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CFCSD Dates To Remember:

June 2 *Summer Classes Begin*
All Schools

June 3 *Regular BOE Meeting*
6:00pm - 8:00pm

July 27 *BOFT 6th Annual Golf Outing*
Silver Lake Country Club

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A Special Section Dedicated to Black Tiger Headlines & Achievements

Late May 2020

2019-2020 Year-End Review

What a school year 2019-2020 has been! It is definitely one we will never forget; and it is likely one that changes our lives forever. We started with the energy of a combination levy campaign that resulted in the approval of a \$113 million construction project to create a campus on the Bolich/Newberry property. The building will serve as a home to educate our students in grades 6 through 12. The new building will contain a 1,400-seat performing arts center and the campus will house a 5,000-seat multi-purpose stadium.

Just as 2020 was getting started, we were introduced to a new virus and our world changed. We were issued stay-at-home orders, school buildings were closed, and education was expected to continue. We scrambled to deliver on-line instruction for the three-weeks surrounding spring break. When the three-week order turned into the remainder of the school year, we lost spring sports, the musical, performances, prom, and graduation as we knew it. In the end, CFHS faculty and administration

saved the day with a virtual commencement ceremony and parade that were cutting edge and an event to be admired by many.

As we prepare for fall 2020 and the reopening of school, we have many more questions than answers. In response to guidance from Columbus, we assembled two task force teams. The first team to consider and recommend academic decisions and the second team buildings decisions. The two teams will be brought together, and final decisions will be made with a target date of August 1, 2020. To help guide the decisions, we are issuing three surveys (parent, faculty, secondary student). We will need to have the surveys returned by June 12, 2020.

We are committed to updating the community as decisions are being made relative to the school calendar, delivery of education, etc. It is quite likely that the 2020-2021 school year will be as crazy as the last one, but we will work through it together as a united **Black Tiger Family!**

Best Damn Fans in the Land!



Something we already knew, but now according to the online voting through Northeast Ohio High School Sports, it is now official! The Cuyahoga Falls Black Tigers claimed the 2020 title for best fans in the area. Prior to claiming the title, the Black Tigers defeated Hudson, Twinsburg, St. Vincent-St. Mary, Massillon Washington, and Wadsworth in head-to-head match-ups on their way to victory.

As the winners, the Black Tigers' football home opener against Cleveland JFK will be Northeast Ohio HS Sports "Week 3 Game of the Week"!

Thank you to all the amazing members of the **Black Tiger Family** that continuously step up and show their **Black Tiger Pride!**



Photo credit: Forbes Image

Black Tiger Teacher: SST Region 8 Finalist!



Mrs. Shannon Hoover

Another one of the CFCSD's finest is getting some well-deserved recognition! CFHS Intervention Specialist Mrs. Shannon Hoover is being recognized by the *State Support Team (SST) Region 8* as a finalist for the *Franklin B. Walter Outstanding Special Educator Award!*

The *SST8* includes educators from Medina, Portage, and Summit Counties.

The *Franklin B. Walter Outstanding Educator Award* is presented to one educator from each of Ohio's sixteen State Support Team regions, who have made extraordinary contributions

to the education of students with disabilities. According to the *SST8* website, this award is given in honor of the late Franklin B Walter, Superintendent of Public Instruction from 1977 until 1991, a post held longer than any other state superintendent in Ohio's history. With over 50 years of service as a teacher and administrator, Dr. Walter's leadership is evident in many of Ohio's quality educational initiatives and programs. Among these is the development of the nation's first statewide plan for children with disabilities. Nominee(s) for this prestigious award are recognized for outstanding work

in one of three categories:

- High Impact Instruction
- Growing Great Schools
- Systems Leadership



Director Jenine M. Sansosti of the *SST8* said, "We were so impressed by all that we learned of your outstanding approaches for teaching students with moderate to intensive disabilities, as well as your creativity, positive attitude, and work ethic that we are thrilled to honor you as our region's top special educator of the year."

This year, under the current circumstances, the *SST8* will not be able to honor Hoover in person at the local awards ceremony in Summit County or at the state-level event hosted by the *Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD)*. However, both *SST8* and *OCECD* intend to honor all nominees and their regional finalists with a certificate of recognition and on their website and social media.

CFHS Principal Miss Allison Bogdan added, "Congratulations, Mrs. Shannon Hoover!!! We will definitely be shouting this from the rooftops. I appreciate everything you do for our students and this community. THANK YOU!"

Black Tiger Footballers Take Talents to the Next Level

The hard work and dedication in the weight room and on the field of our Black Tiger football team is being noticed for many of our senior players. As of this writing, nine of the 17 graduating Black Tiger players have committed to continuing their football careers at their perspective colleges.

