



Comet Courier

January 2019

I hope all of you had a very happy holiday season and continued safe traveling throughout the winter months! Remember that we always welcome your use of our facilities whenever possible! Please stop in or call the high school office to speak to me or Cindy Ritter about what ideas or needs you personally or your organization may have!

Earlier this fall, our musical students had three wonderful performances of Footloose! High school, junior high and elementary students from Cassville and St. Charles schools created a large and dedicated ensemble of actors led by Mrs. Baker and Mr. Amweg. This production left many saying that these two new comers to the Cassville staff have set the bar high for our future musicals here in Cassville. Great job to our students and staff!

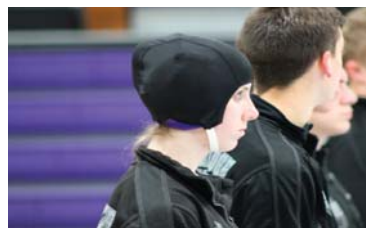
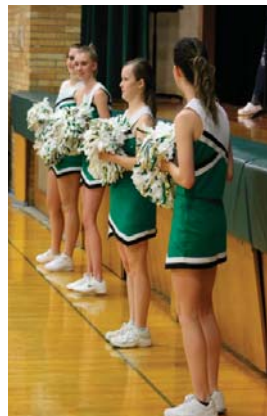
Students will be signing up for next year's classes

soon and our seniors begin their last semester here at Cassville High School! Time keeps ticking so be sure to make the most of your school days with friends, family, and teachers! We have many sports, organizations and programs to join. We are also always open to supporting new ideas or organizations to start if enough are interested in joining. Please become involved with one of the many great programs our school has to offer.

Remember that the Cassville community takes pride in this school and in you our students.

Have a great second semester and safe winter!

Mr. John Luster
Superintendent/Principal



High School

Social Studies 7

Students in Social Studies 7 have completed learning about how the idea of cultural development in the United States was developing by the 1820's. Instead of reading books by English authors, James Fennimore Cooper was the author of choice for American readers. Students even wrote their own short story about an experience in America. This group of 7th graders are very creative and strong writers.

Students in Social Studies 8 have been working on the involvement of the United States in World War I. The Central Powers and the Allied Powers fought in

Social Studies 8

Students in Social Studies 8 are currently studying how the 1920's was a time of carefree fun. Jazz was the music and radio brought people the news, sports and commercials. Students designed and shared a brief radio program based on the news and events of the 1920's. An attempt was made to challenge the students to learn and dance the Charleston. Dance moves from the 1920's can be challenging!

Government

The Government class ended with the end of 1st Semester. Students worked on the various forms of government used by the Native American tribes in the State of Wisconsin. Native American tribes are sovereign nations and they are considered a 'nation within a nation'. Wisconsin has 11 federally recognized nations within the State of Wisconsin.

World History

In World History the Freshmen class just finished the main ideas of the Renaissance and the Reformation. Now the class has started working on the Exploration of the World by European nations. Portugal, Spain and Great Britain will lead the way. The America's, Asia and Africa will face the challenges of their explorations.

Musical - Footloose

In November, after 8 weeks of rehearsal and planning, the music department presented its 2018 musical Footloose. The students took on this challenging show head on with outstanding results. This was, perhaps, the most difficult show in school history regarding the amount of dancing required of the students.

They all showed how hard work can pay off and were able to dance their way through this fun show. Thank you to the cast and crew for working so hard and "rolling with the punches." Thanks goes out to the community for filling the gym every night and supporting the students in such an amazing way!!



2018 Christmas concerts

Both the Middle School/High School and Elementary Concerts were a rousing success. Thank you to all of the students that participated and for the families/community for supporting music in our school! We hope that the concerts were able to start your holiday season in the best way possible. The beginning of the year has started with two fun activities for all vocal music students. They decorated Mrs. Baker's Bulletin board with music symbols and what they like about music or music class. To get ready for the upcoming Super Bowl, all students are participating in the inaugural Super Bowl National Anthem Competition. Students are watching videos of singers from 2003-2018 performing the National Anthem at the Super Bowl. They vote for their favorite singers, NCAA Bracket Style. The winner will face Whitney Houston's National Anthem performance to see who will be crowned the Mega Champion. Besides these fun activities, 4K-1st classes are working on moving to music by learning songs about New Years, Wiggling, and Opposites. 3rd-6th Grade classes are in the middle of a unit on beat and rhythm in music. The middle school and high school choirs are beginning to work on music for the Pops Concert, as well as Solo and Ensemble music. It has been a very fun start to the year.



