

Crooksville Exempted Village School District

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### A Note from the Superintendent

Dear Ceramics,

As we reach the end of the first quarter, I am excited to celebrate the incredible start to the school year. Our students have embraced new challenges, showcased their talents, and made remarkable strides in their academic journeys. It is truly inspiring to witness their growth and enthusiasm.

This quarter has been marked by a vibrant return to the classroom, filled with enthusiasm and a renewed commitment to learning. We have continued to expand our programming options which are designed to enhance learning and engagement. Our commitment to providing diverse opportunities for every student is unwavering. These programs not only foster academic excellence but also cultivate essential life skills, preparing our students for success beyond the classroom.

Our partnerships with local organizations continue to flourish, creating valuable resources and experiences for all of our students. Whether through mentorship programs, internships, or community service projects, these collaborations are vital in enriching our educational landscape and connecting our students with our community.

As we move forward, our focus remains on continued growth and improvement. We are dedicated to supporting our educators and staff, who work tirelessly to create a nurturing and effective learning environment. I encourage our families to stay engaged in their child's education. As a whole, your involvement makes a significant difference in our success.

Thank you for your ongoing support to Crooksville Schools. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of our students, and I am excited to see what the rest of the year brings.

Go Ceramics!

Your partner in education,

Kevin Smith



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***Check Out our new website!!***

***<https://www.crooksville.org/>***

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## **High School Principal, Scott Houk**

Crooksville High School is off to an exciting start to the 2024-2025 school year. We have had several college and university representatives meeting with students including Marietta College, West Liberty, and The Ohio State University. The student groups are involved already with Student Council, SPAC, and NHS electing new members. These student groups have already developed homecoming week themes, hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive, and have started several other projects to improve our school community. Mr. Van Meter has started a class to get students certified to become officials and has taken a group of female students to a heavy equipment operators field experience.

### **Congratulations to our Homecoming Attendants for 2024**

**Freshman-** Emma McNeal and Drew Dorsey

**Sophomores-** Alaina Hammer and Garrison McIntyre

**Juniors-** Hannah Sheets and Grayson Houk

**Seniors-** Ryleigh Crooks, Hannah Pease, Angelina Wood and Ryan Miller, Lynkin McCulley, Noah Peck

The teachers have begun Professional Development with Mrs. Barker and are learning the newest instructional methods and how to effectively analyze data. We appreciate the hard work and preparation over the summer to have a great opening for all our students. Congrats to Mr. Antony Dunlap, our band director, for receiving the President's Award from the South East Ohio School Boards Association on September 26th at Logan High School. Thank you, Mr. Dunlap, for always putting in the work and being there for all our students.

### **Upcoming key dates for Crooksville High School**

October 17th- Parent Teacher Conferences 3:00-6:30

October 22nd- Two-hour early dismissal, Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00-4:30

November 6th- MVL Leadership at Zane State

November 8th- Buffalo Campus Sophomore Showcase

November 15th- Mideast Zanesville Sophomore Showcase

## **Director of Operations, Scott Searing**

### **Custodial**

We have two new evening janitors this year and two changes. Mr. Ed Shipley is at our high school and Mr. Ryan Chevalier is at the K-8 building. Ms. Amy Dew has moved to the front of the K-8 while Jimmy Swingle has moved from the high school to the K-8 building.

### **Building Maintenance, Grounds and Safety**

Although we are not directly involved, there is a major project occurring on and around our campus. Sewage is being installed for the neighborhood directly behind our campus. This construction will continue through the month of October.

This Summer we completed two major projects regarding school safety:

- Our impact resistant windows were completed. These are designed to enhance safety for the buildings.
- New entrances were completed at both the High School and K8 Buildings

The Ceramic Sports Complex parking lot was paved and lined and a handicap accessible entrance was added.

### **Food Services**

Lunch menus are posted on our new district website and unlike previous years, can change depending on many factors. We will update these as changes are made. Our goal this year is to expand our offerings to include items that students are excited about while continuing to meet state and federal guidelines for nutrition.

### **Transportation**

We have added additional lighted signs, stop signs and overhead signs for buses, to increase safety for both students and drivers. The district purchased a new van to assist in transporting students due to our evolving programming that has increased the need for vehicles. We have also purchased a new trailer to assist our growing athletic teams and band to transport equipment.

### **Public Stadium Hours Updated**

#### **During the school year:**

*4:30 AM until dusk and closed on the weekends*

#### **During the summer:**

*4:30 AM until 2:00 PM and closed on the weekends*

## Director of Athletics, Mike Fulkerson

As fall sports season is winding down the Athletic Department would like to highlight some of our accomplishments so far this year.

