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ROBERTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monthly Bulletin

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE - Mr. Kris Gaijer

We are on our way into Quarter 2! November is a busy month in the building as students continue to work through class instruction, projects and assessments. As a reminder to parents, all of your student's homework can be found on our [Homework Hotline](#).

In addition, we will be kicking off our Roberts Season of Giving community engagement with our 40th Annual Turkey Trot on November 18th. This wonderful school race is paired with a canned food and blanket drive that goes directly to Good Neighbors of Cuyahoga Falls. In addition, the Roberts Staff donate Thanksgiving dinners that are raffled off to our students. Please help our school and community by donating to this wonderful cause.

I look forward to watching your students grow as we work towards the halfway point of the school year. If we can do anything at all for your families, please contact us.

Let's get to work!

~ Mr. Kris J Gaijer

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News You Can Use

NO SCHOOL - November 7th and November 8th

There will be no school on these dates due to conferences and elections. No assignments will be given this day so enjoy the time off!

Early Release Day K-12 & Turkey Trot - November 18th

Thanksgiving Day - Nov 24, 2022

Thanksgiving Break will be from November 24 - November 27.



Counselor's Corner

As the school year begins, students feel stress and anxiety. This is a natural process and our counselors are here to help. Please make sure to check out their website for resources or to sign up to meet with them. There are various school counseling groups to join. Check out the School Counselor Grade level google classrooms for more information. Join us on **Twitter** at Roberts Middle School Counselors [@cfrmsCounseling](https://twitter.com/cfrmsCounseling).

6th, 7th and 8th Grade Lunch Groups

8th Grade ROX Group (**R**uling **O**ur **EX**periences)

6th Grade Tiger Time Study Skills

Girls and Boys Student Groups

6th, 7th and 8th Grade Student Ambassadors

Our monthly theme for **November is Education/Careers**. Your child will be completing their required Career lessons through **School Links** in their Tiger Time classes. School Links helps students prepare for college and career readiness and will be essential. For this reason, all students

will need to complete the School Links tasks that will be given to them. Students will be able to access their School Links account at any time. School Links can be found on the Roberts Middle School Counselor's Page under College and Career and on their chromebook bookmark links.

[School Counselor Website](#)

Dress Code Reminders

It is always worth taking a few minutes to remind everyone of some non-negotiable dress code items so parents can help to coordinate with their students. These are outlined in the student handbook and also in Board of Education policy. We try not to micromanage dress code and encourage individual expression. However, dress code will be enforced when it causes a disruption or is a safety issue for any student.

The administration of the building ultimately makes the decisions regarding dress code. If the dress code is violated we will provide the opportunity for students to call home for a change of clothes. Repeated or flagrant offenses will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Because we are establishing school as a place of professional preparation, students should dress appropriately for their educational activities. **We ask that parents and students respect a culture of excellence by doing their part to ensure our students are dressed for success.**

Media Center News

[INFOhio](#) has added a few new resources specifically for middle schoolers. New this year for our kiddos are:

- Capstone Interactive eBooks
- Gale eBooks: STEM & Career Collection
- Infobase Learn360 Video STEM & Career Video Collection
- Science Flix
- World Book eBooks

We encourage you and your kids to take a look at these or any other INFOhio resources whenever they are curious about a topic or better yet - just plain bored.

November's media center lesson is all about locating information. 6th grade will learn about types of information and where to locate each type, 7th grade will learn how to optimize results in ISearch and 8th grade will learn different ways to search in Google. Be sure to ask your student all about what they've learned.

Believe it or not, our middle and high school libraries are already preparing for the move to our new building. With the shift to online sources many students use digital sources instead of print so we are currently weeding of nonfiction books. Don't be surprised if your student comes home with some new treasures for their personal library.

As the holidays approach, please hang onto your Acme receipts and send them into the media center. We participate in the Acme Community Cash Back program and receive library funding for receipts dated August 4th - December 24th.

From the Clinic

In Cuyahoga Falls Schools we work diligently to keep staff and students safe. The nurse is on duty from 8:00 am until 2:24 pm. In addition to the various viruses still floating around, cold and flu season is upon us. Please do your part to keep our school healthy by:

- Keeping students home when they are sick
- Washing hands frequently
- Covering noses/mouths when coughing and sneezing
- Cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects
- Avoiding close contact with anyone that has cold or flu-like symptoms

If at any time you suspect that your student has acquired the COVID-19 virus, you are welcome to contact the nurse in the school clinic to arrange to pick up a free COVID home test while supplies last. Current recommendations by the Summit County Public Health Department are that positive individuals isolate for 5 days and, as long as symptoms have significantly improved, resume normal activities while masked days 6 through 10.

