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Honoring our Veterans

Land of the Free Because of the Brave

Nicholson proudly hosted their annual Veterans Day Convocation in the gymnasium, welcoming 23 veterans to celebrate and honor their service and sacrifice.

The Nicholson student body shared songs celebrating America and those who have served, American Legion Post 72 presented a flag, and the Student Council led the program by sharing meaningful information about the importance of Veterans Day and what it means to be a veteran.



One of the sweetest parts of the morning was watching students connect with their family members and friends who attended for a quick photo and a special moment together. We are grateful for the opportunity to continue this annual tradition and teach our students the importance of honoring those who have served our country.



Hoover Elementary also welcomed Veterans for their annual Veterans Day program. Veterans were introduced by the student who invited them, were recognized during the presentation of their specific division's flag, enjoyed light refreshments, and celebrated with student readings and songs. Additional photos on page two and three.



Hoover staff presents check for bricks

Hoover Elementary teachers presented a check for two honorary bricks at the local Crawfordsville Veterans Memorial Park where students visited earlier in the year.











Whicker's class sends notes

Larry Vaught, local Veteran, recently participated in the Honor Flight to Washington D.C.

Mrs. Whicker's class wrote him many heartfelt notes of encouragement and thanks for him to open while on the plane. Vaught was so moved that he wanted to go to Hoover and thank Mrs. Whicker's class personally for the letters and their kindness.



Hoover participates in downtown Veterans Parade















Loads of activities fill Willson Fall Festival

Willson Preschool Academy's Fall Festival was a wonderful success! It was a great evening filled with fun, laughter, family engagement, and opportunities for students to participate in activities.

Activities included painting on a canvas that is now displayed in the front office, pumpkin putt-putt, ball toss, face painting, climbing, eating popcorn, taking family pictures, and decorating mini pumpkins. Families also had the opportunity to vote for their favorite decorated pumpkin. The green witch pumpkin received the most votes and was named the favorite!

Raffle tickets were also sold, and several lucky students will go home with exciting prizes. Congratulations to our winners:

Mateo and Katherine: Red chair and beach towel

Addison: Towel and bubbles

Silas: Ball set and beach towel

Noah: Stitch bubble machine

It was truly a joy to watch our families spend time together, participate in activities, and create special memories. Events like our Fall Festival provide valuable opportunities for children to develop social skills, practice coordination, express their creativity, and strengthen relationships with their families and school community.





Oak Hill field trip offers fall fun

Miss Lisa's preschool class had a wonderful time visiting Oak Hill Tree Farm's pumpkin patch! Students explored a large sensory table filled with seed corn, took turns going down the slide, and picked out their very own small pumpkin. The visit provided a fun opportunity for children to explore, practice their gross motor skills, and enjoy hands-on learning experiences while making special fall memories!















Halloween costumes!

Willson Preschool Academy was filled with excitement, laughter, and plenty of Halloween spirit during our classroom Halloween celebrations. Students arrived dressed in their favorite costumes, transforming our classrooms into a fun-filled gathering of superheroes, characters, and community helpers.

Our teachers joined in on the fun, too! They got creative with their own costumes and enjoyed celebrating alongside the students. From dressing up to sharing laughs and making special memories, everyone had a wonderful time.

We hope everyone had a spooktacular Halloween!

Check the Hose Facebook page for more photos!





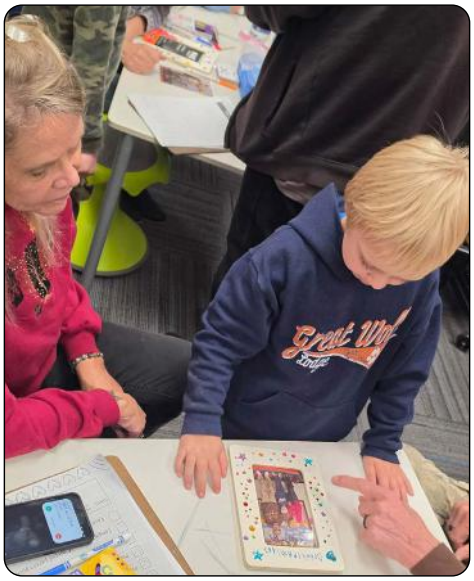
Hose Special Persons Day is truly special!

