

**Cedar Cliff Local Schools
Superintendent's Newsletter
May 2021**



It is the mission of Cedarville Schools to “Provide students with the best well-rounded education that teaches, challenges and develops the mind, body and character and prepares responsible graduates who contribute within society.”

I have heard a familiar cry all year from many individuals, things like, “This year has been so hard,” or “These kids have lost so much this year!” Quite honestly, it has been unique, it has been different, and yes, at times, it has been truly challenging. This year has brought about a constant state of uncertainty—and stress, most of the time, follows uncertainty.

I will freely admit, recounting the last year, I too can state this year has been one of the more challenging years of my career, a career that spans nearly 30 years. I found that it often helps to focus on what we accomplished, what we could do, what we (as a district) were able to achieve rather than what we could not complete.

For example, during the May Board of Education meeting each year, the Board and I take the time to celebrate accomplishments from the past year. The Board enjoys passing resolutions for each student and their teacher/advisor/coach and taking a moment to congratulate each person in their success.

The end of the year also brings time to thank those individuals or groups who helped the district enjoy each successful opportunity. For instance, this year, our athletic teams experienced a great deal of success—a great deal. At the same time, the state limited the amount of spectators who could attend events and watch our teams perform. Usually, successful teams translate into more funds for the athletic department—this year, however, the athletic department finished the year over \$20,000 in debt due to the limitations in spectator attendance—a \$20,000 loss of revenue!

The athletic boosters responded—donating \$20,000 for the athletic department to continue programming. This means the district can, at least for now, refrain from increasing student fees to make up any shortcomings in the budget. The magnitude of that donation is hard to express. Many families will benefit as a result—many!

Graduation and end-of-year ceremonies will undoubtedly provide an opportunity to voice the familiar refrain of what was lost and what was taken away as a result of the pandemic. I ask that we choose to look at what was achieved in our little corner of the world—successful teams, face-to-face instruction for virtually the entire school year, donations by caring parents/volunteers to assist in our programming, and opportunities for our students that many other children, in many other districts, could not enjoy.

I have always felt we have an obligation to teach children—especially in how to deal with adversity. I am proud of our staff, our Board of Education, our community, and most importantly, our students—in my opinion, we did not have a good year, we had a *great* year. As we end the school academic year this month, let's focus on that—what we accomplished in spite of the adversity and what lessons can be gleaned from the experience.

Here's hoping your lookback of the past few months brings you some satisfaction and joy as well.

Best regards,



Chad Mason, Superintendent

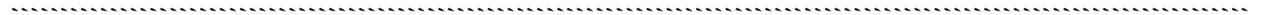


Open Enrollment Information

Parents wishing to have their children open enroll to Cedarville may request applications at the Board of Education office. Applications will be taken beginning on May 17th at 8:00 am. Applications must include: Vital Statistic Birth Certificate, Special Education Information (if applicable), and Custody Papers (if applicable). Applicants will be notified by mail in the summer (Early August) regarding their status. Kindergarten parents wishing to open enroll should attend kindergarten screening in their home district of residence before completing the open enrollment paperwork. ***Parents of currently open enrolled children must fill out the intent letter and return to Mrs. Campbell in the Board Office if they have not done so already.***

College Credit Plus (CCP) Important Note!

This is just a reminder, ANY student who drops a College Credit Plus (CCP) course after 14 days will be required to reimburse the district for the cost of the course. Ohio funding allows colleges to charge the district for dropped classes after 14 days, *even if the student received no credit for the course*. Cedar Cliff Local School District cannot bear the cost of courses not completed by students. Please consider this if your son/daughter participates in the CCP program. We thank you for your understanding.



All in a Day's Work!

Below is a picture of Mr. Kris Williams attempting to catch a bird from the cafeteria recently. This is just an illustration of the always surprising work associated with serving as a school district maintenance person. We are certain Mr. Williams was not expecting this when he arrived for work that morning. We are happy to report the bird was captured and released unharmed!



Thank you Athletic Boosters!

Just another note thanking the Athletic Boosters for their generous donation to the athletic department. This was mentioned in the opening letter, but bears repeating. This is a great benefit to any students who participate in athletics from grades K-12 and serves as a reminder of the great work done by our supportive parent groups!



