Reporting Absences

When absent from school, a student is to have his/her parents or guardian phone the school 330-664-4822 before 9:00 a.m. on the day of absence so that the reason for the absence will be known. The attendance office routinely calls parents/guardians to verify absence. Parents should not be offended by the call. The call is only to ensure the location and safety of the student. Without parent contact, a student will be presumed unexcused and dealt with accordingly. NOTE: Doctor and dentist appointments should be made after school hours when possible. Regardless of the reason, if a student misses more than 2½ hours of the school day, the student will be charged a minimum of ½ day absence.

Smoke Signals

Look for it the 1st of each month on the CHS website! Issue submission deadline is the 20th of each month. Issues of Smoke Signals can be accessed online by:

- Visit www.copley-fairlawn.org
- Select School tab; Select Copley High School
- Click on News Tab; Smoke Signals
- Download Smoke Signals PDF icon listed below desired month

Email all submissions in Microsoft Word to Carol Hurd at:

carol.hurd@copley-fairlawn.org

Submissions received after the deadline will be published the following month.

Hard copies of Smoke Signals may be picked up in the main office or mailed by request. If you would like your issue mailed, please email your information to Carol Hurd.

Please Remember:
The circular drive in front of Copley High School is closed to any traffic on both sides in the morning 7:00 to 7:30 a.m. and at the end of the day from 2:10 to 2:40 p.m. This is necessary to allow our buses free access and to provide a safe loading and unloading area for our students. Please do not drop off/pick up or park on the circle in front of the building at these times.
Advertise in The Copley Drumbeat!

The high school newspaper, The Copley Drumbeat, is selling advertisement space in order to fund the next five student-generated issues, November-May, released throughout the year. For as little as $35, you can promote your local business to students, teachers, and community members. The paper gladly accepts patrons who would like to purchase space to wish teams or organizations good luck, as well. Patrons of the paper:

- Bronze: $10-20  
- Silver: $21-50  
- Gold: $51 and up.

If you are interested, please contact the advisor, Sara Janiga, at 330-664-4999, ext. 527559 or email her at sara.janiga@copley-fairlawn.org.

The DECA Virtual Business competition closed on Friday at 5:00 pm. The Marketing for seniors students excelled in both round 1 in November and again last week for round 2. Daniel Reed came in First Place both in Ohio and the Central Region of the US! He has qualified for the National DECA Career Development Conference to be held in Atlanta in April! Please watch the screen cast to get the details.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/17GWHqFodhysW9WRguyDjcUjfKiIu56di/view?usp=sharing
Support Copley Marketing Management Students by Becoming a Copley DECA Sponsor

The Copley High School Marketing Management students need your support in achieving their goals in DECA competition. DECA is an organization that prepares students in the areas of entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, hospitality management, leadership, and business administration through DECA competitive events.

Daniel Reed has won 1st Place in the Central Region (11 states) and has qualified to compete in the National DECA Career Development Conference in Atlanta, GA on April 21-24, 2018. Only the top 2 teams in each of 4 regions of the USA qualify to compete in each round!

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DECA Virtual Business Challenge - Hotel

Senior Marketing Management students used the KM Inc. Virtual Business Hotel Online software to learn to manage 10 areas of a full service hotel. The hotel simulation is an individual multi-media view of the interior and exterior of the hotel. Management decisions include: Pricing & Revenue Mgmt., Group Sales, Marketing & Public Relations, Customer Service Front Desk, Social Media Feedback, Operations Restaurant & Culinary, Banquets & Meetings, Housekeeping, Financial Reports, and Monitoring Competitors. Students make decisions in the above areas and must maintain a balanced scorecard of Employee Satisfaction, Customer Satisfaction and Revenue. The software was obtained by Diane Dann through a grant from the Marriott Foundation. Completing the 10 online lessons, students used the online simulation to make all the above decisions simultaneously for a full service hotel. After using the above instructional software to prepare, students competed in the DECA Business Challenge—Hotel in an online National competition against other students across the country for 11 days each round.

**WHITE SPONSOR**—($50.00)

- For sponsorships of $50.00 your company’s name will be mentioned as a Marketing Management supporter during the school’s morning announcements.
- Your company’s name will be featured on Copley District Website in a Press release and through social media.