We are still actively seeking immunization records for several students. Please provide documentation to the clinic anytime your student receives a vaccine required for school. We are not automatically notified when these shots are administered, and rely on parents/guardians to keep us updated!

There are also many outstanding requests for physician signed Action Plans and medications. If you have received a request for one of these items, please submit them to the school clinic as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding required immunizations, Action Plans/medication requests or any other clinic related question, please contact Candy Dannemiller, LPN, in the school clinic at 330-926-3809 ext 502408.

WINTER BAND CONCERT

The Roberts Winter Band concert will be Tuesday December 14 at 7:00 PM in the Cuyahoga Falls High School Auditorium. This concert is free and open to the public and will feature the Beginning Band, Intermediate Band, Advanced Band, and Jazz Band. All Roberts Band students are required to attend and participate in this event. Details including report time and uniform information was home with students on Wednesday, November 3.

Technology Club News

The Technology Club started meeting on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 8:00 in the media center in September. An average of 29 students have attended each meeting over their first seven meetings. Students are working in groups to focus on Coding, Robotics, Circuitry, and/or 3D Design challenges. Additionally, some students have started using some study hall time to explore these areas in greater detail. Interested students should see an announcement in their Tiger Time Google Classroom or contact Mr. Oris for more information.

Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) News

Roberts Middle School is proud to host this group to learn about our LGBTQ community. The purpose of this club is to:

- help students be able to express their true selves without fear;
- learn more readily in a safe environment;
- feel supported by the educational institution;
- develop healthy psychological well-being;
- have higher educational aspirations and academic achievement.

Research has shown that schools that have a GSA have lower rates of bullying and higher rates of student achievement overall. Roberts GSA is open to all students as we all seek to learn together.

GSA meetings are held every other Thursday from 3-3:45pm in Mr. Hartong's room.

Builder's Club News

Builder's Club will be meeting on Thursdays after school from 3:00 to 3:45 in Miss Flohr's room or Mrs. Hostutler's room. All students are welcome!!! Our Halloween Dance was a huge success! Thank you to everyone that helped out and participated! As we move into November we will start discussing our fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House in December and hopefully a volunteer opportunity at Good Neighbors.

Miss Flohr and Mrs. Hostutler, Advisors

The Voice News

The Voice is an important student group that focuses on changing Roberts Middle School for the better. Working with teacher advisor Mr. Hartong, this leadership group is given an annual budget to propose and advocate for positive changes that will enhance the student experience at Roberts! The Voice is made up of a selected group of 8th graders who are chosen at the end of their 7th grade year. The Voice will meet every other Thursday during TigerTime.

Our school leaders are currently writing letters in support of an all-weather walking path at the new school campus and researching the possibility of a healthy vending machine at Roberts Middle School.

Art Club News

Join Roberts Middle School on Instagram and check out what we are creating @ Roberts_Middle_School_Art

Come see all the amazing art from the fall semester at the Winter Art Show on Thursday, December 15! More details will be shared as the date approaches.

Students have been busy folding origami cranes in and out of art club time. They are trying to reach 1,000 cranes by spring break. If they are successful Mrs. Hamilton will ship the cranes to Japan to be displayed in Hiroshima's Peace Park where thousands of origami cranes are on display from people all over the world promoting World Peace.

During the month of November Art Club will be helping to create art for Roberts 40th Annual Turkey Trot!

STAND Club News

STAND is back this year! This leadership group focuses on supporting our students and community through our own positive actions. We will be meeting Thursday September 30th right after school in Room 103. Future meetings will be every other Thursday after school. More information is on the Google Classroom - be sure to check it out. We look forward to having you be a part of STAND! **Google Classroom code is zs5ni77.**

Intramurals

Intramurals will be different for the next two weeks. Any student that brings in 2 donation items daily, will be allowed to come into the gymnasium during Tiger Time on the specific day they bring in their donations. Donation Tiger Time periods will be occurring daily for the next two weeks except Friday. The Tiger Time class that brings in the most items by Friday that specific week, can come in as a class during the period and choose their activity. The following week we will start again until the Turkey Trot on the 18th. Below is a list of most needed items for the food banks. Please consider donating to our special **40th Annual Turkey Trot** food drive which goes to our local Good Neighbors.