Jr. / Sr. Prom was a Great Success!

This year, the prom dance took on greater significance as the district was unsure months ago if the event were even going to be permitted. A special thanks to Junior Class advisor Tammy Wrightsel, Mr. Chad Haemmerle, Principal, and the countless staff/parents who volunteered to make the event a success. The students enjoyed themselves and the pictures below show there were many smiles throughout the evening.





FFA Honors Success



Recently, the FFA organization held its annual banquet and celebrated the successful moments of the past year. Some of the awards included acknowledging those students who received state and national designation, skills competition honors, recognition of the officers from the past year, and top donor drive honorees.

We would also like to offer our congratulations to the following students who were either degree recipients or Career Development Event recipients at the banquet this year:

Greenhand Degree Recipients

Brody Atkins	Jacob Furay	Noah Spracklen
Jerry Betts	Cassie Graham	Kailee Sutton
Leah Black	Molly Mossing	Cage Weikle
Heather Dutenhaver	Jackson Pyles	Ethan Whitaker
Haley Fouts	Gracie Scott	Liam Harris

Chapter Degree Recipients

Haydon Martin
LeAnna Fowles

State Degree Recipients

Logan Spracklen
Rylee Ankeney

American Degree Recipient

Grace Smith

Career Development Events

Job Interview:

Liam Harris, Gracie Scott, Lilly Frizzell, and Anessa Butts

General Livestock:

Rylee Ankeney, Logan Spracklen, Heather Dutenhaver,
Braden Fox, Noah Spracklen, Gracie Scott, Lilly Frizzell,
Hunter Baldwin, and Haydon Martin

Public Speaking:

Gracie Scott and Molly Mossing

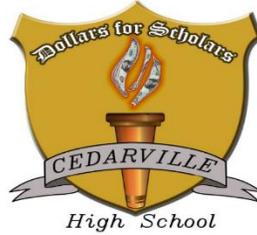
Greenhand Test:

Molly Mossing, Heather Dutenhaver, and Gracie Scott

Food Science CDE:

Ethan Whitaker, Heather Dutenhaver, Gracie Scott, and
Liam Harris

Please Consider Donating!



The Cedar Cliff Educational Endowment Program

Over the years, many talented and hard-working Cedarville High School graduates have furthered their education and gone on to accomplish great things. Additionally, many of those students were fortunate to receive financial assistance or scholarships to offset the cost of a college education and achieve their future goals.

Typically, financial assistance is provided either to families whose income is insufficient to supply resources for a graduate's continuing education *or* to those students achieving exemplary grades and a standardized test (ACT/SAT) score. We are often asked, "What about those students whose parents earn just enough to prohibit needs assistance or the graduate who did well in school academically, but just below the cut-off for academic awards?" In essence, what about the student who earns a 3.0 or better GPA whose middle-income family works hard struggling to provide the help for the dream of a college education?

Thus, the idea of the Cedar Cliff Educational Endowment was formed. The administration and Board of Education saw the need and expressed the desire to help *ALL* graduates earning a 3.0 or higher regardless of need and/or final academic standing. Quite frankly, the desire was to assist any student, regardless of their background or testing results, who simply meets one criteria—that of a 3.0 GPA. It is our goal to provide financial assistance with a check issued to any graduate who provides proof of college enrollment who meets the GPA requirement.

This endowment program cannot achieve its goal without your support! Endowment programs such as this exist only with donations and support from community members and donors. It is our goal to "grow" these funds so the original principal remains and the interest earned is distributed to those qualifying graduates. It is our hope by publicizing this program, donors and community members will remember the Cedar Cliff Endowment Program when searching for altruistic and charitable locations for wills, estates, and tax purposes. All donations are tax deductible as the program is recognized under the *Greene Giving Community Foundation*.

For additional questions see Mrs. Joy Kitzmiller, Treasurer Cedar Cliff Local School District.

Seniors need help with the cost of college?

Graduating seniors looking for assistance with the high cost of college tuition may want to consider the armed forces reserves as an option—below is a flyer distributed as a reminder. If you are interested, this could be a great way to graduate with a degree and a lot less debt.