**BLUE SPONSOR**—($150.00)

- For sponsorships of $150.00 your company’s name will receive the benefits mentioned above for WHITE SPONSORS.
- Additionally, Blue Level Sponsors will have their logo printed on the Copley DECA Shirts that will be worn by marketing students.

**GOLD SPONSOR**—($250.00 and up!)

- For sponsorships of $250.00 your company’s name will receive all of the benefits mentioned above for WHITE and BLUE SPONSORS.
- Additionally, Gold Level Sponsors will be featured in an article in the Westside Leader, as an organization that helped make our DECA participation possible.

To become a sponsor, send a check payable to Copley-Fairlawn City Schools, marked ‘CBE912K’ in the memo. Checks can be mailed to Diane Dann, 3807 Ridgewood Rd., Copley, OH 44321.

Please contact Copley High School, Diane Dann at 330-664-4860 or diane.dann@copley-fairlawn.org if you have any questions or would like more information.

Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated! All donations are tax deductible.
Looking for an ENTERTAINING class to take?

- Mobile Apps
- Computer Programming
- Photoshop Plus
- Web Design 1 & 2
EVENING PRESENTATIONS
SPONSORED BY THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

8th GRADE PARENT ORIENTATION
When: Thursday, February 8th 6:00 p.m.
Where: CHS Auditorium
Presented by: CHS Guidance Department
Information about high school requirements, testing, scheduling, etc. Recommended for students and parents of incoming Freshmen (Class of 2022)

TRANSITIONING TO THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
When: Thursday, February 8th 5:30 p.m.
Where: CHS Main Conference Room
Presented by: Mary Ferrise, Intervention Specialist, Department Chair of Special Education. We encourage all parents of incoming 9th graders with students on an IEP to attend this informational meeting.

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS MEETING
When: Thursday, February 15th at 5:30 p.m.
Presented by: CHS Guidance and the University of Akron. This meeting is MANDATORY for students who are interested in participating in CCP for the 2018-2019 school year. Please Note: the College Credit Plus Informational Meeting will be held annually. Only those students interested in pursuing this option for the 2018-2019 school year will need to attend this year’s meeting.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES:
FEB. 8TH & 15TH FROM 3:30-7:05 P.M.
• Conferences are a great time to get an update from your students’ teachers as well as discuss course recommendations for next school year! You can schedule online in late January!

2018-2019 COURSE SCHEDULING:
• Scheduling presentations took place during English classes beginning January 31st. Please take time to review the scheduling information with your students and contact your counselor if you have any questions. If you did not pass a semester 1 course, please be sure to see your counselor to discuss course recovery options. Course selections sheets are due to English teachers by February 16th.

COMPACT CAREER TECHNICAL PROGRAM DEADLINE
Registration forms for sophomores interested in a career-tech program during their junior and senior years were due on January 26, 2018. Spots may still be available but are limited so if your student is interested, have them stop by the Guidance Office ASAP to get a registration form or see Mrs. Morganti with any questions. Students interested in a Four Cities Compact Program need to apply online ASAP! Visit www.fourcitiescompact.org for more info!
STATE-FUNDED ACT
Results from the November practice ACT were distributed to students at our December junior class meetings. In addition, ACT prep information was included (and is available on our Guidance page on the CHS website). On February 27, 2018 all juniors will take the official, school based ACT. The format for this test will be the same as the practice ACT (mods 1-11 in the Aux Gym).

COLLEGE SENSE ACT PREPARATION AND SELECTIVE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS SEMINAR
WHEN: Tuesday, February 6, 2018,
From 8:00 am to 2:25 pm
WHERE: Copley High School
CHS will host an intensive, six-hour seminar for our students for just $39 each. The price includes the seminar, a comprehensive workbook, unlimited access to online testing and assessment, and free, live, call-in tutoring prior to each national administration of the ACT.

To register, complete the registration form (available in the Main Office) & bring it with cash, check, or money order made out to Copley High School for $39 to the Guidance Office by Friday, February 2nd. *Please note: If you are in need of financial assistance, please let your guidance counselor know prior to the registration deadline.

