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From the Superintendent

The 2019-2020 school year is off to a great start! With a new school year, once again comes the opportunity to successfully educate ALL students through high expectations, productive learning environments, & a commitment to excellence.

Earned Income Tax 2019

In addition to this year's focus on improving academics, the district has placed a 1% Earned Income Tax on the November 5, 2019 ballot. Even though many districts across the state have income taxes, it may be a relatively new concept for many people. There are key benefits for our community members with this type of tax, including a decrease in property taxes &

taxes being limited to only earned income. If you would like more information regarding the upcoming levy &/or the campaign efforts, please reach out to Levy Chair Kim Blackert at kimberlysg17@yahoo.com.

The Future is Bright!

Over the last year, the district has made great strides in achieving fiscal stability & an efficient operational system. These efforts will continue in the upcoming year. In addition, the district is focused on setting high expectations for student learning & achievement. Together, with the support of

our families & community, I have no doubt that Coventry Schools will continue to overcome the challenges it faces. The future is definitely bright in Coventry! Thank you for your continued support.



Academic Accountability

Hello & welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! My name is Shannon DeMita & I am the Director of Academic Accountability for Coventry Local Schools. This school year marks the start of my 26th year in education—all of which have been in Coventry. Coventry is a great place to call home. Coventry teachers, administration, & staff are not only committed to providing a strong educational program, but also to developing the well-being of the entire child. The mission of the Curriculum Department is to create a rigorous & supportive environment that communicates high expectations for all students. This commitment reflects our belief that all students can achieve whatever goals they set in school & beyond. A system of support for students is vital to our mission, & the Curriculum Department is committed to being an integral part of that support. Therefore, I encourage you to please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Pupil Services

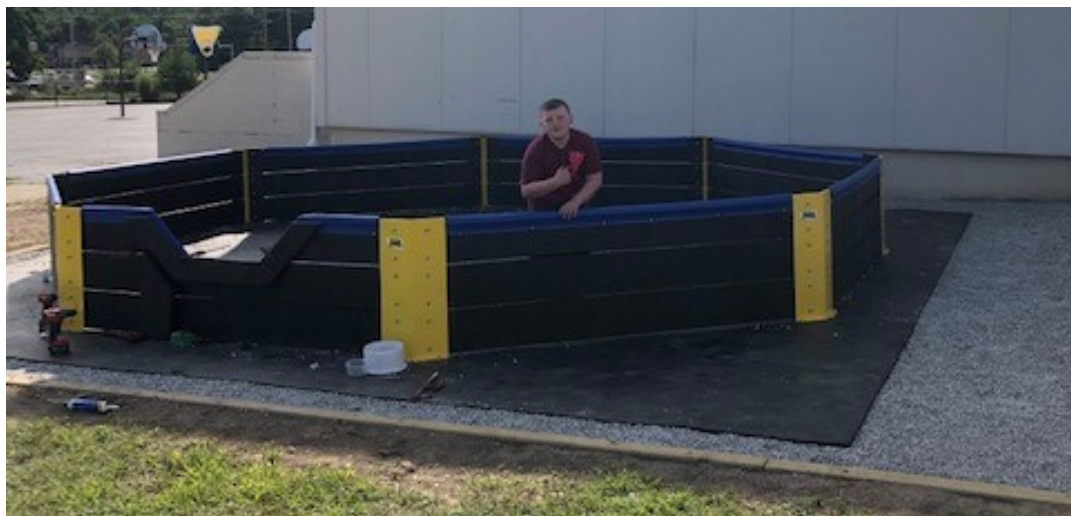
Melissa (Missy) Dort is the Pupil Services Director for Coventry Local Schools. This is her 12th year overseeing the special education program for Coventry. Approximately 324 of the students who attend Coventry, ages three through 22, have been identified as a student with a disability & are provided a free appropriate public education in accordance with federal & state laws & regulations. Students with disabilities have unique characteristics & needs, many of which are best met by the classroom teacher who differentiates instruction within the regular classroom with the support of special education & related service providers. The team of professionals works collaboratively to assure that all students with disabilities have access to the same curriculum as typical students. When a student needs more supports than can be arranged in a general education classroom, special classes are provided to meet the student's needs. Currently, there are 13 federally defined disability categories for special education. A child who is eligible for special education must meet the definitions of one of

these categories. If you call the special services office, Toni Johnson, the special education assistant, will be the one answering the phone. She will be able to help answer many questions, or at the least direct you to the person who can. Each building has at least one school psychologist & one speech pathologist that work within the department. Coventry is also fortunate to have a parent mentor through a grant with ODE. Stacey Hartwig is there to provide a variety of services to our parents who children have been diagnosed with a disability. If you have or know of a child that you believe may qualify as a student with a disability, feel free to call our office at 330-644-0699 Ext 1 & we will be able to help you begin the process. Though special education is a large part of this office, other services such as English Language Learners, McKinney Vento Homeless coordination, & Federal Grant coordination also are taken care of in the pupil services office.