100% College Tuition Paid

The Ohio National Guard Scholarship

pays 100% tuition at any Ohio public university.

4-Year Institutions
 Bowling Green State University
 Central State University
 Cleveland State University
 Kent State University
 Miami University
 University of Akron
 University of Toledo
 Youngstown State University
 Shawnee State University
 Ohio State University
 Ohio University
 University of Cincinnati
 Wright State University

2-Year Institutions
 Cuyahoga Community College - Metro
 Edison State Community College
 Jefferson State College
 Lakeland Community College
 Lorain Community College
 Northwest State Community College
 Owens Community College
 Rio Grande Community College
 Terra Tech College
 Stark State Community College
 Belmont Tech College
 Central Ohio Tech College
 Cincinnati State Tech College
 Clark State Community College
 Columbus State Community College
 Hocking Tech College
 James A. Rhodes State College
 Marion Tech College
 Muskingum Area Tech College
 North Central State College
 Sinclair Community College
 South State Community College
 Washington State Community College

Private Institutions
 The Ohio National Guard Scholarship will also pay the average cost of Ohio public university tuition to private universities in the state of Ohio. For a complete list of eligible institutions talk to your local Army National Guard recruiter, or download the Ohio National Guard mobile application.

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For more information contact
Staff Sgt. Christopher Topel
 (937) 231-3140
christopher.a.topel@mail.mil

Download the Ohio National Guard app for Android and iPhone | Message us on Facebook at facebook.com/oharmyguardrecruiting | Or visit: NATIONALGUARD.com/OHIO



Graduation for the Class of 2021 is set!!



The graduation ceremony for the class of 2021 is set for May 20, 2021, at 7:00 pm. We are pleased to return to Cedarville University for our traditional graduation setting. We do ask that those in attendance follow social-distancing and mask-wearing guidelines so we can maintain our planned ceremony. At this point, we do not expect limits to spectator attendance but ask that everyone work with the administration for a safe and enjoyable experience for all attendees.

More information will soon be forthcoming to all seniors and their families, but we wanted the date and time to be communicated so these graduates and their families can prepare.

***Is Internet / WiFi access a concern for you?
If so, we have been asked to pass the following
information along...***



Can't get connected?

SPEAK UP OHIO!

Now is your chance to be heard.

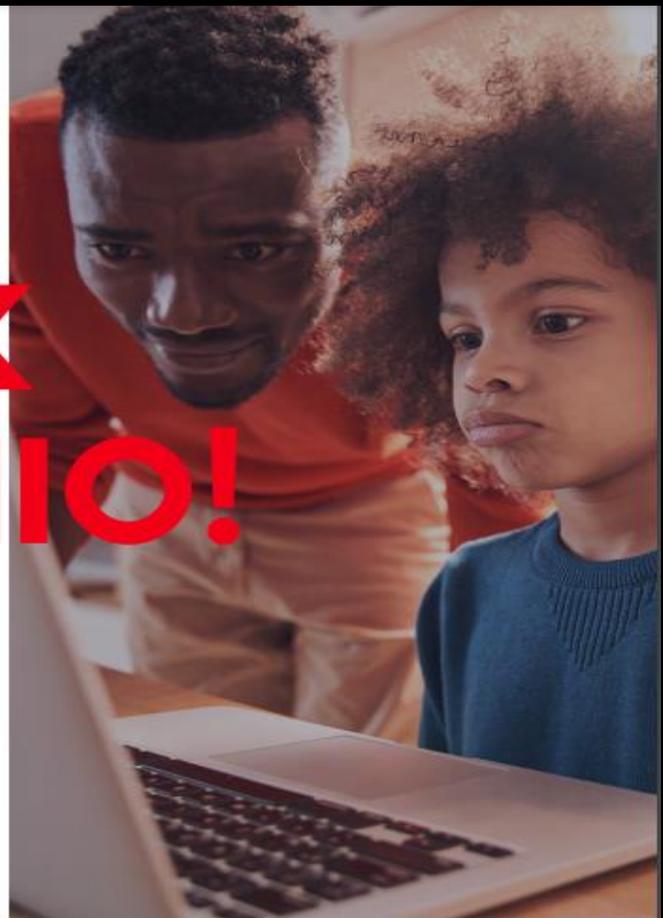
SHARE YOUR STORY

For the first time, the Federal Communications Commission is asking consumers about their internet connectivity experience. Your input will help the FCC understand where in Ohio internet is most urgently needed.

