



Cav Connection

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Parents, Families, and Community Members,

As the holiday season approaches, we have an opportunity to reflect on the shared values that make Coldwater so special—family, hard work, and kindness. These qualities shine in our community and resonate through the halls of our schools, where our students and staff demonstrate their dedication daily. Whether it's in the classroom, on the stage, or on the playing field, the excellence of our students is something we can all be proud of.



This fall has been a remarkable one for our students. We had a golfer advance to the state tournament, a cross-country runner finish 20th at the state meet, earning All-State honors, and a soccer player also achieved All-State recognition. Our soccer team made it to the regional semifinals, and two volleyball players earned All-State honors as part of their state championship-winning team. Additionally, our football team is preparing for the state final game this Saturday morning, December 7th. These achievements showcase not only the talent of our students but also their dedication and the unwavering support of our community.

While we celebrate these successes, we are also mindful of the challenges we face. The levy placed on the ballot in November narrowly failed, which has financial implications for our district. The loss of one full year of collections adds strain to our budget, but we are committed to moving forward thoughtfully. The Board of Education, with advice from the Business Advisory Committee, is exploring all options, including the possibility of placing the levy back on the ballot in May.

We are asking those who supported the levy in November to continue to champion the importance of this measure. If it returns to the ballot, your vocal advocacy will be critical in helping others understand the value of supporting our schools. At the same time, we are preparing for all scenarios and will evaluate ways to ensure sustainability while prioritizing our students' needs.

Additionally, I want to remind families of our school policy, instituted in 2022, which ensures no homework or schoolwork will be assigned over the holiday break. From December 23rd through January 3rd, students and families can focus on enjoying quality time together, free from the stress of schoolwork. I encourage you to use this time to reconnect, recharge, and create lasting memories.

As we celebrate the holidays, let's take pride in all that makes Coldwater an extraordinary place to live and learn. Thank you for your continued support of our students, staff, and schools. Together, we will continue to build a bright future for our community. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions, concerns, or ideas to share.

Go Cavs!

Doug Mader, Superintendent



Financial Update

The Board of Education approved Coldwater Schools Five Year Forecast during the November board meeting. O.R.C. 5705.391 and O.A.C. 3301-92-04 require a Board of Education to submit a five-year projection of operational revenues and expenditures along with assumptions to the Ohio Department of Education prior to November 30th and an update by May 31st of each fiscal year. A financial forecast is somewhat like a painting of the future based upon a snapshot of today. The five-year forecast encourages district management teams to examine future years' projections and identify when challenges will arise. You can view the forecast and notes on the Ohio Department of Education website. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the district's finances or five-year forecast as there are many assumptions that go into it.

We anticipate maintaining a positive cash flow in FY25 and FY26, but deficit spending is projected to begin in FY27, which will start depleting our cash reserves. By FY29, balancing the budget will require either a 3.32% increase in revenue or expenditure reductions totaling \$653,594. Below are key notes and assumptions reflected in this forecast:

- **Property Valuations:** Mercer County's triennial update in tax year 2026 is expected to increase property tax revenue beginning in FY27.
- **School Funding Phase-In:** The forecast assumes that the final two years of the six-year school funding phase-in will be approved by legislators, including updates to base cost inputs in FY26, as communicated by our local legislator. If this approval is not included in Governor DeWine's next budget, deficit spending could begin as early as FY26.
- **Expiring Levies:** The Emergency Levy will expire in tax year 2026, leading to reduced property tax revenue in FY28 and FY29. Additionally, the Bond Maintenance Levy (Classroom Facilities) expires in tax year 2024, necessitating that related expenses be covered by the general fund.
- **Transfers for Long-Term Needs:** The forecast includes planned transfers to a capital fund for critical infrastructure updates and replacements, as well as to the severance fund to address retirement-related costs.
- **Staffing Projections:** Increased middle school staffing is anticipated in future years to accommodate the large elementary class sizes transitioning into middle school.
- **Student Fees:** Revenue from increased student fees has been incorporated into the classroom supply budget, helping to delay the onset of deficit spending.
- **Capital Expenditures:** The forecast includes the purchase of one new bus in FY26, funded by the general fund, as the Permanent Improvement Fund lacks sufficient resources for such purchases.

Grants

Coldwater EVSD has received a Staff Wellness Grant in the amount **\$5,350** which will be used towards mental health and wellness within the buildings.

Student Book Fees


This is a gentle reminder to pay your children's 2024-2025 fees if you have not already done so.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

The Coldwater EVSD Board of Education's next meeting will be held on


December 18, 2024 at



6:00 p.m. in the CAV Room



COLDWATER EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

Announcement

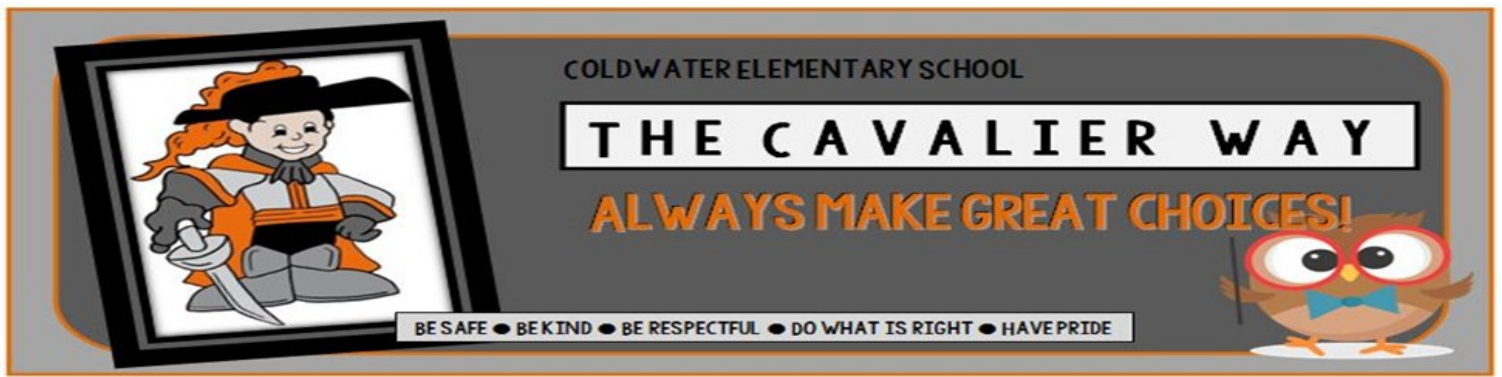




Winter Walk Program

Starts December 9, 2024
Ends March 31, 2025

The front doors of the middle school (off Market Street) will be open for walker access Monday - Thursday from 6:00 - 9:00 PM (excluding calamity days and school holidays). Walkers are free to walk the 1st and 2nd floors of the middle school and the high school.



Elementary News:

Mike Etzler - Elementary Principal



Coldwater Elementary is getting better each day and encouraging our students to be their best by continuing to do things “The Cavalier Way”. Each day our Little Cavs are working hard to put forth their best effort to be the best they can be. By now students should be very used to the schedule of the school day, know what is expected, and have a routine established at home that sets them up for success. I can’t emphasize enough how parents and guardians are vital and the key element to the success of their child. Thank you to the parents and guardians who attended your child’s Parent Teacher Conference early in November. This is always a great opportunity to support your child’s education. It is so important for you to continue to encourage your child(ren) to do their best at school which starts with fostering important values that shape their success. Teach them the importance of paying attention in class, staying responsible with their homework, and showing kindness to their peers. By motivating them to work hard and stay dedicated, you build not only their academic skills but also their character. Small, daily efforts help develop habits that will serve them for a lifetime. Together, let’s inspire our children to take pride in doing their best! Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher with a concern or advice on academic/behavioral strategies and interventions. Communication and working as a team is the key to each child’s success. The Coldwater Elementary Team together with parents want to do what is best for kids and your child. It is very hard to achieve success alone, but when a team is involved, including educators, parents and others working with your child, success can be achieved.

