



# Caw Connection

Coldwater Exempted Village Schools

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Families and Community members,

Spring is here! We have entered the fourth quarter of the school year! The growth you can see in our students over the three-quarters of any school year amazes me. I am so proud of the students as they model good behavior, work ethic, and kindness. I would be remiss if I didn't take the time to express my gratitude and pride in the Coldwater Exempted Village School District staff. We are blessed to have a staff that is not only great at what they do but also kind, empathetic, and will do whatever they can to help a student academically or socially-emotionally. In my 32-year educational career, I have never been somewhere where, collectively, the staff was as solid as we have in Coldwater. The most special part is we are a true family that cares for one another and has the same vision for our school.



I feel compelled to address the elephant in the room, our recent levy failure. I would like to share parts of an email I sent to the staff on March 21st:

*"Yesterday was a heavy day for many reasons. The sting of Tuesday night's election results took the wind out of my lungs. Like the 5 stages of grief, I know there are stages of acceptance for a superintendent after a levy loss. My current stage is that it was a vote against me as superintendent. Logically, I know it wasn't about me, at least not for most of the voters, but emotionally, that is where my heart is currently. I will get through this stage with grace and begin working harder than ever on what the future looks like for Coldwater Schools.*

*I will do everything possible to protect and care for you as we move forward. Please know I love each and every one of you, and I do not say that lightly. I know that your career is more than just a way of living; it is your calling in life. I will work with the board of education to balance the need to have monies for the inevitable infrastructure failures that are coming, as well as make sure we have competitive wages to attract and retain employees for when we have the ability to hire, as well as to ensure we do not take advantage of those who serve our students daily.*

*In the present, I will work with the principals as they build their master schedules and staffing allocations for next year. I have contacted an architectural firm to ask for their advice about our maintenance business plan and the monies that were not allocated to be set aside per the plan's recommendation. I do know that when a firm comes in and does a new analysis, it typically costs anywhere from \$40,000 to \$90,000. I will solicit their recommendations and consult with the board of education on how they want to deal with our infrastructure uncertainty. If the architectural firm recommends that another plan be developed, I will consult with the board on what direction we should take and where those monies would come from in our budget.*

*On the positive side, many in our community are engaged in the happenings in our schools. Please continue to tell our story. Many do not get to see the work you do in and out of the classroom as I get to on a daily basis. They do not get to see the love you give to students, the tears you shed for these students, and the money you spend out of your own pocket for these students. They don't get to see the engaging atmosphere you have in your classrooms. Finally, they don't get to see the spirit and positive culture we have in all our schools. We are not perfect, but we do our best every day and make corrections when we don't get it right the first time. So please take pictures, write up a short description, and either I will get it out on social media or our communication intern, Spencer Etzler, will get it on social media. Also, please reach out to our students' parents on what you are doing in the classroom and engage them more than ever.*

*I will continue to communicate often with you and the community in the most positive and transparent way possible. In this communication, I will not turn a blind eye to the district's needs. I aim to work with the board of education to ensure our school system has a sustainable future in terms of personnel and infrastructure. My goal is to try to work for 6 more years, long after when I can officially retire, so I can look back in retirement and know that the school is viable for the next 25 years. In doing so, I know that there will be critics of how we move forward. For example, I did receive one data point of feedback on my letter to the parents and community after the election loss that it was threatening. If any of you feel that way, please let me know as soon as possible. The letter aimed to send a positive note that we will be unwavering in what we do every day. At the same time, I have to be honest about what I will advise the board on the best steps forward. I will keep you involved in that process.*

*In conclusion, stay positive and do what you do best: be relationship-driven and student-focused. I will lead this district with every ounce of energy I have as long as the board and the staff trust in my direction and capability as a leader.*

*Bottom line, please know I have complete faith and confidence in what you do every day. Also, know that the majority of this community is proud of our school and those who work for our students. I think you saw this in the kind gestures given to the staff in the last couple of days.*

*I am more proud to be a Cavalier today, and that is because of each of you on this staff. **We are Coldwater, and we will rise above this, love harder, and be stronger than ever.**"*

Hopefully, you can see that students are still our number one priority within our school. Our teachers and staff will continue to teach, love, and care for all of our students. It is my role to be the educational leader with help from our leadership team, and that will continue to be our priority. It is also my role to ensure the district is ready for next year and 10 to 15 years from now. I will advise the board on our next steps as a district. I feel privileged to have retired superintendents who were once colleagues and are now cherished friends. I seek their counsel and collaborate with them on significant educational matters, some of which are publicly visible, while others remain behind the scenes. In addition, I have the privilege to work with several school leaders internationally whom I am able to share educational issues with to seek advice and share experiences. Finally, I am proud to be the chairman of the board for the Colina Learning Center, a school I helped start in Romania. The board is comprised of experts

from around the world who specialize in many aspects of school. I am fortunate to learn and collaborate with them on school-related matters.

We are now entering the state testing season. I am confident our teachers have prepared our students to do the best of their ability on these state-mandated tests. At our next board meeting, the board will vote on the second reading for the calendars for the 2025-2026 and the 2026-2027 school years. My goal is to approve academic calendars well in advance, typically a couple of years ahead of time. This approach allows families to plan accordingly, being aware of the scheduled school days and breaks, facilitating their ability to schedule family time. Graduation for the class of 2024 will be here before we know it, so I hope the parents of our seniors enjoy the last quarter of their senior year.

I hope everyone enjoys their summer. As a reminder, school activities will be completely shut down from June 29th to July 7th this year. The school and the park have collaborated again to ensure we both shut down the activities we control to allow families to have time together with no outside distractions.

We are ALL Coldwater Cavaliers.

Doug Mader, Superintendent

**FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER, JENN MCCOY:**

**Grants Received**

Ohio Attorney General School Safety Grant - **\$6,043.55**

**State Audit**

The Coldwater Exempted Village School District has successfully completed its fiscal year 2023 state audit. I am pleased to announce that neither my office nor the school district received any findings. I express my gratitude to Cindy Hamberg, our Assistant Treasurer, and Kristi Timmerman, our HR & EMIS Coordinator, for maintaining meticulous records and ensuring the financial office's accuracy. Additionally, I want to extend my appreciation to our outstanding staff and teachers for their understanding and adaptability in the face of constantly evolving rules and regulations from the state. The audit report is available for public viewing on the Ohio Auditor of State's website.

**Food Service State Audit**

The Coldwater Exempted Village School District Food Services (Cafeteria) has successfully undergone and completed the Ohio Department of Education Office of Nutrition Administrative Review. I am delighted to report that we received no findings along with no regulatory compliance findings in this audit. My sincere gratitude goes to Ashley Ahrens, our food service director, who worked tirelessly on these reviews while simultaneously ensuring that our cafeteria maintains its status as one of the best in the state. Additionally, I extend my appreciation to all the amazing cafeteria staff members, who show up each day with dedication, ensuring that our students' nutritional needs are met and that the cafeteria remains a vital component of our school.

**Student Book Fees**

This is a gentle reminder to pay your children's 2023-2024 book fees if you have not already done so. Thank you!



### UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

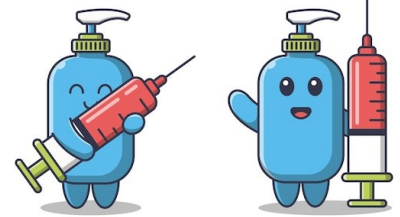
The Coldwater EVSD Board of Education  
will meet the following evenings at  
6:00 PM in the High School CAV Room:  
April 9, May 14, and June 25, 2024

### Immunization Requirements for the 2024-2025 School Year

Students entering Kindergarten, 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades are all required to show proof of having all the required immunizations for that grade.

Now is the time to schedule your child's appointment to get those required vaccines. **PLEASE NOTE: THE DEADLINE FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR IS SEPTEMBER 10, 2024.** If proof of the re-

quired vaccinations are not submitted by that date, your child can be excluded from school until the vaccines are received and all paperwork is turned into the student's building office.



**Kindergarteners** are required to have the 5th Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis, the 4th Polio, the 2nd Measles Mumps Rubella, and the 2nd chickenpox vaccines. Children can receive these vaccines any time after their fourth birthday. They should be up to date with 3 Hepatitis B vaccines.

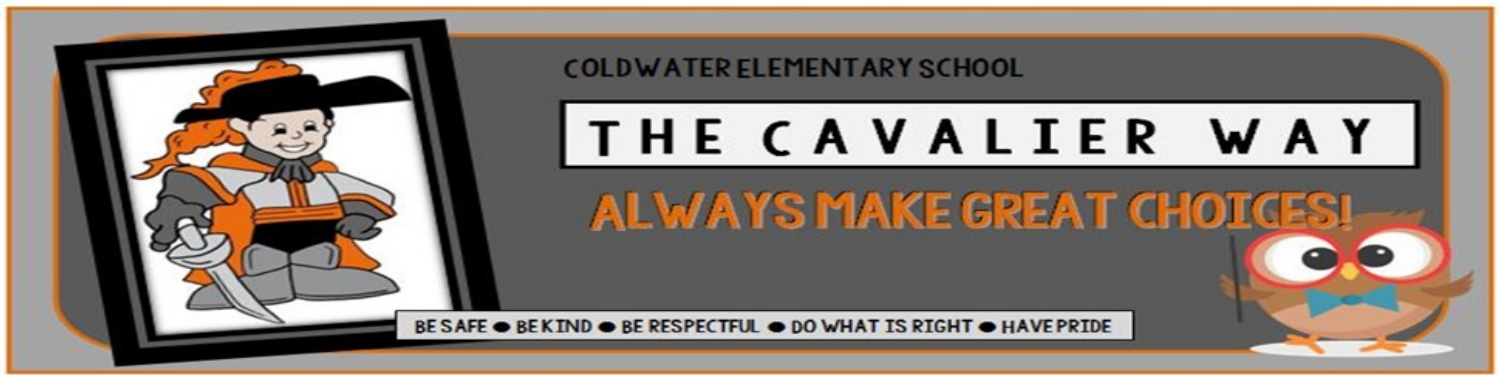
**7th Graders** are required to have the Meningococcal A, C, W, and Y vaccine and the Tdap. This Meningococcal vaccine, also known as Menactra or Menveo, has been recommended since 2005. The Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis, or Tdap, vaccine has been required since the 2010-2011 school year. Pre-teens can receive these vaccines any time after they are 11 years old.