END OF COURSE TESTING SPRING DATES:
Each spring, our students take the End of Course (EOC) assessments as mandated by the Ohio Department of Education. Students must take an EOC assessment in the year that they take the corresponding course. In order to provide the best environment for the students who are required to take a test while minimally impacting instruction, we will modify several school days, similarly to how we run our semester exams. Students are only required to report to CHS on the date and time that they have an assessment. Students not required to take an EOC assessment do not need to report to CHS on that specific test day. Please see the Spring EOC exam dates below under Testing Wednesdays; specific times will be released closer to the testing days. Supervision will be provided for any student unable to arrive late or leave early.

In order to be eligible to earn a high school diploma, a student must accumulate a total of 18 graduation points from all seven (7) EOC assessments. A student will score anywhere from a one (1) through a five (5) (with 5 being the best) on each EOC assessment. Therefore, the EOC assessments are an important element in a student’s high school career. Please ensure that your student gets plenty of rest, eats a healthy breakfast, and attends school on his or her scheduled test days.

TESTING WEDNESDAYS:
April 18, 2018: English 9 & English 10
April 25, 2018: Algebra I & Geometry
May 2, 2018: American History & Government
May 9, 2018: Biology

ACADEMIC AWARDS ASSEMBLY:
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018 @ 8:30 A.M.
• Students who have received Honor Roll, Scholar Roll (both cumulative through the first semester of their current year), Department Awards, Athletic Awards, as well as various other competition awards will be recognized at this event. Invitations will be sent home in May to those students that will be recognized.

2018 ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS:
Exams will run from May 7th-May 18th. The AP Bulletin that includes the detailed schedule was sent home with AP students prior to Winter Break along with registration and payment information. Payment is due to Mrs. Kramer in the Guidance Office by February 16, 2018. Please see your counselor for fee waiver or payment plan options.

SUMMER 2017 PROGRAMS
If your student is interested in a pre-college, summer program, check out this link for in-state and out-of-state opportunities:
http://www.studenteducationprograms.com
COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS PROGRAM INFORMATION

For students considering taking college classes during high school...

Ohio’s College Credit Plus Program is an opportunity for college-ready high school students to earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking college courses from community colleges or universities. The purpose of this program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to college-ready students. Taking a college course from a public college or university is free. More information regarding potential fees will be presented at the February informational meeting. You can choose to take College Credit Plus courses from any college that offers a course that would benefit your future. College classes can include classes taken on campus at community colleges, technical colleges, or regular four-year universities as well as via distance learning or online, when available.

NOTE: Although this option is available for students in grades 7-12, students must meet college admission standards in order to enroll in this program.

CCP Informational Meeting and Next Steps:

CHS will host an informational meeting on Thursday, February 15th at 5:30 p.m. in the CHS auditorium. Any student who wishes to pursue this option for the 2018-2019 school year needs to:

1) Bring his or her parent to the CCP Informational Meeting. This meeting is mandatory for students (and parents) interested in enrolling in the CCP program for the 2018-2019 school year.

2) Take the ACT by February 2018 if he/she has not previously taken this test and earned a college ready score. To register for the February 10th ACT, go to www.actstudent.org by January 12th. Practice tests are available in the media center, guidance office, and online.

3) Return the Intent to Participate form (to be distributed at the Feb. meeting) to the Guidance Office by April 1st, 2018.

4) Contact the college or university that you are interested in attending for information, application forms, and criteria for acceptance into CCP. Some materials are available from your high school counselor and at the college’s website. Each college will have different admissions deadlines and requirements for testing. You must go through the procedures established by the colleges/universities to apply to College Credit Plus and to enroll in the course(s). Students are responsible for meeting deadlines.

5) Upon acceptance to the university, schedule a meeting with your school counselor to discuss possible CCP and high school course selections. Additional meetings regarding CCP procedures will be required at the high school prior to college class attendance.
It is hard to believe that seniors are about to begin their last semester of high school! Please contact your student's counselor if you have any concerns regarding graduation requirements. Please note that students that do not meet the credit requirements for graduation cannot participate in Commencement.

- **Cap & Gown:** Orders were due December 20th. Please contact www.nrpgradohio.com if you still need to order a cap & gown.

