



Continental Local Schools



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From the Desk of Mr. Kissell:

COVID

As we close the books on September of 2021 we find ourselves, yet again battling with COVID-19. Although the number of people being quarantined by the health department is significantly less this fall, it is still a disruption to the education of our students. I stated in a previous letter to the community, student safety is our number one priority and we do not take this responsibility lightly. We continue to evaluate our systems to make sure we are providing a safe environment without creating an overwhelmingly restrictive environment. If you did not get a chance to read the letter, here is the link: <https://5il.co/zi37>.

BOND RETIREMENT

Congratulations to the Continental School District community. As of December 31, 2021, we will have paid off the Bond Retirement Levy and the Classroom Facility Levy. **Effectively, we have paid off the "mortgage"**. The Bond issue and tax levy to add on to the elementary and update high school was passed in 1998.

The Continental Board of Education would like to thank you for your continued support of the students in your community.

NEW WEBSITE AND APP

We have a new website. It is still a work in progress, but please check it out at: www.continentalpirates.org
We also have an APP for our district. Go to the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and search *Continental Pirates-OH*. The app provides you with the up-to-date information about the district, schools, and athletics. The app will also provide you with push notifications when we send out a live feed or news link. If you have questions, call the school and we will be more than willing to help you through the transition.

As you read through this newsletter, please make note of the many wonderful and exciting things happening at Continental Local Schools...milestones and accomplishments in your sport programs, and amazing artwork, music, and drama! The mural for the Fall Fest was outstanding and the band sounded great! Please support the students by your purchasing tickets for the upcoming play. Also, check out all the wonderful work the elementary is doing with PBIS.

PROGRESS BOOK APP

Most everyone is aware that you can log into Progress Book Parent Portal to check your grades, attendance, and see assignments. Did you now know there is an APP for that? In the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, search ProgressBook Parent/Student. Again, if you have any questions, please contact the school. Here is a short video telling you more about the app. <https://youtu.be/i8WtHQKAe4w>

From the Desk of Mr. Kissell: *Continued...*

FINAL FORMS

In an effort to streamline many of our processes, we have also introduced Final Forms. If you have not completed or updated your forms for this year, please do so as soon as possible. Final Forms replaces the old emergency medical forms we used to send home to parents to fill out. It is vitally important that you keep your forms up to date each year and also throughout the school year if something changes. This link will take you to the login page for Final Forms: <https://continental-oh.finalforms.com/>

K-12 PAYMENT CENTER

Want to check your child's lunch account balance, see what your child is purchasing, or add money to their account? Go to: <https://www.continentalpirates.org/page/cafeteria>

CONTINENTAL ATHLETICS - LIVESTREAM or ON-DEMAND

The NFHS Network and Continental Local Schools have collaborated to bring you all our home athletic competitions. If a competing school has also signed up with NFHS Network, you will be able to watch our away games as well. Here is a flyer with all the information you will need: <https://5il.co/z3tp>

As you can tell, we are doing all we can to communicate and keep you informed. The partnership between the school and the family is the most important part of your child's education. Please utilize the many tools and of course, we are always a phone call or an email away. <https://www.continentalpirates.org/staff>

Upcoming Dates of Interest

Oct 2	HS Band at Ottawa-Glandorf Competition, 5:00 p.m.
Oct 6	ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery), 8:15 a.m.
Oct 6	Financial Aid Night, Parent Meeting, 6:00 p.m., HS Library
Oct 13	PSAT, 8:15 a.m.
Oct 18	JH Fundraiser Orders Delivered
Oct 19	Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Oct 20	Picture Retakes, 8:15 a.m.
Oct 20	American Red Cross Blood Drive, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Casteel Auditorium
Oct 22	HS Sadie Hawkins Dance, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Casteel Auditorium
Oct 27	JH Fundraiser Reward Trip to Kalahari, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Oct 28	HS Band Halloween Show - approximately 7:00 p.m. - HS Gymnasium
Oct 29	NO SCHOOL - Fall Break
Nov 4	Fall Play Matinee, Grades 7-12, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Nov 5 & 6	Fall Play, 7:00 p.m., Casteel Auditorium
Nov 7	Fall Play, 2:30 p.m., Casteel Auditorium
Nov 11	Veterans Day Assembly, 10:00 a.m., HS Gym
Nov 19	2nd Quarter Mid Term
Nov 19	Grandparents Day, Elementary School
Nov 22-26	NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break
Nov 22	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:00-7:00 p.m.
Nov 23	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

