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COVINGTON EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Covington Exempted Village Schools 2020-2021 Building Information

OPENING DAY - Grades K-12 -- August 25, 2020

	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL K-6	JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 7-8	HIGH SCHOOL 9-12														
New Student Registration	<p>Wednesday, August 5 through Tuesday, August 18, 9:00-11:00 am and 1:00-3:00 pm</p> <p>*** Please call 473-2252 to schedule an appointment.</p> <p>A parent or guardian MUST be present to register the student & provide a photo ID.</p>	<p>Thursday, August 6 & Friday, August 7, 9:00-11:00 am and 1:00-3:00 pm.</p> <p>Please go to covington.k12.oh.us to complete Final Forms and then to schedule an appointment to register.</p> <p>A parent or guardian MUST be present to register the student & provide a photo ID.</p>	<p>Thursday, August 6 & Friday, August 7, 9:00-11:00 am and 1:00-3:00 pm.</p> <p>Please go to covington.k12.oh.us to complete Final Forms and then to schedule an appointment to register.</p> <p>A parent or guardian MUST be present to register the student & provide a photo ID.</p>														
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Schedules/Fees	<p>Kindergarten - 6: \$45.00</p> <p>Students will pay a flat fee for the grade they are assigned for homeroom.</p>	<p>Grades 7-8: \$50.00</p> <p>Schedule pickup Tuesday, August 11, 10:00 am-Noon and 1:00-3:00 pm.</p> <p>Students will pay a flat fee for the grade they are assigned for homeroom.</p>	<p>Schedules will be mailed home in early August. Further information on schedule change days will also be provided with mailed students' schedules.</p> <p>Grades 9-12 fees: \$70.00</p> <p>All students will pay a flat fee; some classes require an additional fee. UVCC fees will vary.</p>														
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Contact Information	<p>Josh Long, Principal Lisa Benson, Secretary 807 Chestnut Street, Suite B Covington, OH 45318 Phone: (937) 473-2252 Fax: (937) 473-3685</p>	<p>Josh Meyer, Principal Amy Mitchell, Secretary 807 Chestnut Street, Suite B Covington, OH 45318 Phone: (937) 473-3746 Fax: (937) 473-3730</p>	<p>Josh Meyer, Principal Amy Mitchell, Secretary 807 Chestnut Street, Suite A Covington, OH 45318 Phone: (937) 473-3746 Fax: (937) 473-3730</p>														
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Welcome Back!

by Mr. Long, K-6 Principal

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. We hope you have had a wonderful summer break and your child(ren) is/are ready for a fantastic year of learning! This includes not only academic learning but social learning, too. Teaching students to be respectful, responsible and kind, are all important aspects of becoming a great person and student. These are all traits that are reflected through our "PBIS" program. We look forward to having all students back in the classroom and having a wonderful year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Josh Meyer, 7-12 Principal

It has been a busy summer at Covington Jr/Sr High School! We've added the following individual to our teaching staff- Kristi Homan- HS Business Technology. At the time of submitting this article we are in the process of interviewing for a HS Math teacher but I feel extremely confident that the interviewing committee will hire a high quality candidate. I'm excited about the skills that our new teachers bring to Covington Jr/Sr High School and look forward to working with them and the rest of the staff to continue the terrific education our students receive here.

Along with the addition of our new staff members the custodians have been busy preparing and cleaning the building for the start of the school year. The custodial and maintenance staff have also been busy working on the exterior of the building and the grounds of the campus. Many thanks to all of our custodial and maintenance staff for their work in providing a comfortable learning environment for our students.

There have also been many students in and out of the building for a variety of activities. The student-athletes at Covington have been very busy preparing for their upcoming sports seasons by attending camps, summer activities and conditioning sessions. Along with that, Band Camp has been going on, so the halls are filled with the sounds of the Covington fight song!

I'm looking forward to seeing all the 7-12 students on August 25th, the first day of school!

Go Buccs!

Covington Exempted Village School District Reopening Plan

The District reopening and contingency plan can be found on the school's webpage at: www.covington.k12.oh.us. If you have any questions after reading the reopening plan, please feel free to contact Superintendent Gene Gooding at 937-473-2249 or at goodingg@covingtonk12.org.

Lauren Bell, K-5 Guidance Counselor

I graduated from Graham High School in 2006. I earned my bachelor's degree in 2011 from Wright State University in middle childhood education. I continued to obtain my teaching license and master's degree in middle childhood education from the University of Dayton. After a few years in the classroom, I went back to the University of Dayton to obtain my master's degree in school counseling. I was a teacher at the middle school level for two years, and at the elementary level for five years. Last year was my first year working as a school counselor at Rockway Elementary in Springfield!

My husband, Alex, and I will be married two years in September. We also just got to celebrate the first birthday of our daughter, Harper, in July! In my free time, I love to read, bike, hike, run; I'm currently training for the Air Force Half Marathon which I began running with my grandpa eight years ago! I also love to do yoga and am a certified yoga instructor!