- **All senior photos are due by February 15, 2018.** Please email them to chsyearbook@copley-fairlawn.org. Pictures should be a 3/4 headshot of just the senior. Lifetouch will be at CHS on January 11th from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. to take a senior picture for any senior that has not taken a senior picture for the Yearbook yet.

- Every Senior must complete twelve (12) hours of service in his/her community through two different volunteer experiences in order to graduate. **Completed forms (available online & in the office) are due to Mrs. Lalos no later than April 30, 2018.**

- **Seniors last day of school is May 18, 2018.** Those seniors that need to take final exams will do so the week of May 21st.

- **Prom/After Prom is Saturday, May 19, 2018.** More info to come!!

- **Senior Class Awards Ceremony:** **Thursday, May 24, 2018 @ 8:30 a.m.** This event will recognize the recipients of our local scholarships and is separate from our Academic Awards Assembly. Invitations to those that will be recognized will be distributed prior to the event, but all seniors and families are welcome to attend.

- **Mandatory Commencement practice is Friday, May 25, 2018 @ 8:00 a.m.**

- **The Class of 2018 Commencement:** **Sunday, May 27, 2018 @ 2:00 p.m.** Stay tuned for ticket info.

**Halfway Through Senior Year**
The first semester is now history and hopefully you have successfully achieved your goals for the first half of your senior year. If you did not pass a semester 1 course, please be sure to see your counselor to discuss how this may impact your graduation status. As the final semester of your high school experience begins, your education/career plans following graduation should become more concrete. The Guidance Department is ready and willing to help should you need assistance during the critical decision-making period.

**LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**
More than $75,000 in local scholarships will be awarded to members of the senior class through funds generated by groups and individuals within the Copley-Fairlawn City Schools community. One application fills the requirement for most of the 80 local scholarships. Find the application on the high school webpage, [www.copley-fairlawn.org](http://www.copley-fairlawn.org), or
pick up a hard copy from Mrs. Kramer in the Guidance Office, **beginning February 1st.**  ***Applications are due back in the Guidance Office by February 16th***  A student will not be able to save the on-line application and then return to it at another date. If you complete the application on-line, you will not be able to save information and return to the application at a later date. You will need to complete the application in one sitting.

**KEEP US INFORMED OF ANY SCHOLARSHIPS YOU EARN**

Any senior who receives a scholarship or award should provide a copy of the award letter to Mrs. Kramer in Guidance. We keep an up-to-date record of scholarships and awards won by the members of the senior class and we will distribute that list at Commencement.

**FINANCIAL AID**

If a senior wants to apply for need-based financial aid (grants, work study, and low interest loans), parents must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid. File online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Apply for a FSA ID at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).

**Tips for Borrowing Money**

1. Learn the language. Sort out terms and definitions.
2. Evaluate how much you really need to borrow.
3. Evaluate how much you will be able to repay.

**OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

FAFSA on the Web: [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
[https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search)
[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

**DON’T GET SCAMMED ON YOUR WAY TO COLLEGE**

Look for six signs that a scholarship search may be a scholarship scam:

1. “This scholarship is guaranteed or your money back.” No one can guarantee that they will get you a grant or scholarship. Refund guarantees often have conditions or strings attached. Get refund policies in writing – before you pay.

2. “You can’t get this information anywhere else.” There are many free lists of scholarships available. Check with your school or library before you decide to pay someone to do the work for you.
3. “May I have your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship?” Don’t give out your credit card or bank account number on the phone without getting information in writing first. It may be a setup for an unauthorized withdrawal from your account.

4. “We will do all the work.” Don’t be fooled. There is no way around it. You must apply for scholarships or grants yourself.

5. “The scholarship will cost some money.” Don’t pay anyone who claims to be “holding” a scholarship or grant for you. Free money shouldn’t cost a thing.

6. “You’ve been selected by a national foundation to receive a scholarship” or “You are a finalist in a contest.” (a contest you never entered) Before you send money to apply for a scholarship, check it out. Make sure the foundation or program is legitimate.