The Meningococcal A, C, W, and Y vaccine is a requirement for **all 12th graders**. This Meningococcal vaccine known as Menactra or Menveo has been recommended since 2005. Many of the students may have had the first vaccine at the time of the required Tdap before 7th grade. If so, the booster dose is now required prior to 12th grade and after 16 years of age. If the vaccine is started after 16, the booster dose will not be able to be given.

Vaccines can be administered at some physician offices, several pharmacies including Schwieterman's, Walmart, and CVS, or at the Health Department. If you wish to have your vaccines at the Mercer County Health Department, please call 419-586-3251 Option 2 for an appointment or to talk to the nurse. If you plan on getting vaccines at a pharmacy, call first to see what paperwork (if any) you have to bring with you.

For more information on vaccines go to [www.immunize.org](http://www.immunize.org) or [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

If you need an exemption form contact the office or School Nurse for a copy of the required form.



## Elementary News:

Mike Etzler - Elementary Principal

This has been a very exciting and fun-filled year at Coldwater Elementary as we continue to ensure a rigorous learning environment for all students. It is very rewarding to observe so much progress and growth in our Cavalier students as they give their best effort to achieve at their highest ability level. I would like to thank our students, teachers, staff, administration, and all of you at home for helping make this a successful year. Hopefully "The Cavalier Way" is a very popular phrase at home and students are applying these qualities not just at school but in their lives each day.



Our students continue to demonstrate the Cavalier Way by loving, serving, and caring for others within their classroom and elementary school. We want to continue to teach our students that there is always someone you can help, always more you can give, and it is always very important to serve others. Please encourage your child to continue to find ways to love, serve, and care for others in our community.

Our PurposeFull People word for the month of March at Coldwater Elementary was PERSEVERANCE. Perseverance means the ability to work through situations to achieve success even when there are obstacles or challenges in the way. Many people refer to perseverance as "grit". Grit and perseverance are what keeps us trying to meet long-term goals. Many researchers have found that perseverance is the most important factor to achievement and success. We want to continue to teach our students to always have perseverance and a growth mindset by communicating to them that it is okay to fail and get frustrated at times, but it is not okay to give up. Please continue to praise and encourage your child for their strong effort and never giving up until they reach their goals. If you are a parent/guardian of a 3rd or 4th grade student it will be important for you to review how essential it will be for them to give and do their best on the upcoming Ohio State Tests for English Language Arts and Math. Remind them that it will take perseverance to achieve success and regardless of the outcome if they give their best effort they can be proud of themselves!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher with a concern or advice on academic/behavioral strategies and interventions. The Coldwater Elementary Team together with parents want to do what is best for kids and for your child. It is very hard to achieve success alone, but when a team is involved, educators and parents, success can be achieved. Please remember that students will be attending school on Tuesday, April 2nd, but will not be in attendance on Monday, April 8th, 2024 due to the solar eclipse. Also, as the weather gets warmer, please remember that students can always wear shorts. Our team looks forward to a continued amazing 4th quarter and school year doing things "The Cavalier Way"!

## Appreciation & Recognition

Coldwater Elementary would like to take a moment to recognize the quick thinking and action of one of our outstanding team members, 4th grade teacher, Shelly Siefring. Shelly recently performed the Heimlich maneuver on a 4th-grade student who was choking on a hard candy in her classroom. Thanks to Shelly's rapid response, she was able to prevent what could have potentially been a tragic situation.

As a team at Coldwater Elementary, we are dedicated to the safety and well-being of our students. This incident serves as a reminder that emergencies can happen unexpectedly, and our team will continue to keep our students safe by being prepared, not scared. Coldwater Elementary will continue to prioritize the safety of our students by staying vigilant and proactive. Thank you to Shelly for her bravery and quick actions.

When you have an elementary team that cares about the students within their community and does whatever it takes to keep them safe as Shelly demonstrated...that is special and you don't find that in every school or district.

Again, thank you Shelly for your poise and quick care and thank you to all of our CWEL staff for going above and beyond every day for the students within our community!

### **Coldwater Elementary Instructional Aides**

Coldwater Elementary would like to take this time to recognize our Instructional Aides: Karen Bergman, Sara Sudhoff, Pat Kanney, Janet Niekamp, Christine Hannewald, Janet Eckstein, Pam Cupp (EL aide), Jessica Scott (Library Aide). In my opinion, they have to be the best aides in the state of Ohio. Each day they go above and beyond for our students doing whatever it takes and whatever is asked of them. Their main responsibilities include small intervention groups, small enrichment groups, one on one instruction, one on one assessment, working with EL students, running the library, recess duty, lunch duty, cross-walk duty, hallway duty, arrival duty, and supporting office needs. Their knowledge and commitment to Coldwater Elementary is absolutely fantastic! Again, I just want to thank them and acknowledge how lucky our staff, school, and community is to have them as part of Coldwater Elementary.

### **All State Children's Choir**

Congratulations to 4th grade students Audrey Francis, Katy Qiu, Myra Knapke, & Gabriel Simper on performing with the OMEA All-State Children's Choir in Columbus, Ohio on Thursday, February 1, 2024. These students had to audition and be selected for this elite honor. We are very proud of their accomplishments! Also thank you to elementary music teacher Denise Petersen for instructing and helping these students achieve this honor and their parents for supporting them throughout this process!

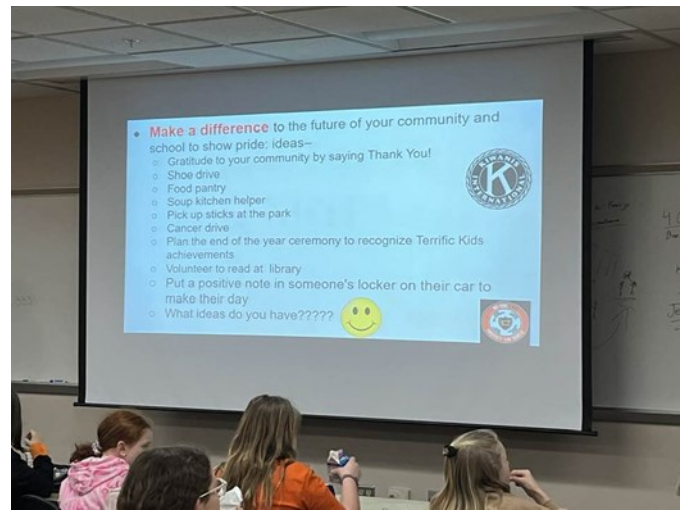


### **4th Grade K-Kids**



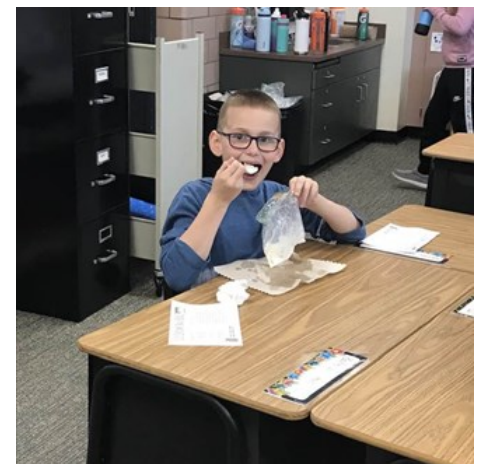
Our first K-Kids meeting was held on Wednesday, February 28th. This year we have fifty-three fourth grade students that are committed to being K-Kids and learning about how to be leaders by serving others within our school and community. These students give up their lunch and recess time from 12:30-1:30 p.m. once a month to be a member of K-Kids. Mrs. Stacey Froning, Mrs. Joan Gilliland, and myself will be working as a team to serve as the K-Kids advisors. At our first meeting Mrs. Gilliland created and shared a presentation all about K-Kids. Here is a link to view the presentation: [K-Kids Presentation](#)

All advisors spoke about what it means to serve, be in a leadership role, and how that can be done as a student within your school and community. The projects that K-Kids will be doing the rest of the school year are based on our monthly Purpose-Full People Character Words. March is perseverance, April is courage, and May is cooperation. During March students made cards thanking our local businesses and healthcare workers. Students will then deliver them in person to the local businesses and place them on all of the healthcare workers' car windshields so they have a nice surprise when they leave from work. During April we will be having a Coins for Cancer drive and in May a can food drive to benefit the Coldwater Food Pantry. We also hope to add in some very small community service projects like picking up trash/litter at the park and on school grounds when possible. On the next page are some photos from our first meeting.



**National FFA Week/Petting Zoo**

National FFA Week was celebrated the week of Feb. 19th-23rd. The elementary students really enjoy this week every year because our Coldwater HS FFA provides a petting zoo, mini-lessons about topics related to agriculture (4th grade ice cream making), and a coloring contest for our elementary students. This year our kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students received a classroom lesson and a visit to the petting zoo which is their favorite. The FFA Tractor Parade was also held again this year. The winners of the coloring contest from each grade got to ride in the parade on a tractor/combine within an enclosed cab. Thank you to all of the HS FFA members for creating and presenting these lessons/activities. Also thank you to Mrs. Deanna Wenning for providing this opportunity for all of our elementary students this year. Below are some photos from all of the FFA week activities.