K-3 Bus Safety Training

**Please remember, to drive with
CAUTION when you see a school bus!**



Bus drivers Jeff Prowant and Deb Warnimont trained K-3 students on school bus safety. Some of the items discussed with students were bus stop behaviors, railroad stop procedures, how to enter and leave the bus safely, danger zones, food and drinks on the bus, and the importance of remaining seated while the bus is in motion.

Thank you drivers and students for your attention on **School Bus Safety!**





From the Desk of Mr. Eding, JH/HS Principal

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@Pirates_CHS and @CHSAthleticDept

It's hard to believe that the summer has turned to fall, but as the days get shorter and the leaves begin to turn colors, we are fully back into the swing of things for the school year. Let me take this time to say "thank you" to all of our students, parents, and the faculty/staff for another great start to the school year!

The JH/HS faculty and staff want nothing more than for your student(s) to be successful. We work hard each day to provide quality instruction to your student(s) that we believe will help them be successful in their post high school careers. There are many opportunities for parents and guardians to support the faculty and staff in this process, but the most basic thing is just to be aware of what your student is doing. Don't be afraid to ask questions about what is going on in school, if they are finishing their homework, or how they're getting along with their peers. Being involved and aware of what your student or students are doing is a huge step in supporting the educational process.

There are many other ways to know how your student is doing in school. ProgressBook is an excellent way to track your student's grades. The JH teachers send out a daily "Remind" notification that lists all homework for 7th and 8th graders for that day. You also can reach any teacher via email or a phone call if you want to talk directly to any of them. All of our email addresses are accessible on the website and the Continental Pirates app and every teacher has voice mail that is checked every single day. We welcome the communication and the opportunity to work with you--please don't be afraid to reach out if you have any questions or concerns about your student.

As always, if there is anything I can do to help you or your student with the educational process, please contact me. I am here to help and more than happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have. We believe all of our students can learn and we believe in fostering strong partnerships with families to help with this process.

I look forward to the journey of the 2021-22 school year with each and every one of you!

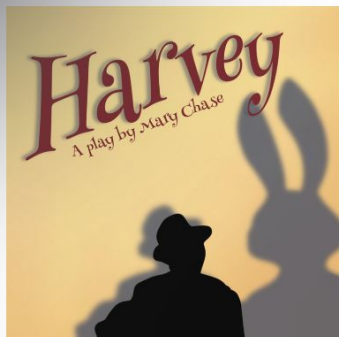


American Red Cross



Critical Need!
Just 1 Donation
Saves 3 Lives

The **CHS National Honor Society** will sponsor a blood drive on Wednesday, October 20, from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm in the HS auditorium. Along with helping to increase the available blood supply needed in emergencies during this critical time, you will also help our school to earn scholarship monies awarded by the Red Cross to graduating seniors. Graduates have received multiple \$250 awards in the past with the help of our caring community!



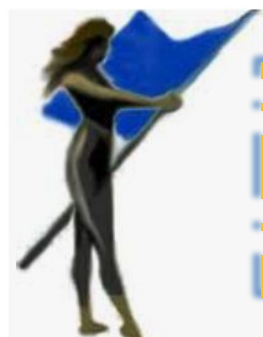
Harvey, a Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy by Mary Chase, is the story of a perfect gentleman, Elwood P. Dowd, and his best friend, Harvey -- a pooka, who is a six-foot tall, invisible rabbit. When Elwood begins introducing Harvey around town, his embarrassed sister, Veta Louise, and her daughter, Myrtle Mae, determine to commit Elwood to a sanitarium. A mistake is made, however, and Veta is committed rather than Elwood! Eventually, the mistake is realized, and a frantic search begins for Elwood and the invisible pooka.