Special Persons Day has quickly become a cherished tradition at Hose Elementary.

Each student invited up to two people to join them at school for fun activities and a hot dog lunch!

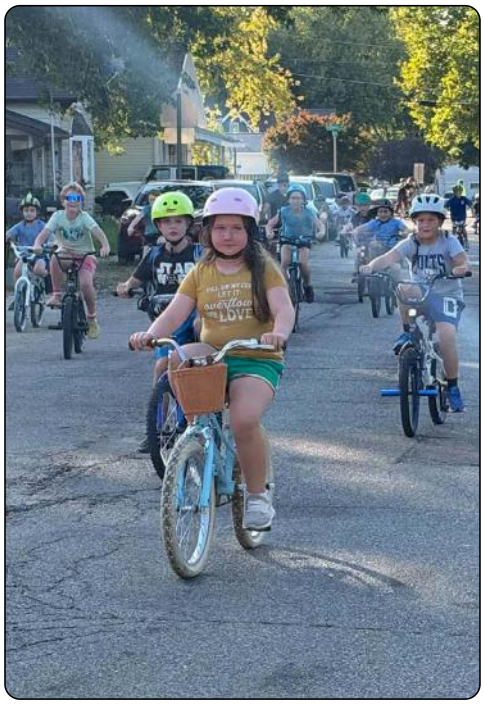
Many memories, smiles, and fun filled the Hose halls!

A big thank you goes to the following businesses that generously donated to provide lunch for all of the adult guests. These businesses include Cain Farms, Mishler Dental, The Big Dipper, Steak 'n Shake, and El Charro.













A beautiful night for the Nicholson Bike & Hike

Earlier this year, due to extreme heat, the annual Nicholson Bike and Hike event had to be rescheduled, but when the event finally arrived, it was a beautiful day for students, families, and friends to jump on their bikes or walk the route! Participants met up at the public library and made their way to Nicholson Elementary where a variety of activities and indoor and outdoor games were waiting for them.



Nicholson Red Ribbon Week

Nicholson Elementary, along with our fellow local elementary schools, celebrated Red Ribbon Week! Throughout the week, students were reminded that they **CAN** say no to drugs while also giving back to our community by donating canned goods to our local FISH Pantry.

We are so proud of our Nicholson students and staff for donating an incredible 464 pounds of non-perishable food items! Thank you to everyone who helped make a difference!





Halloween costume parade

A great tradition at Nicholson Elementary is the costume parade through the hallways and then next door to the Lane House.

The 2nd and 3rd graders were excited to walk by and wave to the residents!

We love to see teachers dressing up for Halloween too!

Community foundation grant makes big impact

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation, in partnership with West Central Indiana Special Services Cooperative, was recently awarded a $1,100 grant from the Montgomery County Community Foundation to purchase a Mount'n Mover Floor System for Reid Mayotte, 5th grader at Hoover Elementary School.

This assistive technology equipment will allow Reid to access his communication device at home, when he isn't in his wheelchair, supporting his ability to communicate and participate in everyday activities.

We are grateful to the Montgomery County Community Foundation, the Ian Geoffrey Hudson Memorial Fund, and the Maude Dockins Trust Fund for their generosity and investment in our students!





Hoover Red Ribbon Week

Hoover Elementary collected 254 pounds of canned food items for FISH food pantry during Red Ribbon Week!



Hoover wins fire award

Hoover won the annual fire drill award this year among the elementary schools! The Crawfordsville Fire Department presented the traveling trophy and check from the firefighters association at Hoover's first nine weeks awards convocation. Well done, Tigers!







Being at school is cool!