In order for our school and students to be their best each day, we are working hard to teach our Little Cavs outstanding social and emotional learning standards. Social and emotional learning is the process through which children understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. These skills are shared on the announcements daily and standards are discussed in the classroom by each homeroom teacher weekly. Our school counselor, Mrs. Stacey Froning also goes into every homeroom classroom to educate our students on our “Cavalier Character” focus word for the month. These social emotional skills are at the heart of making sure each of our students are the best versions of themselves. The impact of social emotional learning runs deep as it increases academic achievement and positive social interactions, and decreases negative outcomes later in life. So far this school year our character trait focus words have been respect, kindness, gratitude, and empathy. As always we want our students to be, “Little Cavs ...with BIG CHARACTER!” As the holiday season is upon us, we want our students to know you always have more to give, you can always serve others, and we are always better together! Our team looks forward to a continued amazing school year doing things “The Cavalier Way”!

Red Ribbon Week

Coldwater Elementary had Red Ribbon Week from Oct. 21-25, 2024. This year’s theme was “Life is a Movie, Film Drug Free!” Our students focused on not only staying drug free, but making good choices overall. Thank you to our committee for creating activities and dress up themes for the students. Below were the daily themes for the week:

- Monday - "Movie Night!" - Students wore their comfy pajamas.
- Tuesday - "Meet us at the Sandlot" - Students dressed in baseball gear.
- Wednesday - "Red Carpet 'Red'y!" - Students wore red or a fancy red carpet outfit.
- Thursday - "Classic Movie Eras" - Students wore their favorite movie outfit or T-shirt from the 50s-90s.
- Friday - "Friday Night Lights" - Students wore orange and black, Cav Crazy clothes or a costume.



PTO Fall Harvest Party - Elementary Dress Up/Costume Day

The Coldwater PTO held their annual Fall Harvest/Costume Party for students in Kindergarten and 1st Grade on Monday, October 21, 2024 at the high school Commons, Cav Room, and Pound. There was an outstanding turnout! The students looked amazing and had an awesome time enjoying rotating station activities and treats. Coldwater Elementary also had their Dress Up/Costume day on Friday, October 25, 2024.



3rd Grade Musical

Congratulations to Mrs. Petersen and the 3rd Grade students for their amazing performances on Tuesday, October 22nd performing the musical, "A Better You, A Better Me". They shared a powerful message that resonates with everyone about being kind, caring, and respectful. We are so proud of them! A big thank you to Mrs. Petersen for all of her hard work to get these students ready to perform a musical during the 1st quarter of school! Awesome job!



Cavalier Way 1st Quarter Assembly

We held our first Cavalier Way Assembly of the year on Friday, Nov. 1, 2024. This was our end of the 1st Quarter assembly. All elementary students and staff gathered to celebrate our school community, our students, to review what "The Cavalier Way" is all about how important our effort, attitude, and hard work are to being our best self. Below was the agenda for the assembly:

1. Welcome: Mr. Etzler
2. Students sing song "You-nique" - directed by Mrs. Petersen
3. Cavalier Pride - (fight song will be played - students stand) [Fight Song](#)
4. Grade Level "Cavalier Way Chants" - lead by Mrs. Froning (each grade level will stand and chants will be displayed on the screen) [Cav Way Chants](#)
 - A. Kindergarten - Be Safe
 - B. 1st Grade - Be Kind
 - C. 2nd Grade - Be Respectful
 - D. 3rd Grade - Do What is Right
 - E. 4th Grade - Have Pride

5. Mr. Etzler Presentation [Slide Show](#)

6. Cavalier Way Award Winners Announced

- Mr. Etzler will discuss Cavalier Way Awards
- Each grade level team will come down to the podium to announce the award winners from their classroom. Each teacher will read the names of the students.
- Each specials teachers will award one class in a grade level with a Cav Way Award

7. Student/Teacher Competition (All teachers who gave an award and the students who earned them will participate.)

- Rock, Paper, Scissors
- Final Staff Rock, Paper, Scissors competition

The Cavalier Way Award Winners - 1st 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 first quarter. These students were announced at the 1st Quarter Cavalier Way Assembly. Each student received a Cavalier Way backpack tag, free Kona Ice certificate, a Cavalier Way certificate, and had their photo taken and placed on our Coldwater Elementary Facebook Page. Congratulations to these students for being awesome role models for other students in our school.



4th Grade: Lydia Kramer, Greysen Schwieterman, Abby Wendel, Jack Galyardt, Kinsley Lefeld, Reed Boeckman, Noah Dippold, Campbell Collins, Lance Serr, Taylor Lennartz, Maddox Kahlig, Renee Knapke, Bristyn Highley, Morgan Schwieterman



3rd Grade: Ainsley Knapke, Grant Bertke, Ryan Alig, Malaynee Dawson, Britta Dingleline, Brooke Muhlenkamp, Charlie Gerlach, Willa List, Jonah Simper, Lucy Will, Emma Barnard, Karter Dues, Peyton Kincaid, Fletcher Highley

2nd Grade: Dax Bettinger, Riley Swartzel, Marshall Kahlig, Paisley Welling, Rudy Alig, Madison Steen, Morgan Geier, Brady Evers, Breeze Long, Isaiah Brocius, Braysen Weigel, Brody Borger



1st Grade: Wesley Biersack, Colette Bettinger, Holly Lennartz, Corbin Temple, Hunter Burden, Allison Lennartz, Evie Steinbrunner, Rhys List, Tess Tobe, Crew Woeste, Kenzie Uhlenhake, Will Eyink, Zoe Knapke, Jase Fullenkamp



Kindergarten: Theo Fullenkamp, Beatrice Post, Veronica Sudhoff, Storm Long, Antonella Romero, Arlo Schlater, Mya Evers, Luge Vujea, Chloe Wenning, Leah Alig, Cooper Highley, Edwin Muhlenkamp, Alison Snyder, Scarlett Keller, Cayden Lennartz

Parent Teacher Conferences

Coldwater Elementary held our yearly Parent Teacher Conferences on Tues. Nov. 5, Thurs. Nov. 7, and Friday, Nov. 8. We take pride in making sure our teachers communicate consistently, clearly, and purposefully with all of our students' parents and families. Each year it is very important that we get all parents to attend parent teacher conferences. Our goal is to have 98% of our parents attend, but we are very satisfied with 95% or better. We were very pleased with the participation this year. The table below shows the attendance results:

Grade Level	Total # of Students	Total # of Conferences attended by parents	% Participation
Kindergarten	145	144	99%
1st Grade	138	135	98%
2nd Grade	118	116	98%
3rd Grade	142	139	98%
4th Grade	123	120	98%
School	666	654	98%

THANK YOU PARENTS/GUARDIANS FOR BEING INVESTED IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION!!!

Kona Ice & The Cavalier Way

Again this year our PBIS program has partnered with Kona Ice of Troy. We have done this to continually motivate students and bring even more excitement to our program, as well as raise some funds to support our "Cavalier Way" mission. Kona Ice donates one "Free Kona Ice" coupon to each student that earns the "Cavalier Way" award for the quarter (nine weeks). Each quarter Kona Ice will visit Coldwater Elementary and during this time all students may purchase online, or bring in money to buy a Kona Ice on that day. Kona Ice gives Coldwater Elementary 20% of the profit from sales on the day of their visit. Their first visit was on Thursday, November 7, 2024. The students really enjoyed the Kona Ice and our elementary school made \$456.00 to support our PBIS program!



Mercer Co. Board of DD Presentation

Our kindergarten students listened to an incredible presentation from Jessica at the Mercer County Board of DD! She highlighted the importance of inclusion for students who learn differently. From communication tools to calming strategies, these resources are vital for helping every student succeed. Our kindergarten students were able to experience life from a different perspective, learn empathy, and how to respect and celebrate the differences in others.



Veterans Day Presentations

Coldwater Elementary wants to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the veterans within the Coldwater community. Thank you for your service, dedication, bravery, and love for our country! In honor of Veterans Day many of our elementary classrooms were honored to host local veterans who gave incredible presentations about the military and what it means to be a veteran. Their stories and insights provided our students with a deeper understanding of service, sacrifice, and patriotism. We are deeply grateful to our local veterans for generously sharing their knowledge and experiences, leaving a lasting impression on our students and our school community.

