “Crestview was a district that I had always heard incredible things about but I didn’t go to Crestview or really know anyone that attended here. I interviewed at Crestview several years ago while still working at Chaney High School. I unfortunately didn’t get the job the first time around, so when the opportunity to interview here again presented itself I was extremely excited for the opportunity to join this district.”

Q: What are your thoughts on the people you work with?
A: “I am still trying to meet everyone and have not yet done so to date. However, I have to say that everyone has been very welcoming and very supportive. Every question that I have needed answered has been answered. Everything that I have needed has been delivered. I can seriously say that up to this point everyone that I’ve interacted with has been great.”

Q: How has your first month been at Crestview?
A: “My first month at Crestview has legitimately been great. From my co-workers to the students in my classroom. Students have come into my classroom and have done everything I have asked them to do and have done it well. I cannot be happier with each and every student!”

Q: Describe your teaching background prior to this job, if any.
A: “I spent the first five years of my teaching career at Stambaugh Charter School in Youngstown, OH. There I taught 7th and 8th grade social studies. After there I got the opportunity to teach literally right down the road at Chaney High School, also in Youngstown, Ohio where I taught American Government, along with electives like African-American studies and Psychology. I spent eight years at Chaney and made many lasting memories and met coworkers that I can now truly call friends.”

Q: Is there anything else you would like to say?
A: “I am proud to be a Rebel! I can't wait for what comes ahead here at Crestview Local Schools and I hope to be here for a very long time! As a teacher in the classroom I really LOVE what I do. I enjoy developing every student in my classroom and teaching them about the government and about themselves.”

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Crestview celebrates Teachers of the Month
by Judah Birchler

This month's “Teachers of the Month” are sixth grade Language Arts teacher Diane Campbell and high school English teacher Sabrina Weber. Campbell worked at the elementary for two years and then moved to the middle school and has now been teaching here at the middle school for five years. Weber has worked at the high school for two years.

Diane Campbell

Q: “How did you first initially feel when you received the reward?”
A: “I felt happy, and I thought it was sweet they voted for me.”

Q: “Do you feel like you connect with your students?”
A: “I try to every year.”

Q: "Do you have any ways you try to connect with your students, like through activities?”
A: “I don't try through activities really; I talk to them and learn different things about them.”

Q: “Did you ever think you would get this reward?”
A: “I didn't expect it.”

Q: “Would you like to add anything else?”
A: “I thank the kids who voted for me; they're pretty great.”





Teachers of the Month - Diane Campbell and Sabrina Weber
Photo Credit: Claire Crable

Sabrina Weber

Q: “How did you first initially feel when you received the reward?”
A: “I was really shocked. I didn't think that that was something I would be getting, especially like the first month of school.”

Q: “Do you feel like you connect with your students?”
A: “I do - I love teaching, so I feel like this is kind of my calling, and I feel like I try to go out of my way to connect.”

Q: “Do you have any ways you try to connect with your students, like through activities?”
A: “I do tend to do a lot of ‘getting to know you’ sort of things. I just feel like it's more important that I get to know my kids and they get to know me as well.”

Q: “What is your proudest achievement this year and why?”
A: “I guess I wanted to make some sort of impact and I feel like I can do that as a teacher.”

Q: “Why did you decide to become a teacher?”
A: “I graduated high school and went straight into college wanting to be a teacher, and as soon is I got out of college, I got my first teaching job.”

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8th graders enhance high school band
by Lyla Seddon

Crestview 8th graders have the option to participate in the marching band and get to be in the halftime shows as well as being in parades and competitions. Band director Eric Bable, who has taught at Crestview for 13 years, believes that combining the 8th graders and the high schoolers for band is a good idea, even if it provides some challenges.

When asked if he liked having the middle school and the high school bands combined he replied, “Yes, but it also presents challenges because of sports, and high school schedules all line up, but the middle school schedules are not lined up the same way.”

Bable also likes the way the band times are set up.

When asked if he would rather teach the grades at different times he stated, “It’s absolutely fine as we have it now. It would be more difficult for the 8th graders in the marching band; I like how it is now.”

8th grader Kaegan Zohnd plays the trumpet and likes being in the band because he gets to make friends that are older than him.

When Zohnd was asked why he wanted to join the band, he responded with, “I like playing my instrument.”

