

# **Comet Courier**

September 2019

### From the Office of the Superintendent

Welcome back, Comets!!!! Cassville Schools have been in session for almost a month and our sports seasons since the middle of August. All of our teams have been working hard this fall and are coming on strong to end the season and get ready for the playoffs! Great job this year football, cross-country, trap shooting, and volleyball athletes and coaches. Thank you for your sportsmanship and positive representation of the Cassville School and community. Here's to a great finish!!!

I am pleased to welcome our two foreign exchange students joining us. Lucas Landeta (Spain) and Araceli Martinez (Spain) have become our newest Cassville Comets. Both of them bring a wonderful culture, personal experiences, and worldly insight for everyone here in Cassville. Welcome and thank you for joining us! New staff joining us this year are Trevor Bohn, Kathleen Fleming, JoAnn Gerke, and Tiffany Schauer. As always we miss those who left, but these additions are doing a great job and we are fortunate to have had each of them join our district. Thank you!

We are in our tenth year of the character education initiative. This year's theme is "Shine a Light". Our four virtues this year are <u>Pride, Patriotism, Perseverance, and Potential</u>. Each quarter focuses around one virtue and all students in K-12 do a mixture of activities, lessons, fundraisers, and community connections to promote this district wide initiative.

Students this fall are getting ready for Homecoming activities, several regional and state competitions, and already some impressive field trips. The musical is also gearing up for their presentation of OKLAHOMA! Thank you to all of the students and staff that have organized, fundraised, and dedicated their time for these events to be possible.

We are having a great start this fall and it looks to be another excellent year for Cassville Schools!



**Mr. John Luster** Superintendent/Principal

### From the Office of the Dean of Students

Welcome back! Between fall sports and preparing for our annual musical, the first couple of months have been very busy! Playoffs and regionals are upon us, winter sports are right around the corner, and the musical is a few short weeks away. Good luck to our performers and athletes! A big thanks to everyone who comes out to support our many activities. We sincerely appreciate the sportsmanship and positive behavior that we've seen from our spectators and players; please remember that YOU represent who we are and what we stand for at CHS.

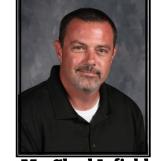
I am pleased to introduce all of our new students – those who are new to our school this year are Kailynn Beattie Edge, Carl Towsley, Logan Wiest, Hayleigh Walters, Cristin Jones, Chase Montay, James King, Ben Merz, Erasmus

Okey, Abigail Tasker, Lucas Landeta, Chloe Timm, Araceli Martinez, and Samantha Merz. It is also great to see all of our new 4K students. Welcome to our school!

We will continue to develop character throughout our school and community, and this year's theme is "Shine a Light." Each quarter we will introduce a new word to promote our theme, and we've selected pride, patriotism, perseverance, and potential. Throughout the school year, our students will do a combination of activities, lessons, fundraisers, and community connections to promote this district-wide initiative.

We are off to a great start and I hope you all have a great year.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.



**Mr. Chad Infield**Dean of Students/Activities Director

## **High School News**

### **English**

#### English 10 (5th period)

Ms. Fleming's 5th period English 10 class created a descriptive group paragraph. Great job to the following people: Drew Bendorf, David Lenz, Heather Meyers, Lexi Radolff, Jonah Vogt, Dylan Zuccaro, Ara Martinez and Lucas Landeta, Keep up the good work!

"Trying to change the T.V. channel, Terry and Brek fight over the remote; but the older girl will win. Both the girls are frustrated and struggling. Brek appears to be stronger. Terry and Brek have long brown hair. Sitting on the black couch, they pull and grab one another for the clicker. Terry screams at Brek while trying to firmly grasp the remote. Brek's long dirty blond hair blocks her contorted facial expressions. Grabbing the remote with both hands, the girls failed to take it away from each other. The siblings are angry and they are arguing over the T.V. but the older sibling always wins."

#### **American Literature**

The junior American Literature class started the year with reading the Shakespeare play "Twelfth Night". They attended the live production of the play at American Players Theater in Spring Green, Wisconsin. Although very hot that day, everyone seemed to enjoy it. The class is now reading "The Crucible" and learning about the Salem Witch Trials.

#### **Senior Communication**

The Senior communication class is focusing on logical argument in a persuasive essay. This is better known as "How to Argue without Cheating". They are focusing on syllogisms with factual premises and sound conclusions. With practice, they will be able to eliminate irrational argument from their lives.

