

**Cedar Cliff Local Schools
Superintendent's Newsletter
September 2023**



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."

Pressure is a Privilege!

I must admit, I believe the Superintendent's position comes with a lot of pressure—and stress. But I am also not so arrogant to believe that I hold the only position that comes with a great deal of pressure and stress. Doctors, Lawyers, Professional Athletes, Pilots—and yes, teachers have pressure to perform at a high level.

I watched our Volleyball team recently. They played a very tough match against a league rival. It was interesting to watch the faces of the players as they competed. One girl, particularly, caught my attention. No matter how close the score was, no matter what she was required to do—she kept smiling. She smiled before her serve, she smiled before the other team served. She smiled after we scored and she smiled cheering her teammates on after they scored. Others on her team were not. They were working—they were competing—they were pushing themselves to do well. And, all the while, stressing over every point. They might not have realized it, but it was written all over their faces.

It gave me pause. This game—that student/athletes only get to play for a fraction of time, is supposed to be fun. It is a privilege. Not every child can play at the HS Varsity level and if they are lucky enough, play at a level after high school. Playing any sport at a high level is a privilege—so therefore, pressure is a privilege.

I have tried to never forget this fact. When I face the decisions with the Superintendentcy position, I try to reflect (during the calm times) and remember, not everyone can do it—they just can't. That's okay, you do not want me doing open-heart surgery either—I just can't. But I also understand the pressures I face as a Superintendent are a privilege. Representing Cedar Cliff was and is a privilege.

Over the course of the last decade, I have made decisions that will affect the district (and indirectly students) for decades more. That can weigh heavy on your mind when you are making those decisions, but in spite of the pressure—in spite of the stress—I do try to remember, it is a privilege to have that stress.

Substitute Bus Drivers Needed



Have you ever thought about driving a school bus? We are currently looking for substitute bus drivers that can be available on an as needed basis. If interested in becoming a bus driver please send an email to our transportation supervisor, Tom Morgan: tmorgan@ccliff.org



Important Events on the Calendar!

This year during Parent Teacher Conferences there will be two very important meetings. The first will be the annual FAFSA college financial paperwork meeting; it will be on Tuesday, February 20, from 3:00-6:30 pm in the High School Library. During this meeting, a Clark State University representative will be present to provide information on completing the financial aid paperwork for our students who plan to attend college next year.

The second will be the annual College-Credit Plus (CCP) meeting to be held on Thursday, October 12, at 5:30 pm in the High School Library. Important information will be shared to those families who desire their child to obtain college credit while still attending Cedar Cliff Schools.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend these important events!



Pass along the Information!

If you know of someone who would like to receive the newsletter, feel free to forward the information. We will also have copies available at the board office and the Senior Citizens' Center if someone would like the traditional paper copy. Once again, you can sign up to receive the newsletter from the Cedar Cliff Website at: <http://www.cedarcliffschools.net/>



Good Information for Parents!

Please join us online for a session on...



Positive Parenting

The Social and Emotional Development Team at the Greene County ESC will facilitate virtual meetings to empower parents of children ages 0-10, through positive supportive networking. Each month new information will be presented to encourage us to reflect on communication with our children without blame or shame, but through the use of humor, support, and resource sharing. We will create a space for honest conversations about the challenges of raising children to help avoid burnout and build stronger relationships.

This month's topic: Understanding Your Child's Behavior and Strategies to Help Your Child with Big Emotions

Session Times:

Tuesday September 12th - 8:00pm-8:30pm
Wednesday September 13th - 1:00pm-1:30pm
Tuesday September 26th- 8:00pm-8:30pm
Wednesday September 27th - 1:00pm-1:30pm

****Attend any of these sessions, no commitment needed. Questions from parents always guide our discussion. Feel free to just listen in or participate!**

Register and join each meeting here:

<https://zoom.us/j/97049694203>



E-mail:

ECMHTeam@greeneESC.org to learn more or for any questions!

Or ask to join our mailing list for Social Emotional Learning tips, freebies, and activities!

Or scan the QR Code to join!



Bullying Prevention

Cedar Cliff Local Schools is fully committed to curbing student bullying and school violence, and providing a positive learning environment for all students that enhances personal safety and promotes respect, dignity, and equality among students. We believe our schools play an important role in helping faculty, staff and parents prepare students to be respectful and responsible citizens. As part of our commitment, the district has integrated a program, developed by former school officials, called PUBLICSCHOOLWORKS, that provides:

- Online and telephone reporting tools for students, parents and staff.
- Staff training in recognizing and responding to incidents of bullying and violence.
- Administrative systems to manage incidents and document district and school responses to reported concerns of bullying or violence.

Cedar Cliff Local Schools will make every effort to handle and respond to every charge and complaint filed by students, parents and employees in a fair, thorough, and just manner. Also, every effort will be made to protect the due process rights of all victims and all alleged perpetrators.