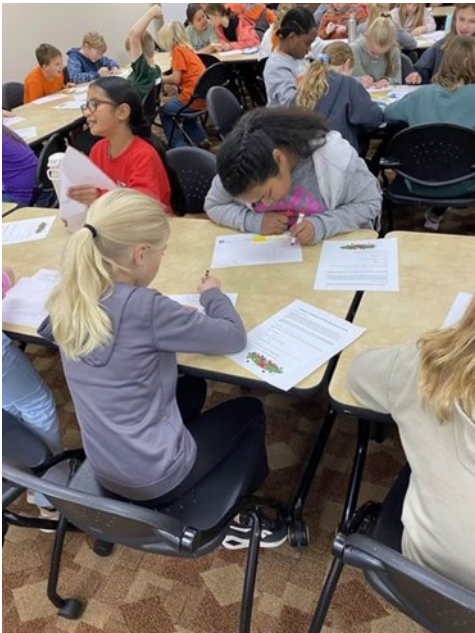




Coldwater Elementary Thanksgiving & Holiday FUN!

K Kids Activities

Our incredible 4th grade K-Kids dedicated their lunch and recess to create beautiful Thanksgiving cards for the residents at Briarwood Nursing Home here in Coldwater. They also helped with Holiday Christmas boxes, showing the power of selflessness and generosity. They filled 700 boxes to help put smiles on kids' faces around the world. It's heartwarming to see our kids serving the community in such a meaningful way!



Our Own Thanksgiving Day Parade

The 2nd graders read the book "Balloons Over Broadway "by Melissa Sweet. This book tells the true story of the puppeteer of the famous Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. They also watched a clip of last year's parade, then each student created and decorated their own parade balloon. Lastly, all the 2nd grade students had a parade through the elementary to fly their balloons for the entire elementary to enjoy!



Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast

Our Kindergarten students enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast with their friends. Lots of smiles around the table and lots to be grateful for!!!



Excellent Attendance

Being in school every day means your child won't miss out on learning. Try to schedule appointments and family trips outside of school hours if possible. If your child asks to stay home "just because", remind him of what he'll miss, such as reading/math groups or gym class. Explain that school is a privilege, priority, and it is very important to not miss out on anything.

Safety: Traveling To and From School

Students getting to and from school safely is very important. Here are some safety tips to reinforce with your child at home to help them stay safe when walking, riding a bike, or getting dropped off/picked up at school.

Walking/Biking

- Walk/Ride with a friend when possible.
- Ask your parents to help you pick a safe route to school; one that avoids dangers.
- Stick to the route you picked with your parents. Don't let friends talk you into shortcuts that are more dangerous.
- When you are near the street, don't push, shove, or chase each other.
- Always use the crosswalk.
- Pay attention to cars and always be looking out for vehicles. Don't expect them to notice or stop for you as you always need to make sure there are no cars coming when crossing a street or intersection.



Dropped Off/Picked Up

- In Circle Drive, if you arrive before 8:00 a.m. please wait by and enter through the grade level assigned door. After 8:00 a.m. you may enter through any Circle Drive door that is most convenient for you.
- While waiting to get picked up at the end of the day, listen when your number is called, stand behind the color cone that you have been told to wait by, keep hands/feet to yourself, and wait patiently for your car to pull up to the cone.
- Wait until your car is completely stopped before walking to get into it.
- Always enter/exit the vehicle on the curbside.

PARENT Reminder: Drop Off / Pick Up

- Please cross Vine St. at the crosswalks only. We expect our students to do this to be safe. Set a good example and be a good model.
- Drive slowly through the Circle Drive drop off/pick up line. Please drive **SLOWLY** through the parking lot. Remember this is a parking lot and not a street.
- Please pay attention to the staff directing the drop off/pick up line so that it runs smoothly.
- Be courteous and conscientious of your surroundings. **Drive respectfully...little eyes are watching!**



PARENT TIPS: Working Together for School Success

5 Parent Tips for “Little Cav” Success

1. Stick to a Routine

Children benefit from having a consistent bedtime and wake time each day. Taking time to have breakfast in the morning is very important to get the day started. If your children spend a lot of time deciding what to wear and in preparing their backpack in the morning, add these activities to their nighttime routine to have a smooth start to the day. Having a consistent homework time each day is an important component in building study skills.



2. Support Homework Independence

Once students are able to read the directions on their homework, they should complete their assignments by themselves. Students may ask for help because they enjoy the parental attention, but this can lead to asking for help when they don't need it. When children do their homework without a reminder and on their own, this is a good time to acknowledge their independence.

3. Think Long-Term

Children who have a long-term goal often have increased motivation in school. Setting a long-term goal with your child can help connect the relevancy of your child's daily activities with the future. It is never too early to think about developing time management skills. Using time wisely by completing homework and chores quickly enables children to have more time for fun activities.

4. Have a Positive Learning Attitude

Attitudes are infectious and an integral component to having success. Parents who have a positive attitude towards learning and school can excite children with their enthusiasm. On the other hand, their mindset may be affected by parents who are upset with the teacher or school. Showing interest in your children's studies by asking questions can foster motivation and a positive learning attitude.

5. Connect with the Teacher

Building a relationship with your child's teacher can help you understand how your child is doing at school and how you can help your child best at home. Try to meet with the teacher as much as necessary. Working as a team, this partnership can make the school year go more smoothly for you and your child.

READ, READ, READ: Develop an Early Reader

Want to spend time with your child, build their reading skills, and help them to love books? You can do all three when you read aloud. Here are suggestions:

- ⇒ Read Regularly: Try to read to or with your child every day. You might aim for 10-15 minutes of bedtime reading. Bring along a book, and read to them during a sibling's sports practice. Curl up together with a book when you get home from work.
- ⇒ Take Turns Choosing Books: Your child may want to hear old favorites again and again. Use your turn for new titles and variety (nonfiction, poetry, etc.).
- ⇒ Let Them Participate: Ask your child to turn the pages while you read. Also, they can finish sentences that rhyme or fill in words they know. Go slowly so they have time to understand the story and look at the illustrations. They'll enjoy read-aloud time more if they play an active role.

- ⇒ Be Playful: You can use different voices for different characters (a high, squeaky voice for a mouse or a deep, booming voice for a horse). Or substitute your child's name for the main character's name, and use family members' names for other characters.

Remember, you don't have to be an expert reader...your child will love it when you read to or with them because it's you:).

Upcoming Dates

- ◇ Tues. Dec. 10 - BOE Meeting @6:00 p.m.
- ◇ Mon. Dec. 16 - 6 Week Reports
- ◇ Dec. 16-19 - Elementary Santa Shop
- ◇ Fri. Dec. 20 - Elementary Christmas Assembly @8:45 a.m.
- ◇ Dec. 21-Jan. 5 - Christmas Break - HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!
- ◇ Tues. Jan. 7 - PTO Meeting @7:00 p.m. - elementary workroom
- ◇ Fri. Jan. 17 - End of 2nd Quarter
- ◇ Mon. Jan. 20 - No School MLK Jr. Day
- ◇ Fri. Jan. 24 - Grade Cards sent home



Little Cav Kinders!

This Month In Kindergarten!

October was a month full of wonder and excitement, as we immersed ourselves in the beautiful fall weather. We had the privilege of visiting the Fire Department to learn about fire safety and celebrated Red Ribbon Week, discussing the importance of staying away from drugs. Our daily dress-up sessions added an extra element of fun to the celebrations. Additionally, we took part in Pumpkin Investigations, where we explored pumpkins in detail by estimating their weight, height, and circumference. It was a month of immense learning and growth!



Upcoming Events

Santa Shop
Snowman Project
Polar Express
8th Grade Buddies



**Special Thanks
to our local
Fire Fighters
who keep us safe
everyday!**

Red Ribbon Week

Rest Easy
Knowing
Kindergarten is
DRUG FREE!