Spelling Bee

The annual Junior High Spelling Bee was held on Wednesday, December 12th. First place went to 6th grader Noah Adrian. Second went to 7th grader Skyler Miles. Third place went to 6th grader Race Landon. The winners will participate in the Spelling Bee Sectional, which will be held at UW-Platteville on Tuesday January 23rd.



Giving Tree

Mrs. Bernhardt's multi-age group, Honor, organized The Giving Tree fund-raiser, which ran from Nov. 26-30, to raise money for needy families in the village of Cassville. The group was assisted this year by multi-age groups led by Mr. Bernetzke and Ms. Mai, along with Mrs. Hammerly's FFA. Together the students and staff worked concessions and sold ornaments and bakery throughout the two weeks. A big thank you goes to Ms. Mason's foods class, Mrs. Jacobson's multi-age group, Mrs. Valerie Martin, and the Robert Bernhardt family for donations of food/baking for this event. The amount collected was \$778, which was the highest dollar amount ever raised. This money along with \$800 from the Lioness went to provide a happier holiday season for members of our own community.

Band

The High School, Middle School, and Beginning Band are working toward their "Pops Concert" on Thursday, March 14, 2019. Some of the High School, and Middle School students are also working on music for Solo and Ensemble Festival, which will be on April 6th

List of Band Dates:

Wednesday 1.23.19 - 6:30 pm Music Parents Meeting School Cafeteria

Thursday 1.31.19 - 6:30 pm Pep Band for Boys Basketball

Tuesday 2.5.19 - 6:30 pm Pep Band for Boys Basketball

Tuesday 2.12.19 - 6:30 pm Pep Band for Girls Basketball

Thursday 2.21.19 - 6:30 pm Pep Band for Boys Basketball

Tuesday 3.12.19 - 7:00 pm High School Honors Band @Wauzeka

Thursday 3.14.19 - 7:00 pm 5-12 Pops Concert

Saturday 4.6.19 - All Day Solo and Ensemble Festival @Highland

It is going to be a busy year for us, thank you for your support!



Speech

Students just finished a four-minute informative speech using a single notecard. It was a challenging way to end the first semester. They are now composing special occasion speeches with a choice between a best man/maid of honor or christening speech. The rest of the quarter will include a declamation presentation (recreation of a famous speech) and a demonstration.

Senior Communication

The seniors have Isaac Okey from Royal Bank coming in to discuss finance. They are currently learning the difference between technical writing and other types of writing and will soon be examining ethics issues in the workplace.

American Literature

Juniors are preparing to take their ACT tests in February. They are currently reading *The Crucible* and becoming aware of the historical consequences of innocent people being wrongly accused. Their studies include reading about the Red Scare and the Joe McCarthy era, as well as the internment of Japanese during the war. Students also recently received the results of their ASVAB tests, an aptitude test given by the military, and learned a lot about their strengths and possible career avenues. This will become a part of their career exploration ahead this quarter.

Composition 10

The sophomores just completed a unit on personal narratives. They spent a great deal of practice on better use of sensory details and devising effective introductions, closings, and engaging titles. They will be exploring the women's rights movement by studying the speeches of Susan B. Anthony and Sojourner Truth. This will lead up to a research project in Ms. Mai's American History class.

Student Council

Student Council organized a Snow Ball event for January 26 that was canceled due to weather, but they hope to reschedule it soon. They are currently working on plans for the celebration of I Love My Public School Week, February 10-16

NHS Blood Drive

The annual National Honor Society blood drive was held on Thursday, November 8th. During Parent-Teacher conferences, students, staff, and community members gathered to donate their blood to save lives and support the annual NHS local scholarship. NHS members and Ms. Stratton organized the blood drive partnering with the Mississippi Blood Center. Thank you to all those who donated blood and provided treats.