I am honored and excited to be a part of the Covington staff. I look forward to meeting and working with the staff, students, and families of Covington!

Kristi Homan, Business Technology Teacher

I graduated from Versailles High School in 2011 and earned my Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, from The Ohio State University, in 2015. After working as a Public Relations Specialist for a year and a half, I transitioned to the world of education. I taught at Greenville Senior High School as a Marketing Instructor for four years. In 2018, I earned a Master of Education in Workforce Education and Development from Bowling Green State University.

My husband Steve and I have been married for five years. We currently reside in Minster with our two sons James (2.5) and Ryan (5 months). In our free time, you can find us doing just about anything outdoors – whether that is working in the garden, biking, swimming, kayaking, or spending our weekends with family camping and boating. During summer breaks, you might also find me assisting my husband in installing custom cabinetry or tiling a backsplash for his family's business, Homan Interiors.

I am very excited to be joining the staff here at Covington High School! I also look forward to working with students, parents, and the Covington community while advising Business Professionals of America and Multimedia Communications. Go Buccs!

Jim Sagona, District Technology Director

I graduated from St. Charles Preparatory School in Columbus in 2001 and attended the University of Dayton to earn a Bachelor of Science in Education degree in 2005. In 2013, I earned a Master of Science in Instructional Technology from St. Joseph's University, and I am currently wrapping up a second master's degree in educational administration from the University of Dayton this fall.

My first teaching job was at Tippecanoe High School where I taught English and Theatre for twelve years. During that time I also directed over 50 plays and musicals, developed the Dayton High School Theatre Awards (now the Miami Valley High School Theatre Awards), and the StageCrafters summer theatre program. For the last three years, I served as the Director of Technology for Tipp City Schools.

I am thrilled to now be serving as District Technology Director for Covington and to be a part of this very welcoming community. While I enjoy the puzzles and challenges that come with technology, teaching remains my passion. I am excited to work with teachers and students to enhance and support the great things happening in our classrooms and beyond.

My wife of eleven years, Rachel, is a choir teacher at Troy Junior High & High School. Our house is constantly filled with music either by my wife or one of our two young children who always seem to have the same Disney movie on repeat.

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COVINGTON EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

2020

August 21	Teacher Work Day/In-Service
August 24	Teacher Work Day/In-Service Open House
August 25	First Day of School for Grades K-12
September 7	Labor Day (No School)
October 22	End of First Quarter (42 days)
October 23	Teacher In-Service (No School)
November 12	Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:30-9:00 p.m. Early dismissal 1:00 p.m.
November 13	No School
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Break (No School)
November 30	School resumes
December 22	Early dismissal 1:00 p.m.
December 23	Winter Break (No School)

2021

January 4	Teacher In-Service (No School)
January 5	School resumes
January 15	End of Second Quarter (47 days) End of First Semester (89 days)
January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr Day (No School)
February 11	Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:30-9:00 p.m. Early dismissal 1:00 p.m.
February 12	No School
February 15	Presidents' Day (No School)
March 12	No School
March 26	End of Third Quarter (46 days)
April 2-5	Easter Break
April 6	School resumes
May 28	Last Day of School for Students End of Fourth Quarter (43 days) End of Second Semester (89 days) Early dismissal 1:00 p.m. Teacher Work Day/In-Service 1:00-9:00 p.m.
May 30	Graduation Ceremony

Contingency Plan (as required by O.R.C. 3317.01B) make-up day(s) will be made up according to page 12 of the CEA Master Agreement, Article III, Section 8, Category E, Item 1. Also, the policy can be reviewed on-line at: www.covington.k12.oh.us

*Additional early dismissals will be reviewed at a later date.

Adopted: January 15, 2020

FFA News

by Jessica Helsing

Covington-UVCC recently completed an all virtual FFA officer election process. Covington High School students Tori Quinter (President), Gavin Swank (Vice- President), Mara Newhouse (Secretary), Shelby Petry (Treasurer), Teylor Meyer (Reporter), and Ryan Rohr (Sentinel) have been selected as the 2020-2021 Covington FFA Officer team.

The officer election is a three-part process which includes an application, an interview, and a traditional popular vote of the chapter. The applications and vote took place using an online form and the interviews were conducted virtually. This team has already shown perseverance so we are certain that their year will be successful.

The Covington Ag program is a satellite of Upper Valley Career Center and the National FFA Organization works to develop premier leadership, personal growth and career success in its membership.

FFA Accomplishments

by Jessica Helsing

To make the most of "quarantine" life, the Covington-UVCC FFA Chapter hosted the first National Virtual Showmanship Challenge in May. The show was online and there were four age breaks in the competition: PeeWee under 8 year-olds, Juniors 8-11 year-olds, Intermediate 12-16 year-olds, and Seniors 17-21 years-old. The show was open to exhibitors nationwide and exhibitors entered as far away as Florida! The show included categories for beef cattle, market goats, market sheep, swine, rabbits or calves, and a pet trick area! Each exhibitor received personal feedback from our judges and an evaluation form.