<u>Most Needed Items</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meals in a can (stew, chili, soup)• Tuna and canned meat.• Peanut butter.• Canned foods with pop-top lids.• Low-sugar cereals.• 100% fruit juices in single serving boxes.• Canned fruit packed in juice.• Canned vegetables (low salt)• Snacks for kids (granola bars, etc.)• Holiday type food items (cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, stuffing mix)

Homework Hotline

Need to know what your child's homework is? All parents and students have access to the [Roberts Homework Hotline](#). Please visit www.cfalls.org and go to the Roberts website. You can find the link on the left hand side.

Cafeteria Information

****Due to manufacturer shortages, menus are subject to change. Please be patient as we navigate this process and keep menus up to date to the best of our knowledge.**

Free and reduced lunch application and fee waiver MUST be complete if needed for qualification of school fee adjustments. Please find more information regarding the school meal programs at: [Black Tiger Food and Nutrition Website](#).

Students' lunch IDs are the same as the student number. Parents are encouraged to use the online account to deposit lunch money, track purchases and notify you via email when your account balance is low. Please use this link to find important information for school meals. <https://www.payschoolscentral.com/>

If you are paying by cash or check, students place an envelope in the lockbox in the cafeteria or outside the main office. **Cash or check is not accepted in lines.**

The price for meals is as follows... Breakfast \$1.75, Lunch \$3.00, and Milk is sold for .50 cents.

Our cafeteria routines of seating, cleaning tables and sweeping the floor will be returning this school year. Students will be allowed to choose a seat daily, unless a student demonstrates inappropriate lunch behavior earning them an assigned seat. Students will need to leave their space cleaned, garbage managed and chairs pushed in.

Band Concerts!

The Roberts Bands have TWO upcoming concerts next month!

Tuesday December 13 is our WINTER BAND CONCERT. This concert is for ALL band students and will feature our Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Bands. The concert will be held in the CFHS Auditorium at 7:00 PM. Students should arrive by 6:30 PM for attendance and warm-ups. Concert apparel is dressy, white on top and black on bottom.

Monday December 19 is our SIDE-BY-SIDE CONCERT featuring the Advanced Bands from Bolich and Roberts alongside the Akron Symphonic Winds. This exciting concert will give our students first-hand experience playing with top professionals from the region. Students will spend the afternoon attending clinics and rehearsals with members of ASW, then present a concert in the CFHS Auditorium at 7:00 PM. Dinner will be provided for students courtesy of the Instrumental Music Patrons.

Daily Absences

If your student will be absent from school, arriving late, or leaving during the day, please call 330-926-3809. Leaving a message is perfectly fine. Please leave the student's name, the reason for the absence, and your relationship to the student.

PTO

On behalf of the Roberts PTO, **Welcome Back!** We have been busy planning activities and events for the upcoming school year, but we need you and your talents! Please join us by [clicking here](#). Feel free to contact our new President Mrs. Joanne Green at jmgreen@neo.rr.com with any membership questions. You can also visit our [Facebook page](#) to get the most up to date information. With your support, we can make this year the best year ever!


Communication

We are always working to increase communication effectiveness so you get all of the information you need. As a reminder, all school information will first be posted on the www.cfalls.org website and also covered in the weekly ALL CALL from Mr. Gaijer. If you are a Facebook user, the [Roberts PTO Facebook page](#) is a great place for information as well. This group will allow for communication of coming events and sharing of information.

Up - Coming Events

Here are some potential coming events for the school year 2021-2022. (Subject to change)

November

7	No Student in building-Parent Teacher Conferences
8	Election Day- District PD Day
9	Roberts PTO STEAM Fundraiser (to raise money for STEAM instruction)
15	Roberts PTO Meeting
18	Early Release Day for K-12 & 40th Annual Turkey Trot 
24-27	Thanksgiving Break

December

9	Early Release Day for K-12
13	WINTER BAND CONCERT for all band students @ CFHS 7:00 PM
19	Side-by-Side Concert for Advanced Band students @ CFHS 7:00 PM
21	End of Quarter 2
22	Winter Break Begins

January

4	School Resumes
13	Early Release Day for K-12
16	MLK Day - No School

February

10	Early Release Day for K-12
17	District PD Day- No School for Students
20	President's Day - No School
21-24	Book Fair
23	Evening Conferences

March

17	End of Quarter 3
17-19	8th grade Trip to Washington DC
27	Spring Break Begins

April

3	School Resumes
7	No School for staff or students
10	No School for staff or students
21	Early Release for K-12

May

2	Election Day- No school for students
12	Early Release for K-12
25	Last day of school for students

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