Halloween Costume Contest

Sponsored by Student Council



1st Place - Ezra Okey
Indiana Jones
\$15

2nd Place -
Scooby Doo



3rd Place -
Emojis
\$5



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Students of the Month

JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

<i>Omara Myers</i> Art	<i>Becca Fure</i> Social Studies	<i>Curtis Tanaka</i> Math	<i>Christian Fure</i> Technology Ed
<i>Miles Reynolds</i> English		<i>Aiden Thoma</i> Science	

NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

<i>Hannah Infield</i> Science	<i>Kenzi Morgan</i> Science	<i>Morgan Reynolds</i> English	<i>Kasha Vogt</i> Foreign Language	<i>Becca Fure</i> Guidance
<i>Rydia Reynolds</i> Social Studies	<i>AJ Butler</i> Agriculture	<i>Melody Hampton</i> Fine Arts	<i>Cheyenne Auel</i> Math	<i>Bronna Wheeler</i> Guidance

Grant County Herald Independent Teen of the Week:

NOVEMBER:
AJ BUTLER

DECEMBER:
CARTER MATOUSEK

JANUARY:
REBECCA FURE

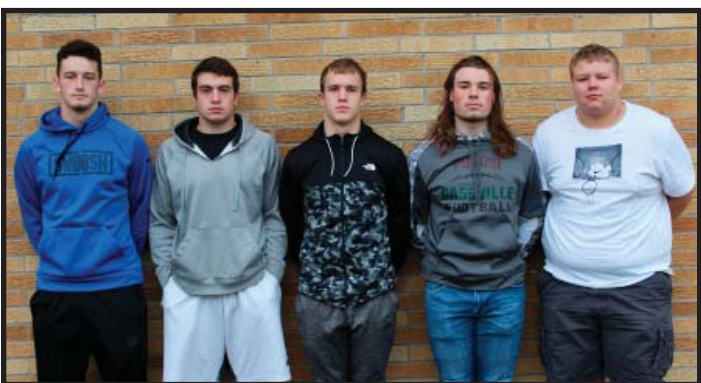
DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

 Speech Ashley Williams	Personal Finance Hunter Theisen	Keyboarding Shane Okey	Band Melody Hampton	Band Kyran Brinkman
Desktop Publishing Madison Kirschbaum	Math Kyran Brinkman	English Carter Matousek and Curtis Tanaka	Science Levi Hampton	

Fall Sports Wrap Up



Kasha Vogt - Captain & Second Team All-Conference
Kierstin Adams - Captain - Honorable Mention
Anna Kartman - Second Team All-Conference



Mason Infield – 2nd Team Tight End
Colin Esser – 2nd Team Running Back
Ty Bausch – 1st Team Running Back
Kaleb Hauk – 2nd Team Center
Gavin Thoma – 2nd Team Defensive Line

2018-2019 Boy's Basketball

The 2018-2019 has started and Coach Jacob Bernetzke has been the coach of the team for 5 years so far. The lineup of the Varsity team consists of: Ty Bausch, Dalton Pojar, Mason Infield, Kaleb Hauk, and Colin Esser as seniors; and Sam Ihm, Carter Matousek, Christian Fure, and Ezra Okey as juniors. With an overall of 5-11, the boys are recovering from a rough start of the season. Losing with a few teams in the beginning of the season, including River Ridge, the team improved a lot by winning against them on January 17th with a score of 63-39. Now, our Cassville Comets are training hard to win the next game against Belmont on January 22nd.

In the season of 2018/2019, the JV team is coached by Travis Beer. The team lineup is formed by: Hunter Theisen and Mariano Moreno Lell as seniors; Brandon Klein as a junior; Cameron Schmitz and AJ Butler as sophomores; and Robbie Roe with Cody Klein as freshmen. With a rough start losing with Fennimore, Wauzeka, Shullsburg, and River Ridge, the JV team is catching up the pace by going from 0-4 to 4-11. Also, the JV team won a championship at New Lisbon winning against Coulee Region Christian and New Lisbon. Coach Beer says that the boys have a lot to learn but they have made a lot of progress and he is positive about the future of the team.



2017-2018 Varsity Girls' Basketball

This year's team is under control of Lilly Post, Justice Udelhofen, Brittany Horner, Chole Groom, Amber Udelhoven, Anna Kartman, Lydia Reynolds, Kasha Vogt, and Marissa Mayers. These ladies are coached by Head Coach; Brad Bierman, Assistant Coaches, Ron Kading and Reba Keene. This year's team has three managers and they are Avarie Breitsprecker, Emily Bierman, and Ally Trost.

Own the Mat

The co-op continues with returning State wrestler from Cassville Ashley Williams. The team consists of 12 members with the coaches Kyle Johnstone and Rob Johnstone, the father-son duo. All the team is getting prepared to get to state. This year, there are two new managers from Cassville: Melody Hampton and Laura Walker.