### Dr. Seuss/Read Across America Day

Dr. Seuss/Read Across America Day was celebrated at Coldwater Elementary on Friday, March 1st. This day was to celebrate the children's author, Dr. Seuss's birthday and an overall love for reading. All students and staff were able to dress as any of their favorite Dr. Seuss characters. Each grade level celebrated this day in their own way. Many classrooms read Dr. Seuss literature and did many Seuss-like activities throughout the day and week. Some students even got to experience eating green eggs and ham. Students had a lot of fun learning/reading about Dr. Seuss and celebrating Read Across America Day.

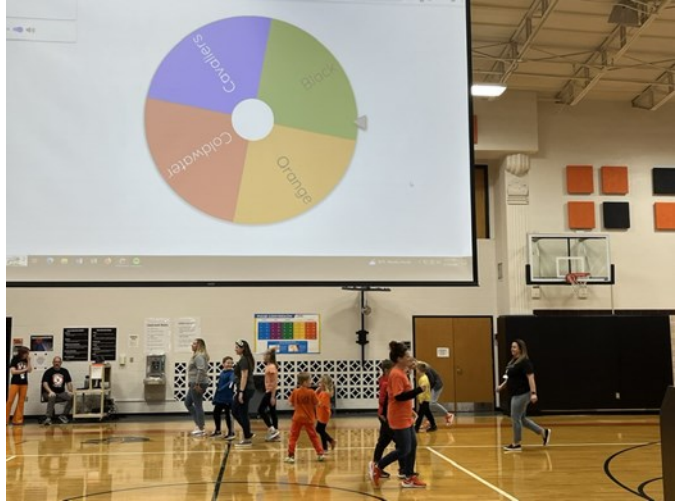
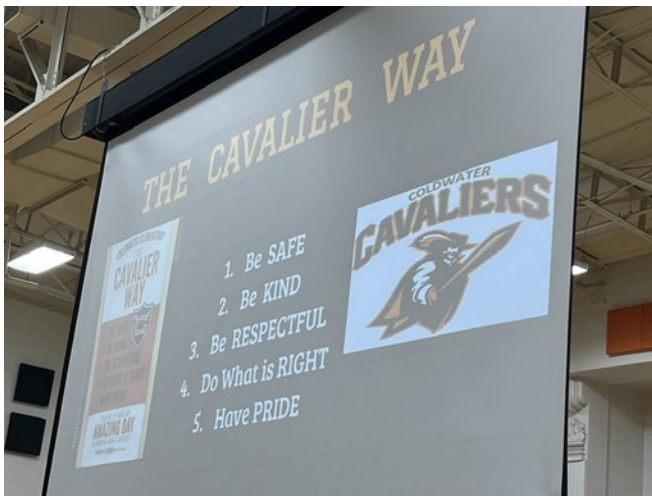




### Cavalier Way 3rd Quarter Assembly

On Friday, March 15th we held our 3rd Quarter Cavalier Way Assembly. All elementary students and staff gathered to celebrate our school community and our students. This was yet another opportunity for our students to hear about “The Cavalier Way” Expectations and understand what it means to be a CAVALIER! The assembly consisted of school & self pride (including school song “You-nique”, Coldwater Fight Song, and Cavalier Way chants), reviewing The Cavalier Way expectations, positive rewards (Cavalier Way Awards & Outstanding Character Awards), and concluding with learning about perseverance/grit and how it is healthy for us to have obstacles or challenges in life that we need to overcome with perseverance. The assembly was very successful and an awesome way to continue to celebrate and motivate students for the remaining year!





### **The Cavalier Way Award Winners - 3rd Quarter**

At the end of each quarter every classroom teacher honors two students with “The Cavalier Way” Award. This award recognizes students who have done an outstanding job demonstrating and modeling “The Cavalier Way” each day at Coldwater Elementary. Listed below are the students who won this award in each classroom for the third quarter. These students were announced at the 3rd Quarter Cavalier Way Assembly on Friday, March 15, 2024. Each student received a Cavalier Way backpack tag, free Kona Ice certificate, a Cavalier Way certificate, and had their photo taken so they could be honored. Congratulations to these students for being awesome role models for other students in our school.



*1st Grade: Ryker Wolters, Reagan Muhlenkamp, Briella Kunk, Grant Timmerman, Mack Muhlenkamp, Malory Voskuhl, Karter Boeckman, Elyse Fennig, Harper Prosser, Wesley Powell, Riley Simcoe, Kane Siegrist*



**2nd Grade:** Ainsely Knapke, Wade Knapke, Arlow Homan, Eliza Bihn, Mila Alig, Emmett Berger, Nevaeh Wright, Charlie Gerlach, Paige Klenke, Grant Bertke, Malaynee Dawson, Ryan Alig, Aubrey Due, Layla Stromblad

**3rd Grade:** Blake Powell, Kinsley Lefeld, Martha Matauto, Morgan Schwieterman, Lily Dues, Baylen Scott, Hayden Miller, Eleanor Woeste, Vivienne Cron, Addison Fennig, Georgie Sudhoff, Tucker Schlarman



**4th Grade:** Amelia Wolf, Benton Houser, Olivia Kleinhenz, Ross Winner, Carson Uhlenhake, Katy Qiu, Chloe Miller, Tucker Link, Madelyn Sapp, Rylee Knapke



### **PTO Carnival & Elementary Art Show**

An enormous thank you goes out to the Coldwater PTO and chairpersons, Brad & Liz Niekamp and Cole & Vanessa Cooper, as well as all of the family volunteers for the fantastic carnival they organized for all our Cavalier students, parents, and families on March 17th. It was one of the most successful carnivals to date. Monies raised from this event will go toward supporting our students and teachers with valuable educational materials and resources. Thank you for all of your hard work and effort! Again this year the PTO asked for prize donations from various businesses for the raffle. Approximately \$4,500 was donated to be used as prizes: from cash, to local gift certificates, a bike, Amazon tablets, pool passes, sports packages, and more... making a total of 229 prizes. These “kid-friendly” prizes were given away to K-4 students. A special thank you to the Buzzards Glory Community Club who donated funds so that all of our elementary students could have an entry into the raffle and a chance to win one or more of the prizes that were given away this year. Also, thank you to Cooper Farms for donating the funds to cover the cost of all of the inflatables that kids were able to enjoy at the carnival. A huge thank you to the businesses who were able to support the Coldwater PTO Student Raffle.

An extra special thank you to elementary art teacher, Kari Forsthoefel for organizing the Coldwater Elementary Art show. Mrs. Forsthoefel worked diligently to make sure each elementary student had a piece of artwork displayed in the show. It is

fantastic to see the amazing art that our elementary students create! Thank you Mrs. Forsthoefel for taking the time to make this event happen!



### **Kindergarten Screening & Registration**

Coldwater Elementary held their kindergarten screening and registration on March 21st & March 22nd. If you have a child that will turn age five before August 1, 2024 and are interested in sending them to kindergarten but missed the screening dates, please contact the elementary office as soon as possible at 419-678-2613 to schedule a time for a short screening. We currently have 150 students in the class of 2037 that are eligible to attend kindergarten at Coldwater Elementary during the 2024-25 school year.

### **Spring Ohio Achievement Testing**

Our 3rd and 4th grade Cavalier students will soon have the chance to, “prove what they know”!

Spring Ohio Achievement Testing in language arts and math will be during the months of April and May. Following will be the Coldwater Elementary testing schedule:

April 16 & 17            3rd & 4th Grade Reading/Language Arts Test

April 30 & May 1        3rd & 4th Grade Math Test

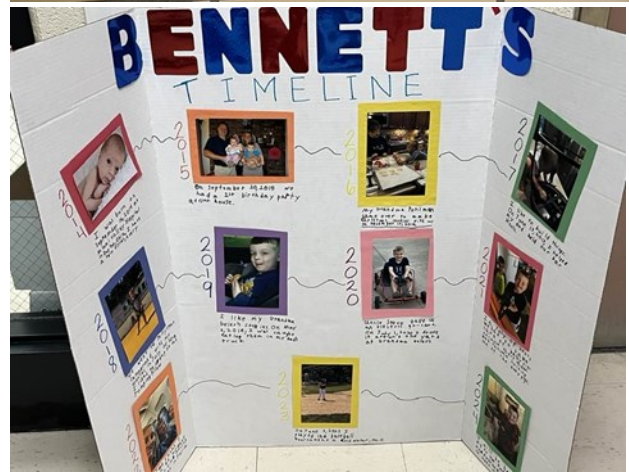
Parents are asked to explain to their child that these tests will show how much he/she has learned. Encourage them to try their best, but don't put so much emphasis on the tests that he/she feels stressed. Please have your child get a good night of sleep and a good breakfast with protein (eggs, yogurt, milk) and carbohydrates (fruit, oatmeal, toast) for the days of testing. We want our Cavaliers to perform at their highest achievement ability!

## "In the Classroom"

### 3rd Grade Timelines

Also, our 3rd Grade students just completed a personal timeline project to help them learn about and understand the past, present, and future. This project covers the social studies 3rd grade standard, "Events in local history can be shown on timelines organized by years, decades, and centuries". Having our 3rd grade students complete a personal timeline about themselves, then gives them a connection to understand a timeline, how it works, and how other events in history, such as our local history, can be displayed on a timeline. Students had to have one event for each year of their life (8 or 9). They were to start with their birth and proceed with each year thereafter. Some examples that could be included were birthdays, special vacations, engaging in something (sports, music, or awards), etc.

Students had to write the date and a sentence about the event and why it was special. They could add decorations such as stickers, glitter, ribbons, etc. The timeline could be horizontal, vertical, a book, on the computer/PowerPoint, or anything else they wanted to come up with. In other words, students could be creative! Students also had to give an oral presentation to the class explaining their timeline. Below are some photos of our students' awesome work!