Abigail Chizmar, one of the band's mellophone players that has been playing since she was in 5th grade, also had some positive opinions on being an 8th grader in the high school band. Chizmar was asked for her opinion about playing with the high schoolers and her response was “Sometimes it can be challenging, but sometimes it's interesting.”

When Chizmar was presented with the question of would she rather play with just the 8th graders instead or keep playing with the high schoolers she responded with “I like playing with the high schoolers; it’s more fun.”

Another 8th grader, Ezri Jones, is one of the band’s trumpet players. She fully believes she will continue playing in the band. Jones said that she also prefers playing with the high school students.

Overall, the 8th graders have been a great addition to the high school band.

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Band excels in parade
by Adalee McQuistion

This year the Crestview band won first place in the Columbiana Parade. Many students have said the parade was a great experience and they were very excited that they won. Some students have said that even though band gets hard and they want to give up sometimes, they still love doing it.

Band director Eric Bable says that they do a total of five concerts a year, but this is the first time they won first place!

8th grader Kaegan Zhond says, “I’ve been doing band since 5th grade, and I really like it because of all my friends.”

The band is wonderful and we all hope for them to succeed in music throughout the rest of their careers.







The band performs at a recent halftime show. Photo Credit: Crestview Mom POV/Tisha Collins



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Rebel 5th graders make jump to middle school
by Caitlin Clonch

On a bright sunny morning, the then-4th-now-5th graders of Crestview made their transition to the middle school on August 21st. A few months later, we interviewed them on their opinions about the school so far, with our sample being four students named Jase Carl, Carson Cooper, Hazel Cope, and Paislee Miller.

When asked about their current opinions on the school so far, some of the kids responded with things like “it’s fun” or “it’s exciting”, while others said it’s harder than elementary school.

Once they were asked about how the teachers made them feel, everyone gave positive responses; they all said they felt like they were comfortable here and that the teachers were making learning fun for them.

After being asked about how the school environment made them feel, everyone said that they felt really comfortable with where they were; Cooper even cited that he felt like he knew most of the people here, if not almost everyone.

The school year came with many changes, but the 5th graders have been adapting well. We hope for the rest of the year to progress smoothly with minimal bumps in the road.



5th graders work in Mr. Mealy’s class. Photo Credit: Aaron Blatch

8th graders visit CCCTC
by Helen Garwood

8th graders at Crestview Middle School had the opportunity to visit the Columbiana County Career and Technical Center in Lisbon, Ohio on October 2nd. The trip went very well and definitely helped pave the way for students to have new opportunities at the Career Center. Students enjoyed the trip and most plan to attend in later years.

A few students gave feedback on their career paths and different perspectives of the Career Center.

Chloe Houk was asked why she wanted to go to the Career Center for Health Academy. She states, “I’ve always wanted to work in the doctor field.”

Kameren Beltempo was asked what class he wanted to take. He says, “Auto Collision Repair.”

Some students had very different subjects they wanted to go for. Jordan Neff states “Precision Machining;” on the other hand, Angelina Yates says “Criminal Justice.”

All students were very happy and excited after the trip, talking about everything they wanted to go for and other options. There are lots of different classes for students with different interests and likes. The Career Center is overall a great school and can give many students opportunities for success.

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Rhodes chooses Fairfield
by Karlisle Miller

After a long recruiting process, Crestview basketball senior Addison Rhodes has made a college decision. Rhodes had decided to continue her academic and athletic career at Fairfield University. Her other options were Duquesne, Youngstown State, and UMass. Rhodes states that the recruiting process is stressful.

“Its been a little stressful, but I'm glad it's over now,” Rhodes said.

Rhodes chose Fairfield as her final decision due to the coaching and the people in the environment at Fairfield. People who helped Rhodes get to her decision were her family and people who Rhodes is close with. Rhodes states that his decision was easier due to the people.

“The people there are awesome, and I think that made a big impact too. The people on the team, like you could tell that they cared about each other and the coaching staff was awesome, and you could really tell that they push each other to get better and just the environment that it has that helped me make this decision easier,” states Rhodes.

Rhodes is going into Fairfield undecided on her major. Rhodes is thinking about business or sports management. Rhodes has stated that the recruiting experience has been enjoyable.