These three classes at Hoover had the highest attendance percentage for the first nine weeks of school. Great work, Tigers! Keep it up!

Top photo: Mrs. McGaughey's class; Middle photo: Mrs. Norman's class; and bottom photo: Mrs. Jones' class.

CMS puts on a great show!

















Students attend Indiana Latino Institute College & Career Fair

Recently CHS teacher Mrs. Whitecotton took a group of students to Butler University for the Indiana Latino Institute College & Career Fair. Students had the opportunity to

• Explore colleges, trade schools, training programs, and meet employers

• Learn about scholarships and financial aid opportunities

• Connect with recruiters and professionals to build their network and discover career paths

Students also went on a campus tour of Butler and interacted with high school students from all over the state as well as college students who answered some questions about their college experiences.

2nd Annual EL College Night another successful event

CHS hosted the second annual EL College Night earlier this fall. It was a great resource for those in attendance.

Students and families in attendance learned about college admission requirements, financial aid opportunities, scholarships, academic programs and multicultural resources. Representatives from Project Stepping Stone, InvestEd, Purdue University, Indiana University, Marian University, Ivy Tech, Indiana State, and the Crawfordsville EL team showed up and made the evening a huge success.

The event was well attended and a big thank you goes to Chartwells and our amazing administration for providing a meal and lots of giveaways.







Athenians join county students at Youth Summit

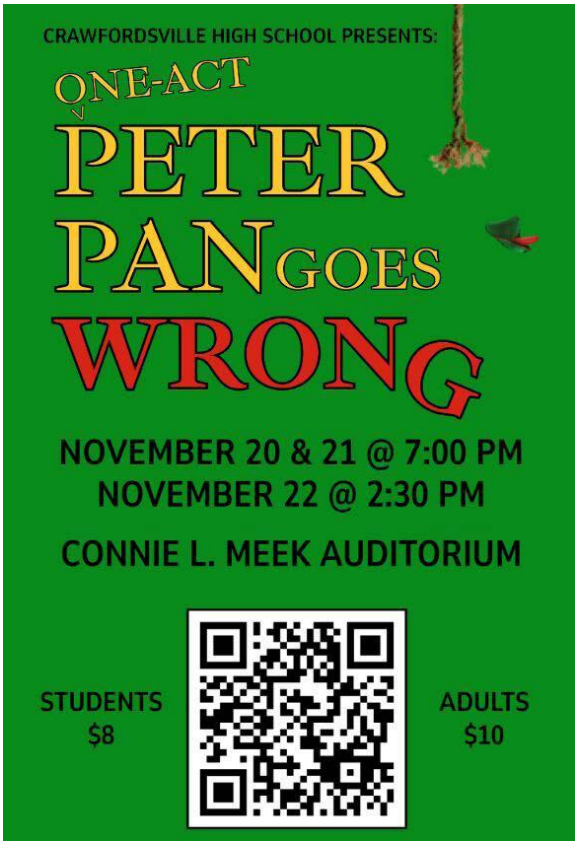
The following CHS students were selected to participate in the 5th annual Montgomery County Youth Summit on October 27 along with students from North Montgomery and Southmont. The Youth Summit provides a space for students to share their thoughts, concerns, and solutions on various topics related to mental health and their overall wellbeing. Members of Wabash College's WDPD led and recorded the discussions, which will then be created into a formal report and shared with school administrators and community stakeholders to help improve and expand mental health programming within the schools and community.



Three represent CHS at All State Show Choir

Congratulations to these three young ladies who participated in the 2026 Indiana All State Show Choir. Left picture: from left to right: Ada Simmons, Addison James, and Hannah Barnes.

Our Athenians were a part of 64 students representing 18 schools across the state.





Quarter 1 Athenian Way nominees announced

Vivian Ewoldt nominated by Amanda Ellenberger. Vivian is always so kind to others. She is also incredibly smart and a hard worker.

Jonica Martin nominated by Amanda Ellenberger. Jonica is always kind and respectful! Great kid.