### **Physical Education**

#### 5-15th Grade



Mr. Reising's 5-12 Physical Education classes have been dodging rain storms in an attempt to get outdoors and exercise. The classes trained for the annual homecoming volleyball tournament and also participated in eclipse ball, a combination of volleyball and tennis. Students completed the Presidential Fitness challenge, which consisted of the sit-and-reach, pull-ups/arm hang, shuttle run and curl-ups. The PACER challenge has replaced the mile run, which stands for Progressive Aerobic Cardiovascular Endurance Run. The objective of the PACER is to run as long as possible while keeping a specific pace. Students run back and forth a 20-meter space at a pace that gets faster each minute.We are still hoping to get outside and participate in flag football, soccer, and speedball.

#### **9th Grade Health Class**

9th grade Health students are giving presentations on a wide variety of interesting topics. Following the presentations they will be taught hands-only CPR and basic First Aid.

#### **Personal Fitness**

Personal Fitness classes continue to do the TeamBuildr workout. TeamBuildr is a very challenging, intense workout and has a wide variety of lifts and exercises that vary each day. The students are really doing well in the personal fitness room and the numbers have really increased from last year.

#### **Character Education**

Theme: "Shine a Light"
Quarter 1: Pride
Quarter 2: Patriotism
Quarter 3: Perseverance
Quarter 4: Potential

#### **Public Speaking**

The Public Speaking class has been addressing how to overcome fear about public speaking. One way they accomplish this is by doing the announcements for Mrs. Hauk in the morning. They have produced wonderful presentations that introduced famous people and dramatic readings. They are now focusing on creating persuasive advertisements.

### **Agriculture**

#### In the Classroom

In the classroom, agriculture students are working hard at their academics. Food Science has been learning equipment used in the kitchen and about the canning process and even created homemade jellies and jams! Agriculture mechanics have been researching careers and learning how to read micrometers and calipers for precise measurement. Dairy Science scholars are diving into their studies and learning about the Dairy Industry as well as the common dairy breeds. Welding has learned what it takes to be safe in the shop and how to strike an arc and are beginning to learn what all goes into welding. Large Animal Science dove straight into the beef unit and has learned several concepts such as meat-grading and cuts, by-products, labels, breeds, the industry, and branding. They even had the chance to create their own brands! A few agriculture students, consisting of Cheyenne Auel, Sam Ihm, Jaiden Ackerman, Cassidy Hyer-Kemmerling, Moria Kasper-Theisen, Omara Myers, Brandon Klein, and Levi Hampton were able to attend the Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Ag on Campus Day! They learned about different agricultural programs available and were able to participate in hands-on labs.



#### **FFA**

The Cassville FFA has revved up their engines and ready to take on the year. The Wisconsin Association of FFA theme this year is "Rise Up, Stand Out" and the

Cassville FFA chapter has done just that! Over the summer, students competed at land evaluation competitions in the state of Wisconsin with the help of Ron Hampton.



Our senior team, consisting of AJ Butler, Levi Hampton, Anna Kartman, and Jade McDonald, won 1st place at the River Ridge Land Evaluation Competition and took 2nd at the state competition in Watertown, Wisconsin. The top 5 teams at state have the opportunity to compete at the National Land Evaluation Competition in Oklahoma and the senior team is proud to represent Cassville.

One of our junior teams also took 1st place in the Junior division at state. That team consisted of Nick Hampton, Laura Walker, and Ally Ihm. Olivia Adams also took 1st place junior during the state competition. Officers attended the Sectional Leadership Workshop in Shullsburg for the upcoming year. The theme was "Start Your Engines" and the officers were able to take away

leadership skills along with many other ideas on what to lead into the 2019-2020 school year. We also just recently had our Hog Roast Fundraiser hosted by the Royal Bank of Cassville and it was a hit...raising over \$1,000. We can't thank our Comet Community and our sponsors enough for their continued support!



### **NHS Officers**

President- Lydia Reynolds

Vice President- Ezra Okey

**Secretary/Treasure**r- Ashley Williams

### **Student Council Officers**

President- Ezra Okey

Vice President- Ashley Williams

**Secretary/Treasurer**- Lydia Reynolds

#### **Business Club News**

This year's Business Club consists of fourteen members: Seniors Skyler Bartels, Lydia Reynolds, Rianna Reynolds, Grace Vogt, Ara Martinez, Ezra Okey, Dylan Duvall, and Ashely Williams; and Juniors Britney Boxrucker, Aj Butler, Chloe Hurt, Anna Kartman, Erynn Little, and Jade McDonald. These students have been given the task of promoting businesses in Cassville on Mississippi Magic. Mississippi Magic is a Facebook page that promotes small businesses along the Mississippi River in Wisconsin.

