

Thank you Crestwood Community for donating nearly \$8,000 for Diablo the K-9 officer. Diablo is an exciting asset to our school district helping to ensure the safety of our students. Help us reach our goal of \$10,000. If you are interested in donating, please make donations to:

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Students Read About the Benefits of K-9 Officers

The third graders read the story Aero and Officer Mike in their reading class. This was an informational text that taught the readers all about K-9 officers. Students learned how these unique officers are trained, when they like to play, and how they are helpful to their community. To wrap up the story Officer Urso and K-9 Officer Diablo came in a spoke with the students. The third graders were able to ask questions and make connections to the story. Students learned how Diablo is impacting our own community of

Mantua, Ohio.

Students shared this new found knowledge through writing. Some students worked on their letter writing skills and others wrote



narratives summarizing their knowledge.

To add a fun twist, some students wrote from Diablo's point of view, such as this letter by Mia:

"Hi, I'm Diablo. I have silk fur, it is chestnut with brown. I work



as a police dog. My owner is Officer Urso. He is very nice. I love to play with my red ball. Officer Urso will throw it, so I can fetch the ball. I train every day. I can sniff out drugs to keep people safe. I am a German Shepard; for fancy I am a K-9. I love being a K-9! I belong to Crestwood Schools."

Students also collected change to help support our new K-9 community dog.

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November Students and Athletes of the Month

Front Row Left to Right: Nikki Nero (12th), Alyssa Campbell (Cheerleading), Lillian Bissell (9th)
Back Row: Adam Atkinson (11th), Terry Brunty (12th), Joshua Morris (10th), Ryan Ambler (Bowling)



CHS Students Visit Haven of Rest

Ms. Spencer's CHS Junior-Senior Seminar students recently had the opportunity to visit the Haven of Rest homeless shelter in Akron. While there, students helped with many areas of this organization, including: preparing the sleeping quarters for overnight clients who need a warm place to sleep; sorting clothes in the clothing donation center; cleaning kitchens and eating areas; and making Christmas cards for those who come to the shelter for a hot meal. The volunteer work that the students do helps support the regular volunteers and offers a brief respite to those who do the work on a daily basis. Additionally, the Christmas cards they made are often the only Christmas cards clients receive during the holidays. The students were also able to donate eleven pounds of new underwear to the clothing center. After volunteering in the morning, students received lunch and a tour of the Haven of Rest. One seminar student said, "It was eye-opening to see that so many people in our area are homeless. It's sad and makes you appreciate all you have."



Third Graders Kindness Ensures Student Receives Gift

A 3rd grade student picked a tag from our giving tree and told her mother that "she just knew it would be left on the tree because of it's cost". So she enlisted five of her friends and all of them contributed to the purchase of the gift.

Board Approves Cuyahoga ESC as New Vendor for 2015-2016 School Year

At the December board meeting the Board elected to sever their long-established relationship with the Portage County Educational Service Center and enter a relationship with the Cuyahoga County Educational Service Center. Superintendent Dave Toth said the switch to Cuyahoga County was made to maximize the districts professional development opportunities for staff as well as maximize the dollars spent with ESC funding. Portage County ESC will continue to service the district until the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

Educational Service Centers have been providing services to districts since their creation in 1914. ESCs provide services including

profesional development for staff, as well as services in special education, technology and administration. State law requires school districts to enter into an agreement with an ESC and allocate \$6.50 per pupil to the ESC. ESCs are funded by both local and state funding.





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Superintendent's Letter . . . New Year Brings New Testing

Dave Toth, Superintendent

Shortly after we begin the New Year, the district and its students will begin our first round of the new statewide tests, the PARCC. The Partnership for Assessment of Reading for College and Careers (PARCC) is comprised of 13 states who collectively developed assessments to measure whether students are on track for success in college and careers. There are some significant changes in testing:

They reflect the new common core standards and assess students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills

There are two assessments: a Performance-Based Assessment and an End-of-Year Exam

The "Reading" test is now the "English Language Arts" test, and incorporates both reading and writing

They are computer-based (however, the district has opted to take the paper/pencil option this year while we continue to prepare our school buildings, staff and students for online assessments for the 2015-2016 school year)

Results will be more timely and comparable to other PARCC states

Students will still take tests in Math and English Language Arts grades 3 through 8. The state has developed tests for science and

social studies, which will be given in grades 4 and 6 (Social Studies) and grades 5 and 8 (Science). These tests also will be computer-based in 2015-2016 school year and will also have a Performance-Based Assessment as well as an End-of-Year Assessment.