Kara Gregory nominated by Amanda Ellenberger. Kara is always very kind and respectful. She has also helped a lot with my fiber arts class. I appreciate the help.

Lilly Peebles nominated by Amanda Ellenberger. Lilly is always such a hard worker. Her kindness shows in all people she talks to. She has tried to help many kids in class and I appreciate that so much.

Emily Cucinella nominated by Amanda Ellenberger. Emily is so sweet and helpful. I appreciate her hard work and kindness.

Alexis Ratcliff nominated by Mrs. Veatch. She is a quiet strength who has shown incredible grit and resilience through a difficult time. Despite what she may be carrying, she continues to approach her schoolwork and volleyball team with dedication, determination, and grace. She may not share what she is going through, but her ability to keep showing up, giving her best, and moving forward with such quiet strength is truly admirable.

Bryce Barton nominated by Emily Fullenwider. I would like to nominate Bryce Barton for the Athenian Way Award in recognition of his outstanding commitment to Crawfordsville High School and our athletic programs. This fall, I have spent time taking tickets at sporting events, and I have been amazed by the amount of time and dedication Bryce puts into our athletic department. Beyond his regular 8:00 -4:00 workday, he spends countless evenings and weekends at our athletic facilities, making sure everything runs smoothly. As Athletic Director, Bryce wears many hats. From managing work orders and facility maintenance to scheduling ticket takers, officials, games, coaches, and buses, his responsibilities are endless. He also works with student-athletes when discipline is needed, all while balancing the many moving parts of a successful athletic program. Through it all, Bryce has helped maintain outstanding athletic facilities and support competitive teams that represent CHS with pride. His dedication often extends far beyond what others see, and the time he gives to our school and student-athletes does not go unnoticed. Thank you, Bryce, for your commitment to CHS, your tireless work behind the scenes, and the pride you take in our school, our athletic programs, and our athletes. You exemplify what it means to live The Athenian Way, and you are truly deserving of this recognition!

Silas Hartnett nominated by Charissa Ajayi. Silas has been a shining example of The Athenian Way! He shows up to class every day with a great attitude and always gives his best effort. After completing the required work, he goes above and beyond to learn something new! He is a great example of what this award represents. I am proud to nominate him for The Athenian Way!

Elliott Peck nominated by Charissa Ajayi "Elliott Peck has my class multiple times each day. While you might think I'd be ready to send her off to the next class, I am blessed to have her in all classes! While Elliott sets a great example with the wonderful art she creates, she also goes above and beyond to help her classmates! Whether it be through well-thought-out critiques, advice on art concepts, or hands-on color theory guidance, Elliott leads the way! It is my pleasure to nominate Elliott for the Athenian Way Award!"

Amanda Ellenberger nominated by Charissa Ajayi. Amanda is an amazing teacher. She is very passionate

about our school and goes out of her way to make students feel respected, encouraged, and celebrated! I wanna be like her when I grow up! I am honored to be called her teammate! CHS is a better place because of you!!"

Cooper Burns nominated by Edward Sieferman. Cooper got off to a REALLY shaky start in my Chemistry I class. To his GREAT credit, he had the courage to reach out to me via email to ask what he could be doing differently to be more successful in my class. The fact that he was an advocate for his own learning and education in and of itself REALLY impressed me. Cooper followed my suggestions, and even purchased some sort of "How to Be Successful in HS Chemistry" manual which he brings to class with him each day. He has raised his grade in my class a whopping FORTY PERCENTAGE POINTS in the past six (6) weeks. I believe that the combination of perseverance, self-advocacy, and GRIT shown by Cooper IS the very embodiment OF "The Athenian Way", and I am pleased to nominate him for this award! As I tell my students ~ despite it being something of a cliche ~ it really IS about "where" you FINISH, and NOT "where" you started, that matters most in life.

