



ROAR!

RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC RESULTS

CFCSD Dates To Remember:

Dec. 19 *Records Day - No School*
All schools

Dec. 20-31 *Winter Break - No School*
All schools

Jan. 2 *Schools Resumes*
All schools

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A Special Section Dedicated to Black Tiger Headlines & Achievements

December 2018

The Importance of Valuing Diversity



Ms. Denise Ward from Summit County Educational Service Center discussing Valuing Diversity with CFCSD staff.

During the September 21 professional development day, Denise Ward, an Educational/Diversity Consultant from the State Support Team - Region 8 who is contracted through the Summit County Educational Service Center, met with the entire staff of the CFCSD, including teachers, administrators, bus drivers, custodians, administrative assistants as well as other support staff. On that day she asked the staff to consider their own definitions of diversity and she shared the important reasons why diversity includes accepting, respecting, and valuing the uniqueness and differences of every person in our schools, including students and staff.

Currently, Denise is meeting with the individual schools throughout the District so that she is able to talk to smaller groups of staff members. This is typically taking place at after-school staff meetings. At the building level, Denise is reviewing the definition of diversity and she is allowing teachers to share with each other the great strategies that they are already using to help encourage, value, and promote diversity. She is also providing suggestions to help teachers stretch their thinking so their classrooms are inclusive of all types of students. Since these meetings are not just for teachers, other staff members are encouraged to consider how they can make students feel safe, comfortable and respected in their space as well. Denise will meet with the whole staff again on our February 1 professional development day.

Namaste! Black Tiger Culture Fair

On Saturday, January 19, at Lincoln school from 11:00am to 2:00pm, the community is invited to experience a sample of the various cultures that make up the students of the CFCSD. Through a collaboration between the Department of English Learners (EL) and the Nutrition and Food Service Program, CFCSD will be hosting the first ever free Black Tiger Pride Culture Fair.

Teachers and their students, clubs, groups, etc. are invited to take part in the preparation and execution of this wonderful teaching and learning experience for our whole community.

The preparation for this event will take many different forms based on the teachers and their students' interests, backgrounds, subject areas, and grade-levels. A variety of different booths will display the research efforts of our students

and may include information that pertains to a particular culture's history, geography, and government, creating art projects, learning to play a new game or sport, listening to and performing a song or dance, or learning to write or speak some phrases in a different language. Besides learning about different cultures, the goal of this project is to produce something to display or create something to teach that represents students' learning.

A huge component of culture is food! With Chef Bill Bailey's assistance, we hope to include staff and students in the food preparation process by collecting recipes, asking for donations from local restaurants or grocery stores, and observing and helping in the kitchen.

We look forward to sharing with and introducing the community to just some of their neighbors. Hope to see you there!



Scholar Athletes Excel in the Classroom Too

At the most recent Fall Sports Awards ceremony, Fall's athletes showed that they not only elevate their game, but their academics as well! Below is a list of the various fall sports overall team GPAs and individuals that earned Suburban League honors:

- Girls Soccer GPA: 3.60
- Scholar Athletes per Team (3.50 or higher): 24
- Boys Soccer GPA: 3.27
- Scholar Athletes per Team (3.50 or higher): 18
- Girls Tennis GPA: 3.83
- Scholar Athletes per Team (3.50 or higher): 19
- Girls Cross Country GPA: 3.73
- Scholar Athletes per Team (3.50 or higher): 16
- Boys Cross Country GPA: 3.64
- Scholar Athletes per Team (3.50 or higher): 13
- Girls Golf GPA: 3.56
- Scholar Athletes per Team (3.50 or higher): 6
- Boys Golf GPA: 2.86
- Scholar Athletes per Team (3.50 or higher): 2
- Cheerleading GPA: 3.53
- Scholar Athletes per Team (3.50 or higher): 22
- Volleyball GPA: 3.54
- Scholar Athletes per Team (3.50 or higher): 17

Football GPA: 3.50
Scholar Athletes per Team (3.50 or higher): 25

First Team: Jack Hiland, Kaylie Ward, McKenzie Flick, Marquet Graves, Tyler Vassalotti

Second Team: Jordan Akins, Anthony Nichols, Katlyn Long, Meredith Gallagher, Robert Graves, Eric Rosiak, Daizhaun Brazile

Honorable Mention: Josh Boorman, Matthew Hammonds, Stanley Shuck, Melody Lewis, Jenai Blake, Kaitlin Wilson, Morgan Frame, Sarah Miller, Madison Horrigan, Lindsey Liikala, Mark Meyer, Isaiah Campbell, Alex Rowan

- Fall Sports Team GPA averages 3.48
- 266 CFHS Athletes participated this fall. 162 (61%) of these athletes earned Suburban League Scholar Athlete certificates
- 110 Middle School Athletes participated in fall sports

Literally, Where the Rubber Meets the Road!