- Robert Graves - Notre Dame College
- Daiquantee Glenn - Notre Dame College
- Donovan Mills - Lake Erie College
- Braunavan Arsenault - University of Rochester
- Donovan Deighton - Baldwin Wallace
- Jordan Tuttle - Marietta
- Alex Rowan - Ohio Northern University
- Kyle Deremer - Hocking College
- Noah McClendon - Alderson Broadus

Congratulations to these and all of our graduating Black Tiger athletes! We are excited to hear about all your future successes, on and off the field!

The CF Postcard Project – Up and Ready!



Katy Spinner strikes a pose with the CF Postcard Project displayed at the Pavilion downtown.

The *CF Postcard Project* created by (now graduate) Katy Spinner is up and ready for the everyone to enjoy! Community members are invited to come downtown to share in the positive memories made here in Cuyahoga Falls. Spinner’s goal was to get as many completed postcards from people from or those who love the City of Cuyahoga Falls, to share their fondest memories of our great city!

Initially the intention was to have an official viewing celebrating the finished project, but with the current state of things, the community is welcome to stroll by the Pavilion downtown and view the cards hanging in the windows. According to teacher and advisor for the project Mrs. Jennifer Schulman, “Shout out to senior Katy for using her creative problem-solving skills to make this happen!” Spinner’s project is supported by teacher and advisor at CFHS, Mrs. Jennifer Schulman, as well as the *Downtown Cuyahoga Falls Partnership*, the *Cuyahoga Valley Art Center*, and *Collide: Cuyahoga Falls*.

In total, there were 331 postcards returned by community members and are now on display for the community to enjoy!

Thanks to these businesses and organizations for their help and support: *Cuyahoga Falls All City Art Walk*, *Collide: Cuyahoga Falls*, *Downtown CF Partnership*, *Cuyahoga Falls Library*, *Metropolis Popcorn*, *Quirk Cultural Center*, and the *Cuyahoga Falls Parks and Recreation*.

Show Your Black Tiger Pride!



As a part of the CFCSD’s goal to embrace all newly enrolled students to the District, **Black Tiger Pride** signs are free and available to kindergarten parents and students who register at the central office. A limited number of these signs are also available at the main office of each of the schools throughout the District.

Creative Celebrations



CFHS Tiger Time News



Photo by Christy Smith

Senior Parade at Blossom Music Center. Students greet the Price teachers.



Silver Lake staff “Lineup” to greet students and wish them a great summer!

All of the administrators and staff in the CFCSD worked hard to come up with creative ways to send the Black Tiger students off to summer break, graduation, or to wherever their life’s journey takes them. Below are just some of the amazing and creative send-offs.

CFHS: With the major task of celebrating our graduating seniors, the CFHS staff had to get creative! Typically our graduates would be walking across the stage at Blossom Music Center, but under the circumstances, a senior parade was held on the grounds at Blossom where more than 300 vehicles with students were cheered on by around 700 vehicles that lined the roads around the park. In another celebration, a video of the students walking across the CFHS auditorium stage where they stated their names, posed with their diplomas, and shifted their tassels was taken and posted to *YouTube* for their parents and loved ones to view.

Bolich: Bolich did a big reverse parade for our 8th-grade students where our students drove through campus, we clapped them through, and gave them all of their awards for the year, along with some other goodies and a class of 2024 t-shirt. “It was a great collaboration between our school, parents, PTO, and the community” said Principal Ryan Huch.

Roberts: This end of year was certainly different for the students at Roberts. The 8th-grade recognition ceremony had to be canceled, but their awards will be sent home over the summer. A few of the things done to celebrate our students included a “We Love & Miss You” video created by the teachers, and an 8th-grade Clap-Out Parade that was supported by the Roberts’ PTO.

Price: At Price, one of the big things they did was to hold a Teacher Parade around the Price neighborhood, and saw many of our students, families, and community as they went.

Silver Lake: Silver Lake staff did a lineup in front of the school building to say farewell to their students, and then all the staff returned for the 5th-grade pickup time to give them a proper send-off. In addition, a Silver Lake Black Tiger of the Year Award is also being created in honor of the class of 2027. Each May, the staff will choose a 5th-grade student who they believe exemplifies **Black Tiger Pride** in all that he/she does. The name will be engraved on a special plaque and displayed in the front of the building.

Above is just a short list of the creative ways that all of our schools celebrated our **Black Tiger** students and the ways that our students celebrated our teachers and staff. Thank you to the **Black Tiger Community** and wishing you a safe, happy, and healthy summer!