Testing schedules for the Middle School and Intermediate School are published in this issue. If you have any questions or would like more information on the assessments, visit the PARCC website at www.parcconline.org, contact your building administrator or contact me at dtoth@crestwoodschools.org.

Happy New Year!

Dave Toth



Superintendent David Toth

Middle School Testing Schedule Sixth Grade

Part I (Performance Based Assessment)	Part II (End of Year Assessment)
English Language Arts: February 18 & 19	English Language Arts: April 21
Math: February 26 & 27	Math: April 24
Social Studies: March 5	Social Studies: May 5

Seventh Grade

Part I (Performance Based Assessment)	Part II (End of Year Assessment)
English Language Arts: February 18 & 19	English Language Arts: April 21
Math: March 3 & 4	Math: April 23

Eighth Grade

Part I (Performance Based Assessment)	Part II (End of Year Assessment)
English Language Arts: February 18 & 19	English Language Arts: April 21
Math & Algebra 1: February 24 & 25	Math & Algebra 1: April 22
Science: March 3	Science: May 5

What are Performance-Based Assessments and End-of-Year Assessments?

Excerpted from PARCC Frequently Asked Questions

Performance-based assessments (PBA) in ELA/literacy and mathematics. All students will take this summative test toward the end of the school year to show what they know.

In ELA/literacy, this will involve analyzing literature and a narrative writing task. Students will read texts and write several pieces to demonstrate they can read and understand sufficiently complex texts independently; write effectively when using and analyzing sources; and build and communicate knowledge by integrating, comparing and synthesizing ideas.

In math, students will be asked to solve problems involving the key knowledge and skills for their grade level (as identified by the CCSS), express mathematical reasoning and construct a mathematical argument, and apply concepts to solve model real-world problems.

End-of-year assessments (EOY) in ELA/literacy and math. All students will take this at the end of the school year. The results will be combined with the performance-based assessment to produce a student's summative assessment score. For the end-of-year assessment, students will demonstrate their acquired skills and knowledge by answering computer-based, machine scorable questions.

School Board Meetings Posted Online

Community members interested in viewing board meetings but unable to attend on the first Monday of the month can now view board meetings on the district web site. Visit www.crestwoodschools.org to view the meetings.

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District Invests in Building and Grounds Improvements

Jill A. Rowe, Treasurer/CFO

Over the past several years the District has placed an emphasis on improving and upgrading the buildings and grounds. The District receives approximately \$450,000 per year of permanent improvement funds. This levy was originally passed in 1987 and has been renewed by the voters in five year increments since 1987. The District currently has a permanent improvement committee that reviews the needs of the Districts and assigns priority to each project based on funding available for the year. The committee consists of the Superintendent, Treasurer, Board Members, Maintenance Supervisor, Transportation Director and Technology Director.

The following list highlights some of these improvements by building:

Date	Location	Description	Cost
10/3/2012	Athletic Area	Press Box Sound Upgrades	\$4,445.23
5/1/2012	District	District Safety Upgrades	\$108,695.00
7/2/2012	High School	Replace Tile Flooring	\$13,000.00
7/3/2012	High School	Replace West Roof – Shingle (Insurance Claim due to severe weather)	\$84,062.42
10/26/2012	High School	Replace Expansion Tank in Boiler Room	\$7,966.00
11/1/2012	High School	Window Repairs	\$11,683.34
12/28/2012	Maintenance	Fiber Optic Line ran to Maintenance Building	\$4,640.00
11/1/2012	Middle School	Panic Bars Installed for the Gym Doors	\$2,685.00
6/25/2012	Transportation	Repair Bus Wash bay	\$9,180.00
8/9/2013	Athletic Area	Resurfaced Track (Crestwood Sports Boosters Contributed \$25,000)	\$35,998.00
10/25/2013	Athletic Area	Pavilion at Bowen Road	\$29,350.00
4/9/2013	District	Point of Sale System – Cafeterias (\$26,000 received from a Federal Grant)	\$27,690.00
6/30/2013	District	New Locks, cylinders, keys, handles	\$16,000.00
8/26/2013	District	District Wiring Project	\$29,520.00
4/1/2013	High School	Panic Bars Installed for the Gym Doors	\$5,953.00
12/30/2013	High & Middle School	New Cafeteria Doors	\$10,518.00
4/1/2013	Middle School	Fiber Optic Lane ran to Middle School	\$24,030.00
6/1/2013	Transportation	2 New Vans	\$44,938.00
1/13/2014	High School	Wiring Project – High School Science Wing	\$13,200.00
4/16/2014	District	6 AED Lifepaks	\$7,360.00
5/16/2014	Middle School	Pump Station replacement	\$68,786.25
7/15/2014	District	Paving, sealcoating & striping – Parking Lots	\$107,000.00
5/19/2014	High School	Repair Art Room Roof	\$28,500.00
10/1/2014	High School	Stage Lighting and Sound System Upgrade	\$14,603.62
7/15/2014	Transportation	2 Stock Buses	\$176,748.00
9/10/2014	High School	District Trailer to be used for the Band	\$16,585.00



