

# Comet Communicator

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## From the Superintendent

### Dear Coventry Comets,

First, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students and staff for a great start to the 2019-20 school year. The first quarter went by, in the blink of an eye! During this time, our students experienced unique learning opportunities, while accomplishing many personal, group, and team goals. These student experiences are shared regularly on our district's Facebook page. Please take a minute to check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/coventry.gocomets>.

IMHO, R fb page is the #totegoat!



With winter fast approaching, the potential for school closings and delays may be right around the corner. The decision to close or delay school typically begins the night before or early in the morning. As superintendent, I am in constant communication with the school district employees who assess road conditions throughout the community. In addition, the area superintendents discuss the situation and road conditions of the surrounding communities. Road conditions, temperature, and wind chill are all taken into consideration before a final decision is made to officially close school.

Once the decision is made to close school, **Coventry's All-Call phone system is used to inform parents and families of all building closure details.** In addition to using the all-call system, the closing information is shared with local news stations and posted on the district's Facebook page.

If a delayed start is deemed more appropriate for the situation, schools will begin their day two-hours after the building's normal start time. The buses will still transport the students to and from school on a delayed start day. However, when there is a delayed start, transportation is not provided to any of the private schools, special program schools, nor to the PLCC. In addition, the morning and afternoon preschool classes will be canceled.

On behalf of the district, I would like to thank you for allowing us to educate your child(ren) each day. It is truly a privilege to be bestowed this responsibility. Coventry Schools will continue to ensure that each child's safety and security is a top priority. As such, school closings or delays will ultimately be based on

what is in the best interest, welfare, and safety of the students. If you should have any questions regarding this information, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at

[lblough@coventryschools.org](mailto:lblough@coventryschools.org).

**Respectfully,**  
Lisa A. Blough  
Superintendent



## Students of the Month

Congratulations to the students of the month for October. Senior Catherine Richards (left) was recognized from the high school. 8th grader Madison Burkhardt (center) was recognized from the middle school. Trevor Lutz (right) was recognized from the elementary school. These students were recognized for their achievements and contributions to their schools. They were recognized at the October board meeting.



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# Coventry Elementary School

## Fourth Grade Classes Learn About Primitive People of Ohio

Last week, Mr. Dennis', Mr. Staiger's, and Mrs. Futrell's classes learned about the primitive people of Ohio. They discussed their ways of life, which included tools and weapons they used to survive.

The students learned how to throw an Atlatl, which was used to hunt with. They quickly realized how hard it was for the primitive people to hunt and to eat. Students also learned how to start a fire without a match and to write without letters and only using symbols.



## SUMMIT COUNTY ALL-TEACHING TEAM

Congratulations to Kaley Alvarez, who was recognized as the 2019 Rookie of the Year nominee for the Summit County All-Teaching Team.



## WATCHDOG NIGHT

A Watch Dog Night was held to invite any dads, uncles, grandfathers, or any male role models that would be interested in coming to the elementary as a Watch Dog to help in tutoring kids and just helping out in the building throughout the day once a year.

### PLCC Holds Tech or Treat Night

The Portage Lakes Career Center held their second annual Tech or Treat night for 1st graders on Tuesday, October 29th. Students learned all about what the PLCC has to offer when they get older in addition to getting plenty of candy.

### Title One Night

The Title One teachers, Mrs. Recupero, Mrs. Starcher, and Mrs. Simon, held a Title One Night on October 30th. CCP President Mrs. Crawford also read to the students.

### Upcoming Dates

- 11/20—Board of Education Meeting
- 11/28-12/2—Thanksgiving Break
- 12/5-12/12—Santa Shop
- 12/7—Breakfast with the Grinch
- 12/12—3rd Grade Musical

### Fire Safety

The Coventry Fire Department for spent two full days at the elementary school teaching the students about fire safety. The firefighters did a great job and the kids learned a lot. Cassius even learned to stay low to stay under smoke during a fire.



# Coventry Middle School

## 75 Eighth Graders Meet Expectations for Middle School Accountability System

Congratulations to these hardworking and responsible 8th grade students who met the expectations of the middle school's Accountability System. The 8th grade team collaborated to form a system that tracks standards and expectations that all students should be working towards on a daily basis. This group of 75 students turned in their Accountability form and had zero demerits and happily received a Halloween treat.



## MS Sports Update

- The 7th grade volleyball team finished as PTC Champions! They had a 14-2 record in the regular season and then beat Norton in the PTC championship. Congratulations to Coach Akers and the 7th grade volleyball team!



## Middle School Earns Soap Box Derby Grant

The middle school was awarded the Community Development Block Grant through Summit County to secure a mini Soap Box Derby program valued at over \$4,000 that includes 100 mini Soap Box Derby cars, mini student workbooks, tool kits, track, teacher manuals, and certificates. A big thank you Mr. Shoemaker and Linda Hubble for the work you did to give this opportunity to our students.

## Summit County All-Teaching Team

Congratulations to Mrs. Lorence, who was the middle school's Teacher of the Year nominee and was named to the Summit County All-Teaching Team! She was recognized at the Summit County Educational Service Center's banquet earlier this year at St. George's Party Center..