## 1st Grade Writer's Workshop

Mrs. Moor's class participates in Writers Workshop daily. It is a structured writing program. One of the genres of writing is a "How To" writing style. The students were first taught how to write in this style as a whole group. Then they were able to write their own "How To" on a topic of their choice. The final activity consisted of writing a "How To" on making a pizza. After the writing activity, the students were placed into five groups to create a mock pizza restaurant. They generated a name for their restaurant, designed a pizza menu, and took orders from teachers in the elementary building. They used their order forms from their customers to build each pizza to order. Each pizza came with a vegetable, fruit, mint, and drink. After the pizzas were baked, the students delivered each pizza to their customers complete with a handmade chef hat, mustache, apron, and a smile. The students were also able to make their own pizzas for lunch. Mrs. Moor would like to thank the parents for donating some of the items to make this fun project a success.



## Conversations About School / After School Questions

Research shows that supporting your child's education at home is very important to their success. Here are conversation starters that will help you stay involved:

- \* **Let's see what you brought home.** Look at completed work to find out what your youngster is learning and how well they're doing. You could comment on their math work or social studies project, for instance. ("You know a lot about our state's history!") Also respond to notes from their teacher, and sign their weekly envelope or assignment notebook if required.
- \* **Show me what you have for homework.** It's your child's job to do their homework, but you play a role, too. Make sure they know what they're supposed to do by having them explain the assignments to you. After they finish their homework, glance over the work to see that it's complete.
- \* **Describe a book you enjoyed today.** This gives you an idea of what your youngster prefers to read. Then, build a daily reading habit by asking what they'd like to read tonight. Encourage their reading and listening skills by reading aloud to them and letting them read to you.
- \* **Tell me what you learned that you'd like to know more about.** Use their interests as jumping-off points for activities to share. If they like geometry, you might hunt for shapes together. If they're fascinated by how animals adapt to winter, take them to the library to research the subject or to the zoo to see live animals.
- \* **After-School Questions.** Asking "How was school today?" might not get you far. Instead, ask questions like these for a better picture of your child's day:
  - "What's the coolest thing that happened? What wasn't so cool?"
  - "Pretend you're the teacher. How would you describe the day?"
  - "What made you laugh?"
  - "What was the most creative thing you did?"
  - "How did you display the Cavalier Way today? How did others display the Cavalier Way to you?"

## Parent Tips for "Little Cav" READING Success

*If your child says, "I don't like to read," or you struggle to get them to read, here are some tips for you:*

### 1. Leave Books Around

Put books in the car for your child to read on the road. Stack kids' magazines next to their bed or place a cereal box beside their breakfast bowl to read.

### 2. Enjoy A Joke

Your child may enjoy riddle, joke, or knock-knock books from the library. Ask your child to read you a few jokes each day. The kids will get a kick out of making friends and family laugh.

### 3. Search for Fun

Show your child the weekly events calendar in the newspaper. Have them read through the listings to find activities the family could enjoy together.

### 4. Read Higher Level Books to Them

If your child is interested in a reading series that is at a higher level and they cannot read it independently, read it out loud to them. Kids are never too old to have stories read out loud to them, especially when they are still learning to read and find interest in a topic, series, or book at any level.

### 5. Special Reading Spot

Create a "special" reading spot in your home or outside that can just be used for reading. If you make reading special, more children will think of it as a privilege and be excited to read on their own or with someone.

## **6. Picture This**

Good readers form mental pictures as they read. To improve and excite your child's urge to read and overall comprehension, read a book without letting he/she see it. Then, ask him/her to guess what the illustrations look like. Examples: How are the characters dressed? Is the setting bright or gloomy?

## **Thinking Games**

Between school, errands, and activities, families spend lots of time on the go. You can use this time for playing "Thinking Games":

1. Would You Rather - Offer two options and ask which they prefer and why. For example, "Would you rather live near the beach or the mountains? Why?"
2. Three Favorites - Someone picks a category and everyone tells their top three choices.
3. What Doesn't Belong - Take turns naming items and asking others to explain which is the odd one out and why. This game is fun as there can be more than one answer. For example ostrich, owl, eagle; (answers: ostrich, because it can't fly or owl, because it hunts at night).

My Father Owns a Grocery Store - One person thinks of a food item and tells everyone what letter it starts with. Everyone else must try to guess what the item is. The game is started by one person saying, "My father owns a grocery store and in it he sells something that starts with the letter \_\_\_."

## **Student Teasing**

Sometimes students will begin to tease one another while at school. Here are a few helpful hints for parents on how to handle teasing by another student during recess or after school. First let your son or daughter know that they did the right thing by talking to you. Suggest that they try some of these ideas.

- \* Walk away from the other child, for example, by going to another part of the playground.
- \* Try staying with another group of friends.
- \* Look the other child in the eye and say, "Please stop saying that. That is disrespectful and is not The Cavalier Way!"
- \* Most importantly, tell your child that he/she should get help immediately from an adult if the child gets physical or uses threatening words.

## **Softball Camp**

The High School softball team hosted their annual youth softball camp on March 11th & 12th for 1st-8th graders. They had a record breaking 112 participants this year. Thank you to all of the campers that came out! Stop on out at Diamond 4 in the Park this Spring to support the high school team! Go Lady Cavs!





# Little Cav Kinders!



## This Month In Kindergarten!

February and March was full of excitement in kindergarten! We planted our very own "grass heads," starting with only seeds and soil. Students added a picture and leprechaun hat and took these home for St. Patrick's Day. We celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with Green Eggs & Ham. We also had two police officers come in during Community Helper week to talk about what they do during the day and how they help people.

## Upcoming Events

Thank you FCCLA students and all staff who helped with Kindergarten Screening! We have a great new bunch of Kindergarten students coming in the fall!



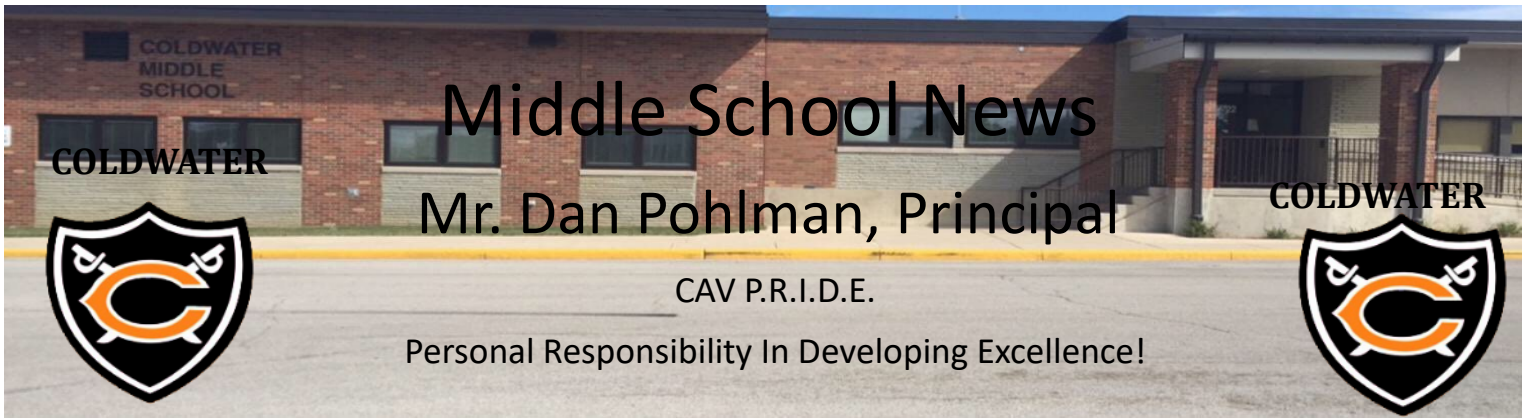
Leprechaun Grass Heads



Dr. Seuss's Green Eggs and Ham!



Community Helper Week!



# Middle School News

## Mr. Dan Pohlman, Principal

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**Dear Coldwater Middle School Families and Community Members,**

The busiest and most important time of the school year is upon us with state testing, Get REAL Week, and all the other activities that the end of the school year brings. Your involvement and encouragement during this time of year are invaluable in helping keep our students focused and at their best. As we embark on the fourth nine weeks, with just eight weeks remaining in the school year, I urge you to join us in inspiring our students to finish this 23/24 school year with academic and behavioral excellence.

Since the last Cav Connection, we have had several accomplishments to celebrate concerning our middle school students. The following are a few highlights deserving some recognition.

Congratulations are in order for our 8th grade girls basketball team, who were victorious in the MAC basketball tournament and were named MAC Champions. The girls defeated St. Henry! Kudos to the team, Coach Jon Cron, and Coach Sara Smith for their outstanding season!



In preparation for the Washington DC trip last fall, many 8<sup>th</sup> grade students entered the Patriot Pen Essay contest. We applaud 8th grader Tate Rismiller for securing 2nd place in the VFW Patriot's Pen Essay District Contest, earning a cash award of \$120 and a pen set. Way to Tate!

The students of Mrs. Rismiller's Maker Skills class demonstrated exceptional craftsmanship during the 2nd trimester class project by constructing the duck racing boards for the baseball/softball programs' annual fundraising event held on March 9th. It was awesome once again to see our students shine with purposeful learning putting their newly learned skills to good use and helping the community at the same time!



The middle school play took place February 29th-March 3rd. This year's play was Alladin Jr. Once again, Mrs. Peterson and the middle school drama club put on an outstanding performance. The talent portrayed on the stage was spectacular! Congratulations go out to the entire cast and Mrs. Peterson on a job well done!



Our students participated in the PBIS



Rewards field trips at the end of the nine weeks. On March 19th, the 5th and 6th graders enjoyed roller skating at Grand Lake Skate, while on March 22nd, the 7th and 8th graders had a blast at Sky Zone trampoline park. These awesome experiences were made possible through the success of our annual cookie dough fundraiser, and we extend our gratitude for your unwavering support in making them possible for all our students who qualified.