Pumpkin Investigation



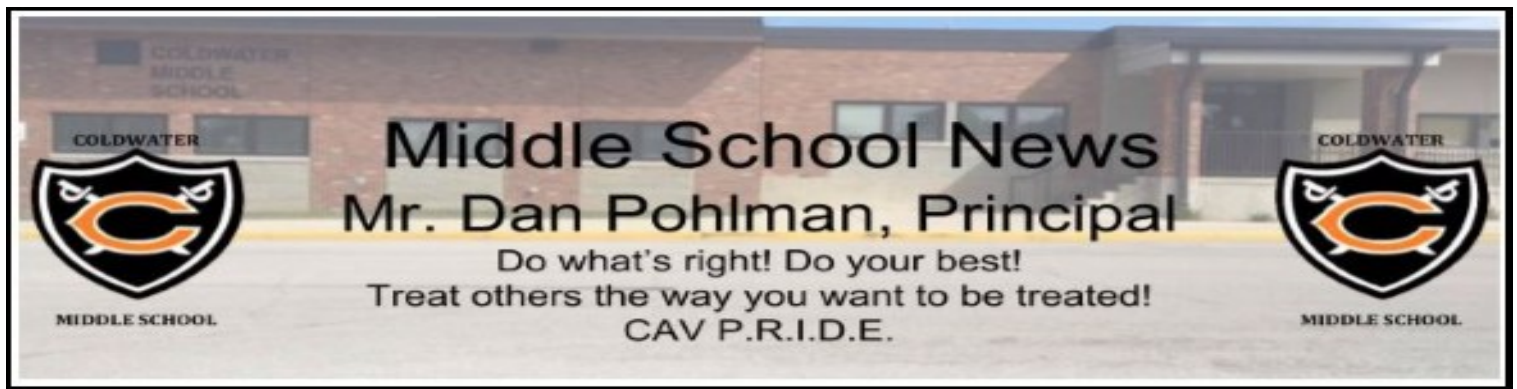
I would like to thank EVERYONE for their support of "SHREK" JR. presented by the Coldwater 4th and 5th Grade Drama students. The performance was spectacular and the students poured their hearts out into each and every performance. The 90 member cast was just AMAZING! They worked hard and stayed focused! I am so proud of each and everyone of them!

I appreciate everyone who came out to see the show, sent in notes of encouragement and gave of their time to help make it such a success. We not only had our largest cast ever but we also had record breaking crowds! Thank you to the students for giving it your all and making it the best show yet!!! I am so proud of the work ethic and determination of our 4th and 5th grade students.

Special thanks to Janelle Rollins, Rhianna Petersen and Frank Petersen for coming in countless evenings to work on props and set pieces. Thank you to Beth and Eric Wellman for working your magic on the back set and several set pieces. Everything looked spectacular!! Also thank you to Janelle for being an AWESOME Assistant director and to Rhianna for being an awesome choreographer! They put their all into everything they do!! Roger Knapke also does an amazing job building sets for us and making sure everything is secure and ready to go! Thank you Roger!! Like us on Facebook!!

Mrs. Petersen





Cavalier Community,

As the holiday season brings warmth and happiness, we, the students and staff of Coldwater Middle School, want to sincerely thank the parents and community members of Coldwater. Your constant support, kindness, and encouragement help make our school a place where students can grow and achieve their dreams. Whether you attend events, volunteer your time, cheer at games, or simply believe in our young people, your efforts create a strong and caring environment for all we achieve together. During this time of reflection, we are especially grateful for the strong bond we share with our community. Your generosity and involvement motivate us to aim higher and do more, and for that, we are deeply thankful. We wish you a holiday season filled with peace, love, and special moments with family and friends. Here's to a joyful holiday season and an exciting new year ahead! Our middle school students have been actively engaged in a variety of activities that highlight their growth, creativity, and achievements. Here's a look at what's been happening over the past few months.

PBIS Program - The first two six-week PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) periods concluded on October 4th and November 22nd, respectively. Students who stayed within the designated strike limits were rewarded with ice cream on October 10th and iced sugar cookies from Coldwater Bakery on November 26th. The next PBIS period will conclude on Friday, January 17th. This program is designed to encourage students to reflect on negative behaviors, learn from their experiences, and make positive choices. Students who qualify for two of the three PBIS periods at the semester break will be invited to participate in a fun, full-day field trip! Stay tuned for more details coming after the first of the year.



8th Graders Explore Future Opportunities at Tri-Star Career Compact

On October 9th, our 8th-grade students had the exciting opportunity to visit Tri-Star Career Compact in Celina. During the tour, they explored a variety of high school programs designed to prepare them for future careers and skill development. This visit provided valuable early exposure, helping students understand the options available to them as they approach the high school scheduling process. By experiencing these programs firsthand, students can make more informed decisions about their educational and career paths.

Eighth Graders Dive into History with Memorable Washington, D.C. Trip - October was an unforgettable month for our eighth graders as they eagerly prepared for and embarked on the highly anticipated annual trip to Washington, D.C. The excitement kicked off on October 15th with the D.C. Essay Contest, where eight talented students competed for the honor of participating in a special ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. Brielle Dingledine, Abby Alig, Will Moorman, and Ethan Schmitmeyer earned the privilege of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier—a touching moment they will cherish forever.



Another unique tradition leading up to the trip was the annual tie-tying contest, a prerequisite to going to D.C. that has been a part of our school's culture for many years. This year's champion, Luke Winner, skillfully tied his way to victory, earning well-deserved recognition. A big thank-you goes to Mr. Mike Hibner and his wife Stephanie, owners of the Mr. Shoppe, for sponsoring this fun and meaningful event.



In the days leading up to the trip, students demonstrated their creativity and historical knowledge during D.C. Night on October 17th. They presented a variety of impressive projects, including CAD-designed and 3D-printed models of memorials, showcasing the integration of STEM and social studies. These projects highlighted the students' dedication and innovative spirit, impressing all who were there.

The journey to the nation's capital, from October 21st to 24th, was a resounding success. Students explored iconic landmarks such as the Lincoln Memorial, the Smithsonian Museum, and the Capitol Building, bringing their classroom studies to life. They returned with a deeper appreciation of American history and the sacrifices that have shaped the nation.

A special thank-you goes to local sponsors—PAX, Lincoln Electric, S & K Products, and Mercer Color—whose generosity made this enriching experience possible. The 2024 Washington, D.C. trip will undoubtedly be remembered as a highlight of the school year.

7th Graders Gain Career Insights Through Local Business Tours



While our 8th graders ventured to Washington, D.C., the 7th-grade students participated in a hands-on career exploration experience closer to home. On Thursday, October 24th, Mercer County ESC organized local business tours that introduced students to some of the area's key industries. Visits to JR Manufacturing, Pax, Vantilburg Farms, and Fort Recovery Industries allowed students to see firsthand how these businesses operate and explore potential career opportunities.



These tours were part of Mrs. Lovell's career exploration curriculum, designed to help students start thinking about their futures by connecting classroom learning with real-world applications. The students gained valuable insight into various career paths and the skills needed to succeed in today's workforce.

We extend our gratitude to Sandi Holdheide of the Mercer County ESC and the local businesses for providing this meaningful experience. Opportunities like this are a vital part of how we prepare our students for success beyond the classroom.

Honoring Our Veterans with Gratitude and Respect

On Friday, November 15th, our school community came together to honor those who have bravely served our nation. During lunch, students had the privilege of hosting over 35 veterans, many of whom were beloved family members, for a heartfelt celebration of their service.

This special occasion provided students with an opportunity to connect with local heroes, hear their stories, and express gratitude for their sacrifices. The event highlighted the importance of honoring veterans' contributions to our country while fostering a deeper understanding of their dedication among the younger generation.

We extend a special thanks to the Social Studies Department for organizing this memorable experience. Their efforts, led by Mike Seitz, Kelly Welsch, Jackie Homan, and Aaron Weigel, made the day truly meaningful for students, veterans, and their families alike.

Thank you to all who served and participated, reminding us of the courage and commitment it takes to protect our freedoms.



7th Grade DARE Program Completion On November 18th, the 7th-grade class proudly celebrated the completion of the DARE program with a pizza party generously sponsored by the Mercer County Sheriff's Department. Over 10 weeks, Officer Geise led engaging lessons during Social Studies, building on the foundation established in the 5th-grade DARE program. The curriculum focused on the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and poor decision-making, equipping students with the knowledge and skills to make positive, healthy choices. This program highlights our commitment to empowering students with tools for success and fostering a safe, informed school community.

A Magical Weekend with *Shrek Jr.*: 4th and 5th Grade Shine on Stage

The weekend of November 22nd brought excitement and joy to our school community as the 4th and 5th graders took to the stage to perform *Shrek Jr.* Middle school students were treated to a special performance on Friday, November 22nd, before the curtains rose for family and friends over the weekend.

