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THE VOICE

CORY-RAWSON LOCAL SCHOOLS | WINTER 2023-2024



Boys Cross Country NWCC Champions

The Cory-Rawson boys cross country team captured its first league title in the program's history this fall, after claiming the Northwest Central Conference team cross country title. Seniors Grant Welte, Carson Skulina, Keegan Sammet, Hunter Foust, juniors Gunner Stroub and Edy Jawhar, and sophomore Nate Gregorowicz teamed up to claim the first league title of any kind at Cory-Rawson since 2007. After joining the NWCC in the fall of 2023, the boys cross country team became the first Hornet program to earn a league title in the new conference. Welte earned First Team All-Conference honors, while Foust and Sammet garnered 2nd Team All-League honors. Head coach Gary Holland was tabbed the NWCC Coach of the Year following the league title.

HS Quiz Bowl Earns County Runner Up



Congratulations to our HS Quiz Bowl team on earning runner-up at the Hancock County Quiz Bowl Tournament. It was a close final round, coming down to the final question! Our team was also runner-up in regular season play.

Three Inducted into Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame

Three Cory-Rawson graduates (profiled below) will be inducted into the district's Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame on February 9. Inductees will spend part of the day with students and a formal induction will take place during halftime of that evening's varsity basketball game.



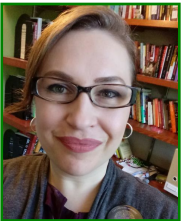
MELANA A. MAXIE (Class of 1983)

Melana Maxie graduated from Purdue University in 1987 with a B.S. in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering. Her career in the aerospace defense industry focused on the F-16 and F-35 aircraft. When Melana retired in 2017 she was the F-35 Weapons Integration and Certification Manager, where she ensured all required data was gathered and submitted to the U.S. Government to support certification that all weapons could be safely loaded, carried, and employed on all three variants of the F-35. Melana also served her community in a number of capacities and serves the General Society of Mayflower Descendants on several committees. She was awarded the Governor General's Commendation Award in 2023.



JASON E. SEARFOOSS (Class of 1990)

Jason is a recognized leader in the financial services industry. He has held leadership positions at some of the world's leading investment managers and banks, as well as at various startups and growth-stage companies. He co-founded a technology startup accelerator and venture capital firm. Jason received a MBA with concentrations in finance and accounting from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and a Bachelor of Arts degree, *summa cum laude*, from Kenyon College. Jason was one of 40 people selected worldwide to receive a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship, and spent 15 months in New Zealand, Australia, Southeast Asia, India, and Nepal during the fellowship.



TARA C. WELCH SMITH (Class of 1994)

Dr. Smith is a Professor of Epidemiology at the Kent State University College of Public Health. She previously held leadership roles at the University of Iowa College of Public Health Department of Epidemiology. She completed post-doctoral training in molecular epidemiology at the University of Michigan prior to beginning her professorship at the University of Iowa. She obtained her Ph.D. at the University of Toledo and her B.S. in Biology from Yale University. Tara was the first to identify livestock-associated strains of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) in the United States, and has pioneered the investigation of this organism in the U.S. Dr. Smith has published more than 120 peer-reviewed papers and book chapters. She served as a subject matter expert during the pandemic for Kent State University and was interviewed hundreds of times by various international news organizations.

Saluting Our Veterans

The district held its biennial Veterans Day breakfast and our students contributed in a variety of roles - as greeters, servers, performers, and speakers, including some readings that were written by students.

We welcomed more than 60 attendees and enjoyed sharing the morning with them to thank them for their service and sacrifice.



Authentic Learning: Connections to the "Real World"



GRAPHIC ARTS CLASS PARTNERS WITH THE BLUFFTON NEWS

Students in our graphic arts class pitched advertisement ideas to local businesses with the goal of printing the advertisement in an edition of The Bluffton News. Not only did students gain valuable experience, but they also earned a portion of the advertisement revenue.

FARM-TO-TABLE: CORY-RAWSON ALUM CONNECTS WITH FOODS CLASSES

Working with Garden Central owner and 1975 CRHS graduate Kim Fraley Gomez, Foods 3 students are growing various herbs and produce in the classroom and using their yield in recipes. Teacher Becky Bucher shared that students have taken ownership of the project, stating, "I love watching them come in each day, especially after a weekend to see how their plants have grown!"



CRHS RECOGNIZED AS GOLD STANDARD SCHOOL

Financial education nonprofit Next Gen Personal Finance has recognized Cory-Rawson High School as one of 180 Gold Standard Schools in Ohio because we require a standalone personal finance course.