Coventry Elementary School

New GaGa Pit Built on Playground

CES is very excited to have a new GaGa Pit up and running on the playground. The GaGa Pit was able to be purchased through our Caring Comet Parents funds raised last year through the Walk-a-Thon. GaGa is a variant of dodgeball that combines dodging, striking, running, and jumping, with the objective of being the last person standing. Players hit the ball at each other with their hands, and are eliminated if the ball strikes them on or below the waist. The kids are loving it and enjoy it every day at recess time. Thank you to Mr. Crawford and his family for all of their hard work on the installation of our GaGa Pit.



CES Gets More Colorful

Thanks to Mrs. Wulff and her kids, Coventry Elementary School is starting to add a little color to our building and plan to do more in the future.

Join the Boy Scouts

The Boy Scouts of America came in to talk to boys and girls in the lunch zones about joining the Boy Scouts. If you need more information, contact Mr. Bryan at tbryan@coventryschools.org

[Kindergarten Picnic]

The Kindergarten Team of Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Holler, and Mrs. Rethmel held a picnic last week at Boettler Park for their parents and students in this year's class. Over 100 people showed up for a great time!

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Where Comets Begin Their Journey

Vision Screenings

School nurse Victoria Dorsey, the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Club, and the Portage Lakes Career Center Pre-Nursing students all teamed up to conduct the Kindergarten through 3rd grade vision screenings last week. With their teamwork, they were able to get all students done in just 2 days.

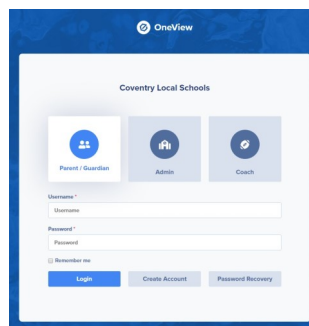
Upcoming Dates

- 10/10—Early Release
- 10/11—No School
- 10/29—Track or Treat

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Coventry Middle School

First Controlled Environment Agriculture Hydroponic/Aquaponic System in an Ohio School Opens at CMS

CMS has the very first Controlled Environment Agriculture Hydroponic/Aquaponic System in an Ohio School! With the help of CropKing, Philippe Cousteau, EarthEcho, and numerous grants, a classroom was converted into a 1000 sq. ft. greenhouse. The students will be learning about the advantages of Hydroponic Gardening and how this method of agriculture will ease food insecurity throughout the world. We had our first salad bar last Friday using our first harvest of lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, basil, and arugula.



MS Football Team Shows Football is More Than a Game

The middle school football team, with the help of Cloverleaf's team, showed that

football is more than a game last night, as they came together to give 8th grader Keith Sines a most special

touchdown run. Sines, who is non-verbal and has autism, serves as the team manager so the team decided to do something to show their appreciation. Check out the Fox 8 coverage by visiting the link below.

<https://fox8.com/2019/09/11/local-football-team-surprises-boy-with-disabilities-helps-him-score-touchdown/>

Thank you to both the Coventry and Cloverleaf middle school football teams for demonstrating great character!



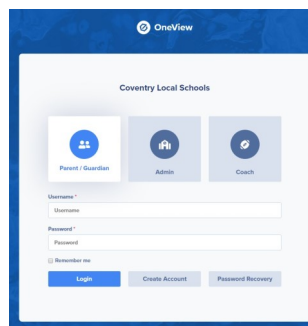
MS Sports Update

- The middle school volleyball teams are off to a great start this season. The 8th grade team is 12-1 and the 7th grade team is 11-2. They host Streetsboro on Wednesday.
- The middle school football team is 0-4, with one score losses to both Cloverleaf and Springfield.
- The middle school cross country teams have run at the Salem Invitational, Dover Invitational, Boardman Invitational, and Malone Invitational. The boys team had their top finish at Salem, placing 4th. They run at the Tuslaw Invitational this weekend.

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Upcoming Dates

- 10/7—Health Heroes Flu Shots
- 10/9—Conferences
- 10/9-10/10—6th Grade Field Trip
- 10/10—Early Release Day
- 10/11—No School

Coventry High School

Comet Kickoff Eases Transition to High School for Freshmen & New Students

To help ease the transition into high school for freshmen & new students, CHS held their second annual Comet Kickoff on August 19th. Over 40 seniors & 3 juniors served as mentors for the day. Freshmen & new students had the chance to go through a mini school day in which they learned about study skills, organization & goal

setting, among other things. They also were given a tour of the building, learned some of the Code of Conduct rules through a series of skits, saw a “What Not to Wear” fashion show, went on a scavenger hunt, & participated in a mock pep rally. All students in

attendance were also given a free ticket to the first home football game vs. Carrollton this upcoming Friday. The administration & staff at CHS would like to give another huge thank you to the mentors for taking time out of their summer & doing such an amazing job in helping with Comet Kickoff.