This delightful production showcased the remarkable talents of our young performers, who wowed audiences with their spirited singing, dynamic choreography, and heartfelt acting. From the colorful costumes to the whimsical set design, every detail brought the story of Shrek, Fiona, and their fairytale friends to life.

A huge round of applause goes to the dedicated students who brought their characters to life, the supportive parents who helped make it all happen, and, of course, to the incredible Mrs. Denise Peterson, whose tireless efforts made this production an unforgettable experience. The enthusiasm and creativity on display were truly inspiring, leaving audiences thoroughly entertained and filled with pride.

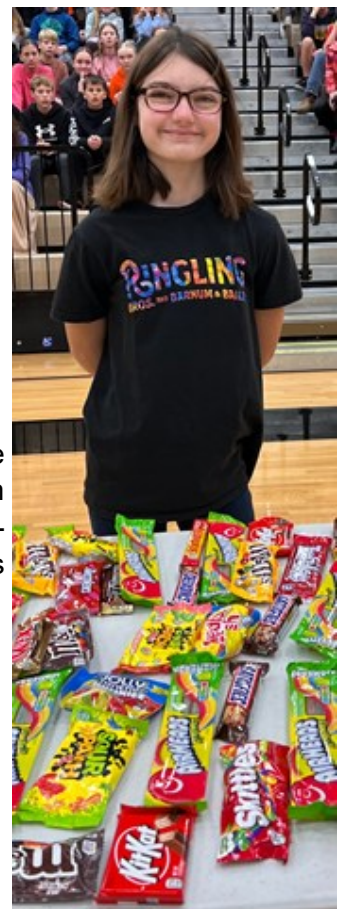


Bravo to everyone involved in *Shrek Jr.*—what an amazing way to celebrate our school's talented community!

Cookie Dough Fundraiser Prize Day - On Tuesday, November 26th, the middle school students eagerly gathered in the Palace for the much-anticipated annual fundraiser prize day assembly. The room buzzed with excitement as students awaited the prize drawing, a highlight of the cookie dough fundraiser. For every 10 items sold, students earned a chance to win cash prizes, with amounts ranging from \$5 to \$100. These prizes were marked on candy bars, adding an extra layer of fun and surprise to the event.

This year's top seller, Liberty Donovan, a 5th grader, went above and beyond by selling an astounding 81 items. Her remarkable effort earned her the top prize of \$150, a well-deserved recognition of her hard work.

The success of this year's fundraiser would not have been possible without the incredible support from our students, parents, and the entire Coldwater community. Your enthusiasm and dedication have helped us achieve another fantastic outcome, with all proceeds benefiting the middle school student activity account. These funds support a variety of events and programs that enrich the middle school experience.





To everyone who participated, donated, or encouraged our students along the way – thank you! Your generosity and commitment continue to make a positive impact on our school.

Through these activities, our middle schoolers continue to demonstrate enthusiasm and dedication. Thank you to our families, staff, and community for your ongoing support. If you have questions about any of the above programs, please feel free to reach out.

Here's to a fantastic December and a joyful holiday season!

Go Cavs!

Mr. Pohlman



Middle School First Nine Weeks Honor Roll

Grade 7

High Honors (11.00 GPA or Better)

Ian Ahrens, Mallory Braun, Reid Dingledine, Elisabeth Ebbing, Mya Grieshop, Reagan Liette, Audrey Miller, William Walker

Honors (9.0 – 10.9)

Brynn Ahrens, Archer Bihn, Abigail Bollenbacher, Jacob Bollenbacher, Sophie Borger, Miles Bruns, Ava Dobmeyer, Allie Evans, Mason Evers, Max Galyardt, Kennedy Giesige, Weston Heyne, Shianea Hoffman, Allison Hoyng, Will Huwer, Hallory Kahlig, Quinn Kanney, Zane Keller, Emersyn Knapke, Graham Knapke, Elliot Kuhn, Carter Lefeld, Natalie Link, Ryan Mathewson, Maddox Moorman, Blake Muhlenkamp, Makayla Myers, Bryce Rolfes, Owen Ross, Ethan Rutschilling, Liam Schmackers, Brooke Schwieterman, Dylan Sieftring, Lane Sieftring, Avery Smith, AJ Steinbrunner, Loretta Sudhoff, Max Sudhoff, Ben Voskuhl, Adrian Walker, Braxton Wendel, Jackson Werling, Hailey Williams, Grant Winner

Grade 8

High Honors (11.00 GPA or Better)

Abby Alig, Kynlee Botkin, Lucas Broering, Brielle Dingledine, Audrey Franck, Alyssa Froning, Jonah Gruss, Josh Harrison, Owen Heitkamp, Kraytyn Homan, Emmitt May, Will Moorman, Haley Qiu, John Roberts, Breah Roessner, Ethan Schmitmeyer, Breckin Scott, Leah Serr, Natalie Timmerman, Courtney Uhlenhake, Kate Uhlenhake, Rebecca Wendel,

Honors (9.0 – 10.9)

Hayden Berger, Jack Bettinger, Brooklyn Coats, Layla Dawson, Audrey Diller, TJ Eales, Daven Fletcher, Kiya Frysinger, Paige Guggenbiller, Kirsten Heuing, Grace Heyne, Briggs Hileman, Ben Houts, Charlotte Hoyng, Evelyn Kahlig, Chris Kremer, Griffin Lefeld, Cami Lisi, Ian Luebke, Bentley Mohler, Kaiden Moorman, Norah Moreland, Kyrie Reineke, Mara Riethman, Julianna Sager, Cami Saunders, Hayden Schwieterman, Isabelle Schwieterman, Grace Siegrist, Savannah Sutherin, Jacob Uhlenhake, Bennet Unrast, Emmett Wermert, Lucas Winner

COMING MARCH 2025!!



The Coldwater Middle School Presents:

“THE LION KING” JR

March 6-9, 2025

Auditions are complete and the cast is going to be AMAZING!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

The TRADITION continues...PRIDE INSIDE!

Principal Jason Hemmelgarn



Another Holiday season is fast upon us, and we would like to take this time to reflect on another very successful Fall season. It was an extremely busy but enjoyable and rewarding season for so many groups and teams. Congratulations on a job well done are extended to all of our sports teams, the high school band, the scholastic bowl teams, and many of our other co-curricular competition teams. In addition, a major Thank You goes out to our student body, for not only rooting on our beloved Cavs with great enthusiasm, but for representing what Coldwater Spirit is all about both locally and statewide!

We don't ever want to take for granted the successes of all of our programs, and we certainly, do not want to take for granted the manner in which we conduct ourselves both on and off the field/court.

Finally, one last Thank You goes out to all those who are dedicated to the successes of our students/athletes. It is through their continued preparation and work ethic that enables Coldwater High School to be the special place that it is, and we look forward to continuing our academic and extracurricular successes as we transition into the winter season. On behalf of the Coldwater High School Faculty and Staff, we like to wish everyone a Safe and Wonderful Holiday Season!

J Hemmelgarn, HS Principal



GO CAVS!

Coldwater High School Cabaret - write up from Mrs. Petersen

On November 9th and 10th, the Coldwater High School Drama presented "FLASHBACK": Student Cabaret Showcase with 2 awesome shows. Mrs. Petersen met with our 6 Seniors prior to the school year to begin planning the show. They were the amazing leaders in the production and did an awesome job keeping everyone on task along with Mrs. Petersen and Rhianna Petersen. We all really worked well together and brought the show together over the first 9 weeks of school!

The cast had the opportunity this year to once again audition with a song of their choice to be performed in cabaret if they were picked for a solo spot. 9 soloists were chosen from the 16 who auditioned. In addition to 4 full cast numbers, including a song dedicated to Cale Wenning, the students then had the opportunity to form duets, trios and/or small groups to round out the show. All songs performed in the show were chosen by the students themselves. It was truly special to work up "See You Again" from Furious 7 in honor of Cale.

The cast did an amazing job from song selection to choreography to performance. Mrs. Petersen is so proud of all they accomplished this year. We had a wonderful turn out for both performances which was amazing! Cast Parents, once again, donated desserts and Rooster Joe Coffee & Co. once again donated coffee. We had some amazing High School students volunteer to come in both days to handle the admissions tables and to help with the refreshments.