CRHS Honor Societies Induct 26



National Junior Honor Society Inductees

CONGRATULATIONS NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

INDUCTEES: Cara Garver, Sophie Gilroy, Mya Gregorowicz, Cordelia Ireland, Bristol Jamison, Libby Kempf, Carrie Ludwig, Hannah Reese, Stella Sherick, Violet Simon, Elizabeth Snavley, Colin Sons, and Cori Welch



National Honor Society Inductees

CONGRATULATIONS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

INDUCTEES: Hannah Fornof, Lilian Gregorowicz, Trevor Hibbard, Rose Kintner, Madison Krieger, Becca Ludwig, Morgan Grace McVetta, Hunter Franklin Niese, Natalie Waltz, Adam Warren, Mackenzi Welch, Keira Marie Wittman, and Lorelai Yannelli

Seven Selected for HYL



Fornof



Ludwig



McVetta



Oman



Skulina



Stuckey



Stumpp

Seven Cory-Rawson students were selected to participate as part of the Hancock Youth Leadership (HYL) Class of 2024: Hannah Fornof, Becca Ludwig, Morgan McVetta, Allison Stuckey, and Preston Stumpp, with senior leaders MaKayla Oman and Carson Skulina.

A program of the Findlay Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, HYL "has served as an investment in the future of Findlay and Hancock County." The program provides a select group of high school students hands-on experiences to develop leadership skills with the objective of creating positive role models committed to future civic responsibilities.

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Students Surprised with "Books for Break"



Prior to Christmas break, students in grades BK-3 were presented with wrapped packages in their classrooms. As they excitedly unwrapped the gift, they found their "Book for Break", which is funded through the Findlay-Hancock Community Foundation's Stitt Early Literacy Grant.



Curriculum/Instruction and Career Development Director Molly Hosler worked with Janet Morrison, elementary library aide, and Tracy Stockwell, librarian, to choose popular new releases for each grade level. They were also able to purchase the series of each of the titles that were available for check out upon students' return from break.



GIRLS SOCCER ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNIZED

Cory-Rawson girls soccer is in an elite group of 195 girls HS teams across the nation being recognized for their performance in the classroom by United Soccer Coaches. Our team is a repeat winner of this recognition!



CRHS MUSICIANS PERFORM WITH REGIONAL ORCHESTRA

Jacob Egts, McKenzie Wellington and Morgan Huber performed with the Northwest Regional Orchestra on Sunday, November 12, 2023 at the Bowling Green High School Performing Arts Center.



BOARD OF EDUCATION TRANSITIONS

At the December regular Board of Education meeting, 2023 president Jason Oman thanked Mike Walters for his service. The board welcomed Brooke Bormuth, whose term began in 2024. Brooke is married to Jason Bormuth and is mom to Abram, 11, and Thaddeus, 9. She works part-time as an accountant at Marathon, attends and serves at Bethel Church of Christ, and is currently serving as treasurer of Cory-Rawson SOS.



LEUTHOLD EARNS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION

Head volleyball coach Chris Leuthold was one of five coaches recognized by the Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association

(OHSVCA) to earn its Lifetime Achievement Award. Coach Leuthold served as the head volleyball coach at Cory-Rawson from 1980-2007 before resuming his role in 2023. His team captured the BVC title in 1985. Coach Leuthold has coached six All-Ohio players in his time with Cory-Rawson.



SHERER SELECTED FOR NATIONAL NETWORK

CRHS art teacher Kris Sherer was selected for membership in the National Art Education Association's Connected Arts Network (CAN). The

Connected Arts Network is a professional learning community with arts educators across the nation. Mr. Sherer is one of 12 art educators representing rural high schools.



CRES HOSTS BGSU STEM CAMP

Many of the Cory-Rawson fourth and fifth graders spent their Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at STEM camp! Preservice teachers from Bowling Green State University worked alongside Cory-Rawson staff to host the day camp focused on mathematics, science, and engineering.

Building strong foundations for our youngest Hornets!



Kindergarten & Beginnergarten

Children at least 5 years old by 9/30/24 are eligible for beginnergarten. Children at least 5 years old by 8/1/24 are eligible for kindergarten.

Screening will be held on Friday, March 15 at Cory-Rawson Elementary School.

The following items will be required that day for registration purposes:

1. Child's Birth Certificate: This must be the certificate issued by the County Health Department. Hospital Record of Birth is not an acceptable document.
2. Social Security Card
3. Current Immunization Record
4. Any court documents that pertain to the child. This includes custody paperwork.
5. If this is an open enrollment registration, the additional open enrollment application must also be completed and returned to the Superintendent's office. This registration, along with the screening, does not guarantee open enrollment acceptance.

On registration and screening day, parents will have a short informational meeting and opportunity to complete registration through FinalForms (Chromebooks provided) while students are screened by CRES staff.

If you have questions regarding any part of the beginnergarten/kindergarten registration process, please contact Susan Lambert at lambert@cory-rawson.org or by telephone at (419) 963-3415 option 1.

**Schedule your
Beginnergarten/
Kindergarten
Screening...**



**What is
"beginnergarten"?
See reverse side.**

Open Enrollment



Families wishing to attend Cory-Rawson who do not live in the school district may apply for open enrollment. For details and the application, scan the above QR code or visit www.cory-rawson.org.