Business Club is also doing multiple fundraisers this school year. They started off the year with selling

Comet Pride yard signs. If you are interested in purchasing any yard signs, find a Business Club member or Mrs. Martin. They are \$12. They are now selling Yankee Candles.



#### **Desktop Publishing Photo Contest Contest Winners**



1st Place - Rianna Reynolds
"The Calm After the Storm"



2nd Place - Britney Boxrucker "A Farmer's Sunrise"



3rd Place- Jade McDonald
"Webbing Your Way Through Life"

### **2019 Homecoming Re-Cap**

This year's homecoming theme was "Vanquish the Vikings".

The students had so much fun with all of the activities during homecoming week. This year's class with the most homecoming points and WINNER of the spirit award was..... The Juniors!

#### **Contest**

This year's themes for the Dress-Up Days included: Class Color Day, Meme Day,

Pajama Day, Country/Western Day, and Green and White Day.

The Juniors won overall for the dress up days.

**Cheer Competition- Winners**: Tie between Juniors

and Seniors

Float- Winners: Juniors

Spirit Board-Winners: 3 way tie! The Seniors, Juniors,

and Sophomores.

Windows-Winners: Juniors

Walls- Winners: Seniors

Spirit Award-Winners: Juniors

#### Court

Freshman- Nick Hampton and Abby Tasker

Sophomores- Drew Bendorf and Lexi Radloff

Juniors- Aj Butler and Lindsey Hudson

Seniors- Dylan Duvall and Grace Vogt

King and Queen- Ezra Okey and Lydia Reynolds

#### Sports awards

Mr. Ugly- Brandon Klein

Ms. Digger- Lydia Reynolds

Mr. & Ms. Cruisin'- Dylan Duvall and Ashley Williams

Mr. Claybuster- Aj Butler



#### Homecoming continued...

Beverly Boyum was last year's marshal for our homecoming parade. Mrs. Boyum taught the fourth graders about the history of Wisconsin. The biggest portion would be about the history of Nelson Dewey, whom of which resided in our own

town. After learning about Nelson Dewey and the state of Wisconsin, the fourth graders would then take a field trip to Stonefield and



reenact how children then would go about their school days. During this day students also got the chance to tour Nelson Dewey's home. She was an incredible teacher and deserves to still be recognized for her amazing work.



This year's homecoming marshal is Susan Bernhardt. Mrs. Bernhardt has taught for 42 years, she taught for 12 years at

St. Charles and the remaining 30 years she taught at Cassville High School. During her time as a teacher here she did many monumental things. Mrs. Bernhardt started the character education program, the Giving Tree, was a leader of student council, and was a forensics coach for many years. Mrs. Bernhardt star-

ted the character education program to have younger people learn empathy; since we can all



learn to be better citizens.





### **Fall Sports Rewind**

#### Volleyball Girls 2019 Season

#### **Pink NIght**



October 3rd, 2019, hosted our annual "Dig Pink" night in Potosi! Cassville and Potosi volleyball programs dedicated their match that night

to breast cancer due to October being breast cancer awareness month. The volleyball girls all had their pink shirts and bows ready to play an

intense game all for an amazing cause. During the game, they auctioned the pink and white volleyball the girls played with, and



ending up raising \$380! Although our Lady Comets lost, we know that this game meant a lot to everyone on and off the court. It was a pleasure to recognize the survivors, the fighters, and those who have lost their battles.



Though Mrs. Bernhardt wishes she could have done more with character education and focus more on quarterly words. Many students still remember Mrs. Bernhardt due to all the things she taught them for life after school. She was a truly amazing teacher and deserves to be recognized for her achievements in our school district.

#### **Varsity**



The Varsity
Volleyball Team is
coached by fourth
year head coach,
Jacob Berntezke.
This year's varsity
team consisted of

Sami Bartels, Jade Mcdonald, Anna Kartman, Laura Walker, Rianna Reynolds, Lydia Reynolds, Grace Vogt, and Abby Tasker. The varsity had a total of three conference wins this year with a year ending record of 9-15. These conference wins came over Potosi, Belmont, and Benton. Their post-season playoffs began and ended with a loss against hosting Benton. On October 10th, Lady Comets hosted Highland during their senior night. The senior class of five was gifted with homemade pillows and the juniors prepared speeches for the evening. On October 3 rd, Cassville was hosted by Potosi for the annual dig pink night. Although the night ended with a loss, the two teams raised

money for families struggling with breast cancer in our communities. The season may have ended too soon, but the Lady Comets



are happy with how they played all season and are very thankful to the community members who supported them throughout the year.