Mrs. Petersen feels the performance meant a lot to the students because they were so involved in the decision process along the way. It was a true cabaret performance! Now we are turning our attention to the Spring Musical "NEWSIES!"

Spanish Club – Honored Cale

The Spanish Club dedicated an altar to Cale Wenning for dia de los muertos. Dia de los muertos is a holiday that is celebrated in Hispanic countries to remember loved ones that have passed away. Altars are a way to honor those loved ones. It is believed the souls of the deceased come to visit on dia de los muertos and altars are a bridge to help them arrive. The Spanish IV decorated the altar including things special to Cale to show him love and affection.



Scholastic Bowl Team

Varsity Scholastic Bowl team ended the regular MAC season as Undefeated Champs!....and finished 2nd at the end of the year ESC Varsity Tournament.

JV Scholastic Bowl also team ended the regular MAC season as 8-2 Champs!....and finished in 2nd at the end of the year ESC JV Tournament.

Thank you to Mr. Lange for all his efforts with the team again this year!





Varsity (L-R): Coach Matt Lange, Rudi Gross, Andrew Moorman, Izaak Botkin, Jake Seitz, Russell Moorman



JV (L-R): Ben Hannewald, Fiona Qiu, Tate Rismiller, Noah Obringer

Rusty Raffle Tickets

Given by Teachers for a “great day” in the classroom

Each month a winning raffle ticket will be pulled – prize and sticker given

Every 10 Raffle tickets receive a Cav Shield sticker

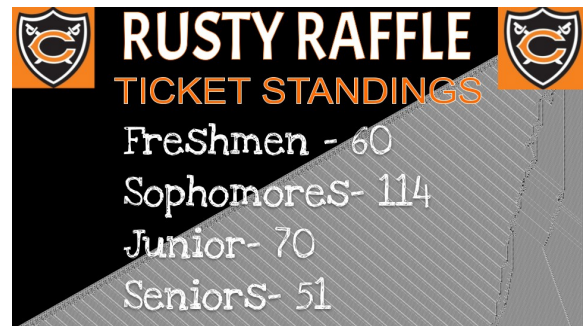
Current Year Leaders by grade:

Seniors: Russ Moorman - 5

Juniors: Amanda Clune - 5

Sophomores: Alaina Froning - 5

Freshman: Bryant Evans – 7



High School Scheduling

Recently, all of our students were given an opportunity to complete a survey with regards to our course offerings here at CHS. Those results, along with our current curriculum review and mapping, will help to determine our future Program of Studies as we meet to finalize those details.

Mrs. Kanney will begin meeting with all students in grades 8 – 11 at the start of the second semester. Each student will be shown an updated Program of Studies on our website (along the updated teacher videos) and be given a scheduling form to be completed. This should provide ample time to review, discuss, and prepare before leading up to our annual High School Scheduling night on **February 3, 2025**.

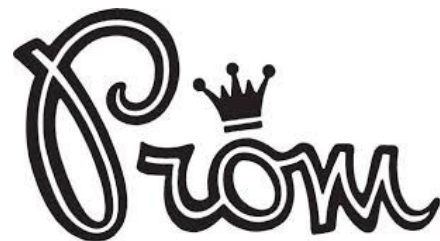
On that night, the High School Faculty and Staff will be on hand so that students can have their scheduling forms signed off by each High School department that applies to their course registration. All of next years (2025-2026) High School students are encouraged to attend this meeting. It is also *recommended* (but not required) that each student have a parental representative with them that evening to help with this process. Following that evening, Mrs. Kanney will meet with students one-on-one to confirm their plans for next year.

In addition, a College Credit Plus meeting will be held in the Auditoria at 7:00 pm.

Any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the High School Office for more information.

PROM

Senior/Junior Prom is set for Saturday April 12th, with Promenade beginning at 6:00 pm.



Other items of interest coming up

- Winter Band Concert (grades 6-12) is scheduled for December 8th
- Christmas Choir Concert (grades 6-12) is scheduled for December 15th
- Christmas Blood Drive is set for December 20th

High School 1st Nine Weeks Honor Roll

HIGH HONORS (11.0-12.0)

Grade 9

Collin Bergstrom, Claire Bertke, Claire Broering, Avery Bruns, Wendy Buening, Kirra Burtch, Alessandra Cervantes, Isaac Delzeith, Campbell Etzler, Andrew Garrison, Brent Heuing, Harlow Heyne, Ashlynn Homan, Averil Kahlig, Jacob Kaiser, Lana Kaiser, Alivia Klingshirn, Leah Kunk, Emily Larkin, Ava Lefeld, Benjamin Liette, Andrew Myers, Carson Pax, Tate Rismiller, Mariah Ross, Jackson Serr, Ava Smith, Lila Sudhoff, Austin Uhlenhake, Ella Werling, Lanna Zahn

Grade 10

Audrey Alig, Aubrie Davis, Parker Doenges, Emma Eyink, Alaina Froning, Karsyn Homan, Charlotte Lefeld, Chase Linn, Breann Mathewson, Noah Obringer, Fiona Qiu, Lydia Rainey, Aidan Rose, Alex Rutschilling, Ava Schmitmeyer, Cara Schwieterman, Kelsey Seitz, Joshua Sheets, Kiersten Weigel, Bradley Wendel, Abigail Will

Grade 11

Mariah Bonifas, Madison Bruns, Aiden Burtch, Amanda Clune, Alayna Dawson, Ava Doll, Dillan Evers, Ashley Hicks, Grace Huwer, Ella Kaiser, Keira Knapke, Landon Knapke, Maxwell Koch, Madelyn Lange, Gavin Lefeld, Eve Lisi, Edward Obringer, Kaylie Rutschilling, Rebecca Simper, Sarah Stewart, Elle Weber, Emma Weber, Emma Wehnes, Dana Zahn

Grade 12

William Barry, Izaak Botkin, Olivia Broering, Liam Davis, Cody Depweg, David Dippold, Ethan Elander, Spencer Etzler, Drew Franck, Mandi Hart, Monica Hemmelgarn, Jenna Heuing, Zachary Homan, Aaron Kaup, Kiersten Keller, Owen Kunk, Jonathan Lange, Lucy Langenkamp, Brady Lefeld, Brady Mathewson, Andrew Moorman, Russell Moorman, Tyler Overman, Abigail Pax, Miles Pottkotter, Joshua Schoen

HONOR ROLL (9.0-10.9)

Grade 9

Lauren Beckman, Bryce Bonifas, Jack Bruns, William Cowan, Victoria Cron, Mark Dues, Bryant Evans, Weston Fisher, Chloe Frysinger, Braylon Gerlach, Nolan Gruss, Carter Heitkamp, Hugh Hemmelgarn, Maddison Hobbs, Haley Huwer, Katherine Jurosic, Heidi Klenke, Brylee Knapke, Alex Lefeld, Channing Lefeld, Owen May, Carter Miller, Alex Penno, Bryleigh Quinn, Brayla Rasaweher, Andrew Schulze, Bailey Seibert, Marcus Sieftring, Janessa Smuts, Myra Stammen, Shea Sudhoff, Andrea Vargas, Lance Vian, Arianna Wagoner, William Wehrkamp, Emily Wendel, Collin Westgerdes, Kenna Wolfe

Grade 10

Tegan Berkenstock, Kinley Bruns, Joseph Buschur, Alexis Coats, Landon Cruz, Gena Fisher, Ava Fortkamp, Benjamin Hannewald, James Liette, Shelby Link, Emma Luebke, Rachel Moeller, Aiden Norris, Paige Ontrop, Lauren Overman, Zachary Pohlman, Joshua Schroer, Zachary Schwieterman, Grace Sieftring, Kennley Siegrist, Hailey Stough, Brookelyn Sudhoff, Braxton Taylor, Braylon Thobe, Tori Timmerman, Conner Tobin, Keaton Tobin, Evan Winner

Grade 11

Kaia Behm, Griffin Braun, Kaylee Buening, Brittany Burden, Mia Byer, Davian Coleman, Carson Dues, Gage Emmins, Aidan Fiely, Lyla Fridley, Carter Glassford, Whitney Godwin, Brady Hamilton, Kate Hemmelgarn, Isaac Homan, Ella Kahlig, Jake Kessen, Mia Knapke, Zachary Knapke, Aiden Laux, Owen Lefeld, Kelly May, Nolan Mescher, Makenzie Miller, Makenzie Norris, Cadin Obringer, Kayelee Prosser, Myles Quinter, Samuel Rismiller, Maximus Ross, Caden Sager, Caleb Schroer, Nora Wehrkamp, Tanner Wendel, Ty Wenning, Trent Westgerdes, Madison Zwiebel