YMCA Early Learning Center at Cory-Rawson



Learn more about childcare options for all ages at the YMCA Early Learning Center at Cory-Rawson - scan the QR code or visit www.cory-rawson.org



Preschool

Peer model students in the Cory-Rawson preschool unit serve as role models for the children in our program who have special needs in the area of communication, hearing, vision, social-emotional skills, cognitive skills, motor skills and adaptive behavior skills. If you have any developmental concerns regarding your child please contact the preschool supervisor, Donna Losiewicz, at the Hancock County Educational Service Center (HCESC) at 419-422-7525 ext. 208.

Children who are at least 3 or 4 years of age by August 1 of the 2024-2025 school year will be screened to determine age-appropriate levels of social, physical, and language development prior to enrollment.

Preschool registration for the screening is during the month of February. Parents who are interested in registering their child for preschool will need to come to the elementary office and fill out a registration form, or complete the registration form on the Cory-Rawson webpage (use the QR code on this page). Parents should not call the school office to register.

The preschool screening will be held throughout February at Cory-Rawson. The preschool teacher, Marianne Brinkman, will call each person on the list to make an appointment for the screening.

Enrollment in the preschool classroom is limited. In the event more students apply than slots are available, the peer models will be selected based on age of students (students who will attend kindergarten the following year will be considered first), screening observation, and the use of random selection (lottery style).

There are two sessions for C-R preschool. Classes meet Monday through Thursday. The morning class is in session from 7:50 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. The afternoon class is in session from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Parents may select a class preference, but there is not a guarantee that parents will be provided their first choice.

The HCESC operates a preschool class at the Blanchard Valley Center (Sandusky Street in Findlay).

The preschool tuition (Cory-Rawson or Blanchard Valley) is \$120.00 per month, due by the 1st of each month. Scholarships are available for those who qualify for free/reduced lunches.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Mrs. Brinkman at brinkman@cory-rawson.org or 419-963-3415 ext. 3011.

**Preschool
Registration Form**





CORY-RAWSON HELPFUL HIVE

- Gently used clothing
- Food pantry
- Snacks
- Hygiene items
- School supplies
- Winter coats

for our students, staff & community members

**How to access
Helpful Hive resources:**

Contact Jamie Campbell
at 419/963-3415 or campbell@cory-rawson.org
OR scan QR code



About Bees:

They cooperate in everything they do. They also behave as if individuals matter, while at the same time keeping the common good of the hive as their priority. If one bee is suffering or falling behind, the others step up and do the work, making sure that collective productivity is never reduced.

How the Helpful Hive can assist:

- provide supplemental food & snacks to our students & community members (can do curbside pick-up with call ahead)
- Need a warm coat? Clothes for a job interview? Some extra hygiene items when things are tight?
- We have resources on area counseling services, budgeting, healthy relationships & nutritious food prep

What is "Beginnergarten"?



Beginnergarten is a two-year kindergarten program that supports students who may be young for the class and/or do not meet some of the screening criteria for regular kindergarten enrollment. Beginnergarten focuses on the social skills and routines of school while addressing select kindergarten academic standards, which better prepare our students for kindergarten.

Why "beginnergarten"? A beginnergarten program provides us the opportunity to ensure a student is ready to start his/her school career and not having to "catch up" later. By allowing the extra year to focus on skills above and beyond the kindergarten academic standards, results clearly indicate the success of beginnergarten programs.

Enrollment in beginnergarten is based on age and screening results. Families are notified of a beginnergarten placement in the spring, following kindergarten screening. Once students are placed in beginnergarten, they remain in that track - completing beginnergarten in a school year, then moving into kindergarten and so on.

Beginnergarten is full-day and operates much like any other elementary grade. Lunch is served, students go to specials classes (music, phys ed, library), and regular school transportation is provided. The beginnergarten class is smaller in size to accommodate individual attention.

For more information about beginnergarten, contact Cory-Rawson Elementary School Principal Dr. Cory Hilty at hilty@cory-rawson.org or 419-963-3415 ext. 1020.

Inbody and Warnimont Earn FFA American Degree



Megan Inbody and Jacob Warnimont, Cory-Rawson alumni (class of 2022) were awarded the FFA National Degree at the organization's national convention November 1-4, 2023 in Indianapolis. The National FFA reports requirements for

American Degree as, "receiving a State FFA Degree, holding active membership for the past three years, completing secondary instruction in an agricultural education program and operating an outstanding supervised agricultural experience program. Community service, leadership abilities and outstanding scholastic achievement are also required."

Wellington Selected for All-State Band

Senior trumpet player McKenzie Wellington was selected to perform with the 2024 Ohio Music Education Association's All-State Band. The 96-member band performed on Friday, February 2, 2024 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Mackenzie is among more than 1,400 Ohio high school musicians who auditioned for membership in the All-State ensembles.