#### **Junior Varsity**

The Junior Varsity team is coached by second year coach Ms. Mai. This year's JV Team consists of Makenzie Wiest, Ally Ihm, Heather Myers,



Lexi Radloff, Abby Douglas, Skylar Otte, Cassidy Hyer-Kemerling, and Ara Martinez. The team had five returning players including Makenzie Wiest, Ally Ihm, Lexi Radloff, Cassidy Hyer-Kemerling, and



Heather Myers. The rest of the players were new to volleyball including one foreign exchange. Ara, the foreign exchange, had never touched a volleyball in her

life before coming to Cassville. Even though she has never played before, she does put in a lot of effort and is always a team player. The overall record of the JV team this year was 0-12.









#### **Junior High**

The Junior High Volleyball team is coached by Madelyn Nix. Her team consists of five eighth graders, Trista Curran, Skyler Miles,

Irelyn Brinkman, Hannah



Infield, and Kenzi Mergen, and two seventh graders, Cristin Jones and Riley Infield. Their record this season was 8-11. This year their biggest accomplishment was defeating HG-IC, the toughest team in there league, in the first game in their tournament.

#### **Cross Country**

This season the Comet Cross Country Team gained three new members: Breanna Donaldson, Aj Butler, and Lucas Landeta. Returning members are Dylan Duvall, Ashley Williams, and Ally Ihm. Seniors include; Dylan Duvall, Ashley Williams, Breanna Donaldson and Lucas Landeta. The Comets are led by Coach Bernetske.

Cross Country has always been a sport of character and intrinsic motivation. There aren't a lot of students that find daily



runs and conditioning much fun. But for these athletes, the reward is satisfaction from succeeding in the face of a challenge. At Platteville on October 5th, the athletes ran through some of the most miserable conditions I've ever seen at a race. Ankle deep mud and puddles throughout the course made running difficult, and some of them even had to battle heavy rain throughout their races. But attitudes stayed largely positive and everyone ran and cheered for their teammates. We have had some great successes this year. Lucas, AJ, and Breanna all ran in their first ever cross country meets and have shown a lot of courage and character throughout the season, sometimes in spite of pain and injury. Ashley Williams ran this season on varsity for the first time, and she had to catch up after arriving a few weeks into the season. Ally Ihm has placed near the front of the pack on varsity at every race and is showing the potential to be a state-bound runner. And Dylan Duvall has not only improved his race times by over a minute, but he's taken on a leadership role throughout the season.

Cross Country sectionals will take place in Boscobel on October 26. Ashley, Ally, and Dylan will run for Cassville. Coach Bernetzke said, "I'm proud to have coached this group of runners and I can't wait to see what the future holds for each of them."



#### **Always Us**

The Potosi-Cassville Football team has finished the season as a 4-2 team making them playoff contenders. The PC squad have won 4 games

against River Ridge, Southwestern, Pittsville, and Pec./Argyle, and will be heading to Boscobel to face the Bulldogs in the



final game of the regular season. Also for the team, they have only lost two games, those two teams being Black Hawk/Warren and Benton/Scales Mounds/Shullsburg. The PC team was determined from the beginning to make the 2019 season the best one yet. Even though losing the very first two conference games, the team was destined to get better and claim their ticket to the playoffs. Since week 3, the squad outscored their opponents 132-35. Potosi-Cassville is currently ranked third below Black Hawk/Warren and Benton/Scales Mounds/Shullsburg.
Congratulations on a great season and GO PC!!!!

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### **Music Education**

#### Choir

The MS and HS Choirs have been very busy since the start of the year preparing for the Veteran's Day Program as well as our first ever 4K-12th Grade Holiday Concert. On October 1, 13 students participated in the Six Rivers Honors Choir Festival. Middle school participants were Kenzi Mergen, Ashton Revels, and Morgan Revels. High School Participants were Breanna Donaldson, Dylan Duvall, Cassidy Hyer, Heather Myers, Ezra Okey, Lexi Radloff, Kendra Rouse, Grace Vogt, Makenzie Wiest, and Ashley Williams. One week later, on October 8, 6 students participated in the High School Choral Festival at UW-Platteville. Those students are AJ Butler, Chloe Hurt, Erynn Little, Ezra Okey, Ashley Williams, and Dylan Zuccaro. Congratulations to all that participated in the Honors and High School Choral Festivals!