“It’s been awesome honestly just to see everything and getting to meet new people, meet new coaches and see new programs and a lot of stuff,” states Rhodes.

Crestview head coach Aaron Blatch is very proud of Rhodes for her achievements. Blatch states she is an awesome player and is a fun teammate to play with and coach.

“She’s a very vocal player and she is a good example for the girls and is a very hard worker...It was really fun to see her grow as a leader and a person and her work ethic is amazing,” states Blatch.



Addison Rhodes knocks down a 3-pointer vs. Springfield.
Photo credit: Joel Hively



Rhodes handles the ball vs. Liberty.
Photo credit: Joel Hively

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Varsity football earns accolades
by Nolan Collins

The Crestview varsity football team is currently ranked second in Region 21, a result of its 8-0 record to start the season.

The season so far is perfect, as we are excelling and beating lots of teams. Head coach Dominic Perry said, “The season is going well, and we faced challenges, but we were successful in the end.”

According to Perry, the strongest opponent they have faced was Liberty. That game resulted in a 27-21 come-from-behind Rebel win.

Additionally, the coach stated that senior quarterback Jake Noling is currently the best offensive player on the team. Noling currently has 1134 passing yards, 12 passing touchdowns, 63 completions on 100 attempts, 1 interception, and 162.0 yards per game.

Perry said the hardest thing about coaching is the challenging experience of games and the stressful situations. He mentioned that the best aspect of coaching high school football is the relationships you build with players.



The Rebel offensive line prepares for a play.
Photo Credit: Crestview Mom POV/Tisha Collins

CMS football continues to improve
by Claire Crable

The 2025 Crestview middle school football team has had a solid start to their season. The team's record currently sits at 2-2-1 with wins over Western Reserve and Liberty. The team also suffered two losses to South Range and Brookfield. The middle school team also fought against Southeast and closed it in a draw. The team has welcomed many new players this season.

Tight end/linebacker Mason McGinnis states, “We welcome new players just by saying we could always use another body on the field and we also treat them with respect hoping they do the same in return.”

Quarterback Wyatt Wise says, “We get out of a losing slump by staying focused and positive towards each other."

The team is looking to improve and continue their hard work.



Middle school Rebels combine to make a tackle.
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Noling reflects on his journey, senior season
by Karoline McGrath

Every beginning carries the weight of the end. For Crestview quarterback Jake Noling, his senior year isn't just about football; it's about everything the game has demanded of him, and everything it has given back. Behind the stadium lights and highlight plays are the silent battles no one else could see: the mornings when his body ached too much to move, the nights when self-doubt whispered louder than the crowd ever did, and the never-ending hours when quitting would have been easier than lacing cleats up again for the same pain. Yet he stayed. He stayed because football isn't just a game; it became the mirror that showed him who he was becoming and who he was meant to be. But now, Noling steps onto the field with the knowledge that every play is more than a statistic. It is a piece of his story, a reminder that greatness is not measured by trophies and championships, but by the strength it takes to rise, again and again, when no one is watching.

From throwing the football with his father in the backyard to throwing touchdowns under Friday night lights, Noling's success has always been fueled by his father's support.

"My dad has been my biggest inspiration; I always wanted to be like him when I grew up. I model my life around him. He's the reason I want to play sports, even though he didn't play football; he's been there for me the entire way ."

Being a team leader is one of Noling's main characteristics. While he serves as a role model for underclassmen, he sets a tone that encourages his teammates when they doubt themselves. Noling reflects on his football journey: "It's crazy, I'm a senior now, and I felt like the youngest kid there as a freshman. Now the time has flown by, and I'm the leader of my team, and that's the biggest step."

Noling also mentioned, "Being a leader 100% pressures you because you have to go out there and perform every night with your expectations held high, while also leading your team. I have to show everyone that I can guide them."

However, being a leader does mean you are going to have failures and setbacks. Facing failure means demonstrating to your team how to get back up and come back stronger each time.

In addition to setbacks, Noling states, "My freshman year, as I was working as a freshman trying to make my way up to varsity, I suffered a season-ending injury around week three. I broke my ankle, tore ligaments up my leg, causing my growth plate in my knee to fracture as well. While this was hard to deal with, it also made me realize how quickly things can be taken away from you, and how I cannot take things like football for granted because my season was taken away so fast."

