



From the Office of the Superintendent

Welcome to the beginning of winter and heading toward the end of the first semester! Great job to our seniors and their last semester will fly, so make the most of it!

Winter brings cold weather and snow but also indoor sports, organizational events, forensics, and several student led charities. One of our strengths in Cassville are the activities and opportunities to participate in for every student. In larger schools, students usually specialize in one or two areas and sometimes are not able to join in due to team or school quotas. Cassville students can be in it all. Days go fast in school so make the most of every one and join in the activities of your choice today!

Our focus in school has been and will remain to improve on our great testing outcomes from last spring! Students need to take ownership in their learning just as much as our staff focusses on providing the needed curriculum/content for student success. This remains a team effort and the sum of all parts will produce the desired goal. Our staff and students worked hard last year on this goal and it showed!!! As a district, Cassville exceeded expectations and once again Cassville elementary school scored in the highest level for the state. (Significantly Exceeds Expectations) We are a great district and do great things. Be sure that your hard work and best efforts are again a daily practice throughout the school year.

Be sure to spend time with your family and friends this holiday season! I wish all of you a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

Go Comets!



Mr. John Luster
Superintendent/Principal

Season's greetings!

I'd like to wish all of you a very happy holiday season, and remind you to try and spend a little extra time with your family and friends during the next several weeks. It's no secret that all of us have busy lives, but it's important to slow down and to focus on who and what we have, cherishing all of the special memories that can be made this time of year, and giving thanks.

I would like to thank all of our athletes, coaches, parents and fans for the hard work, sportsmanship, dedication and support that was given during the football, volleyball, and cross country teams this past fall. Wishing continued success to our basketball and wrestling programs this winter! As a reminder, we have many great programs and activities to offer here at CHS, and I want to encourage you to participate as much as possible. The Cassville Community takes pride in this school and in our students, and we must continue to promote all of the wonderful things that we are accomplishing here! We welcome the use of our facilities whenever possible, so if you have any ideas and/or needs for you or an organization, please stop in or call the office and talk to Katie Hauk or myself.

I hope all of you have a very happy, healthy holiday season, and wish safe travels for everyone throughout the winter months ahead.



Mr. Chad Infield
Dean of students

High School News

Science 7

Life... Finds a way... From simple cellular beginnings to increasingly complex species, students in Science 7 will explore life in all forms. The journey began with the definition of life, examining what makes things living, and what makes them non living. Starting at viruses and moving to cells, we quickly discovered the basic functions of life. From there we uncovered plants and what makes them unique. Students bloom while deciphering the mystery of our oxygen producing, green friends.

The future holds the most advanced biological life forms such as animals and humans. We will uncover what makes us human and how our traits are passed down. We will compare man and beast through dissection and by the end of the year have a better understanding of the complex functions of the human body.

Science 8

Uncovering the explosive planet that we live on can be an Earth shaking experience! Understanding the functions and complex processes that drive the Earth is the final goal of the 8th grade scientists. Our junior scientists began the year exploring the foundations of the Earth, learning the layers below our feet and how they interact. From the core, we made our way out to the crust, learning about plate tectonics and the resulting features such as mountains and trenches. Students also learned about the destructive features associated with the ever changing surface such as earthquakes and volcanoes.

As we continue our studies we will begin exploring weather, the water cycle, the atmosphere, and what lies beyond our planet. It will be out of this world.

MathMatters

If you were given five million dollars, what kind of house would you build? Students in MathMatters were asked this very question. Equipped with their area formula and their calculators, students began by drawing out blueprints, calculating costs, and working diligently to create digital renditions of their dream houses.

Math is used every day, even when people do not realize. From paying your taxes to leaving a tip, there are many needed math skills students will need as they prepare to enter the working world. The goal of MathMatters as we progress in the school year is to equip students with mathematical knowledge, which will help them succeed beyond the classroom.

FCA

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is looking forward to an event filled school year! Stay tuned as we send out our Spring Semester event schedule!

Trigonometry

Trigonometry just finished working on building toothpick bridges, and we tested them to see how much force they could with-



stand without breaking. 1st Place - Bria Wallis and Kaitlyn Vaughn with 500+ Newtons of force. 2nd Place - Erynn Little and Jaiden Ackerman with 270 Newtons of force. 3rd place - Lindsey Hudson and Laura Walker with 240 Newtons of force.