Cast includes: Alyssa Burgei (Myrtle Mae Simmons), Peyton Stauffer (Veta Louise Simmons), Jacob Quigley (Elwood P. Dowd), Kaelyn Clementz (Miss. Ethel Chauvenet), Brooklyn Smith (Miss. Ruth Kelly), Caleb Bibler (Duane Wilson), Dax Warner (Dr. Sanderson), Dalys Tice (Dr. Chumley), Allison Weller (Betty Chumley), Gwenyth Blevins (Judge Gaffney) & Destiny Hurley (E.J. Lofgren)



November 5th @ 7
November 6th @ 7
November 7th @ 2:30

More info regarding
ticketing coming soon.



MARCHING
BAND



The **Continental Pirate Band** has been very active this season. Since completing their band camp in August, the band has marched in several parades, including the Arlington Village Festival Parade, the Ottoville Park Fest Parade, the Kalida Pioneer Days Parade, and the Continental Fall Festival Parade. The band has also performed at Columbus Grove in the Putnam County Band Invitational and will be performing in Ottawa at the Parade of Bands Competition on October 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Outstanding Accomplishments in Sports!

Congratulations to the Girls and Boys Soccer Teams and their Coaches!

Varsity girls soccer coach Toby Bidlack, with the assistance of this year's team (6-4-1 season record) and all prior teams during his 19 years of coaching, reached his 200th career win with a 2-1 victory over Crestview on September 23rd.

The CHS boys soccer team under the leadership of Coach Brian Stegbauer has clinched the 2021 Putnam County League Championship with an unblemished 4-0 record. Currently, the boys have a remarkable overall record of 10-0-1!

Fall Sports Recognitions During Senior Nights

Senior Night for the varsity girls soccer team is on October 7th vs Ottoville. Seniors this year include Jensen Armey, Mckenzy Mayes, Kayden Centers, and Maddie Burkhart.

The varsity girls volleyball team seniors will be recognized at the October 8th game against Miller City. Seniors this year on the volleyball team are Annika Bowers and Kenna Okuley.

On October 12th, the varsity boys soccer team seniors will be honored at the game with Pettisville. Seniors on the boys soccer team this season are Andrew Hoeffel, Wyatt Davis, Gavin Huff, Elijah Mayes, Dalys Tice, Alex Sharrits, Dominick Moore, Hunter Rue, and Brayden Wooten.





Despite the rains throughout last week, several members from the high school art classes were able to create this beautiful street mural on Friday, September 24, just in time for the annual Continental Fall Fest. Thank you to students Mackenzie Barnhart, Gwen Blevins, Mya Bishop, Annika Bowers, Kristen Brecht, Grady Huff, Reese Knowles, Brooklyn Niese, Alex Nunez, Jacob Quigley, Paloma Rivera, Cheyenne Rose, Boston Searfoss, Alex Sharrits, Janae Smith, Dalys Tice, and art instructor Jacob Palte for the beautiful contribution to Fall Fest 2021!





Waylin Okuley, Levi Beach & Beckham Okuley

Mr. Jacob Palte, K-12 art teacher, has been busy getting to know the students and teachers at Continental School. He has shared some photos of the artwork that the students have been working on.