New Gym Lighting High School - Summer 2013



Track Resurfacing - Summer 2013



High School Art Roof Replacement - Summer 2014



New Boilers High School - Summer 2013



District Repaving Project - Summer 2014

During the Summer of 2013 the District also embarked on a large project with Chevron Energy Solutions. The main goal of this project was to update old infrastructure and become more energy efficient on outdated systems. The entire project costs was \$3.1 million. The District utilized approximately \$950,000.00 of its own money (Permanent Improvement Money and Classroom Facility Money) and received a loan for the remaining amount. The loan was a 10 year loan and will be repaid at the end of calendar year 2022. The money the District is saving annually on this new energy efficient equipment helps make the loan payments. Plus the District decreased the annual maintenance budget to also help make these loan payments.

The following list highlights some of these improvements by building:

Date	Location	Description	Cost
7/1/2013	Fieldhouse	Lighting Retrofit	\$8,500.00
7/1/2013	Fieldhouse	New HVAC Controls	\$6,120.00
7/1/2013	Fieldhouse	Replaced Heating System	\$40,570.00
7/1/2013	High School	Lighting Retrofit	\$126,450.11
7/1/2013	High School	Heating Plant Replacement	\$219,060.00
7/1/2013	High School	Re-route Existing Underground Piping to West Wing	\$98,936.00
7/1/2013	High School	New HVAC Controls	\$123,865.00
7/1/2013	High School	New Unvents Throughout	\$526,740.00
7/1/2013	High School	Replace Library and Home Ec Roof Top Units (AC)	\$73,000.00
7/1/2013	High School	West Wing Attic Ventilation	\$27,790.00
7/1/2013	High School	Roof Replacement/Repair	\$50,700.00
7/1/2013	High School	Install Water Softening System	\$10,400.00
7/1/2013	High School	Coal Room Repairs, Expansion of Electrical power distribution system	\$261,170.00
7/1/2013	Intermediate	Lighting Retrofit	\$217,035.00
7/1/2013	Middle School	Lighting Retrofit	\$119,260.00
7/1/2013	Middle School	Heating Plant Replacement	\$208,325.00
7/1/2013	Middle School	New HVAC Controls	\$31,065.00
7/1/2013	Middle School	Roof Replacement/Repair	\$82,040.00
7/1/2013	Middle School	Replace Elevator	\$56,820.00
7/1/2013	Primary School	Lighting Retrofit	\$207,705.00
7/1/2013	Primary School	Complete Water and Air System Rebalancing	\$69,430.00
7/1/2013	Transportation	Lighting Retrofit	\$7,180.00

A complete list of improvements can be found on the District Webpage at: <http://www.crestwoodschools.org/administrativeDepartment.aspx?aid=11>

Finding a Career Path While Helping Others

The CHS Guidance Department, in conjunction with Americorps and NEOMED, is conducting a unique ongoing career exploration group for students who want to learn more about careers in the health care field while also helping their community and school. The group is made up of approximately 35 sophomores and juniors who are learning valuable career readiness skills through service-learning projects that promote health awareness. Through the planning and implementing of their service-learning projects, students are developing and practicing critical thinking, research skills, interpersonal skills, empathy, and communication skills. They are also learning the process of grant writing and will write their own grant to help support the projects that they will carry out. In addition, students also have the opportunity to get help with ACT and SAT prep, the college admissions process, and will explore careers that are of interest to them. We are fortunate to have this partnership with Americorps and NEOMED to be able to provide more support and college and career readiness skills to our students at CHS.