Junior American Literature

The juniors finished reading The Crucible and have moved onto the short story. They are currently working on the story "The Gift of the Magi". In addition to classwork, they have been busy taking their ACT and ASVAB testing. These tests will give them an indicator for college placement and future studies.

English 10

These classes have finished up the reading of Lord of the Flies and are now watching the movie!. They also are focusing on diagramming sentences and ratiocination for revision and editing their writing skills.

Senior Communications

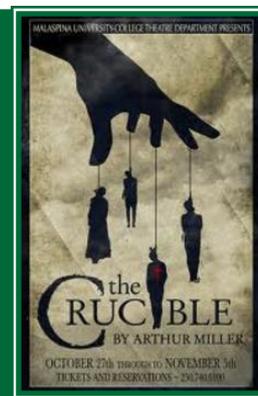
This quarter is all about business writing. The students are updating resumes, preparing cover letters, and gathering letters of reference.

Public Speaking

The students have been working hard to prepare and present Information Speeches and Acceptance Speeches. They also have been looking at how to project and control their voice.

Social Issues

Social Issues class have covered a variety of topics so far, and will be squeezing in a few more before the end of the course at semester. Students have focused in depth on current events, and have learned about the 2020 Presidential Election, North Korea, Climate Change, and the Border Crisis. The background knowledge that the students have learned have led to greater understanding about the various social issues that we deal with in our country.



Veteran's Day

On November 11, 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 High School band, directed by Hilary Baker and Eric Amweg performed the Star – Spangled Banner. NHS President, Senior Lydia Reynolds, led the school in the Pledge of Allegiance. The rest of the program consisted of a moment of silence for all of the fallen soldiers and a gun salute followed by taps.



Spanish 1-2-3

Spanish levels 1-3 have had a busy first semester either beginning to delve into the language, or strengthening our knowledge. We have also spent the semester learning about various cultural components, such as Día de los Muertos, and currently, how Spanish-speaking countries celebrate Christmas, and other holidays that fall around this time. We have made food, listened to songs, and have been practicing our reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. All of the students are continuing to make great progress!

U.S. History

U.S. History classes are continuing to learn about various eras, and most currently have discussed the events leading to the writing of our National Anthem. Every morning, we talk about various events that have happened on that day in history, and it is a great way for students to learn about events that are otherwise not covered in our textbooks, as well as topics in American culture that they may not have heard of. Current events is also a big part of our class, and we discuss what is going on around the country and world on Friday's. It is a lot of fun to see the students interested in the news. Students also participated in a 9/11 event with the 9/11 Museum in New York City. We had the opportunity to hear stories from survivors, and other people involved with that day. It was a great learning experience for us all.

FFA

FFA members, AJ Butler, Breanna Donaldson, Britney Boxrucker, Omara Myers, Jaiden Ackerman, and Chloe Timm had the opportunity to attend the 92nd National FFA Convention that was held in Indianapolis, IN. Along with experiencing workshops and sessions at the convention center, they even had the chance to tour different locations, attend a concert, AND a rodeo! Our FFA fundraiser with fruit sales has now come to an end but FFA members did a great job selling and delivering their fruit in a timely manner. Be on the lookout for the strawberry sales that will be coming up next! FFA members in the ag classroom had a special visit from our Wisconsin State Vice President, Grace Morrissey. Grace came to visit and show our members what it means to work as a team and power through any obstacles that may get in their way.

Agriculture

Recently in the Ag World at Cassville High, students have been hard at work. Food Science had a competition after their candy and confectionery unit to see who would come out on top for making the best pie. After the 5 judges sampled the pies, Dylan Duvall took the crown with his Peanut Butter and Chocolate Pie! The Ag Mechanics in the shop have been tearing apart their small engines to learn and understand the components that make up the four-stroke engine. Dairy Science scholars have wrapped up the reproduction and hormones unit after creating their own version of the reproductive tract to help them understand how A.I. works.



Spelling Bee

The annual Junior High Spelling Bee was held on Friday, December 6th. First place went to sixth grader Talan Rouse. Second place went to eighth grader Skyler Miles. Third place went to seventh grader Noah Adrian.