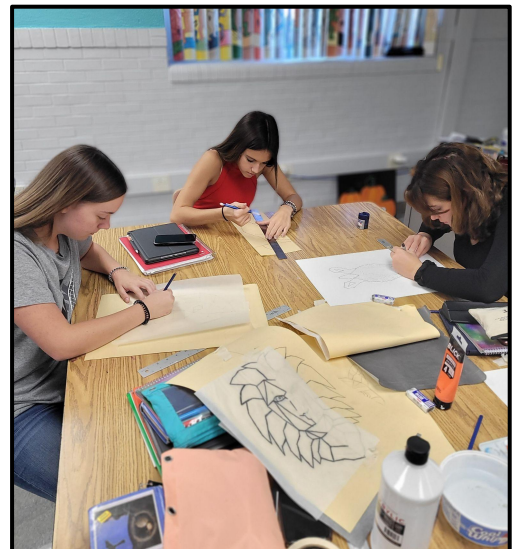
Janae Smith (Gr 11) working on her project



Mr. Retcher's 1st grade class created crayons



Grade 2: Violet Fuller, Alex Alvarez Martinez & Ellisyn Odenweller



Ashlyn Dudgeon (Gr 9), Caidence Bartley (Gr 9), Eugenie Vignon (Gr 11) working on their projects

From the Desk of Mrs. Potts, Elementary Principal...

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October is filled with changes and anticipation of the months to come. We are looking forward to the shift in seasons and the growth in student achievement as teachers dive deeper into teaching grade level standards. Over the last couple of years we have become accustomed to changes in our educational routine. As much as we all wanted this school year to be traditional, we continue to be faced with Covid and quarantining students. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the teachers, students and parents for being understanding and supportive when students must stay home. Quarantining is challenging for all parties and we are fortunate to have everyone working together.

For students to be successful in school, it is important for parents and teachers to communicate. To keep communication lines open we have implemented a few tools that allow parents to stay up to date and to ask questions. Parents are able to view student grades using Progressbook. They can contact teachers through email or ClassTag. As always, parents can meet face-to-face with teachers.

To learn about what is happening at school, please check out our elementary Facebook page and our website: www.continentalpirates.org

October

School Counselor Newsletter



WEEK

CONTACTS INFO

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Celebrate

- World Smile Day- October 1st
- Red Ribbon Week- October 23rd-31st
- Fire Prevention Week- October 3rd-9th

Classroom Lessons

- K-2
 - Anger-How to handle and express
- 3-6
 - Choices and Consequences

Small Group

- 5th/6th Grade
 - Responsibility
- 1st Grade
 - Social Skills and Active Listening

Quote of the Month

"Don't stop until you're proud!"

Announcements

- Big Brother Big Sister program will be starting soon. If your child received a form, please return ASAP.
- Student of the Month has began, look out for our nominations on Facebook!

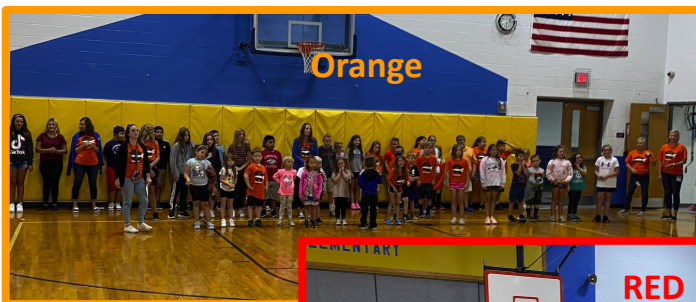
The following students have earned **Student of the Month** for September, for being **Respectful, Responsible and Ready!**

Congratulations to Hailey Zimmerman, Tucker Clementz, Zerafina Bautista, Camden Slattman, Kinley Stegbauer, Claire Homier, Violet Fuller, Adaline Glavich, Karlee Sanders, Kameron Coil, Annabelle Sloan, Jada King, Gavin Linch, Jasmine Derosia, Blake Horstman, Haden Streicher, Kamryn Searfoss, Daniel Ramirez, Ashley DeSote, Lydia Ordway, Maeci Dockery, Breck Prowant and Emma Sloan!