Here are some important reminders. School will be in session on Tuesday, April 2nd. However, there will be no school on Monday, April 8th, due to the solar eclipse. State testing is slated to begin the week of April 15th and will span three weeks. Please refer below for the specific testing dates. Moreover, mark your calendars for Get REAL Week, scheduled for May 6th-10th, featuring our keynote speaker Kevin Atlas, and a host of other engaging events.

ELA Test (April 17th and 18th) - 5th - 8th grade

Science Test (April 22nd, 23rd, 24th & 25th) - 5th and 8th grade

Math Test (May 1st and 2nd) - 5th - 8th grade

These next 8 weeks will go fast. Once again, your involvement and encouragement during this time of year are invaluable in helping keep our students focused and at their best. Thanks for the continued support you give your child each day as you send them off to school. Together we can make this a great ending to the school year!

Go Cavs!

Dan Pohlman, Principal

Coldwater Middle School

## **Brewing Bookworms: Read-A-Latte Cafe Fuels Early Morning Reading**

Forget the early morning scramble! Seventh and eighth graders are getting a jumpstart on their day with a steaming cup of knowledge – and coffee (well, maybe not the coffee, more like hot chocolate). Once a month, the 7th and 8th grade language arts teachers host Read-A-Latte Cafe, a welcoming haven where 7th and 8th graders can indulge in a delicious breakfast and some quality reading time before the school day begins.

Read-A-Latte Cafe is all about fostering a love of reading in a relaxed and engaging environment and is a shining example of how creative initiatives can spark a love of reading and learning.



## Calling All Creators: The 7th and 8th Grade Makerspace is Open!

We put a call out for all creative minds, tinkerers, and future inventors! The all-new Makerspace officially opened for 7th and 8th graders, and it has been bursting with possibilities!

Students are able to apply for the Makerspace at the start of each quarter and, upon approval, go during any free time during their study hall - after their work is done. This year, the Makerspace has already been a hub of awesome projects. Here's a glimpse of what students have accomplished:

- **Teen Read Week Props!** The Makerspace crew designed and built amazing props for our Teen Read Week. Students designed, painted, and built a majority of the props we used this year.
- **Teacher Tees: Designed by Students!** Students put their design skills to the test by creating T-shirts that they thought teachers would want to wear. Staff had an opportunity to purchase the shirts for a fundraiser for the Makerspace. Students designed and created over 50 shirts!
- **Get Ready to Design Your Dream Shirt!** Calling all fashionistas! The next project is all about student designs. Students are using tools like Canva, ProCreate, and Cricut Design Space to create their own custom shirt designs. Again, students will be able to sell the shirts to anyone!
- **Signs, Signs, Signs!** To wrap up the year, students will be putting their building skills to the test by designing and crafting their own wooden signs.

This is just the beginning! The Makerspace is a place where students can learn new skills, bring their ideas to life, and collaborate with friends on projects. Whether they are a tech wiz, a design guru, or just love getting their hands dirty, the Makerspace has something for them.

Stay tuned for more updates on upcoming projects in the Makerspace!

To follow along with what students are creating and take advantage of being able to purchase some of their creations, scan the codes and follow us on social media! Facebook: @Cavalier Maker Squad Instagram:



## 7th and 8th Grade Power of the Pen Team Competes at Districts

The Power of the Pen team competed in their district competition on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at The Ohio State University-Lima. The students wrote stories in three rounds of writing. Pictured here are members of the Power of the Pen team: (front, left to right) Avery Bruns, Grace Heyne, Becca Wendel, (back, left to right) Norah Moreland, Claire Bertke, Brady Fella, Kyrie Reineke, and Jenny Burrows. Not pictured: Alyssa Froning.



The seventh-grade team placed 4th at the competition. Individually, seventh-grader Grace Heyne placed 11th, and Alyssa Froning placed 4th overall. Alyssa's story, "The Growl," written during the second round of writing, was selected as a Best of Round winner.

## 7th Grade Pre-Algebra Students Design Games of Chance

Seventh grade pre-algebra students are putting their skills to the test in a unique way – by creating their own carnival games! Students are designing games of chance specifically for elementary students.

The project began with the concept of probability. Students explored the idea of experimental probability, which involves playing a game and recording the outcomes to estimate the chance of a certain event happening. They then designed carnival-style games that elementary students would enjoy, incorporating elements of chance like spinning a wheel or tossing bean-bags.

Using creativity and resourcefulness, the students transformed cardboard boxes, colorful paper, and other materials into engaging carnival games. With each game, they carefully considered the probability of winning, making sure it was fair and exciting for younger players.

Students are collecting data from their classmates playing the games, calculating the experimental probability of winning each time. This allows them to compare their initial predictions about the games to the actual results.

They will calculate the theoretical probability of winning each game using formulas and probability concepts they're learning in class to determine the exact chance of winning, based on factors like the number of winning spaces or the size of targets.

The grand finale of this project is a much-anticipated carnival day later in the year. The 7th graders will invite the elementary students over to play the games they designed.



## 7th Grade Pre-Algebra Students Participate in a Walk-a-thon

Students in 7th grade pre-algebra recently participated in a walk-a-thon to benefit a cause they care about. Students researched non-profit organizations and voted, as a class, which organization they'd want to donate to. Students are using their data in our algebra unit to make estimations and solve and graph algebraic equations. They are learning to recognize linear functions by the constant rate of change between two variables in a table, graph, and equation. They are solving linear equations and writing equations for lines with their walk-a-thon data - which gives them real, authentic data to work with.



Besides getting really good, authentic data, students were able to participate in making a significant donation to Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Mercer County Cancer Association - donating over \$2200 combined! This is something our students, as well as those who contributed to the walk-a-thon can feel good about! It's not everyday that 7th grade students get to be a part of something so amazing! They really showed enthusiasm in raising as much money as they could for these organizations, and they are certainly proud of our donation!

## Coldwater Middle School Third Nine Weeks Honor Roll

### **Grade 7**

#### **High Honors (11.00 GPA or Better)**

Abby Alig, Jack Bettinger, Lucas Broering, Brielle Dingleline, Audrey Franck, Alyssa Froning, Jonah Gruss, Josh Harrison, Kraytyn Homan, Cami Lisi, Emmitt May, Will Moorman, Ethan Schmitmeyer, Natalie Timmerman, Courtney Uhlenhake, Kate Uhlenhake

#### **Honors (9.0 – 10.9)**

Kynlee Botkin, Layla Dawson, Audrey Diller, Kiya Frysiner, Paige Guggenbiller, Owen Heitkamp, Grace Heyne, Briggs Hileman, Ben Houts, Charlotte Hoying, Bentley Mohler, Brayden Pohl, Haley Qui, Kyrie Reineke, John Roberts, Breah Roessner, Juliana Sager, Cami Saunders, Isabelle Schwieterman, Breckin Scott, Leah Serr, Grace Siegrist, Owen Stough, Jacob Uhlenhake, Bennet Unrast, Rebecca Wendel, Blake Wenning, Emmett Wermert, Lucas Winner

### **Grade 8**

#### **High Honors (11.00 GPA or Better)**

Claire Bertke, Avery Bruns, Wendy Buening, Kirra Burtch, Alessandra Cervantes, Isaac Delzeith Campbell Etzler, Drew Garrison, Harlow Heyne, Averi Kahlig, Alivia Klingshirn, Leah Kunk, Emily Larkin, Ava Lefeld, Carter Miller, Andrew Myers, Tate Rismiller, Mariah Ross, Jackson Serr, Ava Smith, Lila Sudhoff, Austin Uhlenhake, Ella Werling, Collin Westergardes, Lanna Zahn

#### **Honors (9.0 – 10.9)**

Collin Bergstrom, Liam Cowan, Victoria Cron, Bryant Evans, Weston Fisher, Chloe Frysinger, Nolan Gruss, Carter Heitkamp, Brent Heuing, Ashlyn Homan, Palin Homan, Jacob Kaiser, Lana Kaiser, Ben Liette, Owen May, Carson Pax, Alex Penno, Mills Pottkotter, Brayla Rasaweher, Andrew Schulze, Myra Stammen, Shea Sudhoff, Emily Wendel

COMING November 2024!!



The Coldwater 4th and 5th Graders Presents: "SHREK" JR  
November 21-24, 2024!

COMING MARCH 2025!!



The Coldwater Middle School Presents: "THE LION KING" JR  
March 6-9, 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!



# The TRADITION continues...PRIDE INSIDE!

Principal Jason Hemmelgarn



Along with the time change, comes some nicer weather and longer days...and along with that, comes more seasonal distractions for everyone, especially students. Teachers and students have worked hard so far this year to get course material covered and tests taken, but there is still a lot of academia yet to do. There is also a great deal of athletic and extracurricular events coming up as well. Let us all do an excellent job of being prompt, prepared, and organized for anything and everything that you are responsible for. With that in mind, please make good use of our school's website and/or social media to stay abreast of any scheduled events and changes that can occur quickly in the spring. After all that everyone has worked through so far this year, we just want to do whatever we can to ensure a wonderful finish to an outstanding year. So, should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us here at the High School Office (419-678-4821).

School website: [cw.noacsc.org](http://cw.noacsc.org)

Athletic website: [coldwaterathletics.org](http://coldwaterathletics.org)

Let's All have a great spring and GO CAVS!!

J Hemmelgarn, HS Principal

## FTC State Qualifiers

Recently our FTC Robotics team (WeWillBotYou) advanced to the State Contest at Troy's Hobart Arena. They ended the day with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Connect Award.

Congratulations to Everyone involved on another Outstanding Year!



