

## Tom Talks

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

Congratulations to all the participants in fall activities at Cuyahoga Heights Schools. We have had some tremendous accomplishments this fall. Special congratulations to the **Girls Soccer Team** for their District Runner-Up finish and, just as important, the camaraderie and team spirit that you exhibited this season. I know Coach Zawadzki is going to miss this group of seniors.

Best wishes to those athletes that are still competing, including the **Football Team**, which takes on East Canton in the **Regional Semi-Finals** at Hudson this Saturday at 7:00 pm. Sophomore **Darien Tillett** competes at the **State Cross Country Meet** this Saturday at National Trail Raceway, just south of Columbus, at 11:00 am. Darien is Cuyahoga Heights' 3<sup>rd</sup> State Qualifier in the last 32 years in Cross Country. Good Luck, Darien!!

And the **Band** plays on...as long as the Football Team continues its success, we will get to continue to see and hear our outstanding band perform at the games. Congratulations to Mr. Sokol and Mr. Michaels on an outstanding fall concert that left us with a tease for the upcoming holiday concerts, as well as their recent performance at the Cleveland Monsters Hockey game last Friday.

Congratulations to our **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade team of teachers**, for being recognized by the Ohio Middle Level Association, on their implementation of an Intervention Period and their presentation of "*Strategic Scheduling: Intriguing Intervention and Engaging Enrichment*," before a packed session at the recent OMLA State Conference. The group was honored with the **Ohio Component Award** in recognition of their accomplishments. This just reinforces what we already knew: at Cuyahoga Heights we have the best Middle School Teachers in the State of Ohio!!

The **BEST Committee** will be venturing out to the Village Council meetings this month with updates on their work as a continuous improvement committee. The **Community Open House** will be held on **Sunday, January 27, from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm**, with a variety of activities taking place at school that Sunday. That will signal the start of Pre-K and Kindergarten sign ups. Save this date on your calendar.

The building principals will begin hosting quarterly **Mayors Breakfasts** to recognize students and families for consistently exhibiting positive character in alignment with the district's positive behavioral interventions and supports the PBIS initiative. Cuyahoga Heights Mayor Bacci has volunteered to host the first breakfast that will take place on November 15.

The Board of Education recently approved the **Five-Year Forecast** that must be submitted to the state twice a year. You can view the Forecast on the District's website under Departments (Treasurer's tab). The District will also be issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for building renovations. We have aging buildings and will be looking for proposals on the renovations needed to allow the buildings to continue to serve the district long into the future.