Middle School Girl's Basketball

The 7th and 8th Grade Middle School Girls basketball team has co-oped with Potosi this year and just began their season at the beginning of January. There are 4 girls from Cassville in 7th Grade Hannah Infield, Kenzi Mergen, and Irelyn Brinkman are out and in 8th Grade, Abigail Tasker is out for the team. The games have just started and both teams have been very competitive. The 7th Grade is 0-4, to start the year. The 8th Grade team is 2-2 to start the year. The girls have been practicing hard to get better at their skills and are improving on the defensive side of the ball. They will be playing about 14 games through February. In total the 7th grade has 8 girls out and the 8th grade has 6 girls out for basketball. We only have about 5 weeks left and are looking forward playing a lot of games in a short period of time.

Student Leadership Day

On Monday December 10th, Mr. Bernetzke took seven Student Council members to the Milwaukee Bucks 6th Annual Leadership Conference. The students that attended this event were: Madison Kirschbaum, Kyran Brinkman, Kierstin Adams, Melody Hampton, Grace Vogt, Kaleb Hauk, and Mason Infield. At the conference, the students had the opportunity to listen to a number of speakers that spoke about leadership. Some of these speakers were Sam Dekker's dad and two of the sports announcers that work for the Milwaukee Bucks. Eventually the students participated in breakout activities where they had to communicate with students from other schools by playing little games to get to know one another. The Student Council members also watched a show put on by a group of guys that did many dunk tricks and it was enjoyed by all. Later that night, they all got to watch a Milwaukee Bucks game where they took on the Cleveland Cavaliers.



Little All-Stars

This year's A Team and B Team Junior High boys' basketball teams are coached by both Issac and Elijah Okey. The A Team consists of Erasmus Okey, Noah Vaughn, Kieran Bean, Eli Adams, Heath Rauch, Braden Fishnick, and Aiden Thoma. The B team consists of Alex Ploessl, Noah Adrian, Quintin Riedl, Adison Tasker, Ben Infield, Dayton Schauff, and Sam Infield.

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Students from Cassville High School ranked in the top ten for the month of December. Cassville Jr/Sr High finished third in the state of Wisconsin for words mastered in the month of December 2018.

1st Cedar Grove - Belgium High School - 9,736 words mastered

2nd Milwaukee High School of Arts- 6,001 words mastered

3rd Cassville Junior/Senior High School - 5,891 words mastered

Great job on all the hard work, Cassville students!

Veteran's Day

On November 9th, at 10:30 am, we held our annual Veterans Day Program in the High School gym. The programs started off with our Dean of Students, Chad Infield, welcoming our students, staff, guests, and our Veterans. Following the welcome, the VFW posted the colors. The High School chorus and the High School band, directed by Hilary Baker and Eric Amweg, performed the Star-Spangled Banner. NHS President, Senior Kyran Brinkman, lead the school in the Pledge of Alliance. Mr. Dennis Uppena gave a speech of his experiences. The rest of the program consisted of a moment of silence for all fallen soldiers and a gun salute.

FFA

Ag Day at SWTC

On September 19, 2018, Brandon Klein, Sam Ihm, Brenna Wheeler, Carter Matousek, Becca Fure, Cassidy Hyer, Breanna Donaldson, and Omara Myers went to Southwest Wisconsin Technical College for Ag Day. The students interacted with college students and professors. They had a hands-on day learning about the agricultural programs at SWTC. These students experimented in the areas of animal science, plant science, agribusiness, mechanics, conservation, and more.



Royal Bank Hog Roast

On Friday, September 21, the Cassville FFA officers volunteered at Royal Bank's 2nd Annual Hog Roast in Cassville. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event. They served just shy of 200 pulled pork sandwich meals! Because the Cassville FFA donated their time to this fundraiser, Royal Bank donated the profits, which came out to \$1,249, as an initiative to support agricultural education around the area. This all would not be possible without the help from Royal Bank and everyone that came out and supported us, so we extend a sincere thank you.

Sectional Leadership Workshop

The 2018-2019 Cassville FFA Officer Team attended the annual Sectional Leadership Workshop, hosted this year by the River Ridge FFA Chapter. The 2018-2019 Wisconsin State FFA Officer Team welcomed all area schools for coming. After a very brief introduction and a skit performed by the state officers, the Cassville officers were sent off to workshops according to their officer positions and interests. The Cassville FFA Officer Team came back with a wide variety of new ideas that they have implemented into the Cassville FFA Program this year.