Ada Simmons nominated by Jennie Swick. Ada takes pride in her activities and school work. She is a dedicated choir member and flyer on the cheer team. She is respectful to her peers and when asked to lead, she does it with kindness. Ada works extremely hard and doesn't shy away from a challenge. I am so happy to have her in the choir program demonstrating the Athenian Way!

Tryston Sauer nominated by Jennie Swick. Tryston has been in the choir program since his 6th grade year and takes a lot of pride in it. I am happy to have him leading our bass section this year. There are a lot of boys in Dynamic Expression this year, and Tryston has stepped up to help guide them. He will put in the extra work needed and does it with a smile on his face! Tryston is a great example of the Athenian Way.

Alexis Bunten nominated by Kris Ervin. I would like to recognize Alexis Bunten for her honesty and integrity. Twice this semester she has found an item of value, and rather than doing nothing or keeping it for herself, she turned it in to the office. Her actions show responsibility, trustworthiness, and respect for others. Small acts of kindness and honesty make a big difference in our school!

Nikolas Dimarzio-Gaskins nominated by Kris Ervin. I would like to recognize Nikolas Dimarzio-Gaskins for his honesty and integrity. Early in the school year Nik and a friend found an item of value on the bus, and rather than doing nothing or keeping it for themselves, they turned it in to the office. Nik's actions show responsibility, trustworthiness, and respect for others. Small acts of kindness and honesty make a big difference in our school!

Jacqueline Sanchez Vazquez nominated by Patricia Zavala-Alonso. "I have had the pleasure of knowing Jacqueline since her freshman year, and I can confidently say that she is a young woman who exemplifies both kindness and grit and has consistently pursued excellence in everything she does. She is an outstanding classmate who is always willing to help others. Throughout the first nine weeks of this semester, Jacqueline has demonstrated a renewed commitment to academic success. She actively seeks guidance, asks thoughtful questions, and puts forth the effort necessary to achieve her highest potential. Most importantly, she has focused on gaining meaningful knowledge and skills that I am confident will benefit her long after she graduates from CHS.

Addison Huber nominated by Gary Linn. Addison is an absolute pleasure to have in APUSH. She takes great pride in her work which she exemplifies by getting all of her assignments turned in on time and with great attention to detail. She works extremely well in small group activities where she takes on a leadership role. She comes to class each day with a positive attitude, wanting to do her absolute very best. She is very respectful of me and her fellow students in APUSH. On top of all of this, Addison has a great sense of humor and is not afraid to laugh at herself. I am very pleased to nominate Addison Huber as an Athenian Way award winner. She is most deserving.

Hailli Omundson nominated by Craig Carrell. I am nominating Hailli Omundson for The Athenian Way award because she demonstrates Pride, Respect, Grit, Involvement, and Kindness in Algebra 2. She is always organized and prepared for class and takes pride in doing her best work. Hailli shows respect for her classmates and teacher, stays focused when faced with challenging material, and is willing to help others when they need support. Her positive attitude, strong work ethic, and kindness toward her classmates make her a great example of The Athenian Way.

Alasandra Johnson nominated by Craig Carrell. I am nominating Alasandra Johnson for The Athenian Way award because she demonstrates Pride, Respect, Grit, Involvement, and Kindness through her leadership and actions. Although I do not have her in class, she has stepped up and taken an active role in Spirit Club, showing initiative and a willingness to get involved. Alasandra is a positive role model both in and out of the classroom, treating others with kindness and respect. Her willingness to step up, lead by example, and contribute to her school community makes her a great example of The Athenian Way.

John Geiger nominated by Shelley Clouser. John is an excellent model of "The Athenian Way". He comes to school every day and works hard, demonstrating GRIT. He is always respectful and enjoys helping others. John has gone above and beyond assisting others in my Basic Skills Study Hall, with their science assignments daily. He is always very patient and kind. Keep up the great work, John!



Sports banquet honors hard-working Athenians

Families of Crawfordsville High School student athletes gathered Wednesday, Nov. 11 for the Fall Sports Banquet to celebrate the hard work and achievements of the athletes.