An entry consisted of a 60-90 second video in which the exhibitor "showed" to the camera. Judges then received the entries and evaluated each, including giving them a "1-5 Star Ranking", then a winner was selected from each age and category that entered. The winners were as follows in the Beef Category; Pee-Wee Annie Jane Johnson, Junior Karly Lowes, Intermediate Kaitlyn Lowes. Goat Category- Intermediate Eden Myers, Sheep Category- Intermediate Tie Molly Clark & Harley Hanes. Swine Category PeeWee- Rylee Jo Helsing, Junior Maggie Mosley, Intermediate Sable Ruhenkamp, Senior Iris Ruhenkamp. Rabbits Intermediate Kara Stephan. Pet Category PeeWee- Sawyer McCracken, and Intermediate-Grant Helsing.

Since the release of the Covington show we have partnered with Felicity Franklin FFA Chapter and have created the Shutdown Showdown Showmanship Series! This is a showmanship circuit for our exhibitors to collect points at these free, not for profit, virtual shows. Again this is open to any exhibitor under 21 that is from anywhere in the USA. Our FFA chapters hope is to provide youth exhibitors with the motivation and purpose to keep working and improving their showmanship skills with their animals, while waiting on live shows to begin again. If someone is interested in hosting a show they should contact shutdownshowdownseries@gmail.com or check out the website for the series at bit.ly/shutdownshowdown

A Message from Superintendent Gene Gooding

New Additions to the Covington Schools

During the spring and summer months, we hired four new staff members to replace those who departed at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. The new additions are: K-5 guidance counselor- Lauren Bell, high school business teacher- Kristi Homan, Technology Director- Jim Sagona, and Treasurer- Carmen Siefring. Their biographies are contained earlier in this publication.

I am very excited that this wonderful group of people will be joining our staff. Please feel free to welcome them to Covington and CEVSD when you see them around the community.

Summer Updates

Every summer we use the "downtime" to work on projects that are difficult to complete while the students and staff members are in the building. This summer was relatively quiet, but we were able to finalize a few very important projects.

We replaced approximately 136 feet of sidewalk on the north side of the high school building. This stretch of sidewalk is used every day by our students, and was in very bad shape. Thankfully, the oldest sidewalks on our campus are those that were constructed as part of the K-8 building project in 2015-2016. It should be some time before we need to replace any additional sidewalks.

We added a topcoat to the student parking lot and the paved area behind the school buildings. The rest of the parking lots all received a top coat last summer. If we continue to conduct this routine maintenance every few years, the life span of our parking lots will be greatly increased.

The campus is in fantastic shape and the custodial and maintenance staff have done a remarkable job with the building and grounds this summer. In August, the students will come back to clean, well maintained building that is ready for learning!

Returning to School

The beginning of the school year is always a very exciting time. If this were a normal August, our district parents would be purchasing school supplies, arranging after-school plans, and preparing their children to return to something that we have always taken for granted... a normal school year.

However, even though our parents are still busy making arrangements, they are also preparing their children for a school year that will not be as normal as we would all like. The Coronavirus has certainly made an impact on all of our lives, and unfortunately, it has changed the way that we will educate our students.

I can assure you that the safety of our students and staff members will always be our number one concern. We will continue to work with the health department to ensure that we are providing a safe learning environment for our students. This will come with some inconveniences, but the additional

cleaning, the social distancing, and the other safety precautions will become routine after a very short period of time. Covington students have always adapted very quickly, and I have no doubt that they will do so again this year.

I can also assure you that some things will never change at CEVSD. It will continue to be our goal to provide our students with a well-rounded educational experience. We want every one of our students to feel safe, comfortable, and valued. We also want to maintain the high behavioral and academic expectations that our community supports and expects. It is certainly my belief that we can maintain our core values and traditions while still doing our very best to help fight the spread of COVID-19.

In short, we will train our students and staff members on the proper way to operate during this Coronavirus pandemic. Cleanliness and safety will be our focus. However, we do not want to forget, or minimize, the many things that make school great... such as, reuniting with friends, participating in music and art, joining clubs, joining sports teams, working with friendly and caring teachers, being challenged academically, and much, much more.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime at 937-473-2249 or goodingg@covingtonk12.org. Our teachers and staff members are extremely excited for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year, and they are looking forward to working with our great students again!

Thank you and Go Buccs!

THANKS FOR ASKING!

I have a question about the Covington Schools or a suggestion for improving the schools.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Mail your questions or suggestions to: Mr. Gene Gooding, Covington EVSD, 807 Chestnut St., Suite B, Covington, OH 45318.