World Dairy Expo

On October 2nd, 2018, seven students attended the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. The team that competed in dairy evaluation was Anna Kartman, Jade McDonald, and Laura Walker. Our forage judging team was Levi Hampton, AJ Butler, and Cam Schmitz. Both teams did well at their first competition. After competing, the students walked around the Alliant Energy Center and learned about all the different technology items that are used in and around the farm. The students saw many exhibitors who showed their high-tech farming gear and got to eat some home-made Wisconsin grilled cheese and malts. The students ended their day watching the national judging of many dairy cattle breeds, before heading home.

State FFA Officer Visit

On Thursday, October 18, the Section 4 State Vice-President Amber Patterson visited the Cassville FFA for the day. Patterson is a junior in college, and belongs to the River Ridge FFA Chapter. A Chapter Visit is an educational experience for your Agricultural Education students and FFA members that take place during the regular school day. It is an opportunity for several state and district officers to come to your school to host an interactive workshop for each of your agricultural education classes. Patterson led hands-on activities and provided leadership skills to the Cassville students.

2018 National FFA Convention – Indianapolis

The following student's attended the 2018 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in October with Mrs. Hammerly: Andrew Butler, Anna Kartman, Jade McDonald, Cassidy Hyer, Breanna Donaldson, Levi Hampton, Melody Hampton, and Britany Boxrucker. The Cassville FFA students that attended the trip got to experience traveling in style in a coach bus with four other FFA groups (Albany, Highland, Richland Center, and Mable-Canton's). On the way to Indianapolis, these students had the opportunity to visit the CAT Visitors Center and Museum in Peoria, Illinois. The most-enjoyed part of the CAT tour was the machinery simulation. Their next stop was at RDM Shrimp Farms in Fowler, Indiana where they learned about hatching, growing, and harvesting shrimp. Once they arrived to Indianapolis, they attended a variety of workshops, toured the Garfield Conservatory, visited the career fair and expo, got spooked at a local haunted house, toured the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and saw Garth Brooks live in Concert. What a fun filled and educational week they had!

FFA Fruit Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported the Cassville FFA Fruit Sale. This is a major fundraiser for the FFA. This year they raise just over \$2,000. This money goes towards educational career based field trips for the FFA Program, National Convention, classroom and shop supplies, maintaining the greenhouse, and even back into the community and school with different donations.

Upcoming Dates!

- Strawberry Sale – On Sale NOW till February 20th, 2019. Delivery Date: Mid March.
- Annual Cassville FFA Alumni Scholarship Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 24th from 8:30am – noon at the Cassville High School.
- Cassville FFA Banquet – Sunday, April 7th at 6pm in the High School Cafeteria
- Cassville FFA Spring Plant Sale – STAFF and FFA ALUMNI ONLY – Friday, May 10th at 3:00pm to 5:30pm.

Elementary News



year, which is a program that tests students in flexibility, lateral quickness, upper body strength, core strength, and endurance. These tests help set the physical education program to improve student health and awareness.

1st Grade

Cassville Elementary first graders welcomed parents, family, and friends this week to celebrate the holidays by creating winter wonderlands. Students and adult partners constructed gingerbread houses out of graham crackers and icing. Then they decorated their masterpieces with countless kinds of Christmas candy.

The 5K class has been learning about winter, the Arctic Circle, and Antarctica. The students used projects they made to make the Arctic Circle and Antarctica

outside of their classroom door. They also have been working on using their basic reading skills to sound out words, read books, and write sentences.



Elementary Library

We are working on a green screen project with students from 3-6th grade. These students were asked to be filmed in front of a green screen that we purchased and now are using a film editor to switch out the background and add text, music, and multiple pictures. This will be finishing up in the next few weeks, and then we will move on to 3-D printing where the students will design and create something to print on our 3-D Printer that the library has purchased. We will also be working with makey, makey's which is a programmable circuit and snap circuits as well. The students in 2nd-6th Grade continue to work on their Accelerated Reader Program throughout the year.

Elementary Physical Education

The students will be roller skating the next couple of weeks. This is a program that we have used in the past where we rent roller skates from Skatetime. The students really enjoy this program and are able to learn how to skate. This is a great opportunity for our students to try new and fun activities. We have been working on our fitnessgram activities throughout the