CONTACT THE FCC

If internet service in your area falls into one or more of these categories:

- Inaccessible
- Unaffordable
- Unreliable



Have questions or need help sharing your story? Contact your Connectivity Champion.

Call **844-K12-OHIO** or visit
<https://www.ohio-K12.help/remotedx/>

Take two minutes to tell your story at

<https://www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData/consumers>

4/9/2021

Connectivity Champions are not internet service providers.



For the first time, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is asking consumers, not internet service providers, about their internet experience. Now is the chance for your families to be heard.

(Wifi Cont.)

If families are struggling with internet connectivity from home, whether it's inaccessible, unaffordable, or unreliable, please encourage them to reach out to the FCC to share their story through a brief 2-minute survey. Please refer to the above flyer regarding the data collection of their consumer broadband experience.

The FCC will use this data to improve their broadband availability maps. These maps will help internet service providers and governments understand where in Ohio internet service is most urgently needed and decide future funding of broadband services.

Families struggling with internet connectivity, and therefore unable to access the online survey, can call the Connectivity Champions for help! Connectivity Champions are helping families complete the online survey over the phone at 844-K12-OHIO.



MS Play shows our talented students' abilities!

The Middle School drama group concluded this past weekend and the students, under the direction of Mrs. Erin Clevenger, performed the play, *Hospital*. The parents and friends who were in attendance enjoyed the show and the students' hard work was evident—congrats to all!



Jazz Band Performing for the 'Ville!

Saturday, May 8 at 6:00 pm, in front of the US Bank, the CHS Jazz Band will be performing a live concert. They will play for approximately one hour and all are invited! Due to the COVID pandemic, many of our performances are different and this has affected our students' ability to showcase their talents.

The hope is that many community members will stop by, listen to our students, and take the opportunity to visit our local businesses and support them as well. This event is truly an effort to make a community endeavor that, we hope, everyone will take the opportunity to enjoy. So, please plan on stopping by, support the jazz band and your local businesses, and enjoy some fellowship with your neighbors and friends!



May BOE Meeting Notice

During its monthly May meeting, the Cedar Cliff Board of Education will be voting on the curriculum/textbook adoption for English/Language Arts. It is the intent to recommend materials from McGraw Hill publishing for a seven-year district adoption.

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Mason will be available to answer questions and show samples of the materials should anyone be interested. The materials will be available on May 17 at 6:00 pm, with the meeting to follow at 7:00.



Summer Camps if you are interested...



Cedarville Indian Youth Football Camp

Dates: July 12th-15th

Time: 6:00- 8:00pm

Place: Cedarville Indian Practice Field

What to bring: Water bottle, cleats, shorts and t-shirt

Who: All kids entering grades 3-8th

Cost: FREE!!!

- **Cedarville coaches from pee wee, junior high and high school collaborate with the help of varsity players to run the camp. We will divide into groups (3rd-6th, and 7th-8th) during the daily activities**
- **Your athlete will learn the basic principles of our Indian defense, they will also receive individual instruction on passing, catching, running routes, blocking and tackling. (tackling drills are on tackling pads not full contact)**
- **If you have questions, please contact Paul Riffle (937) 231-2557 or email riffle_paul@yahoo.com**

Please complete and return the bottom of this form to Mrs. Morrow in the elementary office.