### **Seniors**

President-

Skyler Bartels

**Vice President-**

Lydia Reynolds

**Secretary/Treasurer-**

Ezra Okey

### **Freshmen**

President-

Raz Okey

**Vice President-**

Nick Hampton

Secretary/ Treasurer-

Xander Hauk

### **Juniors**

President-

Anna Kartman

**Vice President-**

AI Butler

Secretary/ Treasurer-

**Britney Boxrucker** 

### 8th Grade

President-

**Gauge Breuer** 

**Vice President-**

Chance Mueller

Secretary/ Treasurer-

James King

### **Sophomores**

President-

Skylar Otte

**Vice President-**

Olivia Adams

**Secretary/Treasurer-**

Miles Reynolds

### 7th Grade

President-

Race Landon

Vice President-

Alex Ploessl

Secretary/ Treasurer-

Ethan Zuccaro

### **Students of the Month**

### **September**

Kendra Rouse- T.A.

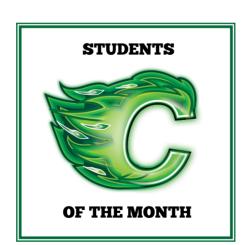
Ezra Okey- Math

Cam Schmitz- Art 2D

Levi Hampton- Animal

Science

Ashley Williams- Band



### **October**

Britney Boxrucker-Desktop

Anna Kartman- Desktop

*Lindsey Hudson-* Social Studies

Danny Schmitz- Info. Processing

Aiden Thoma- Computer Apps.

### **Teen of the Week-**

Kendra Rouse

### Teen of the Week -

Britney Boxrucker

## **Elementary School News**

#### 100 Mile Club



This year, Cassville Elementary is excited to join the 100 Mile Club, which is a national organization that encourages students to walk or run 100 miles in a school year. That's about 3 miles a week. They earn their miles at recess and with their class. At each 25 mile checkpoint, they earn a prize: a shirt, pencil, bracelet, and gold metal. This project supports school wellness, Character Education (pride in your body and your school), and Social Emotional Learning (helping your body get into the "Green Zone"). Miles are tracked on the Elementary Guidance bulletin board.

#### **Social Emotional Learning**

This year for classroom guidance, we are introducing a new curriculum called Sanford Harmony. This program was free to our school thanks to a grant, and it supports Social Emotional Learning (SEL). Students focus themes include: Diversity& inclusion, Empathy & Critical Thinking,
Communication, Problem Solving, and Peer Relationships. It also uses some mindfulness and games to learn SEL skills.

### **Physical education**

Students in 4K-4th Grade have been learning the rules to P.E.: Be Ready to Learn, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible. Students in the 3rd and 4th grade have been learning soccer skills, football skills, and teamwork skills. Students in 4k-2nd Grade have been working on tag games, teamwork skills, throwing and catching, and kicking. We will be working on our Fitnessgram Testing in the next couple of weeks. Students will be tested in multiple ways: pacer test, arm-hang, sit-ups, sit-and-reach, and the shuttle run.

## Teresa Timrott, our intern from Germany



Teresa Timrott, an intern from Germany, taught in the 5K classroom the week of September 16-20. The students enjoyed the lessons she taught them. The 5K class is studying fall and is looking forward to their field trip with the 4K to Vesperman farms on October 21!

#### **Elementary library**

2nd Grade through 6th Grade are getting a strong start on their Accelerated Reading Program. These students test to see where their reading level begins and



they check out books and read them. They take a mini guiz to test for comprehension. The students

work towards a goal set up each quarter. These students have until the end of the quarter to reach their goals. 1st Graders have been learning the IPads and self check-out stations.



Learning to navigate the IPads can be a lot of fun. Here are a couple of pictures they took while using the Photo Booth App.

### **Building bridges...**



The third graders had to design a bridge that could span a distance of 40cm. The only materials available to the students were 15 large craft sticks, tape, 10 small craft sticks, and two note cards. The bridge that could hold the most weight would be the winner. The top bridge design held 739 grams. Way to go, Crystal, Codie, and Bentley!