School Immunizations Due Now!

This is a reminder, immunizations are required and your son/daughter may be prevented from school attendance if proof of immunizations is not provided to the school nurse—the deadline is September 8, 2023. Information regarding immunizations and the adopted rules for school vaccinations is now posted on the district website at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-p0TBTyPwBAU2pZM1BKak1nNjg/view>. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact your doctor or pediatrician. Important information to note:

Current 7th graders for the 2023-2024 school year are reminded that they must show proof of the following immunization--1 dose of **Tdap vaccine** and a **meningococcal vaccine** are required for this school year. Seniors (those now in the 12th grade) need an additional Meningococcal Immunization (2 doses total). This requirement went into effect several years ago and is still in place.

Please check with your family physician if you have any questions. Proof of these immunizations may be delivered to the office any time.

We thought this article might be beneficial—especially if you have elderly individuals in your family as they will target those individuals the most.

Beware of the 'Say Yes' phone scam

Don't give robocallers what they're looking for

By [Kurt Knutsson, CyberGuy Report Fox News](#)

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Have you ever received a call from an unknown number, only to be greeted with the question, "Can you hear me?" This is a common tactic used in the ["Say Yes" phone scam](#), which has been around for a while and is once again making the rounds, according to the Better Business Bureau.

It's important to be aware of this scam and others like it to avoid falling victim to them. Here's what you need to know to protect yourself.

What is the 'Say Yes' phone scam?

The "Say Yes" phone scam is a type of fraud where a person receives a call from an unknown number. If they answer it, the [robocaller on the other end](#) of the line will ask a question that prompts the victim to say "yes."

This could be something as simple as "Can you hear me?" or a more specific question like "Is this [your name]?" or "Do you have time to talk?" The goal of the scammer is to record the victim saying "yes."

What the victim doesn't realize is that "yes" is being voice recorded, and once the robocaller has that "yes," they can use it for whatever they want while pretending to be you. They might use it to authorize charges to your credit card or cellphone bill, to sign up for a program that you'd be charged for or something else.

What if I got a call like this, and I said yes?

If this "Say Yes" phone scam sounds like something you've experienced before, there's no need to panic. It's not a guarantee that your voice will definitely be used for something that will affect you negatively.

However, it is important to be cautious when answering calls from unknown numbers and to be aware of the potential for this type of scam. You should also keep an eye on your bank and credit card statements and make sure that there aren't any charges on there that you did not authorize. I also recommend if you do receive a call like this, that you report it to the [BBB Scam Tracker](#).



The "Say Yes" scam can target anyone. (CyberGuy.com)

What can I do to protect myself in the future?

Although these robocall scams are common, there are plenty of ways you can protect yourself from them. Here are some of my suggestions.

Don't pick up

If you're getting a call from a number that you don't recognize, don't answer it. You're better off letting the number go to voicemail than risking the chance of your voice being recorded for something you don't want. If it turns out that the call was from a real person, you can always call them back.

Answer the question with a question

If you do end up answering the call and the caller is asking you a question right off the bat, avoid saying 'yes.' Instead of answering their question, give a question right back to them. You can ask them something like, "Who am I speaking to?" or "What is the purpose of your call?" Questioning them might scare them off and make them hang up anyway, so just make sure you're avoiding saying the word yes at all costs.

Use a removal service

To protect yourself from scammers getting your phone number in the first place, take steps to remove your personal information off the web with a data removal service. Although no service can guarantee the complete removal of all your data, having a removal service can be helpful in continuously monitoring and removing your information from hundreds of sites over a longer period of time.

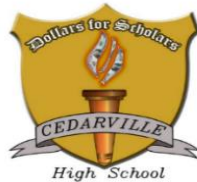
See my tips and best picks for removing yourself from the internet by heading to Cyberguy.com/Delete.

Kurt's key takeaways

Next time you receive a call from an unknown number and they ask, "Can you hear me?" be cautious. It could be the "Say Yes" phone scam trying to record your response. The solution is simple. Just avoid saying "yes" and use our tips to stay safe from robocall scams in the future. Remember, staying aware and protecting yourself is the key. What more could phone companies be doing to protect you from ever receiving these types of robocall scams in the first place? Let us know by writing us at Cyberguy.com/Contact. For more of my [tech tips and security alerts](#), subscribe to my free CyberGuy Report

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Memorial Endowment Established for Cedar Cliff Schools



Partnering with the "Greene Giving," the Cedar Cliff Local School District is fortunate to have established an endowment scholarship program. Through this program, anyone who wishes to donate or bequeath dollars to the continuing education of CHS graduates may do so. This is a great way to ensure continuing educational opportunities exist for our students and potentially change a young person's future. For more information contact Edward Marrinan at: friend@greenegiving.org

What is this *Feed the 'Ville* I heard about?