Students Combine Research and Writing Skills While Exploring Science

Fourth Grade students were excited about their owl research projects this year. Students researched a species of owl and created well written reports and posters using writer's workshop strategies. With the generous donation from the PTO, students also had the opportunity to dissect owl pellets. This provided a learning environment in which students were actively engaged and allowed them to utilize higher level questioning and reasoning skills incorporating the scientific processes. This was a very successful and enriching learning experience for all.

Teachers Trained in Naviance, College and Career Planning Tool

One of the districts goals in its five-year strategic plan calls for improved planning and preparation for college and career readiness. As a result High School and Middle School teachers have been undergoing training in a program called Naviance. Naviance aims to connect student achievement to post secondary goals in a blended learning environment.

According to the Naviance website the program, "empowers students and families to connect learning and life and provides schools and districts with the information they need to help students prepare for life after high school. It also allows students to create a plan for their futures by helping them discover their individual strengths and learning styles and explore college and career options based on their results."

Crestwood students will begin using the program in the 7th grade career classes as well as 8th grade computer classes. Students begin with interest and career inventories exploring how their interests and academic strengths fit with future career options. As students progress through school their work stays with the, and is accessible to families. In addition to career exploration, the program assist students in exploring college options that line with the student's intended career path.

Middle school teacher Kristina Pekarcik is looking forward to making use of some of the tools in her career class including interest inventories as well as video interviews with people currently in a career. "The career video feature is nice. They have short clips of people talking about their jobs like two guys who created a skateboard shop in their garage. That's not something I otherwise would have had access to."

Important Dates at CHS Guidance

Jan. 1-Feb. 1 – IMPORTANT! Seniors planning on or considering attending college in the fall of 2015 should be completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Complete the application online at www.fafsa.gov

Feb. 10 – 8th Grade High School Planning Night – 6 to 8 p.m. Crestwood High School
This is an important event for all 8th graders and their parents/guardians regarding scheduling and high school graduation requirements, career and college planning, activities/clubs/sports, and making a smooth transition from middle school to high school

Feb. 19 – College Credit Plus Informational Meeting (formerly called PSEO) Any student who is considering taking college courses while in high school to earn both high school and college credit **MUST** attend this mandatory meeting and bring a parent/guardian with them. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the Crestwood High School Library.

Month of February – Students grades 8-11 will be in the process of choosing courses that they wish to request for the 2015-2016 school year. Ask your student to see their course selections forms.