Additionally, during his freshman offseason, he recovered, got healthy, and trained for his sophomore year. He kept a positive outlook and started varsity three weeks into his

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Noling reflects on his journey, senior season (cont.)
by Karoline McGrath

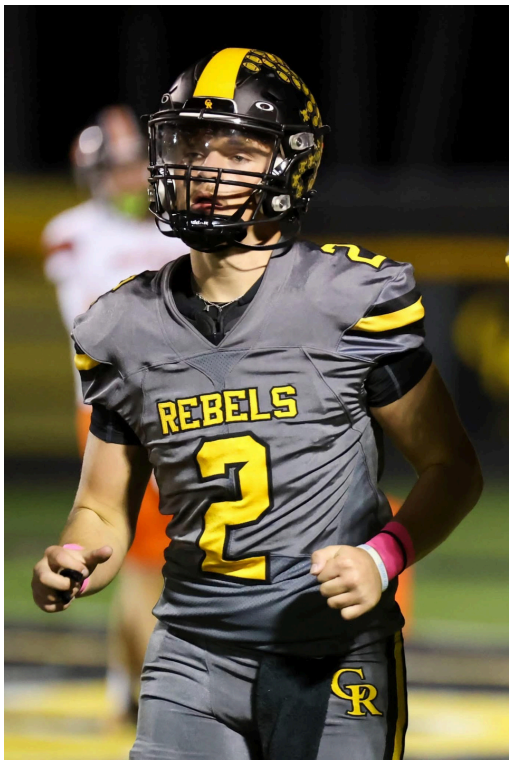
sophomore year. But things took a turn during week four when he dislocated his right shoulder, which happened to be his dominant arm, ending his position as a quarterback. This was devastating to Noling after working so hard to start on varsity. He once again realized how quickly something good can be taken from you, no matter how hard you work, and how important it is to stay healthy and stay optimistic.

And even after all that Noling went through, he is one of Crestview's most impregnable players to step foot on the field.

For Noling, being a senior athlete this year, running onto the football field for one of the last times is a thrill that stretches across years of memories. The stadium lights blinded his eyes, and cold air rushed across him. Suddenly, the world beneath him was only the green turf, and in front of him were the reverberations bouncing off his thoughts. But when they erupt, the echoes are more than cheering; it's a memory of every sacrifice, every early morning practice, every injury, all four summers he gave up, every scraped knee and sore muscle that brought him to this point.

In that rush of adrenaline with his teammates, time feels both fleeting and endless. His heart pounding harder than it ever has, not just with the thrill of the game, but with the weight of the memories he made with these young men. The countless moments they've poured into the sport together, making each other whole; the laughter and tears shared with his teammates, the lessons learned on and off the field. For Jake Noling, each moment cuts straight to the soul because he knows these nights are numbered like a countdown. Everything he dedicated is about to end.

And yet, in that moment, there is pure joy; the joy of being seen, being celebrated, of knowing that he made a mark on this field, on this team, on these people. Adrenaline and emotion collide, and that feeling is too big to contain. It's a rush that will stay with him long after the final whistle, a memory his dad started that will always be etched in his heart.



Senior quarterback Jake Noling has led the Rebels to an undefeated start to the season. Photo Credit: Crestview Mom PTO/Tisha Collins

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Rebel volleyball on the rise
by Brayleigh Meier

Crestview's 2025 varsity volleyball team is off to an undefeated start. Crestview is ranked 59th in Ohio according to Max Preps and 4th in the Division V state poll. In a September 19th win over Southeast, senior Sophia Stewart was celebrated for reaching the 1,000 assist milestone.

The varsity coach, Alisha Auer, who's been coaching at Crestview for 21 years after four years at Walsh University, recently stated, "Our biggest accomplishment this season so far has been staying undefeated."

After Pittsburgh commit Abbey Emch and the 2025 class graduated, this opened up new positions and new opportunities for rising 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029 classes to take on new challenges and difficult games. The Rebels have had no problem with these challenges, with a 15-0 record so far in the 2025 season.

Junior Kerrigan Miller stated, "I'd definitely go back to play with Abbey Emch; playing with her was so much fun and just watching her hit the ball and being able to be a part of that with her was awesome."