Feed the 'Ville is a local group established to assist families in need by providing snacks and food for weekends and while students are not at school. There is a form to participate on the next page of this newsletter. If you are in need in any way *OR* you know someone who may benefit, feel free to send this information along and have them return to the appropriate school personnel.

Feed the 'Ville



Caring for our Children

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Are you familiar with *Feed the 'Ville*? *Feed the 'Ville* is a weekly effort intended to help contribute to the nutritional requirements and development of our community's growing children. For students who participate, we provide a bag of food for them to take home each weekend that includes 2 breakfasts, snacks and 2 lunches at no additional cost to you or the school district. Mrs. Curlette and Mrs. Tinglestad tell us the number of bags that are needed and will see that they are delivered to the students. This is handled in a discreet way so as not to embarrass the children. The information will be confidential! Only the school will have the names of students participating in this program.

The food items are either purchased or donated, then packaged and delivered by us to the school. Some items include easy-open, single-serve containers of meat, fruit, vegetables, pudding and microwaveable pastas, as well as snacks, granola bars, juice and milk. This program is meant to help provide your family with a dependable food source for your child during weekends, and help him or her benefit and learn from healthy eating practices.

Participation in this program is completely optional. If you would like to participate in this program, please complete this form and return it to school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Curlette at 766-3811 or Mrs. Tinglestad at 766-1871.

Program Participation Request:

- Yes, I would like my child/children to participate in the *Feed the 'Ville* program.

_____	_____
Student's Full Name	Teacher
_____	_____
Student's Full Name	Teacher
_____	_____
Student's Full Name	Teacher

List any additional names on the back.

_____	_____
Parent's Signature	Date



Senior Year “TO DO” SHEET for 2023– 2024

If you are a Senior this year, below are important dates and events to keep in mind for this coming school year.

BE “IN LINE” TO GRADUATE...

- Will you have all graduation requirements met?
- Do you have make up work to do?
- Have you performed any community service?

PREPARE FOR APPLYING TO COLLEGE...

- Have you taken the ACT &/or SAT? (Twice?)
- When registering for the SAT/ACT have the scores sent DIRECTLY to the colleges to which you are interested in applying.
- Have you researched the colleges in which you are interested in applying?
- Have you visited the colleges in which you are interested in applying?
- Seniors are allowed three college visit days (Juniors are permitted two).
- Have you thought about what your major/focus will be in college?

APPLY TO COLLEGE...

- Early applications should be sent by November.
- If you need a letter of recommendation from Mrs. Tingelstad, or any staff members, please be courteous, and give them at least two weeks’ notice.
- Keep copies of all your college correspondence – applications, letters, forms, etc.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID...

- Check with parents’ employers, church, social and professional organizations for scholarship opportunities.
- Check with your employer (if you work), your coach (if you play a sport), church, organizations for scholarship opportunities.
- Listen to school announcements.
- Check for any scholarship information/applications in the Guidance Office.
- In October, get a FAFSA pin number on line.

Superintendent Search Community Meeting

There will be a community meeting regarding the ongoing Superintendent Search. It will take place on Wednesday, September 6, at 6:00 pm in the MS gymnasium. All are invited to attend this important event.

We need your help–If you can!



The district is always looking for substitute teachers, custodians, classroom aides, and secretaries. Presently, the biggest need is in the secretary and classroom aide categories. If you are interested and have some time to devote, the pay is \$13.00/Hr., and the time would be *GREATLY* appreciated.



Cedar Cliff Offering Athletic Passes!

Anyone wishing to purchase an athletic pass for sporting events can do so at the district website. Please go to the front page of the district site, look for the link pictured below, and you will be directed to the vendor for purchasing tickets or passes. The district was forced to raise ticket prices and passes for student attendance at games to match Ohio Heritage Conference (OHC) fees and to ensure the district athletic budget can remain self-sufficient. We hope with the relaxation of COVID limitations on spectators, we will return to a “full-house” as we watch the Indians this year!



Athletic Schedules

For a view of all athletic team schedules, please visit: <https://cedarvilleindians.com/>

Upcoming September Events

Monday, September 4

Labor Day No School
Labor Day Parade

Wednesday, September 6

General Community Meeting for Superintendent Search (6:00)

Friday, September 8

First Grade Field Trip

Monday, September 11

Athletic Booster Meeting (7:00)
Music Booster (7:00)
PTO Meeting (7:00)

Wednesday, September 13

K-12 Early Dismissal (1:00 p.m.)

Monday, September 18

Regular Board Meeting (7:00)

Friday, September 22

Homecoming

Tuesday, September 26

Mobile Dentist at Elementary

Wednesday, September 27

Middle/High School Picture Day

Thursday, September 28

Elementary School Picture Day