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<td>Bruce Buchholzer Scholarship Summit County Sports Hall of Fame</td>
<td>Senior student/athletes who have earned a Varsity letter in an OHSAA recognized sport. All applications must be done online: <a href="http://www.summitcountyhof.com">www.summitcountyhof.com</a></td>
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<td>Fields of Learning 2018 Scholarship</td>
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<td>Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship</td>
<td>Be a graduating minority high school senior, plan to attend an accredited &amp; approved four-year institution in the U.S., show leadership potential, dedication to community service, financial need, U.S. Citizen, and a minimum SAT score of 1000 combined math &amp; critical reading or a composite ACT score of 21.</td>
<td>$28000 (over 4 yrs)</td>
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<td>Financial need and a maximum family income of $150,000, a minimum 3.8 GPA, a minimum 1350 combined SAT score or a 29 composite ACT score, must take a college course in comparative religion during your 1st or 2nd year of university, no online schools, and do not need to be Jewish to apply for this scholarship.</td>
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<td>The National Academy of Television Arts &amp; Sciences Scholarship</td>
<td>Seniors who plan to attend a four-year college/university and intend to pursue a career in television or a television-related field. Online application at <a href="http://www.nataslgl.org">www.nataslgl.org</a></td>
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<td>Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity-Balanced Man Scholarship-Cleveland State University</td>
<td>Senior male students who have been leaders in and out of the classroom, minimum 3.0 gpa and will attend Cleveland State University in the fall of 2018. Online application: <a href="http://www.csuohio.edu/SigEp">www.csuohio.edu/SigEp</a></td>
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<td>Slater &amp; Zurz LLP Scholarship</td>
<td>High school seniors graduating from an Ohio school, must be planning to attend a college/university in Ohio and a 2-4 minute YouTube video followed by an essay on the topic: “How can the legal system in Ohio, address and stop the serious opioid drug problem.”</td>
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<td>Student-View Scholarship</td>
<td>Seniors interested should log on to: <a href="http://www.student-view.com">www.student-view.com</a> and complete the survey about colleges in Ohio and you will automatically be entered in a random drawing for the scholarship.</td>
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<td>Touchdown Club Foundation of Greater Akron</td>
<td>Seniors who plan to enroll in a college/university in the Fall of 2018, earned at least 1 varsity letter during senior year, meet the minimum academic standards set for applicants for Athletic grants-in-aid at the college they wish to attend and 2 letters of recommendation</td>
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<td>WACE National Co-op Scholarship</td>
<td>Seniors who have a minimum 3.5 gpa and will apply for the 2018-19 academic year at one of the WACE Partner Institutions (see application for a list of institutions).</td>
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<td>The William D. Squires Scholarship</td>
<td>Seniors with financial need (EFC on your FAFSA must be less that $7000 to apply), student must already know their career goal, highly motivated and good character, and must have a minimum 3.2 gpa. Visit <a href="http://www.wmdsquiresfoundation.org">www.wmdsquiresfoundation.org</a> for the application.</td>
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2017-2018 Outstanding Educator – Mr. Antoine Pastor

Antoine Pastor, an Art Teacher at Copley High School, has only been a teacher for 7 years but already has an impressive list of achievements at Copley High School. For example, he revamped the curriculum for Art 1 to become a full-year class, to help students learn different techniques, skills and mediums and prepare them for higher level classes. He also created curriculums for new classes in Art Foundations, Ceramics II & Modern Photography. He coordinated a talent show that raised $2,000 for local charities and directed creation of the sets for fall plays and spring musicals. He’s had students win Ohio Scholastic Art & Writing awards, with 73 Honorable Mentions, 54 Silver Keys and 78 Gold Keys, as well as 6 national winners. He’s had 8 students win the Ohio Governor’s Art Exhibition (Top 300 in the State) as well. In addition, he has excelled as JV Volleyball Coach 2012-2015 and Varsity Volleyball Coach since 2016. The volleyball record this season was 18-5 and for the first time in 12 years, they were conference champs.

In 2012, he was named Rookie Teacher of the Year by Copley Fairlawn City Schools District Administrators and was a 2012 Summit County Rookie Teacher of the Year Nominee. He was named a Scholastic Art and Writing National Gold Medalist Art Educator in 2016 and 2017 and he was named Suburban League American Volleyball Coach of the Year in 2017.

Mr. Pastor also has initiated many innovative programs, including creating the Art Club, which provides students a chance to stay after school and create art that they do not get an opportunity to do in class, such as the sets for plays. They also get a chance to create work that can be used for their AP portfolio their senior year. About 35 students have joined Art Club.