~ January Breakfast & Lunch Menu ~

<p>Did you make a New Years Resolution to live a healthier lifestyle? Check out our nutrition and exercise tips!</p>		<p>Breakfast Prices: K-5 \$1.50 6-12 \$1.75 Reduced \$.30 Free - Free Extra Milk \$.50 Menu subject to change</p>	<p>Be sure to get your breakfast daily at your school!</p>	<p>January is the official month for celebrating oatmeal, eye care, soup, eggs, dried plums, breakfast, fiber, wheat bread and Thank You!</p>	<p>School Meals <i>We serve education every day!</i></p> <p>K-5 Lunch \$2.50 6-12 Lunch \$2.75 Extra Milk \$.50 Menu subject to change.</p>
<p>January 5 Assorted Cereals Assorted Yogurts Assorted Fruits, Milk</p> <p>Cheese & Veggie Quesadilla Chips, Salsa & refried beans Assorted Fruit Choices</p>	<p>January 6 Muffins Cheese Wedge Assorted fruit/juice, Milk</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets or Tenders w/ Sauces, Seasoned Fries Green Beans Assorted Fruit Choices</p>	<p>January 7 Pancakes w/syrup Sausage patties Assorted Fruits/Juice, Milk</p> <p>Domino's Pizza Spinach & Romaine Salad Assorted Fruit Fresh Baked Cookie</p>	<p>January 8 Apple Nut G-Force Bar or Cocoa Bar, Yogurt, Assorted Fruits/Juice, Milk</p> <p>Meatball Sub, Carrot Sticks Assorted Fruit Choices Pudding Cup</p>	<p>January 9 Egg & Cheese Biscuit Sandwich Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk</p> <p>Cook's Choice</p>	<p>Prepaid breakfast and lunches are available. You may send in a check or cash with your student or pay on-line at www.payforit.net</p>
<p>January 12 Assorted Cereals Assorted Yogurts Assorted Fruits, Milk</p> <p>Chicken Patty Sandwich Fries Assorted Fruit Choices Frozen Yogurt</p>	<p>January 13 Cinnamon Rolls Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk</p> <p>BBQ Riblet Sandwich Side Salad 3 Bean Salad Frozen Ice Juicee</p>	<p>January 14 Pizza Assorted Fruits/Juice, Milk</p> <p>Reverse Day! French Toast w/ syrup Eggs w/cheese, Sausage Links Sweet Potato Puffs Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>January 15</p> <p>Cook's Choice</p>	<p>January 16</p> <p>No School</p>	<p>Nutrition Tip: (Fiber Focus) Need to increase your fiber? Here are some tips for adding more fiber to your daily diet. *Start your day off right with a bowl of high fiber cereal. *Buy whole grain pasta and bread instead of white. *Substitute wheat bran for 1/3 of all purpose flour in recipes. *Add fruit to cereal. *Popcorn is a yummy whole grain snack! *Leave the skins on fruits & veggies such as pears, apples, peaches and potatoes. The skins are high in fiber! *Dried fruits are a great source of fiber!</p>
<p>January 19</p> <p>No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p>	<p>January 20 Assorted Cereals Assorted Yogurts Assorted Fruits, Milk</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken Seasoned Fries Carrots Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>January 21 Waffles w/syrup Sausage links Assorted Fruits/Juice, Milk</p> <p>Domino's Pizza Spinach & Romaine Salad Fruit Cobbler</p>	<p>January 22 Poptarts, Trail Mix Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk</p> <p>Tacos Chips w/ Salsa Refried Beans Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>January 23 Egg & Cheese Bagel Sandwich Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk</p> <p>Cook's Choice</p>	
<p>January 26 Assorted Cereals Assorted Yogurts Assorted Fruits, Milk</p> <p>Grilled Cheese Sandwich Pickle Slices Tomato Soup Assorted Fruit Choices</p>	<p>January 27 Breakfast Burrito Assorted fruit/juice, Milk</p> <p>Sloppy Joe Rosemary Potato Wedges Carrot Sticks, Assorted Fruit Crestwood's Famous Peanut Butter Bar</p>	<p>January 28 French Toast w/syrup Sausage patties Assorted Fruits/Juice, Milk</p> <p>Personal Pan Pizza Spinach & Romaine Salad Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>January 29 Cutie Pie's Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk</p> <p>Corn Dog Bites, Fries Baked Beans Assorted Fruit Choices Ice Juicee</p>	<p>January 30</p> <p>Cook's Choice</p>	
<p>Exercise Tip: You're never too old to go outside and build a snowman! It not only gets the heart rate up it is fun for the whole family!</p>	<p>Make lunch YOUR way EVERY DAY! Students may substitute the following for their main entrée: *Entrée size salad w/ dressing, cheesestick & crackers *Peanut Butter & Jelly Pocket w/ cheesestick</p>	<p>Lunch forms are available in any building and on the school website, crestwood.sparcc.org. Use new forms dated 2013-2014. Old forms will NOT be accepted. Applications not filled out correctly or completely will NOT be accepted.</p>	<p>Food Service Building Managers: High- Barb Blazek- 330-357-8205 ext. 118 Middle- Connie Nunns- 330-357-8204 Intermediate- Donna Lewis- 330-357-8203 ext. 3600 Primary- Susie Janson- 330-357-8202 ext. 4409</p>	<p>Lunch Prices: K-5 Lunch \$2.50 6-12 Lunch \$2.75 Extra Milk \$.50 Menu subject to change.</p>	

Regular Board of Education meetings are generally held the first Monday of the month, at the High School Library, 10919 N. Main Street Mantua, OH. The public is cordially invited to attend. If more information is needed about a Board meeting, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 330-357-8206.