The football program started off the season on fire with 3 wins in a row and have been very competitive in the tough MVL League and won our first MVL game since 2020 against Morgan. The golf team had a good season with Bo White being named All MVL in the league and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the East District Sectionals. Our volleyball team has made great strides since the beginning of the season with wins over Maysville, Philo and Rosecrans and they are working hard to have a nice tournament run. Maelee Collins set a new school digs record with 69 digs in a single game and has broken the digs record for a career. The boys and girls cross country teams have had some great finishes. At the Cambridge Invite which had 38 teams, Hannah Sheets finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the race and the team is peaking late in the season. The MVL championship races will be ran here at Crooksville on October 12th. Come out and support our runners. Good luck to our cross country teams in the upcoming East District Tournament.

We continue to receive so many compliments on our facilities and we should all be very proud. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes and I would personally like to thank everyone involved. The community support during the fall sports season has been remarkable.

## Middle School Principal, Mary Ann Headley

Things are off and running at CMS. I would like to thank each of you for your involvement in your child's education. Your partnership is greatly valued. If at any time you have a need or concern, please feel free to contact me at 740-982-7010 or via email at maryann.headley@crooksville.org. Here are a few things of note as we are rounding out our first quarter of the school year.

**Final Forms Completion:** Please complete the necessary online forms via our Final Forms platform. Timely completion of these forms helps us keep our records updated and ensures that your child is fully prepared for the school year.

**Student Progress Incentives:** We are excited to announce that we are implementing incentives for students who show progress in their reading and math digital programs. We believe that recognizing their achievements will encourage continued growth and enthusiasm for learning.

**Promoting Kindness:** We work daily to create an atmosphere of kindness and respect at our school. Our focus is on doing the right thing, and it's great to know that you reinforce those values at home. Student efforts around our values for behavior and attendance will be rewarded as we will be planning a tiered reward system for use the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks. Look for specifics to come in the near future.

Thank you for your continued support of the Crooksville Middle School staff. We strive to create a positive yet rigorous environment and that takes all of us.

## Elementary Principal, Sharon Nye

Our elementary school is definitely busy and off to a great start this year. Our community night back in August was once again a wonderful opportunity for families to visit our elementary classrooms to meet their child's new teacher and drop off supplies. Kindergarten staggered start proved to be our best schedule yet. We also decided this year to delay entrance screenings/testing on all students grades 1-4 until after our third day of school. This allowed teachers the opportunity to get to know their new students, establish routines, and do some fun activities. It also allowed students to settle back into the routine of coming to school each day without feeling overwhelmed.

Once teachers completed beginning of the year screeners, they were able to use the data to plan for small group and individualized instruction. It wasn't long before teachers had Heggerty Phonemic Awareness, 95% Phonics, Wonders, and REVEAL Math in place.

Grandparents luncheons were held in September and October and once again we were very excited to welcome our grandparents into our school and spend time with their grandchildren in their school day environment.

Throughout the year we will celebrate students who were recognized by their teachers for various character traits. For August/September we celebrated our PAX Leaders as those students showing *Helping Hands* with their classmates.

Our parent teacher conferences will be held Thursday, October 17 and Tuesday, October 22. This is a great opportunity for parents to sit down with their child's teachers to discuss overall progress. Teachers will have valuable data and information to share.

We are also excited to recognize students who have missed only two or fewer days during the first nine weeks of school. Attendance is very important to us as good attendance begins at a very young age. Our goal is to have productive collaborations between family and school. We understand that sickness gets in the way sometimes. However, we need our students present in school in order to not get behind making the progress and gains they need to be successful. A quote that stands out to me is, "Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." ~author unknown

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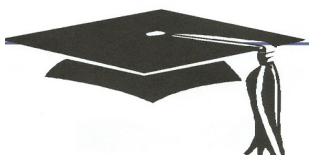
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CHS Seniors—orders for caps and gowns need to be  
placed with Herff Jones no later than December 1,  
2024. Orders may be placed online at Herff Jones  
website: [herffjones.com](http://herffjones.com)



## Mark Your Calendars

October 17	PT Conferences
October 18	No School
October 22	PT Conferences
November 5	No School
November 27	Thanksgiving Break—No School
November 28	Thanksgiving Day—No School
November 29	PT Comp Day—No School
December 2	Thanksgiving Break—No School
December 19	End of Second Grading Period/First Semester
December 20 - January 3	No School Christmas Break
January 6	Return to School
January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day—No School
February 17	Presidents' Day - No School