Seniors Hear Presentation on Post Graduation Options

Coach Egan, the College/Career Coordinator & CBI Instruction, gave the Class of 2020 a presentation on the 3 E's of post graduation options. The 3 E's are Enrollment, Employment, & Enlistment & it is the goal of Coventry High School & the Summit Education Initiative that all graduating seniors have a plan for their future that aligns with one of the 3 E's. For more information on the presentation or the 3 E's, contact Coach Egan at eeagan@coventryschools.org.



PARKING PASSES

All student drivers must purchase a parking pass in order to park on school grounds. Passes are \$25 for full day students & \$15 for half day students. Passes can be purchased in Mr. Schenz's office. Only 160 parking passes will be sold.

Government Class Teams Up with Summit Federal Credit Union

In an effort to further prepare our students for life after graduation, Mr. Pascoe has partnered with the Summit Federal Credit Union to have Coventry graduate Suzanne Linn come in and give a series of lecture on financial literacy. This will continue throughout the school year. The first lesson was on the basics of financial literacy and went over quite well with the classes.

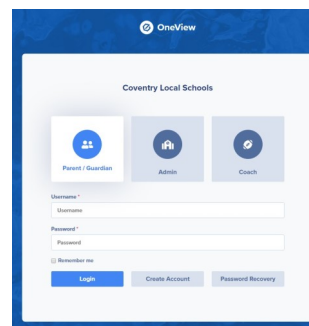
Upcoming Dates

- 10/10—Early Release Day
- 10/11—No School
- 10/17—Choir Concert
- 10/24—Conferences
- 10/24—CCP/Financial Aid Night

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Athletics

Athletics News

The fall sports season is well under way & many of the Comet sports teams are enjoying success. Be sure to read about some of the highlights on this page. We hope you have the chance to come out & see these student athletes in action.

The athletic department has a couple options for fans to save some money on tickets

Discount adult ticket punch cards are for sale in the Athletic Office. A 10 ticket punch card can be purchased for \$50 (a savings of \$10) & a 20 ticket punch card can be purchased for \$100 (a savings of \$20).

Student Spirit Passes are also for sale for the fall season.. Passes are \$25 & are valid for student admission to any home, regular season sporting event. These can be purchased in the Athletic Office as well.

Volleyball

The volleyball team has had a great start to their season as they look to defend their PTC title.

They are currently 17-1 overall & 10-0 in the PTC. Their only defeat of the season is to Federal League power Perry. They have two more home games this week, with senior night on Thursday vs. Field.



Girls Soccer



The girls soccer team opened their season with a 6-0 win over Crestwood. Junior Trinity Collins had a hat trick, junior Rayann Boden scored 2 goals, & junior Morgan Ross (*left*) scored 1 goal. They are now 5-6 on the season, with additional wins over Woodridge, Northwest, Field, and Alliance.

Cross Country

The cross country teams have run at the Salem Early Bird Invitational, Dover Invitational, Spartan Invitational, and Malone Invitational. The boys team has been led by Tyson Denison and Christian Regan and the girls team has been led by Jessica Eubank and Emylie Candelaria.



Football

The football team is currently 4-1 after suffering their first loss to Springfield on Friday. Prior to that, they have defeated Kenmore-Garfield, Carrollton, Tallmadge, and Norton. Calvin Dudley and Brendan Longwell have both been recognized in the Beacon Journal's High School Spotlight for their rushing performances this season. Reese Brunson, Jimmie Painter, Brady Watson, and Kenton Duty have contributed to the Comet offense as well. The defense has only given up six touchdowns on the season.



Boys Soccer

The boys soccer team currently is 3-5-4. In their 2-0 win against Crestwood to open the season, sophomore Dennis Charnes & senior Damian Jackson both scored for the Comets. They also tied Woodridge, earning their first result against the Bulldogs in over 5 years. Their other PTC win was a 4-0 victory over rival Norton. They wrap up regular season play on October 8th and then will start tournament play.



Golf



The golf team has been in full swing since early August. They finished the regular season with a record of 14-2 and finished as PTC runners up. Senior Jaydon Thammachack earned PTC Player of the Year honors for the 3rd straight year, breaking the PTC record with a 72 at the league tournament. Thammachack also shot a career low 33 against Norton. Other key contributors have been senior Michael Simmons, junior Mike Eberly, sophomores Matt Dinan, Andrew Mosnot, Keo Plant, and freshman Johnny Clemente.

Girls Tennis

The girls tennis team finished the season with a record of 10-7 overall and 10-6 in the PTC, giving them a 4th place league finish. Seniors Gabby Sampson and Mikayla Brady placed 3rd at the PTC tournament at 1st doubles. Senior Grace Carmen (1st singles), junior Jenna Hinkle (2nd singles), junior Allie Akers (3rd singles), & senior Sydney Sullinger & junior Audrey Leeser (2nd doubles) all placed 4th at the PTC tournament.