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6-12 \$1.75	6-12 \$2.75
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Crestwood High School Events & Games Schedule for January

Saturday, January 3

10:30AM Boys/Girls Varsity Swimming Chardon Invitational @ Spire Insitute in Geneva Away
6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Ravenna Home
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Ravenna Home

Monday, January 5

3:45PM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling Woodridge @ Legend Lanes Away
5:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball Woodridge Away
6:30PM Boys/Girls Varsity Swimming Fairview @ Hiram Home

Tuesday, January 6

3:45PM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling Ravenna @ Twin Star Away
6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Windham Home
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Windham Home

Wednesday, January 7

7:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball Kent Roosevelt Home

Thursday, January 8

5:30PM Boys Varsity Wrestling Coventry and Norton @ Field Away

Friday, January 9

6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Springfield Away
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Springfield Away

Saturday, January 10

9:00AM Boys JV Wrestling Nordonja JV Battle Away
6:00PM Girls JV Basketball Field Home
7:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Field Home

Monday, January 12

3:45PM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling Roosevelt @ Sky Lanes Home
7:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball Streetsboro Home

Tuesday, January 13

6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Kent Roosevelt Away
6:30PM CPR Training Class for Coaches @ Special Services
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Kent Roosevelt Away

Wednesday, January 14

6:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball Norton Away
6:00PM Girls JV Basketball Norton Home
7:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Norton Home

Thursday, January 15

6:30PM Boys/Girls Varsity Swimming Aurora @ Hiram Pool

Friday, January 16

Teacher In-Service - No School
4:00PM Boys Varsity Wrestling Bill Dies Tournament @ Firestone Away
6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Field Home
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Field Home

Saturday, January 17

10:00AM Boys Varsity Wrestling Bill Dies Tournament @ Firestone Away
7:00PM WINTER BALL

Sunday, January 18

1:00PM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling Sectional Preview Tourn @ Twin Star Away

Monday, January 19

MLK DAY - No School
10:00AM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling MLK Tournament in Niles Away

Tuesday, January 20

3:45PM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling Coventry @ Turkeyfoot Lanes Away
6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Mogadore Home
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Mogadore Home

Wednesday, January 21

5:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball Aurora Away
6:00PM Girls JV Basketball Garfield Home
7:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Garfield Home

Thursday, January 22

5:30PM Boys Varsity Wrestling Southeast and Streetsboro @ Streetsboro Away

Friday, January 23

3:45PM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling Norton @ Charger Lanes Away
6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Norton Home
Boys/Girls Varsity Swimming Hoban @ University of Akron Away
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Norton Home

Saturday, January 24

Band Concert/Competition Daytime Home
9:00AM Boys JV Wrestling Waterloo JV Wrestling Invitational Away
1:30PM Boys Varsity Bowling Garfield G-Men Classic @ Sky Lanes for Boys Team
6:00PM Girls JV Basketball Coventry Home
7:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Coventry Home

Sunday, January 25

1:30PM Girls Varsity Bowling Garfield G-Men Classic @ Sky Lanes for Girls Team

Monday, January 26

6:30PM Boys/Girls Varsity Swimming Chagrin Falls Home
7:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball Windham Home

Wednesday, January 28

6:00PM Girls JV Basketball Ravenna Away
7:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball Ravenna Home
7:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Ravenna Away

Thursday, January 29

5:00PM Boys/Girls Varsity Swimming Kent Roosevelt Away

Friday, January 30

6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Coventry Home
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Coventry Home

Saturday, January 31

9:00AM Boys JV Wrestling JV Tournament @ West Branch Away
1:00PM Girls JV Basketball Mogadore Away
2:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Mogadore Away



**Night
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CMS Students Of The Month

6th Grade - Jasmyn Jessel, Gina Irwin, Payton McMahon, Neil McDermott, Raeann Quiggle, Trenten Kruis
 7th Grade - Isabella Romano, Kelly Hoffman, Trevor Matheny, James Riley, Abigail Dombrowski, Brady Svab
 8th Grade - Kayley Plechaty, Maggie Semety, Anthony Pietrocini, Ben Barnette, Haley Pero-Favazzo, Michael Anthony Zabal

A Musical Experience

CIS music teacher Mrs. Stacy Jarvi and students Clair (4th grade) and Alyssa Pheneger (1st grade) performed at Connor Palace Theater on Cleveland's Playhouse Square in December as part of the "Joy-An Irish Christmas" featuring Keith and Kristyn Getty. As members of the adult and children's choirs, this trio saw the back stage world of a professional musical tour. After many hours of rehearsal, they sang to a sold-out theater audience both nights of the concerts.