NSH Blood Drive

The annual National Honor Society blood drive was held on Wednesday, November 27th.



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

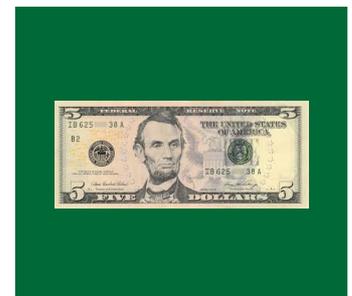
1st Place- Cheyenne



2nd Place- Ashley



3rd Place- Ashton



Students of the Month

November

Race Landon- Fine Arts

Jesse Myers- Agriculture

Kyle Klein- Spanish

Skyler Miles- English

Jaylor Rouse- Science

Moria Kasper-Jheiser- Social Studies

Christian Fure- Tech Ed

David Lenz- Math

Kenzi Mergen- Computer Applications

December

Raz Okey- Information processing

Mattie Meier- Good citizenship

Nick Hampton- Information processing

Skyler Bartels- Band

AJ Butler- Math

Skyler Bartels- Dekstop/Ta

Teen of the Week-

Kyle Klein

Teen of the Week -

AJ Butler

Desktop Publishing Positions



Yearbook Editors

Sami Bartles/ Skyler Bartles



Comet Courier Editors

Ara Martinez/ Lucas Landeta

Where Are They Now Coordinators

Breanna Donalson/ Anna Kartman

Student of the Month Coordinators

Grace Vogt/ Kendra Rouse

Elementary Liasion

Jade Mc Donald/ Anna Kartman

Stellar Staff Coordinators

Britney Boxrucker/ Chloe Hurt

Business Manager/Referendum

Video Producer

Rianna Reynolds

Think fast coordinators

Curtis Tanaka/ Becca Fure

Fall Sports Wrap-up



Anna Kartman- 2nd Team

Lydia Reynolds- Honorable Mention



Brandon Klein- 2nd Team Linebacker

Levi Hampton- 2nd Team Center

Potosi-Cassville Football

The boys of fall were hard at work long before their first snap of the season. Many hours in the weight room and in the hot summer sun showed that the Potosi-Cassville Chieftains were a force to be feared. The PC Chieftains fought hard to earn a place in the WIAA sectional playoffs. Comets Levi Hampton, Sam Ihm, and Brandon Klein all were valuable assets to the team.

The Junior Varsity team bulldozed nearly every opponent in their way. Their continued hard work will pay off as many advance to the varsity field of competition.

We are proud of your hard work!

Winter Sports Review

2019-2020 Boy's Basketball

The 2019-2020 season has started and Coach Jacob Bernetzke has been the coach of the team for 6 years so far. The lineup of the Varsity team consists of Sam Ihm, Brandon Klein, Ezra Okey, and Christian Fure as seniors; Cam Schmitz and AJ Butler as juniors; Robby Roe and Cody Klein as sophomores; and Raz Okey. This year there are two managers, Ara Martinez and Dylan Duvall.



Wrestling

The co-op continues with returning wrestler from Cassville is Ashley Williams. The team consists of 13 members with the coaches Kyle Johnstone and Rob Johnstone, the father-son duo. Ashley is hoping to compete at the Girls State Wrestling Competition. Returning as a manager once again this year is Laura Walker.



Cheerleading

The Cassville Comets Cheerleading squad is a team of eight girls: Seniors: Breanna Donaldson, Cassidy Hyer-Kemerling, Ara Martinez. Juniors: Chloe Hurt, Samantha Bartels. Sophomores: Heather Myers, Lexi Radloff. Freshmen: Abby Douglas. This team is coached by Katie Hauk, she has been coaching cheer for four years and used to be a cheerleader for Cassville in high school. They are looking forward to doing another half time dance on January 28th against Potosi. Be sure to come see these girls at every home basketball game.



2019-2020 Girl's Basketball

This year's roster of PC girls' basketball includes Justice Udelhofen, Lilly Post, Chloe Groom, Anna Kartman, Lydia Reynolds, Jade McDonald, Makaylia Bauer, Jessica Noonan, Kylie Reuter, Brooklyn Freiderick, Anna Kruser, and Sydney Fect. The PC lady's are coached by Head Coach: Brad Beirman, and Assistant Coaches: Don Adams, Ron Kading, Marty Gerhards. This year's team has four managers: Iris Adams, Manhattan Udelhofen, Averie Breitsbecker, Ally Trost, and Kami Webber. Just five games into the season the varsity girls are now 2-3.