Grade 12

Mason Ayers, Morgan Blasingame, Baylen Blockberger, Mason Brogaard, Owen Fennig, Lia Frank, Rudi Gross, Owen Hamberg, Kristopher Hughes, Avery Knapke, Shelby Larkin, Shelby Linn, Sidney Linn, Hayden Minton, Drew Muhlenkamp, Jayden Nye, Isabelle Ruckman, Kaelin Rutschilling, Brooke Schmitmeyer, Shanna Schmitmeyer, Troy Schoen, Jake Seitz, Sarah Seitz, Mason Smith, Tanner Stammen, Brennan Sudhoff, Keaton Tebbe, Haley Tobin, Oliver Vickery, Natalie Vogel, Mason Welsch, Noah Welsch, Caleb Wendel, Andrew Wermert, Olivia Will, Isabella Zahn, Nicholas Zahn

Cavalier Athletic Report



What an awesome Fall Sports season we just completed! All of our programs had tremendous seasons with many successes on and off the playing fields. We are truly blessed at Coldwater to have the student/athletes, community, parents, coaching, booster club, etc. support from all involved. This is what makes these programs successful across the board.

The Lady Cavalier Volleyball team finished with a perfect record of 29-0 including our first ever State Volleyball Championship. Coldwater finished this season as the only team in the entire state to not lose one single match. In fact, the Lady Cavs only lost 3 individual games the entire season. Coldwater also had two players join the Coldwater Ring of Honor with Spencer Etzler and Morgan Blasingame both accomplishing that feat. Congratulations to Coach Nikki Etzler and the entire volleyball team on this record setting season!

Our Cross Country programs continue to work hard on building their programs up and are on the right track. Although there was not the team success they may have wanted across the season, the Cross Country programs had an outstanding season and also many individual accomplishments. Mason Ayers competed in the State meet once again and this year earned All Ohio honors and is now a member of the Coldwater Ring of Honor. Mason Ayers, Audrey Alig, and Channing Lefeld all represented Coldwater at the Regional meet as well. Congratulations to our Cross Country program.

Girls Golf continues their rebuilding process after back-to-back-to-back MAC Titles. With only 1 senior this year and several underclassmen, they will keep building and look for more continue success in the upcoming seasons. Although they may not have won the MAC League title, they had a tremendous learning year. Great job to our Coldwater Lady Golf team.

Boys Golf competed for the MAC title right down to the wire before falling just short. Tyler Overman and Briggs Howell led the team earning 1st Team All MAC honors. Speaking of Tyler Overman, he became the 1st boys golfer in Coldwater history to compete in the State Tournament. Not only was Tyler able to do this, he did it all while being a member of the Cross Country team as well this fall. Congratulations to the Boys Golf team on an outstanding season once again.

Girls Soccer also helped lead us to one of our most successful fall seasons in the history of Coldwater. The Lady Cavs finished with a school record 14 wins on the season and another trip to the District Tournament. Avery Knapke became the first Coldwater Soccer player to earn 1st team All Ohio honors and is the first soccer player to be a member of the Coldwater Ring of Honor. Congratulations to the Coldwater Girls Soccer team on a record setting season.

At the time of press, Football will be playing in their 15th State Championship. We want to wish the Cavalier program the best of luck and hope they can bring home their 8th State title and the schools 30th overall (Volleyball earned the 29th earlier this fall). We are hoping the Cavalier Football team can add to the Ring of Honor as well with those announcements coming out shortly as well. Congratulations to the Cavalier Football team on another outstanding season.

Although they don't have a score at the end of the night and they don't get the recognition that they deserved, I would like to recognize the Coldwater Cheerleading Squads for an outstanding Fall Season. Coldwater is led by new advisors Alexis Houts at the High School and Macey Thees at the Junior High level. The Cheerleading teams representation of the Coldwater Schools and Community was once again outstanding. They don't get told enough, but we truly appreciate all they do for the Coldwater athletic programs. We also look forward to them showing their athletic skills this winter with some stunting for our crowds. Thank You Cavalier Cheerleaders!

Winter season tickets are now available online by going to www.coldwaterathletics.org. You can simply mouse over "More" and go to the "Click Here to Order tickets...." Button. If you need any help, simply stop in to the High School Office. We will take care of the process for you.

We would like to remind everyone to keep following our website at www.coldwaterathletics.org. We try to keep this site up to the minute with schedules, features, records, scores, etc. This has been a challenging year with keeping the schedules current however due to the many changes. If you notice something, please let us know.

Lastly, just a reminder that we are using the Hudl Livestreaming service. This is a 3rd party that runs it and although they were working out some early kinks, the quality and reliability is so much better than what we had. We will be adding a camera to our Baseball field soon as well in working with the park. If you are interested in subscribing, just let me know or visit our athletic website to sign up (under the MORE tab – Athletic Websites of Interest).

Lefeld Industrial & Welding Supplies Athletes of the Week!



Mia Knapke



Bryce Couchot



Grace Huwer



Channing Lefeld



Karsyn Homan



Braxton Taylor



Braxton Taylor



Cody Depweg



Will Barry



Coldwater Volleyball – State Champions and MAC Champions 29-0



Spencer Etzler signs to play Volleyball at Stanford



Merry Christmas

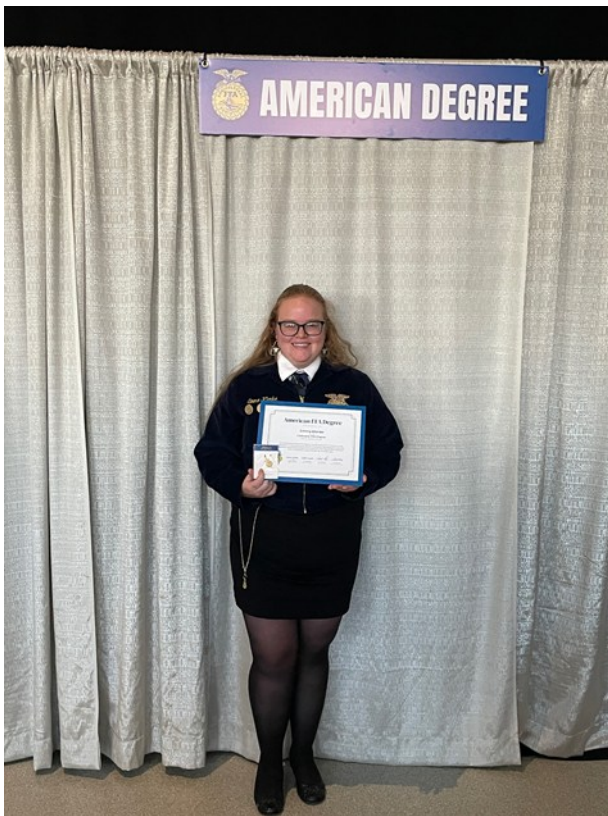
We would like to thank the cheerleaders and coach for making the school look festive for the holidays

FFA Members Attend the 97th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis



At the beginning of November, the Coldwater FFA traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana for their annual National FFA Convention trip where more than 70,000 FFA members from across the country join together to celebrate successes, hear guest speakers, meet with agricultural companies and colleges at the career show, tour businesses, and meet new people.

Before heading to Indianapolis for the actual convention, the 29 Coldwater FFA members on the trip took a detour in Celina, Ohio to MVP Dairy. Here they learned how resourceful this plant was. The students were also able to watch cows on a milking carousel. They finished off by eating Dannon yogurt. All of MVP's milk gets shipped to. The students continue their trip to Logansport, Indiana. Unfortunately the students were not able to tour Tyson Foods facility. Their team was kind enough to still come and talk to the Coldwater FFA students. They pulled up camera footage of people working in food processing and where trucks get loaded up. Their next stop was at Becks Hybrids. The students got to tour their entire plant and learn about the history of Becks along with some of the new technology they are experimenting with. They finished off their day at Three Hill FFA Rodeo. Thursday morning the Students attended an opening session. The keynote speaker was Kevin Wanzer who talked about mindset overpowering leaders. The FFA members were then able to do some shopping and learn about the ag industry at the FFA Expo and Shopping Center. Thank you to **Cooper Farms** for sponsoring our meal at The Garage Hall. Students got to finish off their night at the Buckeye Bash. The students got to talk to other FFA members from Ohio and play lots of fun games. Bright and early Friday morning members got to attend another opening session. They listened to National FFA Vice President - Carter Howell's retiring address. Also keynote speaker - Dr. Temple Grandin talks about different types of thinkers and how they all need to work together. Coldwater FFA students then made their way back home!