## 5th and 6th Grade Star Students



## Upcoming Dates

- 11/20—Board of Education Meeting
- 11/21—7th/8th Grade Band/Choir Concert
- 11/28-12/2—Thanksgiving Break
- 12/10—5th/6th Grade Band Concert

## Coventry High School

### STEM Class Builds and Races Soap Box Derby Cars

The high school STEM class, taught by Mrs. Pacifico, had a great showing at the Soap Box Derby. The class designed and built their own soap box cars and then raced against other Summit County schools. Sophomore Emma Flower finished in 2nd place in the Super Stock division and the STEM team, led by senior Garret Krites finished in 4th place. The project was funded by the Summit County Community Development Block Grant. Coverage of the event was also highlighted in the Akron Beacon Journal.



### Art Classes Create Masks

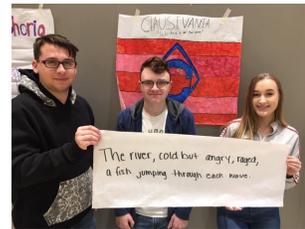
Students in Mrs. Stump's art class created a mask by plastering their classmates face and applying building techniques used in mask making. Their mask was then designed to represent a character from a story they wrote in

class. The students decided their masks purpose based on a brief study on the history of masks and the category their mask fell under, either spiritual, theatrical, or ritualistic.



### English 11 Classes Hold "Olympiad of the Sentence"

Students in Mr. Jamison's English 11 classes participated in the third annual "Olympiad of the Sentence." Teams from nine countries competed in a variety of events that tested both skill and stamina in the art of sentence-making. The writers from Commaquay did well in a variety of events but were disqualified in one competition for using a semi-colon instead of a comma. Clausivania did well on opening day, winning gold in the "adjectives out of order" and the "absolute clause" events. In seventh period, it was the representatives from Santa Clause ("Grammar is a gift") that won the day, outpacing their competitors in every event of the three-day challenge.



### Marching Band Earns Highest Competition Score In History

The marching band scored their highest point total in school history with a 243.73 at their competition at Brunswick. At that competition, they took 3rd overall in the show, earned Best Percussion in Class A, Best Color Guard in Class A, and Best In Class in Class A. The band has also been invited to perform in the 2021 Peach Bowl in Atlanta, Georgia.



### Upcoming Dates

- 11/20—Board of Education Meeting
- 11/21—Digital Everything Assembly
- 11/23—Boys Basketball Preview Night
- 11/28-12/2—Thanksgiving Break
- 12/5—Band Concert
- 12/12—Choir Concert

# Athletics

## Athletics News

The fall sports season is officially wrapped up and it truly was an exciting time to be a Comet. The volleyball team won their 2nd straight PTC championship and was ranked 18th in the state, senior Jaydon Thammachack earned his 3rd straight Player of the Year honors for boys golf in the PTC, and over 100 students received PTC honors (see below).

Some winter sports have already begun and the rest will be beginning soon. The mandatory winter sports parent meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11/6 at 6:00 pm in the high school theater.

Be sure to check [coventryathletics.org](http://coventryathletics.org) often and follow @chcomets on Twitter for all the latest information regarding athletics.

## Volleyball

The volleyball team had a historic season this year. They set the team record for wins in a season with 22 and only suffered 2 losses. The team earned the #1 seed in the Tallmadge District of the OHSAA tournament but fell to the Blue Devils in a 5 set thriller in the District Semifinals.



## Girls Soccer



The girls soccer team finished the season with a record of 8-8 and finished in 4th in the PTC. They won their Sectional semifinal match over Springfield 12-1 but lost to eventual District champion Norwayne in a hard fought Sectional Final matchup.

## PTC Honors

The following athletes earned All-PTC honors for their performances during the fall season:

### Player of the Year

**Boys Golf:** Jaydon Thammachack **Volleyball:** Leah Ungashick

### 1st Team

**Volleyball:** Ronnie Meinen, Selena Echevarria, Miya Gotto **Boys Soccer:** Kyle Smith **Girls Soccer:** Trinity Collins **Football:**

### 2nd Team

**Boys Golf:** Mike Eberly **Volleyball:** Brooke Mirka, Mallory Meinen **Boys Soccer:** Damian Jackson, Dennis Charnes **Girls Soccer:** Halie Stevens, Morgan Ross, Sandra Northup **Boys Cross Country:** Drew Dimeff **Football:**

### Coach of the Year

**Volleyball:** Breanna Caslow

## Football

The football team finished the season with a record of 4-6. At their last home game vs. Cloverleaf, the Athletic Department recognized the seniors from the cross country, golf, girls tennis, cheer, and football teams, as well as the band. Offensively, the Comets were led by running backs Calvin Dudley and Brendan Longwell, receivers Jimmie Painter and Brady Watson, and quarterbacks Reese Brunson and Kenton Duty. Defensively, the team was led by Marcus Sims, Austin Achberger, and BJ Harris.



## Boys Soccer

The boys soccer team finished the season with a record of 5-6-5 and won their opening round match of the OHSAA tournament over Springfield 2-0. They eventually lost to Orrville in the Sectional Finals 4-0.



## Cross Country



The cross country teams both ended their season at the District Meet at Glenoak on October 19th. Neither team advanced to the Regional Meet. Prior to that, the boys placed 3rd at the Tuslaw Invitational and Christian Regan and Drew Dimeff placed 4th and 5th overall, respectively.

*89 fall sport student-athletes earned the PTC Scholar-Athlete award for having a GPA of 3.4 or higher during the 1st 9 weeks!*