Cedarville Indians Football Camp Registration

Camper name _____ Current grade _____

Parents name _____ Phone _____

Parents email _____



INDIANS BASKETBALL YOUTH CAMP

WHO:

Boys & Girls
Entering Grades 4th-8th
All Skill Levels Welcome

WHEN:

June 1ST – 3RD

WHERE:

Cedarville HS Gym

COST:

\$45 –Registration
Wednesday, May 12th
\$55 – Walk-up Registration
(Not Guaranteed a T-Shirt if Late)

4th-6th Grade:

9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

(Grade Entering into the
2021–2022 School Year)

7th-8th Grade:

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

For More Info Contact:

Coach Godlove
(937)728-9991
rgodlove@ccliff.net

Coach Cary
mcary@ccliff.net

Included:

- T-Shirt
- Daily Instruction
- Competitions
- Games
- Awards
- Snacks

Each child will receive instruction from the CHS Boys & Girls Coaching Staffs and Players. Students will drill on fundamental skills while also having the opportunity to participate in live games and competitions.

REGISTRATION FORM

Turn Registration Forms & Money into the Office by **Wednesday, May 12th**
Make Checks Payable To: Cedar Cliff Local Schools

Camper's Name _____ Phone (Cell) _____

Parents Name _____ Phone (Work) _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Grade _____ (2021-22) Shirt Size: Youth M Youth L Adult S AM AL AXL

We the parents or guardians assume all risk and hazards incidental to our child's participation and hereby agree to indemnify and save harmless Cedarville Basketball Camp of any and all claims and lawsuits.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Staff Use Only:
PAID _____
Check or Cash

Upcoming Events...

Saturday, May 1

Middle School Theater Performance (7:00)
11:00am--JV Baseball (A) Stebbins High School (Double Header (11+1))

Monday, May 3

District Virtual Art Show Grades 1st-12th
Athletic Boosters (7:00)
4:30pm—HS Tennis (H) vs. Dayton Christian Jr/HS
5:00pm—HS Baseball (A) vs. Greeneview HS

Tuesday, May 4

District Virtual Art Show Grades 1st-12th
4:30pm—HS Tennis (A) vs. Wayne High School
5:00pm—HS Baseball (A) vs. Southeastern HS
5:00pm—HS Track @ Shawnee High School (Shawnee Invitational)

Wednesday, May 5

District Virtual Art Show Grades 1st-12th
4:30pm—HS Tennis (A) vs. Urbana High School
5:00pm--JV Baseball (H) vs. Bethel HS

Thursday, May 6

District Virtual Art Show Grades 1st-12th
4:30pm—HS Tennis (A) vs. Northeastern High School
5:00pm--JV Baseball (H) vs. Carroll High School

Friday, May 7

District Virtual Art Show Grades 1st-12th
5:00pm—HS Baseball (H) vs. Catholic Central High School-Springfield

Saturday, May 8

District Virtual Art Show Grades 1st-12th
9:00am--MS Track @ West Liberty Salem MS/HS (OHC Championships)
11:00am—HS Baseball (H) vs. Bradford High School (Double Header (11+1))

Monday, May 10

District Virtual Art Show Grades 1st-12th
Middle School Awards (During the day)
Music Boosters (7:00)
5:00pm—HS Baseball (A) vs. Emmanuel Christian Academy
5:00pm—HS Track @ Mechanicsburg High School (OHC Prelims)

Tuesday, May 11

High School Awards (Scholarships---6:30) / All others during school day
5:00pm--JV Baseball (H) vs. Middletown Christian HS

Thursday, May 13

Kindergarten Screening
5:00pm—HS Track @ Mechanicsburg HS/MS (OHC Finals)

Friday, May 14

Make-up Day- if not needed, no school

Monday, May 17

Open Enrollment Application Day (8:00 am)

Regular Board Meeting (7:00)

Tuesday, May 18

5:00pm—HS Track @ Milton-Union High School (Districts)

Thursday, May 20

Graduation (7:00)

Saturday, May 22

9:00am—HS Track @ Milton-Union High School (Districts)

Tuesday, May 25

K-11 Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m./Grades 8-11 Exams

Elementary Spelling Bee

GCCC Graduation

Wednesday, May 26

K-11 Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m./Grades 8-11 Exams

5:00pm—HS Track @ Troy HS (Regionals @ Troy)

Thursday, May 27

K-11 Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m./Grades 8-11 Exams

End of Fourth Nine Weeks & End of Second Semester

Last Day of School

Friday, May 28

Teacher Work Day

9:00am—HS Track @ Troy HS (Regionals @ Troy)