Part of what sets Mr. Pastor apart is not just his big-picture goals, such as updating curriculum, but the way he relates to individual students. The parent who nominated Mr. Pastor for this award will tell you that her daughter’s experiences with him were nothing short of life changing. She was interested in studying fashion design in college, but didn’t take art until her junior year. Upon getting to know this new face in his program, and learning her career goals, Mr. Pastor decided he was going to do everything he could to get her ready for fashion school in short order. He worked hard with her that junior year and brought her up to speed in many aspects of art. Late in the year, as she worked on her schedule for her senior year, he made the very generous offer to create an independent study curriculum for her to let her focus on making clothing and jewelry out of nontraditional materials. One of those projects, a Styrofoam dress, caught the eye of a reporter for People magazine. It’s a toss-up who was more excited. As this student’s mother said, “It is no exaggeration to say that Mr. Pastor’s thoughtfulness, attentiveness and willingness to work outside the box prepared my daughter for her future in a way that would not have occurred otherwise. This is just one example of Mr. Pastor’s dedication to his students”.

Mr. Pastor shared that he enjoys working with his students and allowing them to be creative and sharing their successes with them. He loves building relationships with his students and feels like he is a mentor to many. Mr. Pastor says his job is fun, it is not work to him and he enjoys coming to work every day.

Mr. Pastor’s commitment to his students and his profession make him a deserving winner of Copley High School PTSA’s Outstanding Educator as well as the PTA’s District Educator Award winner for the 2017-2018 school year.

Congratulations Mr. Pastor!
2017-2018 Helping Hands Winner – Pam Knight

The nomination of Pam Knight for Copley High School’s Helping Hands winner is the story of how an introvert became a great leader.

It started many years ago when Pam, who has a bachelor’s and master’s degree in social work, and her husband Tim decided that they would like to volunteer their time and skills to have a positive influence in the lives of kids and teens – their own – Jaclyn, who graduated last year, and Justin, a current senior – as well as those in the community at large.

When her children were in elementary school, Pam saw the way parent volunteers made a difference in the schools, working alongside teachers, administration, and the community to give students the best educational experience possible and she wanted to be a part of this. She slowly got involved at Fort Island Primary School, helping in classrooms, chaperoning field trips and working with her son’s Cub Scout Pack.

Of course, we all know a little involvement can lead to a slippery slope and Pam next found herself taking on officer duties at the Middle School, first as a Council Delegate, and then as Secretary followed by first VP for two years. She organized the Veteran’s Day Brunch and Cookies for Hospice, chaired the Nominating Committee, served on the OE/HH selection committee, chaired Book Fair, and planned classroom holiday parties, in addition to helping with many other activities.

Her involvement snowballed at the high school, where her activities have included running concessions at the plays, serving on bylaws, standing rules, budget and scholarship committees, volunteering with after prom and helping organize Founder’s Day, Installation and Touch-A-Truck. However, it is in her work as first VP for two years and president for another two that Pam has really shone. The introvert-by-nature has turned into a leader who confidently runs fair, open meetings with modesty and a quiet calmness. She is respectful of the time and effort from our administration and is grateful for their attendance at our meetings. As a team builder, Pam reaches out to cultivate new members and encourages them to volunteer, and the result in an inclusive board and volunteer base. She does all of this without ego or personal agenda, never hesitating to seek the opinions of others as she moves forward, because doing it right is more important that doing it “her way”.

“PTA has given me the opportunity to be a part of the students’ lives and, hopefully, play a small part in making a difference,” Pam says. “It has been a blessing working alongside so many wonderful, talented people who are very dedicated to the same purpose. I have learned so much from others over the years, been challenged in good ways, and had fun doing events and serving on committees. It is really about the students, but I have personally received so much from being part of PTSA and have made many friends through the years.

In addition to her work with PTA, Pam has also worked with middle school and high school students and preschool kids at the Chapel and served at Rehab Ministries Drop-in center.

Those of us who have been fortunate enough to work with Pam over the years have enjoyed watching her grow and thrive as she takes on each new challenge with humility and grace, and for that, we believe she is a very worthy winner of Copley High School PTSA’s 2017-18 Helping Hands award.