The next day, former FFA member Emma Klenke received her American FFA Degrees. The American Degree is the highest honor an FFA member can receive, and only about 1% of all FFA members receive it. Congratulations!



Throughout all the sessions at the Convention, members enjoyed seeing FFA Talent competitors, FFA Band and Chorus perform, and encouraging other members throughout the nation as they won awards at the national level. The National FFA Convention was a fun filled educational experience for everyone. All members are encouraged to attend this event at some point in their FFA career.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to **Nutrien Ag Solutions** for sponsoring coats for the members to wear on the tours. Thank you for making us look like one of the best-looking groups on these tours!

Job Interview FFA Career Development Event

The Job Interview Career Development Event has members prepare a resume and cover letter, fill out a job application, participate in a mock interview, and type a formal thank you letter. This is one of the most realistic contests of the FFA. Congratulations to the following members.

- Junior Division -Kate Hemmelgarn - 10th place
- Sophomore Division -Paige Ontrop - 8th place
- Senior Division - Mandi Heart - 9th place
- Freshmen Division - Myra Stammen - 3rd place



Ohio FFA Leadership Night



This year Versailles hosted the Ohio FFA Leadership night for their own and surrounding area FFA chapters. During the night, over 400 FFA members were challenged and encouraged to think outside of the box while doing leadership activities created by the State Officer Team. This year state officers Anna Moeller and Carter Boyd led the group of eager FFA members through fun activities.



Feeding Farmers in the Field

In October many FFA members helped prepare and drop off lunches to farmers in the field. The members meet after school where they make the sack lunches on a Wednesday afternoon. They then drove around the area to find farmers in the field. Thank you to all farmers and everything you do for our community!



COMING APRIL 3-6 2025

**Auditions are complete and this cast
is going to ROCK THE STAGE!**

HS DRAMA Presents...



**Disney's
NEWSIES!**

Cale Wenning Scholarship Raffle

The Career Tech Class is having a raffle drawing in honor of Cale Wenning. Raffle tickets are \$15. Please contact the High School office or a Career Tech Club Member for a chance to win hand-crafted items including Coaster sets or a #CWSTRONG LED sign.

Below are examples of the coaster set designs and the #CWSTRONG LED sign.

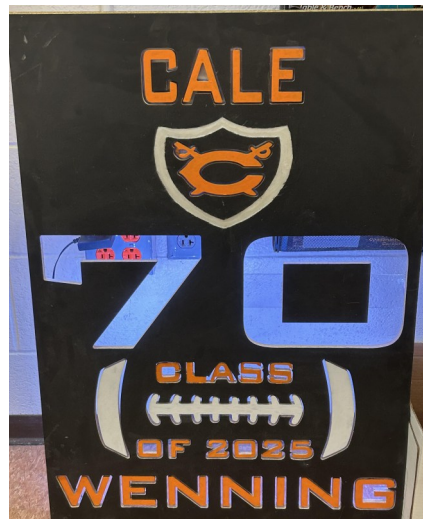


Here is the sample of the LED sign.



The Career Tech Club is also taking orders for custom sports signs.

See images below for product examples.



Career Tech Club Order Form 2024-2025

Custom Signs				No Ad- ditions	Epoxy + \$20	LED + \$20	Quantity	Total	Total Price
Grey Board with Orange Letters					\$100				
Black Board with Orange Letters					\$120				
Black Board with White Letters					\$120				
Landscape Cut-Out Board					\$120				

Please fill out the column below. Enter the student athlete's sport sign desired Include their jersey number and/or any specific event or position.

Name	Football - ##	Basketball- ##	Baseball - ##	Soccer - ##	Track - Event	Wrestling/ Bowling	Volleyball
Mason Welsch DEMO	TRUE	14	TRUE	14			

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COLDWATER DRAMA



A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SUPPORTING THE DRAMA PROGRAMS COLDWATER SCHOOLS

The Coldwater Drama Department is made of three groups, Elementary Drama (4th and 5th Grade), Middle School Drama (Grades 6-8) and High School Drama (Grades 9-12). Each year we set out to present high quality entertaining productions and obtain performance rights for well known, popular shows. We are looking for sponsors who are willing to donate and help us build our Drama Programs so we can continue to put on spectacular shows.

For the 2024-2025 drama season, Elementary Drama will be presenting "SHREK" JR, Middle School "LION KING" JR, and High School is doing a Cabaret in the fall "FLASHBACK! A Student Cabaret Showcase" and "NEWSIES" in the spring. We would like to invite you to be an honorary part of the Drama Program here in Coldwater. It is YOUR support that helps provide the opportunity for growth and sustainability. We were able to provide high quality shows and update some equipment during the 2023-2024 season thanks to all of our sponsors! We hope to continue growing this sponsorship program.

Why Donate?

Performance rights alone for many JR productions start at \$800, and the High School shows at \$3400. These rights allow us to perform 3-5 shows with limitations set by the licensing agreement. Performance rights however do not include costumes, musical scores, prompt books, or choreography. These items incur added cost based on the size of the production and cast. The Drama Department rents, purchases, or makes many of the costumes you see. We also build many unique sets, often with the inability for long term storage. Coldwater's 2024 production of The Little Mermaid cost \$9500.

By donating to the Drama Program, you will get your name or business in the Playbill for each group in which you donate, with a note of thanks. You can choose to have your donation split between all 3 drama groups, or you can specify which group you would like your donation to support. In addition, you will receive a 2 ticket credit voucher (PRESALE ONLY) for each \$100 donated. Send this voucher in with any PRESALE order to receive two tickets for the show of your choice!

Please make your check payable to Coldwater Schools (c/o Coldwater Drama in the memo) and fill out the attached form. 100% of your donation will stay in the Coldwater Drama Department. We truly thank you for your donation.

Mail your donation to :

Coldwater Drama
c/o Denise Petersen
310 N 2nd Street
Coldwater Ohio 45828

I would like to donate to the following group(s):

_____ Coldwater Elementary School Drama(Grades 4-5). Amount of Contribution \$ _____

_____ Coldwater Middle School Drama(Grades 6-8). Amount of Contribution \$ _____

_____ Coldwater High School Drama (Grades 9-12). Amount of Contribution \$ _____

_____ Split between all 3 groups as needed. Amount of Contribution \$ _____

Name_____

Company/Business_____

Address_____ City_____ State_____

Zip_____

Phone _____

Please provide name and/or company as it should appear in the program and other recognition.

Please mail to:

Coldwater Drama

c/o Denise Petersen

310 N 2nd Street

Coldwater Ohio 45828

Or drop off at any of the School offices. Any questions can be directed to

petersen.denise@coldwatercavs.org

Cookies & Canvas

Presented by C.A.P.



We warmly invite you to a delightful afternoon filled with cookies and painting!

February 2, 2025



Auditorium



2:00-4:00



🍪 A limited amount of spaces, reserve ours by picking up and returning forms to the elementary office.

🍪 \$25 for each artist, and all students must be joined by an adult, adults are welcome to paint, too!

Questions? Text or call Ashley Klingshirn at (614) 402-2741

Cookies & Canvas
February 2, 2025
Auditorium: 2:00-4:00

Please complete the form so we can greet you at the door!

Artist _____
(student or adult's name-circle one)

Artist _____
(student or adult's name-circle one)

Artist _____
(student or adult's name-circle one)

Artist _____
(student or adult's name-circle one)

** Adult accompanying the child _____
(adult signature)

Forms of payment: \$25 cash (with form) per artist
(seats are limited, please text the number below before
using Venmo to Coldwater Academic Promoters)

Any questions, please contact Ashley Klingshirn at 614-402-2741.
THANK YOU!