However, the Rebels have adjusted and have turned in another excellent season.



Senior Sophia Stewart recently eclipsed 1000 career assists.
Photo Credit: Joel Hively

Middle school volleyball excels
by Jordyn Cibula

The 2025 Crestview middle school volleyball teams are doing incredibly well.

For example the 8th grade team has only lost one game (17-1) and the 7th grade team has only lost four (14-4).

The coaches Diane Campbell and Drew Feren along as the players Madison Kyser and Harper Davidson all say their goal this season is to win the MVAC championship.

Campbell, the 8th grade coach, has been working, "To improve on their skills, work together as a team, and to serve receive."

Feren, the 7th grade coach, said, "In middle school volleyball, it is very important to work on the passing form to work on defense."

Kyser, an 8th grade volleyball player, talks about her favorite part of volleyball: "I really like hitting."

Davidson, a 7th grader, said her favorite thing about volleyball is "enjoying having my friends being on the team and just playing volleyball."



8th grade volleyball players huddle.
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Boys soccer enjoying wins, camaraderie
by Madison Messner

The boys soccer team has done extremely well so far. Though the season still has some time left, the team has been able to win 10 games after a few early losses.

Wyatt Ervin, Corbin Davis, Alex Beveridge, Danny Novak, and Sawyer Zuch have all said they look forward to playing with each other and looking forward to winning more games as the season goes on. Though the team has had some losses, they've been able to bounce back to victory.

Sophomore Sawyer Zuch has had enjoyed the team's camaraderie this season: "Learning to work together has been something that's helped me throughout the season."

Freshman Danny Novak and senior Alex Beveridge lead the team with 17 goals each. The boys were very proud of their season.



Senior AJ Milhoan prepares for a header in a recent game.
Photo Credit: Joel Hively

Novak leads girls soccer team
by Lyla Seddon

Crestview's girls soccer team has overcome a challenging schedule to start the season with a record of 3-10-3. The team currently ranks sixth in the Mahoning Valley Athletic Conference's Grey Tier with a league record of 3-5-1.

The soccer team continues to go strong and play well. The girls have nothing but good things to say about their season so far.

The team's leading goal scorer is junior Isabella Novak, who has nine goals on the season. Novak has played soccer for 10 years.

When asked about her work ethic, Novak said "I work pretty well. I'd give myself a 10/10."

Novak states that she hopes her teammates view her positively: "I think they'd say I'm humble and fun to play with; I'm kind."

Overall, the high school soccer team is doing well and having fun, maintaining the seriousness needed to play well.



Isabella Novak fights for a ball.
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Golf teams have early success
by Madison Messner and Callie Harvey

This season's golf teams have had an amazing and successful year. Some players such as Grant Snyder, Derek Duvall, Dessa Huston, and Elaina Louk have all said they like their team and are excited to finish the season strong. Both teams have done exceptionally well this season.

The boys golf team has done very well this season.

“Yeah, this season has been really good so far. I think my team is doing a great job and I look forward to the season,” says Snyder.

This is also the first year Crestview has had a girls golf team. Even though the team is small, they are making an impact on Crestview history.

Huston stated, “It is amazing playing on a team with all girls.”

This shows that all of the girls are very excited about having a just girls team. The golf season is almost over, so you should try to get out there as soon as you can.



Members of the boys golf team.
Photo Credit: Laura Nappi

Cross country wraps up strong season
by Adelyn Hutmacher

Cross country season has come to an end this year and our runners did amazing. Our varsity cross country team features Kaylie Blakeman, a senior, and Katherine MacKay, a sophomore. Our middle school cross country team features 8th graders Abigail MacKay and Sophia Maurer.

The high school team ran 3.1 mile courses, and the middle school team ran two-mile courses.

On the varsity team, Blakeman had a fastest time of 23:05 and Katherine MacKay had a fastest time of 23:35. On the middle school team, Abigail MacKay had a fastest time of 14:38, and Maurer had a fastest time of 21:16.

When asked what the hardest course was, Blakeman said, “Definitely the Poland one; it was very, very hilly.”

When Abigail Mackay was asked the same question, she responded, “McDonald’s - it's kind of infamous for this part called Billy Goat Hill. It's super steep.”

Both teams did phenomenal this season, and they should be proud of their accomplishments.

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