Congratulations Pam!
THURSDAY, MAY 10 • GAME TIME 6:35PM

Copley High School

Tickets Only $8!
Come show your Copley pride and support the school while enjoying a night out at Canal Park!

Web-U-Cation

Buy Tickets!

https://groupmatics.events/s/other/copleyfairlawn7

Contact Pam Knight
pjknigh12@icloud.com or (330) 338-2914

AkronRubberDucks.com
SENIOR PARENTS:

We are looking for any candid photos of your senior student taken throughout their childhood and teen years. These photos will be displayed on the Senior Photo Wall during After Prom and Commencement. Please look through those old photos or print out a dozen and send them in!

Please send copies of your photos to school in an envelope marked “After Prom – Senior Photo Wall”

NOTE: photos will not be returned

Looking ahead to Next Year…….

In the next few months our nominating committee will be meeting to select the slate of officers for the 2018 - 2019 school year.

If you would like to be considered for a position on the board, please contact Pam Knight at pjknight12@icloud.com

AFTER PROM NEWS

Every year, the PTSA sponsors “After Prom”, which is a safe, alcohol and drug free event for our Seniors and their guests that immediately follows the Senior Prom. Parents from ALL grade levels are encouraged to be part of this committee it is a great way to be involved in your child’s High School experience. Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, February 21st at 7:00 pm in the main office conference room. Decorating workshops to be announced.

- Please visit the PTSA Website for information on upcoming After Prom fundraisers

Fundraisers

Let us help you say ............

Happy Valentine’s Day

The PTSA will be selling carnations for $2 each and roses for $3 each during lunch Mods the week of January 29 – February 2. Proceeds benefit the After Prom. Each flower will be delivered with your personal message on February 14th. Flowers can also be ordered by using the form on the next page.
Let the PTSA be your florist for Valentine’s Day!

Send carnations or roses and share your heart for Valentine’s Day.

Flowers will be delivered to students on February 14th during mods 12-13

Name of Recipient

Name of Purchaser (optional)

Message on card:

Number of Carnations ________ Number of Roses ________

X $2.00 each ________ X $3.00 each ________

TOTAL ________ TOTAL ________

Proceeds go to CHS PTSA After Prom

Please make checks payable to: CHS PTSA

Please return this completed form and payment by Friday, February 2ND in an envelope marked “After Prom Flower Sale” to CHS main office or mail to:

Copley High School – PTSA After Prom
3807 Ridgewood Road, Copley Ohio 44321

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Hays at 330-665-9125- or thays@roadrunner.com
Senior Parent Donations

Each year we count on the support of our senior parents to make After Prom a fun and memorable event for our seniors and their guests. There is still time for Senior parents to donate. Submitting your donation promptly allows us to more effectively budget and plan After Prom for the Class of 2018. Please use the attached form. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the following senior parents who have given generously to After Prom 2018 so far!

Rosalyn Shuler – Adam Allen Jr
Donna Kleinheinz – Lyle Londraville
Rob Gehring – Anna Gehring
Vince and Kristine Fonte – Vincent Fonte Jr
Mr. & Mrs. Ostich – Aeriana Ostich
Scott & Nikki Kocsis – Jenna Kocsis
Sue Lozano – Melody Lozano
Bryan & Judy Ezzie – Alex Ezzie
Ray & Jodi Margie – Brent Margie
Dave & Becky Musser – Jared Musser
Angela Spurlock – Rebekah Spurlock
Kevin & Denise Shaffner – Kendall Shaffner
Jill & Mark Kline – Bryan Kline
Brent & Susan Strandberg – Jacob Strandberg
Todd & Donna Hayes – Tyler Hayes
Tim & Pam Knight – Justin Knight
Valerie Stewell-Hart – Avery Hart
Nancy Stockwell – Nathan Stockwell
Bryan Panovich – Brennan Panovich
Margaret & Eric Rininger – Ben Rininger
Fannie Lamb – Marquis James
Tanya Long – Russel (Rusty) Long
Barbara & Joe Varley – Thomas Varley
Tim & Debbie Mattei – Jared Mattei
Ben & Heather Bralawsce – Jonah Bralawsce
Teri Hamsher – Carla Hamsher
Anne & David Shay – Georgia Shay
Len & Esther Lutes – Will Lutes
Christina & Kevin Malpass – Evan Malpass
Barbara & Thomas Bute – Laura Bute
Anne & Tom Kimmins – Tyler Kimmins
Sue Camulli – Hanna Camulli
Vic & Kathy Lane – Amy Lane
Brian & Lori Kenyon – Joe Kenyon
Dan & Poppy Damico – Alina Damico
Todd & Cheryl Sandquist – Klyie Sanquist
Darrell & Caroline Evans – Grant Evans
Mark & Leigh Ann Hradil - Lauren Hradil