Pictured from left to right are Alyssa Pheneger, Claire Pheneger and Stacy Jarvi.



On November 11th, Crestwood Intermediate held a beautiful ceremony to honor those who have fought for our freedom. A touching poem was read by Mrs. Gerbrick, followed by the flag being raised to the National Anthem. The students recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the 5th grade choice graced us with a wonderful tribute to our brave heroes.



CMS Students Of The Month

6th Grade - Alexis Wilson, Madison Pearce, John Peters, Bryce Pruszyński, Carlena Nero, Nathaniel Agnes-Rundo
 7th Grade - Ryleigh Luke, Alexis Shultz, Ian Beniot, Zachary Forristal, Emily Sara, Michael Campana
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Intermediate School Testing Schedule

*Please mark the following testing dates on your family calendar to ensure students are at school during these times.

Performance Based Testing Schedule

Feb 18, 19, 20 - ELA for 3rd, 4th, 5th grades

Feb 24, 25 - Math for 3rd, 4th, 5th grades

March 4 - Social Studies for 4th grade & Science for 5th grade

End of Course Exams Testing Schedule

April 15 - ELA for 3rd, 4th, 5th grades

April 21 - 3rd grade OAA (for select students)

April 22, 23 - Math for 3rd, 4th, 5th grades

May 5 - Social Studies for 4th grade & Science for 5th grade



Worming Their Way Into Science

Sixth graders worked creatively as they put their knowledge of the scientific method into practice this month. Students were challenged to first research the life cycle and habits of the mealworm. Working as teams in the computer lab, they recorded information about mealworms, only to make a surprising discovery that these organisms are not worms at all, but the larvae stage of the Darkling Beetle. Once armed with some background about these beetle larvae, students developed a list of questions that we carefully worded to reflect a more sophisticated style of stating the problem.

Students then planned a variety of tests to make new discoveries about mealworm behavior. Some wanted to know how they would react when given a choice of environment such as: warm or cool temperature, light or dark space. Others were curious about their ability to detect smells or colors. Still others wanted to know how they would respond to a variety of food or bedding choices. Following their flow chart or procedures, they carefully timed each trial and recorded data on the charts they had designed specifically for their individual experiments. Results were often unexpected and some left students still wondering as they could not identify a clear conclusion for their question. Once results were reported and conclusions had been drawn, students then shared ideas on ways they could improve their experiments, and wrote about new questions that they now have.



Fifth grade students in Mr. Light and Miss Leonino's classes couldn't get enough of their new book fair books!

A Chance To Dance

A FREE dance for students and eligible individuals with developmental disabilities.

When: January 18, 2014

Time: 2-4 p.m.

Where: Crestwood High School Gym

Who: Middle and High School aged students

All participants must be accompanied by a parent/aide.

*From 12-2 p.m. girls can get their hair styled and/or nails painted, boys can get their hair styled

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Note From The Nurses...

The Portage County Health Department advised Crestwood Schools in December that a Crestwood student tested positive for Pertussis (whooping cough) and had been treated. There have been other cases in Portage County.

Pertussis is a bacteria that is spread person to person by contact with respiratory secretions from the nose and throat of an infected person. In the early stages, it may appear to be the common cold and pertussis may not be suspected until the more severe symptoms appear in 1-2 weeks. It may begin with a runny nose, sore throat, cough and there may or may not be a fever. Then the disease progresses to many fits of rapid, hard coughs that may be followed by a high pitched "whoop" as you try to inhale hard to catch your breath. The violent coughing fits can lead to vomiting, rib fracture or disturbed sleep and extreme fatigue. The illness can be less severe and the typical "whoop" absent in children, teens and adults who have received the pertussis vaccination.

Students diagnosed with pertussis receive antibiotics and remain out of school for five days. Recovery from Pertussis can happen slowly. The cough gradually becomes less severe and less common. However, coughing fits can return with other respiratory infections for many more months.