Pirates Arrrrgh! *RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and READY!*

Students and teachers in grades K-6 participated in their first house time for the year. The morning started with the emphasis of our Pirate Core Values: **Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Ready!** Students reviewed the core values at different stations. Later, students assembled in the gym where kindergarteners and new students were welcomed into their house. The morning ended with "House Time."



Conservation Day!





Sarah Goedde,
Director of Food Service



Fellow Pirates,

It's been great to see all the kids back in the cafeteria! I thought when we came out of lockdown from Covid, things would be getting better, but that is not the case. I am sure you have heard about the shortages of food and materials for school cafeterias due to lack of employees in the food industry. Companies that we use to purchase our products from are having a hard time keeping up on the demand to produce and transport what we need. With that being said, I am doing my best to serve what is printed on the menus, however, I am not always successful. I am currently trying to place orders much earlier so we have a better opportunity to get them. We apologize for last minute changes as this is out of our control. Please know we will continue to provide the same great meals that we always have, we just might be forced to change up the menu without notice to you.

I have been doing a lot of research on what we can do with the products we are able to get. We will be reverting back to foods like peanut butter and jelly and using fresh ground beef for a variety of meals. I am trying to come up with new recipes that are still school meal compliant. With that, please keep encouraging your kids to eat/try the food as it will be changing from previous years. And don't forget, the government has determined that school meals will be FREE again, for all students, for the entire 2021-2022 school year.



Mrs. Bowers' 2nd grade class made artwork in recognition of *National School Lunch Week* which will be celebrated October 11-15. This year's theme is "WILD About School Lunch".

The Pirate Family has Grown in the past year!



Levi David Adams



Treasurer Katelyn Adams and her husband Brad have welcomed another boy to their family. Levi David Adams was born at 6:11 p.m. on Friday, July 31. He weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 inches long. Big brother Lincoln will be overjoyed to have a built-in playmate!

Congratulations to the Adams family!

Leanna Faith Sullivan



Leanna Faith Sullivan, daughter of Ben and Hannah (Baker) Sullivan, was born at 6:20 p.m. on June 5 and weighed 7 lbs. 0 oz. and was 19.5 inches long.

Congratulations to grandparents Chris and Tammy Baker (JH/HS Life Science Teacher) and Toby and Carol Sullivan (JH/HS Secretary) on your new granddaughter!

Oakley Kristine Gray



Third grade teacher Amanda Gray and her husband Josh welcomed Oakley Kristine Gray who made her appearance at 9:00 p.m. on the first day of school weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 20 inches long.

Congratulations Amanda and Josh!

Jack Johannes (JJ) Van Ham



Jack Johannes (JJ) joined the Van Ham family on July 20th! He weighed just over 9 pounds and was 22 inches long. He has been a perfect addition to the family and his big siblings Kate and Blake have been the best big helpers!

Congratulations to the Van Ham family!!

William Joseph Fuller



High School English teacher Emily Fuller and her husband Tim welcomed William Joseph Fuller into their family on March 28th. William weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz and was 21 inches long. William is the first child to their family.

Congratulations Tim and Emily!!

Jules Kay Geckle



Kindergarten teacher Taylor Geckle and her husband Dylan welcomed Jules Kay Geckle to their family. Jules was born on February 2 and weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz and was 19-1/2 inches long. Siblings Miles and Willow welcomed her to the family.

Congratulations to the Geckle family!

Charlotte "Lottie" Meyer



JH/HS Family and Consumer Science teacher Katie Meyer and her husband Kevin welcomed Charlotte "Lottie" Willow Meyer to their family on September 9, 2020. She weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 inches long. Brothers Wyatt, Riley, and Hayes welcomed their new sister, Lottie to their family!

Congratulations to the Meyer family!

Londyn Rae Schmidt



HS Intervention Specialist Allison Schmidt and Technology Teacher Nathan Schmidt welcomed Londyn Rae Schmidt to their family. Londyn was born on August 29 and weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 inches long. Siblings Lydia and Layne welcomed their little sister to the family!

Congratulations to the Schmidt family!