CHS Athletic Director Bryce Barton welcomed families, thanked parents for supporting their student athletes, and commended coaches for their dedication to their sport. He also gave thanks to our athletic trainer, Mark Elizondo for his work keeping athletes healthy and on the field and court.

First Time Letter-Winners

Girls Golf- Sammiyyah Hamilton & Naomi Sermersheim

Boys Tennis-Sebastian Kochert

Girls Cross Country- Brooklyn Wilkins

Boys Cross Country-Nathan & Trenton Tucker, Elliot Angulo Azamar

Boys Soccer- Mateo Azar, Luke Bush, Gustavo Campos, Brady Cord, Rafael Sanchez Islas, JenCarlos Torres

Girls Soccer- Maddie Banks, Mila Greene, Vivian Hoar, Addi Huber, Susan Montero, Ella Seward, Olivia Todd, Alyvia Wilhoite

Volleyball- MaKailah Lolla-Martinez, Naomi Martinez-Bolanos, & Ella Patton

Football- Kellin Conkright, Romeo Fernandez, Victor Sanchez, Robbie Scanlon, Zach Warren, Hayleigh Huber, & Levi Tomamichel

Conference/Sectional Championship Team Patches

Girls Soccer- Maddie Banks, Lexi Cox, Dayanara Fernandez, Inga Freeze, Mila Greene, Vivian Hoar, Addi Huber, Ally Johnson, Namet Macegoza, Madison Martin, Scarlett Martinez Castellanos, Susan Montero, Gabriella Saidian, Alea Seward, Ella Seward, Olivia Todd, Laura Viveros, Alyvia Wilhoite

Boys Soccer- Mateo Azar, Luke Bush, Gustavo Campos, Eduardo Cesar Hernandez, Axel Cifuentes, Brady Cord, David Munoz Estrada, Dylan Figueroa, Dio Freeze, Carlos Gutierrez, Dario Huesca, Kaito Koyanagi, Julio Mancilla, Oscar Martinez Castellanos, Jared Moreno, Adrian Munoz, Armando Munoz Gutierrez, Yamir Sanchez, Rafael Sanchez Islas, JenCarlos Torres, Noe Torres

Boys Tennis- Henry Bannon, Jordan Archer, Kent Calvert, Jayden Jimenez, Andrew McCoy, Silas Hartnett, Carter McDorman, Sebastian Kochert

Mental Attitude Award Winners

Girls Golf- Elizabeth Nunan

Boys Tennis- Andrew McCoy

Girls Cross Country- Isabel Gerdes

Boys Cross Country- Alex Sanchez

Boys Soccer- Kaito Koyanagi

Girls Soccer- Scarlett Martinez Castellanos

Volleyball- Sydney Elizondo

Football - Logan Lowe

All-Conference

Boys Tennis- Henry Bannon, Jayden Jimenez, Andrew McCoy, Carter McDorman, & Silas Hartnett

Girls Cross Country- Alea & Ella Seward

Boys Cross Country- Josh Inskeep

Boys Soccer- Dylan Figueroa, Dario Huesca, David Munoz Estrada, Noe Torres

Girls Soccer- Inga Freeze, Alea Seward, & Lexi Cox

Volleyball- Reese Price & Alexis Ratcliff

Football- Landon Gerold & Johnovan Smith

Academic All-State & Honorable Mentions

Volleyball- Olivia Jett & Kara Gregory (silver), Elliot Baker, Reese Price, Makayla Whitecotton, Alayna Schroeter, and Sydney Elizondo (Gold)

Cross Country- Sebastian Rice, Chang Yeung, and Paige Johnson (First team All-State)

Wabash College's *A Year with Frog and Toad* provides opportunity



Wabash College's production of *A Year with Frog and Toad* provided opportunities for many CCSC students.