Infants and young children get the DTaP vaccine series which is completed before entrance to kindergarten. Infants who have not completed all of their shots are at risk for severe life threatening complications which is why it is important for those in close contact with them to be immunized. The Tdap vaccine is available for youngsters beginning at age 10 and is required for students entering 7th grade. The Center for Disease Control recommends that people who did not get it at that age should get it as soon as possible. In Ohio, this vaccine requirement has been phased in over the past few years and students in grade 12 may not have gotten this immunization. You may want to check your high school child's immunization record to see if they still need this shot. Dtap/Tdap protects against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis.

Prevention is most important to prevent the spread of this and other more common respiratory illnesses. Frequent handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes is especially important. We should try to cough into our arm and if we use our hands or a tissue, hands should be washed or cleaned with hand sanitizer immediately and the tissue discarded.

See your family healthcare provider if you or a family member have these symptoms so it can be properly diagnosed and treated.



Rotary Donates Dictionaries

140 Intermediate Webster Dictionaries have been given out to all third graders sponsored by the Rotary. Sophia, foreign exchange student, gave a speech on her involvement with Rotary as an exchange student at Crestwood High School this year. She presented part of her speech in Spanish and asked students if they knew what she said. It was exciting to the students to hear her and one third grader from a Canal Zone country said he understood what she had said to the students. A very exciting time was had by all!



Third Graders Performed Winter Concert for a Full House

CIS third graders presented their winter concert to a full auditorium of parents and guests. Students sang, danced, and accompanied themselves on xylophones as well as played "Silent Night" on hand bells. The "Everlasting Fruitcake" song and actors gave the audience a chuckle as they tried to give the fruitcake away. It was a fun evening of music and holiday wishes for everyone!

Pictured above Emily Rinehart and Blake Baumgardner try to get rid of a fruitcake.

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Dancing Wheels Company with founder Mary-Verdi Fletcher in the center.

CPS Attends Dancing Wheels Performance

On Thursday, December 4, Crestwood Primary School students traveled to the Breen Center for the Performing Arts in Cleveland, OH for the world premiere of *Babes in Toyland* performed by the Dancing Wheels Company. Thanks to a grant from the Hiram Community Trust, the Crestwood Primary PTO, Mrs. Ducca, and an anonymous donor through the company, we were able to take all students pre-K to grade 2 and staff.

The Dancing Wheels Company is an organization of artists with and without disabilities that educates, entertains, and advocates through physically integrated dance worldwide. Visit their website at www.dancingwheels.org for more information.



Primary School

CPS PTO Provides After School Zoo Club for Students

The CPS PTO is once again providing the Zoo Club Program for students once a month. The Akron Zoo visits CPS once a month to educate students about different animals. The Akron Zoo brings along many animal friends such as rabbits, turtles and ducks to name a few. Students are able to touch the animals and last month students were able to feed the ducks right out of their hands. Mrs. Nicole Santin is in charge of Zoo Club and along with her volunteers she provides a snack and an amazing time for our students.



Grace Harper and Sydney Long from Mrs. Reese's class

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Community Winter Walking Returns Jan. 14

We are happy to announce that we are offering indoor winter walking again this year. This walking program is open to the community and begins January 14. The program will run every Wednesday and Friday from 7 to 8 a.m. at the Intermediate School until March 20. There is a marked course and refreshments will be available.

Every Friday, Juli Robine from Advanced Rehab will be on hand to measure blood pressure, answer questions and offer helpful hints to maintain a healthy, active lifestyle during the cold winter months. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Bujak-Hirsch or Jill Rowe at 330-357-8206!



Annual Father Daughter Dance Brings "Winter Wonderland" to Crestwood Feb. 28

Get your calendar and mark the date for the annual Father Daughter Dance! This year it will be held at Crestwood High School on Saturday, February 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. The dance is open to girls of all ages from the Crestwood Local School District and their fathers, grandfathers, or any other significant male in their lives.

Along with music and dancing, there will be snacks and beverages, crafts and activities, and pictures available to capture the evening!

The dance is hosted by the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and Leadership programs. All proceeds help fund the annual Leadership Retreat attended by high school students.

The theme for the dance this year is a winter wonderland based on the movie Frozen. Here is your chance to get all dressed up as a father-daughter duo and have a blast! Remember to save the date because you won't want to miss this amazing opportunity to have fun and make extraordinary family memories!

