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Cairo Durham High School - December 2020 - Newsletter

Important Dates:

12/2 - 11:45 Dismissal - (HS Data Meetings)

12/5 - SATs

12/7 - *New Hybrid Schedule Rotations begin
(Groups B/C in person, A remote)

12/10 - Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 pm - High School

12/12 - ACTs

12/18 - 2nd Quarter Interim Ends

12/24-1/1 - Holiday Break - School Closed

1/4/2021 - School Reopens



This magical sunset was more felt than seen early last week. A reminder of life's many simple beauties.

Student of the Month (October) Congratulations to Brianna Schermerhorn who has been chosen as the



Cairo-Durham High School Student of the Month for October 2020! As everyone is settling into our new system/mode of schooling this year, we are very pleased to be honoring one of our students who continuously maintains a positive attitude toward learning, life, and others. Brianna has a heart of gold and she demonstrates this as she fulfills her many roles here at Cairo-Durham and within our community as well. She is a member of both the National Honor Society and the National Art Society; she has worked diligently, enabling her to be on the high honor roll from grade six right up until now, as a senior here with us! Not only is she responsible academically, but Brianna also expresses her desire to serve others, to be a part of her school community, and to encourage school spirit through numerous club/sport memberships. Brianna is the president of the Yearbook Club, Vice-president of the Archive Magazine, a member of the Student Council, Varsity Volleyball team, and Indoor/Outdoor Track team. She has participated in our CD High School musicals for six years and the Marching Band for five years. On her "down," time, of which there can't be very much; Brianna enjoys photography, singing/acting, volleyball, and hiking. She has served in our community by working at the Bavarian Manor, The Zoom Flume Waterpark, and The Red Rooster. She is currently shadowing a Lee Physical Therapy. We are more than honored to have such an inspiring student in our

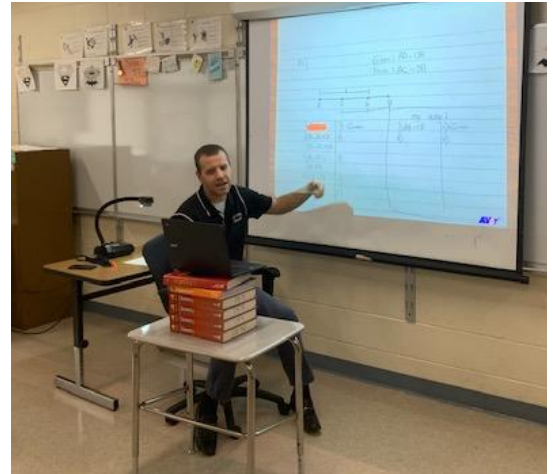
hallways and greatly appreciate all that she represents. She is genuinely an asset to all. Congratulations Brianna!

Message from Mr. Jeremy Moore, Principal

There is no doubt that this is one of the most challenging times in our recent history, not just in education, but in regular day to day living as well. The March Madness basketball mantra of "survive and advance" seems to be the prominent mindset many days, and unfortunately it's all too appropriate. However, in the midst of cumulative struggles of trying to work, go to school, keep things afloat, and stay healthy during this pandemic, I am inspired daily by the compassion and sacrifice displayed by so many wonderful people I see around us. As history has proven time and again great people rise to meet great challenges, and this time is no different.

So this Thanksgiving I am even more grateful for:

- Parents that use that last bit of energy to help with homework or to ensure that essay that is due is finished
- Students that trust that all the effort will be worth it in the end so keep at it
- Teachers that continue to go above and beyond because they truly care for each student, even if it means learning an entirely new way to teach
- Aides and TA's that keep building relationships and encouraging better behavior and academic effort
- Custodians that keep our buildings clean and safe and Food Service Workers that keep us fed and healthy
- Secretaries that organize subs, inform parents, remain calm when others are not, and keep everything running smoothly
- IT Techs that make learning in person or at home p
- Bus Drivers that wake up early to transport students, food, books and supplies
- Nurses, Psychologists, Social workers, and Counselors that make sure everyone is safe physically, mentally, and emotionally
- BOE members that give their time and expertise to make sure we have everything we need to meet current challenges and the ones ahead



CDHS Math teacher Mr. Agostinoni instructing remotely

As we navigate this time together thank you for your partnership and your commitment to education in our community. All of us at Cairo-Durham High School will continue to do all we can to ensure the highest levels of safety, academic excellence, character development, and growth opportunities for our students.

Yours,

Jeremy Moore

Guidance Department -

The deadline for **Circle 50** requests has been extended to next Thursday December 3rd.

Circle 50 - grading policy: Circle 50's are a grading option that struggling students may apply for to lift one quarter failing grade per school year, per course to a 50. Students must sign and abide by a contract with the teacher. If they meet the conditions specified for the remainder of the year the student's 50 will stand. Students please contact your counselor to obtain the Circle 50 contracts ASAP.

Nurse's Corner

We would like to thank the Cairo-Durham families for their continuing efforts to keep each other healthy this school year.

- With cold weather arriving please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. Children will still be going outside for recess. Please make sure they have a warm coat, hat, and mittens.
- If your child is in need of a winter coat, hat or mittens please contact the Health Office. (518) 622-3231 ext 37000
- If you have not already received a flu shot, please consider getting vaccinated to limit the chance of severe illness from the flu.
- If your child becomes ill, please contact the Health Office. If you are unsure if your child should come to school please see the Department of Health tool kit or when you call the Health Office we can offer you support in

making that decision. Below is a link to the DOH tool kit. If your child has any of the symptoms listed do not send them in to school.

- https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/10/prek-gr12_toolkit.pdf
- If your child has a negative COVID test, or a doctor's note with an alternative diagnosis, please make sure the school has a copy of the result before they return to school. Elementary fax #(518) 622-9060. MS/HS fax #(518) 622-0493
- With the Holidays approaching and possibly more time spent with family and friends please stay vigilant with mask wearing, hand washing and maintaining social distancing. If you are traveling please check the website listed below.

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>

We hope you all have happy, healthy Holidays!

Athletics

The Winter Sports Season has experienced several schedule changes so far this school year and the dates may change again in the near future. Currently Varsity Bowling is scheduled to start on December 14th and Wrestling, Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys Volleyball, Cheerleading, and Boys and Girls Indoor Track and Field will begin on January 4th. Remember students are not allowed to try out without signing up on Family ID (familyid.com) and you must have a current physical on file with the school nurse. Please continue to check your emails, the school website for up to date information, and you may contact Athletic Director Greg Hagan at 518-622-8543 ext. 58800 or ghagan@cairodurham.org.

Sources of Strength

The Sources of Strength Club began their first campaign called "What Helps Me." It is a way to spread the message throughout our school the healthy ways/activities students use to help them cope with anger, anxiety and depression. Peer Leaders are asking their classmates during lunch to share their story or just a word or two of advice to fellow students about what helps get them through challenging times. A bulletin board is being created and to make sure all students have the opportunity to participate, Jamboard is being used to create a virtual bulletin board as an option for virtual learners. The 8th grade Peer Leaders, new to the club, are working on a Trusted Adult campaign. They have surveyed the MS to ask who students identify as their trusted adult in the building and a bulletin board is in the works! Ms. Young and Mrs. Drossel are so proud of our students that have invested their time and energy to participate in Sources of Strength activities!

National Junior Honor Society

The NJHS is collecting items for a group called Street Soldier. They are collecting coats as well as personal items such as soap, wipes, hand sanitizer, etc. Please contact Marie Cruz at mcruz@cairodurham.org if you have any questions. Collection boxes are outside the High School Office and Middle School Office.

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