

News from Chagrin Falls High School

Steven Ast, Principal

Chagrin Falls Exempted Village Schools



REALIZE

www.chagrinschools.org

Important Update from District Superintendent Robert Hunt, February 19, 2016

It is with an extremely heavy heart that we inform you that we have lost one of our own, Lenny May. We have been notified that Lenny and his wife, Lana, were killed in a car accident at approximately 9:00 P.M. in Bradenton, Florida. It has also been reported to the district that former Chagrin Falls resident Diane Kiffner passed away this morning, while former Chagrin Falls School Board Member and current volunteer football coach, Paul Kiffner is in Blake Medical Center with serious injuries.

Lenny May was an esteemed English teacher, coach and athletic director at Chagrin Falls High School. He served as the English Department Chairperson and was known for his passion for teaching and working with his colleagues. Lenny also was the leader of the Tiger Times, the school newspaper. In 1987, Lenny May was recognized as the Chagrin Falls Teacher of the Year. Following his illustrious teaching and coaching career, Lenny served as the district athletic director for 12 years. Under his tenure, the athletic program grew to offering 24 varsity teams. Four teams won state championships and three were state runners-up. As much success and growth that occurred on the athletic field under his tenure, Lenny's focus and priority remained on the development of the "student" in student-athlete. He, along with his wife, Lana, who served as an elementary teacher in Mentor Schools, dramatically impacted young people throughout their careers.

This morning, we did inform district staff members of this situation as well as provide necessary support. The district will communicate arrangement information as it becomes available. Our thoughts and prayers are with the May and Kiffner families.

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences are Thursday February 25th from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Parents may sign up using for a maximum of three time slots per student. [Click here](#) for easy online sign-up. Registration will be closed at noon on Tuesday February 23rd.

March Madness

The junior class is hosting a March Madness squares fundraiser to raise funds toward prom. There will be 100 squares sold at \$50 each and you have 63 chances to win. Visit the website <https://www.payit2.com/fundraiser/80217> for more details on how to participate and help the junior class! Thank you!

Chagrin Falls Boosters Second Annual Mardi Gras Dinner Dance

Please join us at the 2nd annual Danse De Mardi Gras at the Hillbrook Club on Saturday, February 20th. Tickets are on sale now, and it sold out last year! We are also offering a unique vacation raffle to your choice of three fabulous locations. (Winner need not be present to win!) Go to www.cfboosterclub.org for more information! [Click here](#) for specifics on the fabulous raffle opportunity.

Important Message for Parents of Sophomores

The Counseling Department is pleased to share exciting information regarding an upcoming optional COLLEGE FOCUS DAY planned for the sophomore class. Each year approximately 96% of our graduating seniors attend four-

year colleges and universities throughout the country. It is the philosophy of our department to provide the support services our students and families need in order to progress through the college search and selection process with relative ease. Therefore, we believe it is vitally important to engage our students early on in their high school experience in order to help them in their college search. Arrangements have been made for all sophomore students to participate in a college campus visit day, which has been scheduled for **Tuesday, March 15th**. Students will attend morning classes, then will be transported to one of five area schools: the *University of Akron, Baldwin-Wallace University, Case Western Reserve University, Hiram College* or Lake Erie College.

The purpose of the field trip is to provide an authentic college visitation experience for students who wish to participate. This visit will include a presentation from the undergraduate admissions office and a campus tour. Students will spend approximately two hours on campus that day. Please be aware that each individual school can only accommodate a maximum 40 students. Parents are encouraged to access the email link to register their child for this program. Assignments will be made based upon first come, first served basis. Please complete the online registration and the parental permission form and return it to the Counseling Department by March 8th. This trip serves to engage students in the college process with particular focus on college admissions, academic programs, and campus life. The Counseling Office is seeking parent volunteers to accompany the counselors and students as they visit the various schools. *If you are interested in serving as a chaperon, please contact our office at (440) 247-2209.*

State End of Course Exam Testing April 11th -18th (Delayed Start for non-testers April 11th -14th)

Students will be participating in state of Ohio End of Course Exams during the weeks of April 11th – 18th. These End of Course exams measure student achievement in the following courses: Algebra 1, Geometry, English 9, English 10, Biology (only 9th graders and students new to Ohio this year), US History, and American Government. These tests are connected to students' graduation requirements for the class of 2018 and beyond. They are also the metric the state utilizes in measuring Chagrin Falls High School for our state report card, which impacts participation in national surveys for top high school lists for US News and World Report, Washington Post, etc. Here are links for more information: [Test Information](#), [18 Points for Graduation](#), and [Sample Test Questions](#).

We are very pleased to announce that the state testing has been greatly reduced this school year from last year. We will have a six day testing schedule and all exams will be administered in two sections. Students not testing during the first four days, April 11th – 14th, will be on a delayed start,.

Testing Schedule

- Monday April 11th and Tuesday April 12th: All 9th and 10th Grade English classes
- Wednesday April 13th and Thursday April 14th: Algebra 1, Geometry, and Government (non-AP)
- Friday April 15th and Monday April 18th: US History (non-AP) and Biology (9th graders and students new to Ohio)

PTO Cold Hard Cash Giveaway is Back!

Don't miss out on the fun every Friday morning as we anxiously await the announcement...The Chagrin Falls PTO is once again sponsoring the **COLD HARD CASH GIVEAWAY** that puts \$100 cash in the hands of two winners each week while raising funds for much-needed high school programs and materials. [Click here](#) for more information and to easily order tickets online.

Heart Safe Update

Sudden Cardiac Death is one of the top five leading causes of death in young adults. The Chagrin Falls School District is seeking accreditation as Heart Safe School. Please take a moment to increase your awareness by viewing the risk assessment material in the [attached pdf](#).

Summer Gym Registration Update

In order to give the older students primary position if they "need" summer gym we have adopted the following process for summer gym registration for this year:

REGISTRATION BEGINS:

Rising **Seniors (2016-2017) Class# 6508A:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 9:00 AM

Rising **Juniors (2016-2017) Class# 6508B:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016, 9:00 AM

Rising **Sophomores (2016-2017) Class# 6508C:** Thursday, February 25, 2016, 9:00 AM

Rising **Freshmen (2016-2017) Class# 6508D:** Friday, February 26, 2016, 9:00 AM

Register online at cfce.finalforms.com or by calling 440-247-5375

District Flyer Central

[Click here](#) to get timely updates from the district's support organizations:

Upcoming Events

2/25 Parent Teacher Conferences

2/26 Second Semester Drop Course Deadline

2/29 HS Choir Concert

Sun 02/21	Mon 02/22	Tues 02/23	Wed 02/24	Thurs 02/25	Fri 02/26	Sat 02/27
			Diving States	Parent Teacher Conferences	Second Semester Drop Course Deadline BBB HOME Play-off Game	
Sun 02/28	Mon 02/29	Tues 03/01	Wed 03/02	Thurs 03/03	Fri 03/04	Sat 03/05
	HS Choir Concert					

Steven Ast

Principal

Chagrin Falls High School

400 East Washington Street

Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

440.247.2178

@steven_ast