Every year, all year, our educators work hard looking for ways to create educational opportunities that will benefit our students. Even once these opportunities are discovered, quite often funding is an issue that creates a whole different set of challenges. So, over the summer of 2018, Kevin Vargyas, Vice-Principal of CFHS was researching and reaching out to

various organizations and businesses trying to come up with different ways of funding opportunities for our students. He looked at the efforts of some of our neighboring districts to see if there were any ideas that we could implement in the CFCSD. After reaching out to various dealerships, word made it to Serpentine Chevrolet of Tallmadge and Vargyas received a call from Serpentine's Operations Manager, Rachel Jewell, and the conversation began on what a partnership would look like.

Well, this year, thanks to the amazing generosity of Serpentine Chevrolet of Tallmadge, funding a lot of these opportunities may come to fruition! After some conversations between Ms. Jewell and Mr. Vargyas, Serpentine has DONATED a 2019 Chevrolet Cruze that has a MSRP of \$19,995 to the CF PTSA to be raffled off! Only 1,000 raffle tickets for this beautiful Mosaic Black Metallic vehicle will be sold at \$100 per ticket. According to Vargyas, "Our goal is to raise \$100,000 in proceeds that support the CF PTSA scholarship fund, Principal's Account, PBIS, and various groups around the school." Tickets will be sold until all 1,000 are gone and the drawing will be held immediately following. Ticket purchasers that don't win the car will have a chance to win one of ten other consolation prizes that include a free weekend stay at the Sheraton in Cuyahoga Falls, four mid-field club seating tickets to an Indians game, four Platinum Passes to Cedar Point, and more!

Vargyas went on to say, "We are so appreciative of this very generous donation from The Chevy Network and Serpentine Chevrolet of Tallmadge and can't thank them enough." Serpentine General Manager, Ryan Serpentine, said "We are happy that we are in a position to give back to the community and are able to support one of the local schools. We look forward to continuing our efforts in supporting our local community."

Remembering the Past Brings Pride to the Future

Special Profile Section:

In the CFCSD, one of the top priorities is to strengthen Black Tiger Pride throughout the District. With PBIS, Top Tigers, and Friends of Education initiatives, to name just a few, we believe this Pride can spread community-wide.

Over the years, the CFSFAA has done a lot of great things for the CFCSD. One of those things is recognizing our Distinguished Alumni with an annual reception. The first recognition of ten Distinguished Alumni was announced in 1985. Since that time, 117 alumni have been honored.



**Michael Morell,
Class of 1976**

Michael Morell is a native of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and went to Saint Joseph's School and graduated from CFHS in 1976. After graduating high school he earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Akron and a Master of Arts from Georgetown University, both in economics. In 1980 he joined the Central Intelligence Agency as an American intelligence analyst. He served as the deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency as well as its acting director twice, first in 2011 and then from 2012 to 2013. Since November 2013, he has been a senior counselor to Beacon Global Strategies LLC.

Applications Accepted for Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

Mayor Walters is accepting applications for the 2019 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. He is seeking eight energetic, engaged students who reside in the City of Cuyahoga Falls and are in grades 9 through 12. Applications may be obtained from the Mayor's office at City Hall, by calling 330-971-8200 or by visiting www.cityofcf.com/activity/mayors-youth-advisory-council. The deadline for applications is December 21, 2018.

Mia Tedrick Making a "Positive Difference"



Mia Tedrick

In this edition of the ROAR!, we are happy to profile CFHS' very own Mia Tedrick. Mia is a Junior at CFHS and plays the trumpet as a member of the outstanding Black Tiger marching band, Jazz band, and a member of the Black Concert performance band. Mia has been attending CF schools since the seventh grade and has participated in the band since. Recently, Mia has joined the National Honor Society where students have to meet, at a minimum, a cumulative GPA of 85, B, 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent standard of excellence. Outside of Mia's endeavors at school, she also enjoys participating in her dance classes at McCardle's Dance Studio, and has been in the Girl Scouts since kindergarten.

If all of that were not enough to keep *anyone* busy, Mia has also been using some of her "free" time volunteering at Clear Path Home Health and Hospice! Since May of 2018, Mia spends every Wednesday after school and/or band practice and does numerous clerical tasks for Clear Path such as mailings, copies, and puts together packets just to mention a few. According to Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, Terri DeGeorge, "In the past six months that Mia has been volunteering, I have seen her become a confident young lady willing to do anything that is needed. If she does not understand, she will ask questions, then take the initiative and follows through staying on task until the job is completed."

Great job Mia! The CFCSD is fortunate to have you as a member of the **Black Tiger** Community!

26th Annual Career Night

A date has been set for the 26th Annual Cuyahoga Falls High Schools Career Awareness Night for Thursday, January 24, 2019, 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the high school cafeteria and library.

This is a great way to meet our students and let them see first hand the many opportunities for careers that exist in Cuyahoga Falls and Northeast Ohio. This event is required for all sophomore language arts students.

If you are interested in being a participating business, go to the link below, enter your information, and you will receive a confirmation e-mail.

<https://goo.gl/forms/xLk3e1yCS0Xj70OV2>

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