L-R: Coach Chuck Alig, Rudi Gross, Russell Moorman, Eve Lisi, Drew Moorman, Amanda Clune, Ava Schmitmeyer, Kelsey Seitz, Coach Seitz, Jake Seitz, , and Coach Pete Lisi.

## Valedictorian and Salutatorian for Class of 2024

**Justin Gruss**

Valedictorian - Class of 2024  
Son of Mike and Kathy Gruss



As my high school years come to an end, I am able to reflect on the last four years. I am grateful for the strong community that I have in this area that has shaped me into who I am today. The work ethic taught in this area is a priceless lesson, as well as the constant support to reach my full potential. I couldn't be more grateful for all of the things that this area provides.

Along with my academic studies at Coldwater I have been a student at Tri Star Career Compact in the REC Tech program. Outside of academic studies, I have participated in different clubs and activities such as Cross Country, Track, Band, National Honor Society, Columbian Squires, FTC Robotics, teaching CCD, Holy Trinity Youth Group, and serving Catholic masses. Along with this I have worked a summer job at Rose Construction and Electric and a year round job at Home Furniture and Mattress. I have definitely had to balance all of these things but I believe they were all worth it.

Next fall I plan to attend the Pontifical College Josephinum with a major in philosophy. With this I will be studying for the Catholic priesthood. I view my faith as the most important thing in my life and I believe this is where God is calling me to next.

Justin Gruss

## *Congratulations*

**Emma May**

Salutatorian - Class of 2024  
Daughter of Brian and Connie May



As my final year at Coldwater High School is coming to an end, I have been able to reflect on all of the experiences and people that have made these past four years so special. It is evident that I would not be the person I am today without my family, friends, classmates, and teachers who have been with me throughout it all, and for that I am extremely grateful to them. They continually push me to be my best and support me in all of my endeavors.

Outside of the classroom, I've kept busy serving as President of the Leo Club, Co-President of FCCLA, Vice President of the National Honor Society, Key Club Secretary, Reporter of the Coldwater FFA Chapter, Senior Class President, and a member of the varsity soccer and basketball teams. I am also active in Spanish Club, Mercer County Junior Fairboard, 4-H, Student Council, the Coldwater FFA Dairy Judging Team, and am a fourth grade religion teacher. Throughout high school, I have worked as manager of the Shack and helped with morning milkings at Uhlenhake Dairy. Balancing my time between my extracurriculars and jobs all while maintaining high academic standards has not been easy, but it has been fully worth it when I look back on the skills I have developed and the relationships I have formed, all of which will

continue to help me in the future.

After graduation, I plan to attend the University of Toledo majoring in Health Sciences with plans to eventually obtain a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. As someone who has endured many injuries myself, I have a passion to help others who are going through similar situations. I am confident that my experiences throughout high school have fully prepared me for this next chapter of my life and any challenges that come along with it.

Emma May

## Buckeye Boys State

Thank you to American Legion Post 470 for their sponsorship again for this opportunity for Buckeye Boys State. Representatives for Summer 2024

L-R: Ron Stachler (Buckeye Boys Chairman) Drew Moorman, Brady Mathewson, Rudi Gross, Russell Moorman, Mike Braun (Commander)



## National Honor Society

NHS held its induction ceremony on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the following students for their induction into our CHS National Honor Society chapter:

### **Sophomores**

Madison Bruns  
Amanda Clune  
Alayna Dawson  
Ava Doll  
Carson Dues  
Grace Huwer  
Ella Kahlig

Ella Kaiser  
Keira Knapke  
Maxwell Koch  
Madelyn Lange  
Eve Lisi  
Gavin Lefeld  
Edward Obringer  
Rebecca Simper

Sarah Stewart  
Elle Weber  
Emma Weber  
Nora Wehrkamp  
Dana Zahn  
**Juniors**  
Ethan Elander  
Owen Kunk

Jonathan Lange  
Russel Moorman  
Troy Schoen  
**Seniors**  
Garrett Fiely  
Braxton Howell  
Audrey Lefeld

## GRADUATION 2024

The 2024 Senior Graduating Class Commencement will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Palace. The last day for Seniors being May 17<sup>th</sup>. Graduation Practice will be held on Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am in the Palace. Please make sure that **all outstanding fees are paid in full** before the end of the day on Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Failure to pay may result in not participating in the Graduation Commencement Ceremony.



# Choral Notes

## All - State

Congratulations to 2024 OMEA All - State Choir members: Julia Greber, Audrey Lefeld and Mya Wehrkamp. They are pictured here following their final concert, under the direction of Hilary Apfelstadt at the OMEA Professional Development Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

## 7th Grade!

Members from the 1st Trimester 7th Grade Chorus had the



opportunity to sing the Star - Spangled Banner out on the ice for a Ft. Wayne Komets Hockey game March 9th. Prior to singing, the students got to go back into the locker/ dressing rooms where the officials and Zamboni machine workers operated. They were able to watch themselves on the jumbotron while they were singing. Great fun was had by all!

Congratulations to the following High School Choral students on their outstanding work and scores and the OMEA District High School Adjudicated Event held in St. Marys: Ava Doll, Whitney Godwin, Julia Greber, Rudi Gross, Audrey Lefeld, Rebecca Simper, and Mya Wehrkamp.

## OMEA HS Large Group Contest

Congratulations to the Symphonic Choir on their Excellent rating at the OMEA District Large Group Adjudicated Event, held in Celina March 15th.



## OMEA HS Solo & Ensemble

## OHSAA Appearance

Students from the Symphonic Choir sang a beautiful rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner Friday, March 22nd, at a OHSAA Boys Basketball final 4 game at the University of Dayton arena.

## Mark your Calendars!

Spring Choral concert - Sunday, May 19 at 3:00 in the Auditoria for grades 7 - 12.



## Notes from Band

### **Symphonic Band Hits High Note with Third Consecutive Superior Rating!**

A round of applause for our outstanding Symphonic Band! Their dedication and talent shone brightly at the Ohio Music Education Association District Large Group Adjudicated Event in Celina on March 15th, where they earned a Superior Rating. This achievement marks the third consecutive year the senior class has received the top honor! We are so proud of their hard work and musical excellence!



### **Cavalier Steel Makes Music and Memories with Lincolnview Collaboration**

The sounds of steel drums filled the air on March 27th as Cavalier Steel welcomed the talented group from Lincolnview for a day of collaboration and musical exchange. The ensembles not only performed for each other, but also learned two new pieces together, fostering creativity and camaraderie. A huge thank you goes out to the Band Boosters for providing lunch and their unwavering support! This event was a true celebration of music, learning, and making new connections!



### **5th Grade Band 2024-25**

Sign ups for next year's 5th Grade band have begun! Registration forms and information went home in March and are due back April 22nd. If you have a student that is interested in joining and missed the materials or deadline please contact Mr. Ruckman ASAP. Summer quickstart information will be sent home in May and will be posted on the band's Facebook page and in the next Cav Connection.



### **Breckin Scott and Kynlee Botkin achieve District Honors!**

Two shining stars from our music program are headed for the stage! Breckin Scott and Kynlee Botkin have been accepted to the prestigious Ohio Music Education Association District Three JH Festival Band. The festival will be held in Wapakoneta this April, and we know they will represent our school with pride. Additionally, Breckin's talents extend further to the tenor saxophone, as he was also selected to play in the Junior High Festival Jazz Band! Congratulations to Breckin and Kynlee on this well deserved recognition!



## May Performance Dates

May 7th	5th, 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Bands	Auditeria	7pm
May 8th	HS Band, Steel Drum Ensembles	Auditeria	7pm
May 26th	HS Band Graduation Performance	Palace	1:30pm
May 27th	HS Band Volunteers Memorial Day	Park	10:00am

### Follow Us!



## Band Booster News

### Flower Sale pick-up

Orders can be picked up at Cavalier Stadium parking lot Tuesday May 14th from 3-8pm.

### Volunteers Needed

Join us in empowering music education! Coldwater Band Boosters is seeking volunteers for key leadership and volunteer positions:

- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Spirit Committee
- Fundraising Committee

These roles are vital for supporting our band program and student engagement. If you are passionate about music education and want to make a difference, we need your help! To volunteer or learn more, contact us at [coldwater-cavbandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:coldwater-cavbandboosters@gmail.com)

Thank you for your support!

Support

If you are still interested in contributing to the Music is Instrumental fundraising campaign, you may do so at: <https://cavalierband.org/members/forms/music-is-instrumental/> **100% of your donations benefit YOUR Cavalier**

**Bands.**

We appreciate your support.



## High School Art News

Congratulations Mya Wehrkamp for being recognized in the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition!

There were approximately 8,000 pieces entered at the regional level. From those 8,000 pieces, roughly 1,300 pieces made it to Round 2 for state judging. State jurors then selected 326 pieces for exhibitions both in the state capital and the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. Mya's piece advanced from the regional to the state judging before being chosen as one of the approximately top 325 pieces. Her painting will be on display at the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.



Congratulations to the following High School Art students. 22 pieces were accepted into the 2024 Wassenberg Art Center High School Invitational. The show ran from February 22nd - March 15th. All of these pieces will be on display again during the Coldwater High School Art Show on Friday, April, 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the Pound

Charlotte Lefeld: Skating away from School

Sarah Homan: Afternoon Cafe

Sarah Homan: Gummi Buddies

Sarah Homan: Lagoon at Noon

Sarah Homan: Race Day

Lydia Rainey: Self-portrait

Jay Liette: Self-portrait

Mya Wehrkamp: Burn

Mya Wehrkamp: All American Breakfast

Kayla Medaugh: Accidents Happen

Abby Pax: The Lily's Respite

Jay Liette: A Universe Begins

Whitney Godwin: Harry Potter

Kelly May: The Journey

Charlotte Lefeld: Self-portrait

Brooklyn Halterman: Story of the Life

Sarah Homan: Cupid's Game

Audrey Stoltz: Lavender Ground

Jadyn Nye: Home Sweet Home (Honorable Mention Winner)

Audrey Stoltz: Flamingo Water (Honorable Mention Winner)

Mya Wehrkamp: Ballerina (Honorable Mention Winner)

Mya Wehrkamp: 6:53 in Paris (Honorable Mention Winner)



Draw/Paint students have been busy creating one of a kind pieces of artwork to celebrate the Solar Eclipse. They will all be on display starting April 5<sup>th</sup>.