Little All-Stars

This year's Junior High Boys' basketball team is coached by Issac Okey. The team consists of Alex Plossessl, Braden Fishnick, Noah Adrian, Quintin Riedl, Eli Adams, Adison Tasker, and Aiden Thoma.

Middle School Girls' Basketball

This is the second year that the 7th and 8th grade middle school girls' basketball team has been co-oped with Potosi. Their season begins at the beginning of January. There are three girls from Cassville in 7th grade including Cristin Jones, Kalie Jo Potter, and Ruby Roe. In 8th grade there are two girls out, Hannah Infield and Irelyn Brinkman. The girls have been working hard at practice to better themselves and their basketball skills. In total the 7th and 8th grade has 13 girls out for basketball. Right now the PC girls are 0-8 and are trying to get their first win by January 15, which is their last game.

Elementary News

Social Studies

November found the first graders working hard in social studies. They learned about our leadership in the United States, and about many United States symbols. They have read about elections and how leaders are chosen. They put those words into action by holding a class election to vote on a name for a special stuffed animal. Then the students brought images of the Statue of Liberty, the bald eagle, the Washington Monument, and the White House to life through beautiful drawings. It was a wonderful unit!



"I Survive"

The fifth graders were assigned an "I Survive" book to read, and then create a diorama that depicted the main setting of the story. The students were very creative and loved doing this project



Elementary Library News

Accelerated Reader Goals, for 2nd Grade through 6th Grade finish up on January 17th, 2020. We will then be taking a test to set our new goals for the 3rd quarter. Please take the time to ask your child about AR and how they are doing, they should be trying to read every night to reach their goals.

6th & 5th Graders have been working with Lego Mindstorms during their Library times. This program works on building a robot and programming the robot to perform certain actions. One program you may be familiar with is like a vacuum robot that many people have at home. We will also program the robots to stay inside a box, to follow a line, and have a robot battle.

4th & 3rd Graders have been working on 3D projects where they will be designing either a keychain or some type of object that they have designed. We use a CAD program called 1,2,3d Design. This program allows us to design, import pictures, and make them 3D. Once they have their design done we will print them on our 3D printer.

1st Graders have built a catapult using pop cycle sticks and ping pong balls. 2nd Graders have been working very hard on their AR program.

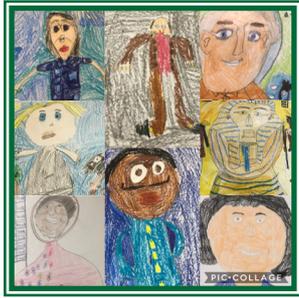
4K and 5K

The 4K and 5K students have been enjoying playing with the outdoor kitchen set Mrs. Sondreal donated. Thank you, Mrs. Sondreal, we love it!



People Who Change Our History

The third grade students have been researching a famous person in history. The students are turning their research into a mock interview with the famous person. Rosa Parks, Benjamin Franklin, Daniel Boone, Jane Goodall, Malala Yousafzi, George Washington Carver, King Tut, and Sally Ride are shown in the picture. Students also researched George Washington, Jackie Robinson, Amelia Earhart, and Helen Keller.



PE Elementary News

4K-4th Grade finished up their fitnessgram testing and will be doing it again for the 2nd quarter. They will try to beat their personal best times. The testing includes the pacer test (endurance), arm hang (strength), shuttle run (lateral quickness), and sit-ups (core strength).

We will also be looking at bringing back the roller skating unit in January, the students really enjoy learning these skills such as skating forward, backward, crossover steps, and learning multiple stops. We usually have K-4th grade doing this at the Elementary level.

Some other things we will be doing in the upcoming weeks are floor hockey skills such as passing and shooting as well as some gameplay. We already worked on bowling skills 3, 4, 5 step approach. We worked on our basketball skills as well as working on dribbling with just the right hand, left hand and learning how to switch back and forth. We also learned some different types of passes: chest, bounce, and over the head.