Thank You So Much
AFTER PROM 2018

Dear Senior Parents,

Some of the events that the seniors most look forward to are Prom and After Prom. Copley High School PTSA is proud to sponsor the 2018 After Prom party for seniors and their guests on May 19th from 11:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. After Prom is a safe, alcohol and drug free event immediately following the Senior Prom. This is a great night full of many fun activities such as inflatables, games, prizes, and food. All seniors are invited to After Prom, whether or not they attend Prom.

As early as September, the After Prom committee will start to plan and organize this fun event. It takes many volunteers to make this event successful so please join us for our first After Prom meeting September 20th at 7pm in the CHS Main Office Conference Room.

Also, each year we count on the support of our senior parents to make this a memorable evening. Although After Prom is nine months away, your donation would be greatly appreciated and will allow us to effectively plan for a fun-filled night for your senior! We have several sponsorship levels:

- Gold Level $100
- Silver Level $75
- Bronze Level $50
- Senior Parent Level $30

Checks should be made payable to CHS PTSA. Please send your donation to: Copley High School PTSA, Attn: Caroline Evans, 3807 Ridgewood Rd., Copley 44321 or send it to school with your senior in an envelope marked "PTSA - After Prom, Attn. Caroline Evans" and drop it off in the office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 330-668-2435 or carolinecevans@aol.com.

Thank you so much for your support!

Caroline Evans
2nd VP and After Prom Committee Chairperson

After Prom Senior Parent Donation

Student Name: ____________________________________________

Name of Parent or Sponsor: ____________________________________________

Sponsorship Level: ____________________________________________

Please return this form with your donation to school in an envelope marked PTSA After Prom - Caroline Evans
2  Groundhog Day
7  PTA Council Meeting, 9:30 am
8  Evening Conferences: 9-12, 3:30 pm - 7:05 pm
   Please sign up for a time slot by visiting: http://www.myconferencetime.com/copleyhs.
12  Music Boosters Meeting, 6:30 pm
14  Valentine’s Day
15  PTSA Meeting, 6:30 pm
15  Evening Conferences: 9-12, 3:30 pm - 7:05 pm
   Please sign up for a time slot by visiting: http://www.myconferencetime.com/copleyhs.
19  NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENT’S DAY
21  Foundation Meeting, 7:00 am
    PTA Founder’s Day, 9:30 am
    PTSA After Prom Meeting, 7:00 pm
    Choir Adjudications Concert, 7:30 pm
2  OMEA District VI Adjudicated Event - Away
3  OMEA District VI Adjudicated Event - Away
5  NO SCHOOL—PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
8  Family First Night
7  PTA Council Meeting, 9:30 am
   Bands in the Round - 5th/7th/Symphonic, 7:00 pm
8  Bands in the Round, 6th/8th/9th Wind Ensemble, 7:00 pm
11  Daylight Saving Time Begins
12  Music Boosters Meeting, 6:30 pm
13  Winter Sports Reception, 6:00 pm
14  PTSA Meeting, 6:30 pm
15  Spring Musical, 7:00 pm
16  Spring Musical, 7:00 pm
17  Spring Musical, 7:00 pm
18  Spring Musical, 2:30 pm
19  Spring Sports Community Night, 6:00 pm
21  Foundation Meeting, 7:00 am
    PTSA After Prom Meeting, 7:00 pm
23  End of 3rd Grading Period
25  Orthodox Holy Week Begins
29  Report Cards Go Home
30  NO SCHOOL
    Good Friday
    Passover begins at Sundown
31  Orthodox Holy Week Ends

1  Easter
2-6  NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK
7  Passover ends at Sundown
8  Orthodox Easter