3D Art students have been creating Little Monster Flower Pots.



## Coldwater High School Presents:



# Friday, April 5th

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

## Located in the Pound

Enjoy assorted pieces of art made by high school art students.

**K-Burgers will be available for purchase**





## **Cavalier Athletic Report**



The Winter sports season has officially wrapped up and we are already rolling into the spring season with Baseball, Softball, and Track. It has been a rainy, cold start to the spring season, but we look forward to the great weather we will soon be having. Before moving forward too much, I would like to recap some highlights from the end of the winter season.

The entire Coldwater Boys and Girls Swim team advanced to the District tournament this year with their outstanding performance at Sectionals. Although no one advanced from Districts to State, we look forward to a great future with our swim program.

Girls Basketball finished with 11 wins and a tough, close loss in Sectionals to a very good Allen East team at their place. Several players earned post-season recognition. MAC honors went to: Becca Wenning (1<sup>st</sup>), Claire Steinke (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Madison Wendel (HM). Earning All District Honors were: Becca Wenning (2<sup>nd</sup>), with both Becca and Claire Steinke selected to participate in the All Star Game.

Girls Bowling advanced from Sectionals before falling in the Districts this year. Earning All MAC League honors for the girls were: Brittany Burden (1<sup>st</sup> and Bowler of the Year), Emily Brunswick (1<sup>st</sup>), and Megan McNeil (HM).

Boys Bowling finished as MAC Champions, Sectional Champions, District Champions, before falling in the Elite Eight at the State Tournament. Earning All MAC League Honors were: Caleb Wendel (1<sup>st</sup>), Carter Bertke (1<sup>st</sup>), Drew Eyink (1<sup>st</sup>), Nick Wehrman (1<sup>st</sup>), Kayden Giere (2<sup>nd</sup>), Garrett Bruns (HM), Austin Burden (HM), and Israel Sutherin (HM). Coach Rick Hartings was named the MAC Coach of the Year. Caleb Wendel also earned 1<sup>st</sup> Team All State and joined the Coldwater Ring of Honor.

Coldwater Boys Basketball had a plus 6 win turn-around coming into this year and made it another plus 7 win turn-around from last year. Just 2 years ago, the Cavs won 4 games compared to the 17 wins they accomplished this year. Earning All MAC League Honors were: Luke Schwieterman (1<sup>st</sup>), Baylen Blockberger (1<sup>st</sup>), Owen Kunk (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Brady Lefeld (HM). Coach Nick Fisher was also named as the District Coach of the Year.

Wrestling finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sectionals with 6 wrestlers moving on to the Districts. Those moving on to the Districts were: Troy Milligan, Tyler Overman, Tanner Stammen, Brady Hamilton, Trent Westgerdes, and Austin Hamilton. Austin Hamilton went on to finish 4<sup>th</sup> at Districts which earned him a spot on the State Tournament.

I would also like to recognize three long time Coldwater Coaches who are stepping down after this winter season. Ken Fisher has been coaching boys basketball at all various levels at Coldwater for roughly 30 years. Kim Stoltz has been the Cheerleading Advisor for the past 15 years at Coldwater. Sara Smith has served as a Junior High Girls Basketball coach for many years. Thank you to Coach Fisher, Coach Stoltz, and Coach Smith.

Lastly, I would like to wrap up with some individual accomplishments including the Lefeld Industrial & Welding Supplies Athlete of the Weeks. **Go Cavs!**

Eric Goodwin

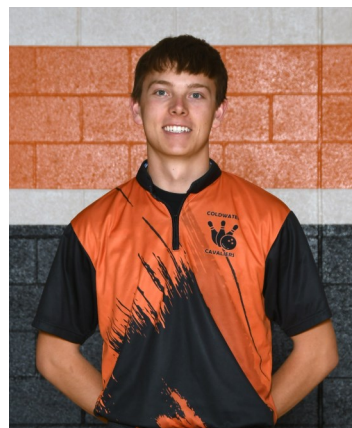
### **Athletes of the Week**



Carson Doenges



Kayden Giere



Derrick Findley



Noah Obringer



Eddie Cervantes



Owen Kunk



Austin Hamilton

### *Special Recognition*



MAC Champs, Sectional Champs, District Champs  
State Elite Eight



Brittany Burden  
MAC Bowler of the Year



Coach Rick Hartings  
MAC Coach of the Year



Caleb Wendel  
1<sup>st</sup> Team All State  
Coldwater Ring of Honor



Kayden Giere  
2<sup>nd</sup> Team All State



Austin Hamilton  
State Participant



Coach Nick Fisher  
District Coach of the Year



Coach Will Hoskins  
District Assistant Coach of the Year



## National FFA Week

To celebrate National FFA week, the Coldwater FFA Chapter participated in many activities throughout the school and community.

*Kindergarten, first, and second graders* visited the ag shop for the petting zoo, where they learned how to milk a cow and were able to pet the various animals such as ponies, calves, dogs, and pigs.

*3rd graders* had classroom visits where they learned about the dairy industry and made butter.

*4th graders* also learned about the dairy industry and had a great time making ice cream.

*5th graders* learned about animal identification and how farmers tell animals apart from each other. They used tortilla shells to replicate the pig's ear and they put different notches in the tortilla. Correct ear notches were rewarded with a spoonful of Nutella, and they got to eat their tortilla shells.

*6th graders* were taught a lesson about soil, and they used pudding, Oreos, and gummy worms to represent the important components that make it up. Afterwards, they were able to eat their delicious soil!

*7th graders* learned about torque and fasteners. They learned the different types of fasteners and had a friendly competition to see who could torque the bolt closest to 30 pounds

*High school students and teachers* even got involved. The FFA hosted the Ag Olympics Competition this year. The grade levels competed against each other in different activities including bale stacking, nail hammering, the farmer relay, animal roundup, and the worm hunt. The freshman won and were awarded with ice cream sandwiches.

FFA members participated in other agricultural related contests, such as the Truck and Tractor Drive-ins, both of which promote the farming side of agriculture. National FFA Week turned out to be a huge success! The tractors even made a lap around the school for the students to watch the parade. The winners of the elementary coloring contest also got to ride in the tractors through the parade. As members had fun participating in the numerous activities throughout the week, they also remembered the importance of agriculture throughout the Coldwater community.



### Winners of the Truck Drive-in

Newest: Shelby Linn  
Most Miles: Alex Knapke  
Cleanest: Derick Findley  
Dirtiest: Olivia Will  
Junkiest: Carson Stammen  
Loudest: Kenzie Adams  
Lowest Miles: Brice Marchal  
Sharpest: Eddie Tobin  
Oldest: Tony Koch



### Winners of the Tractor Drive-in

Newest: Owen Fennig  
Oldest: Derick Findley  
Biggest: Alex Knapke  
Most Smoke: Haley Tobin  
Cleanest: Eddie Tobin  
Smallest: Darrin Diller  
Dirtiest: Shanna Schmitmeyer



We also extended the FFA Week celebration to the community with our FFA Week breakfast. Members of our local agricultural businesses, former FFA members, and the parents of the current FFA members joined us in the Auditoria before school for a homemade breakfast made by FFA members. Thank you to everyone who joined us!



### Coldwater Young Farmers' Consignment Auction

The Coldwater FFA chapter would like to show their gratitude to the Coldwater Young Farmers for their continuous support of the members in and out of the classroom. In order to give back to the Young Farmers, multiple members assisted them in their annual auction by parking vehicles and helping with bidder registration cards. We wanted to thank the Young Farmers again for their unwavering support!

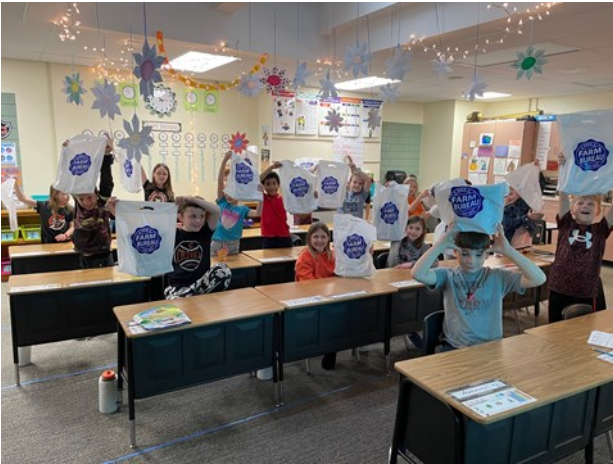


## Western Scramble FFA Basketball Game

Coldwater and Celina FFA Chapters participated in their 2nd Annual FFA Basketball game. There was a great turnout of participants and fans alike, and this year Coldwater was able to bring home the trophy!



## 2nd Graders Receive Ag Bags from the Mercer County Farm Bureau



At the beginning of March, our FFA Chapter delivered Ag Bags to every second grader. This is a county-wide event for all Mercer County 2nd grade students. The bag was full of information regarding today's agriculture industry. Pamphlets, coloring pages, pencil, eraser, crayons, headband, stickers, and more filled the bag. Thank you to Mercer County Farm Bureau for donating these bags!

## Sub District FFA Creed Speaking

**Tori Timmerman** took on the large task of memorizing the five paragraph FFA Creed. At the Sub-District competition on January 29 at New Bremen High School, she presented the FFA Creed and answered several questions about the meaning of the Creed. Great job, Tori!