Students from Hoover and Nicholson Elementaries had the pleasure of viewing the performance. Among those performing were CHS Athenians who were part of the pit orchestra. Claire Dennison was on percussion, Tristen Hood, bass guitar, and CHS band teacher, Mr. Tebbe, trombone. In addition, CHS class of 2026 alum, Ethan Owens, on the banjo, rounded out the Athenian representation.

Hoover and Nicholson students attend production









Always an Athenian

Once an Athenian, Always an Athenian—
discovering where our alumni are making their mark.

John Rogers



CHS Alum

Class of 2010

Current Location:

Fayetteville, NC

Current Employment:

Field Artillery officer who is currently serving as a Brigade Fire Support Officer in the 82D Airborne Division

Q & A

What education, training, or experiences helped you prepare for your current career?

The Army will teach what you need to know to be successful, it just depends on how much you retain. The Artillery career field is a lot of math on both the Fire Support side and Fire Direction side. When I left CHS I enlisted in the Indiana National Guard to pay for school after basic training and AIT. I enrolled at Indiana State University where I got a BS in communications and was commissioned as an active duty Artillery Officer through the ROTC program. I attended the Artillery Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC) at Ft. Sill, OK, where I was taught the fundamentals of Fire Support and Fire Direction to be successful as a Company Grade Officer. I graduated from BOLC in December of 2015 and continued my education by attending Joint Fires Observer, Ranger School, Cold Weather leaders, Joint Fires and Effects Course, and Space Orientation. Fire Support Officers are responsible for synchronizing lethal and non-lethal effects on the battlefield in support of maneuver units. These effects can be delivered through cannons, rockets, mortars, army attack aviation, close air support, or the non-lethal effects that can be delivered through various domains. This battlefield is changing rapidly and constant education is key to adapting.

What did you originally think you would be doing after high school? Did your path turn out differently or as planned?

Not exactly, I knew I wanted to serve but I did not plan on making the Army my career.

Overall it has been good for me and my family, but it does come at a cost.

What is one of your favorite memories from your time at CHS?

Senior prank excluded, I will always remember going to Semi State with Dylan, Nick, Craig, and Ryan. They were all fantastic wrestlers and an even better group of guys to be around.

Was there a teacher, coach, counselor, or staff member who made a lasting impact on you? Tell us about them.

I had a lot of impactful teachers and coaches: Coach Ryker, Ervin, Gerald, Surber, Bacon, Haas, and many more. Coach Ervin and Surber probably invested the most time in helping me maintain my composure under stress and how to direct it to winning. I use lessons that they taught me as a young wrestler at Tuttle and CHS with young Paratroopers that I train and develop now.



What is something you're especially proud of accomplishing since graduating from CHS?

I am proud of my military accomplishments; however, I am most proud of being a dad.

Is there a particular class, activity, sport, club, or experience at CHS that influenced who you are today?

Football and Wrestling. The ability to work as a team and get people to want to work with you is key to being successful especially when everyone is tired to the point of hallucinating, stressed, and hungry.



What is something your high-school self would be surprised to know about your life today?

I would never have guessed that I would be married with three kids and three dogs.

What advice would you give current students?

Make a goal and plan on how to get there. Your plan won't survive first contact, but it is much easier to shift off a plan than it is to figure it out from nothing.

"Once an Athenian, Always an Athenian." What does that mean to you?

You are part of Athenian history and part of what makes this community worth protecting.

No matter where you go or what you do, you will remember Crawfordsville High School and you will always be an alum. I have traveled all over the world and the one place where I feel like I can switch it off, while traveling, is the town that most of you seniors say you can't wait to get out of.



SUPPORTING OUR ATHENIANS!

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 12
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School Board Meeting
5:30pm

November 20-22
20-22
CHS Musical:
One-Act Peter Pan Goes Wrong
Fri./Sat. 7:00 pm
Sunday: 2:30 pm

November 25-27
25-27
Thanksgiving Break
No School

December 9
09
CHS/CMS Holiday
Choir Concert

December 15
15
CHS/CMS Holiday
Band Concert

ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

Follow the links for athletic event schedules

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CMS Athletic Schedule