## District FFA Ag Sales

Coldwater FFA also had a team participate in the Ag Sales competition. On February 12th, **Paige Ontrop, Derick Findley, Garrett Fiely, and Peyton Seitz** went to Marion Local High School. They had to prepare their sales approach to act as wholesalers for a heater company.

## District Ag Mechanic Skills

**Tony Koch, Brandon Penno, and Garrett Bruns** competed in the District Ag Mechanic Skills contest at Arcanum High school on March 5th. They rotated through 13 stations doing skills such as welding, soldering, copper flaring, small engine part identification, fluid identification, and micrometer readings. They were the 2nd place team out of 11 teams, which qualified them to compete in the state competition on April 4th.



## State Agricultural Biotechnology

Lydia Borger, Gena Vagedes, Emma May and Derick Findley competed in the Ag Biotechnology CDE. They were the first team to do so from the Coldwater FFA chapter. During the competition, they had to identify lab equipment, answer questions about chemical labels, and perform an experiment. They placed 15th as a team, and Emma May placed 19th individually out of 70 competitors.



## COLDWATER HIGH SCHOOL

### **HIGH HONORS (11.0-12.0)**

#### **Grade 9**

Audrey Alig, Aubrie Davis, Parker Doenges, Emma Eyink, Alaina Froning, Benjamin Hannewald, Karsyn Homan, Charlotte Lefeld, Chase Linn, Breann Mathewson, Rachel Moeller, Noah Obringer, Paige Ontrop, Fiona Qiu, Lydia Rainey, Aidan Rose, Alex Rutschilling, Gavin Schmit, Ava Schmitmeyer, Cara Schwieterman, Kelsey Seitz, Joshua Sheets, Kennley Siegrist, Braylon Thobe, Kiersten Weigel, Bradley Wendel

#### **Grade 10**

Madison Bruns, Amanda Clune, Alayna Dawson, Ava Doll, Grace Huwer, Ella Kaiser, Maxwell Koch, Madelyn Lange, Edward Obringer, Kaylie Rutschilling, Rebecca Simper, Sarah Stewart, Dana Zahn

#### **Grade 11**

Olivia Broering, Cody Depweg, David Dippold, Spencer Etzler, Rudi Gross, Zachary Homan, Aaron Kaup, Kiersten Keller, Jonathan Lange, Lucy Langenkamp, Shelby Larkin, Brady Lefeld, Brady Mathewson, Andrew Moorman, Russell Moorman, Tyler Overman, Miles Pottkotter, Joshua Schoen, Jake Seitz, Sarah Seitz, Haley Tobin, Cale Wenning

#### **Grade 12**

Grace Backs, Tabitha Berkenstock, Lydia Borger, Garrett Bruns, Isabel Byer, Andrea Cervantes, Zachary Diller, Carson Doenges, Cole Etzler, Andrew Eyink, Garrett Fiely, Derick Findley, Seth Finke, Abigail Fortkamp, Elijah Gels, Benjamin Giere, Libby Gilmore, Julia Greber, Justin Gruss, Ethan Heitkamp, Sarah Homan, Braxton Howell, Riley Kremer, Audrey Lefeld, Carter May, Emma May, Megan McNeil, Marina Muhlenkamp, Karley Nearon, Kahlan Rose, Rachel Schroyer, Luke Schwieterman, Peyton Seitz, Julia Sieftring, Gena Vagedes, Mya Wehrkamp, Nicholas Wehrman, Madison Wendel

### **HONOR ROLL (9.0-10.9)**

#### **Grade 9**

Tegan Berkenstock, Joseph Buschur, Gena Fisher, Ava Fortkamp, Libby Grieshop, Brooklyn Halterman, James Liette, Shelby Link, Emma Luebke, Lauren Overman, Zachary Pohlman, Zachary Schwieterman, Grace Sieftring, Hailey Stough, Brookelyn Sudhoff, Braxton Taylor, Tori Timmerman, Conner Tobin, Keaton Tobin, Abigail Will, Evan Winner

#### **Grade 10**

Mariah Bonifas, Brittany Burden, Aiden Burtch, Mia Byer, Carson Dues, Dillan Evers, Aidan Fiely, Ashley Hicks, Ella Kahlig, Keira Knapke, Landon Knapke, Gavin Lefeld, Eve Lisi, Kelly May, Makenzie Miller, Maximus Ross, Caden Sager, Elle Weber, Emma Weber, Emma Wehnes, Nora Wehrkamp

#### **Grade 11**

Mason Ayers, William Barry, Ines Blasco Martin, Morgan Blasingame, Baylen Blockberger, Izaak Botkin, Liam Davis, Trent Ebbing, Ethan Elander, Owen Fennig, Drew Franck, Lia Frank, Owen Hamberg, Mandi Hart, Jenna Heuing, Avery Knapke, Owen Kunk, Shelby Linn, Sidney Linn, Drew Muhlenkamp, Jady Nye, Isabelle Ruckman, Kaelin Rutschilling, Brooke Schmitmeyer, Shanna Schmitmeyer, Troy Schoen, Mason Smith, Brady Stammen, Brennan Sudhoff, Natalie Vogel, Mason Welsch, Caleb Wendel, Andrew Wermert, Olivia Will, Isabella Zahn

#### **Grade 12**

Katelyn Abels, Kenzie Adams, Riley Archer, Carter Bertke, Brayden Bonifas, Emily Brunswick, Hailey Burrows, Kate Buschur, Eduardo Cervantes, Alexander Cowan, Ethan Ebbing, Jack Ebbing, Lindsey Finke, Kayden Giere, Aidan Harlamert, Braylen Harlamert, Benjamin Hemmelgarn, Hope Hemmelgarn, Carter Hicks, Andrew Jones, Olivia Jutte, Leah Kaiser, Nani Kenibar, Mason Link, Trinity McCain, Troy Milligan, Brandon Penno, Melissa Perez, Brayden Quinn, Jack Riethman, Cali Saunders, Josephine Schmidt, Luke Schmitmeyer, Ellie Schneider, Abigail Schwieterman, Elise Schwieterman, Haley Smith, Audrey Stoltz, Israel Sutherin, Olivia Tobe, Troy Weigel, Rebecca Wenning, Ariel Wilson, Gavin Zibrida



## SPRING SALE UPDATE

Thank you so much to everyone who purchased items from our first Booster Club Spring Sale! We had a great response and were able to raise over \$2100 for our student athletes. We do have a few items left for purchase. Check out the items below. These are great to use as we embark on the spring sports season. This will be first come, first serve. Payment will be communicated when you order.

### SLING BACKPACK



**\$15.00**

13"W x 16"H x 6"D  
Printed Shield  
25 available

### OUTDOOR BLANKET



**\$40.00**

Unfolded: 50"W x 60"H  
Folded: 13"W x 10"H x 3" D  
Embroidered Shield  
Machine Washable  
3 available

### MICROFIBER BEACH

#### TOWEL



**\$25.00**

27 1/2" W x 55"H  
Printed Shield and Wording  
19 black and 9 orange available

### PHONE WALLET



**\$5.00**

2 1/4"W x 3 3/8"H  
Printed Shield on Silicone  
Fits most cell phones  
6 available

Contact Jackie Homan at [homan0628@gmail.com](mailto:homan0628@gmail.com) or 419-733-2364 to order one or more of the items above. This will be first come, first serve.

**DID YOU KNOW...**



Did you know that you can donate any amount to the Cavalier Athletic Improvement Fund at any time as a tax deductible contribution to our student athletes and improvements to our equipment and infrastructure? You can make a donation of any amount online at mercercountycivicfdn.org and select the proper account or send a check made out to Mercer County Civic Foundation and reference "Cavalier Athletic Improvement Fund" in the memo line.

Mail any donations to:  
119 W. Fulton St.  
PO Box 439  
Celina, OH 45822

**JOIN US...**

The Coldwater Athletic Booster Club was asked to help work at the first annual Boardwalk Boat and Bike Show. All proceeds from the Boosters efforts will go directly to our student athletes to help with upcoming expenses.

The event will be held:

**Friday, May 17 from 4pm-11pm  
and  
Saturday, May 18 from 11 am -11 pm  
on West Bank Rd. in Celina**

This event will consist of an outdoor show with boats, motorcycles, jet skis, ATVs, Razors, golf carts and much more!

The Boardwalk Boat and Bike Show is free and open to the public. We would love to see our Cavalier fans at the show to support our athletes.



Checkout Boardwalk's Facebook page for more information



Congratulations to all of our winter athletes on their great work throughout the season. We are proud of your hard work and dedication. Good luck to all of our student athletes beginning their spring season.

**GO CAVS!!**



# COLDWATER HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA

**Proudly Presents...  
In The Coldwater Auditoria...**

Disney **THE LITTLE  
MERMAID**

**Thursday, April 4 @ 7:00 pm**  
**Friday, April 5 @ 7:00 pm**  
**Saturday, April 6 @ 7:00 pm**  
**Sunday, April 7 @ 2:00 pm**

**Presale Tickets Available**

**Adults \$8**

**Student \$7**

**Presale ends April 3rd at 7:30 pm...Tickets can be purchased at  
the High School office or from Mrs. Petersen**

**Admission at the door \$10 for All**

**All Sales Final**

**Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Glenn Slater, Book by Doug Wright.  
Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film produced by Howard  
Ashman & John Musker and written & Directed by John Musker & Ron Clements. Originally  
produced by Disney Theatrical Productions. Disney's *The Little Mermaid* is presented  
through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized  
performance materials are also supplied by MTI. [www.mtishows.com](http://www.mtishows.com)**



COLDWATER HIGH SCHOOL



MASQUERADE BALL  
PROM 2024



Saturday, April 13, 2024  
Promenade - Open to the Public  
starts at 6:00pm in the Palace

