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Cairo-Durham High School **March 2021 - Newsletter**

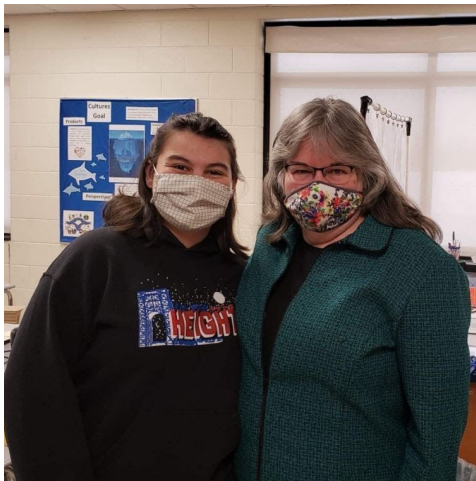
Important Dates:

3/5 - 3rd Quarter Interim Ends
3/11 - Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 pm
3/13 - SATs
3/31 - Junior Parent Night - 6:00 pm

Right: It's the time of year for spectacular sunrises illuminating our mountains!



Student of the Month (January)



Congratulations to Giovanna Manoli, chosen as the Cairo-Durham High School Student of the Month for January 2021! Giovanna is pictured here with her former Spanish teacher and current National Honor Society adviser, Mrs. Miner. As a member of the NHS Giovanna has demonstrated her desire to be a strong leader as well as being an excellent example to her peers. She is friendly, respectful, diligent, and responsible. Giovanna has maintained high academic standards here at Cairo-Durham and has been recognized by several colleges, receiving the Clarkson Scholarship, the Wells Leadership Scholarship, and the St. Rose Trustees Scholarship. In addition to her academic dedication, Giovanna has also participated in extracurricular activities such as Softball, Volleyball, and the Drama Club. Teachers and students alike appreciate her positive personality and desire to always offer her very best. You might even catch Giovanna's cheerful face at our local establishments! She has worked within our community at Gavin's Irish

Country Inn and is currently working at Angel's East Cafe. Her interests include music, playing three instruments, and travel softball. Giovanna is a senior this year and although we will greatly miss seeing her in our hallways next year, we wish her well and look forward to hearing of her successes! She plans on attending the college of Saint Rose for Communication Sciences and Disorders. The best to you Giovanna! Congratulations and thank you for being such an inspiration to so many!

Message from Mr. Jeremy Moore, Principal

A feeling of Spring is in the air and with it a sense of excitement and renewal. We've come back off of Winter Recess in a very successful manner. Almost 60% of our students are back learning in-person every day, and the sound of happy conversations in the hallway blend nicely with the rigorous dialogue going on in classrooms. After school activities are abuzz as well with winter sports in full action, musical tryouts occurring, and kids staying after for a little extra help. It's the din of learning, of kids being kids, and of moving forward and making the most of our opportunities. Hopefully soon there will be word of even more opportunities to take advantage of!

As we reach the mid-way mark of the third quarter it is important for our students to stay focused and sustain a strong effort. Completing work, studying for assessments, and asking great questions will yield positive results that show up on their report cards.

Recent news from the state and federal levels indicate that testing will still go on in June, though it may look a little different than it typically does. Either way we have been working all year to give our students the deepest, most meaningful learning experiences possible. I have every confidence that our students will be ready for AP, Regents, and local final exams when the time comes.

ATTENTION SENIORS -

- **Senior Portraits** need to be done ASAP! Contact Mrs. Little or the main office if you still need to get them taken.
- **PROM?** There is a possibility we will be able to hold your Prom in May/June! Keep an eye out for the survey from your class advisors looking for your interest and input.
- **On Track 4 Graduation** - Make sure you are working with your counselors to complete every obligation needed to graduate in June. It'll be here before you know it....lets do it right!
- **In-person Learning** - We still have a seat for you in your classroom if you need it/want it. If you're thinking about coming back to finish the year in-person please call or email anytime.

Stay healthy and keep in touch!

Yours, Jeremy Moore

Guidance Department -

Course Enrollment presentations have been completed if your son or daughter missed those presentations, please have them reach out to their school counselor. We have also shared a "how to" google doc on the process which is titled Course Request How to tips 2021.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AQ1yquXIBFvVOK1aguCIBQ2KZrlwSrPIFXBNgf9Mk3A/edit>

We would like to complete initial course requests by March 12th. We will try and see those students who were absent over the next two weeks. Please have your child come and set up an appointment if they want to do this.

Any questions or concerns please contact the guidance office.

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Last name M-Z: Justin Karker - jkarker@cairodurham.org

Athletics

The Greene County Department of Health released guidelines last week postponing High Risk Winter Sports that were originally set to start on February 1st. The GCDOH letter outlines the requirements for all Greene County schools and what must happen for our school to start playing basketball, boys volleyball, cheerleading, and wrestling.

Below - Braedan Deyo with the buzzerbeater

The Fall II season (football and girls volleyball) is set to begin on March 7th and sign ups on Family ID will begin on February 7th. Remember if you are not signed up on Family ID, and approved, you will not be allowed to tryout. Unless there is a change in protocols, football and girls volleyball are also under the GCDOH guidelines and the starting dates can be changed at their discretion.



Spring Sports (baseball, softball, boys tennis, and track and field) are set to begin on May 2nd and sign ups on Family ID will begin on April 2nd.

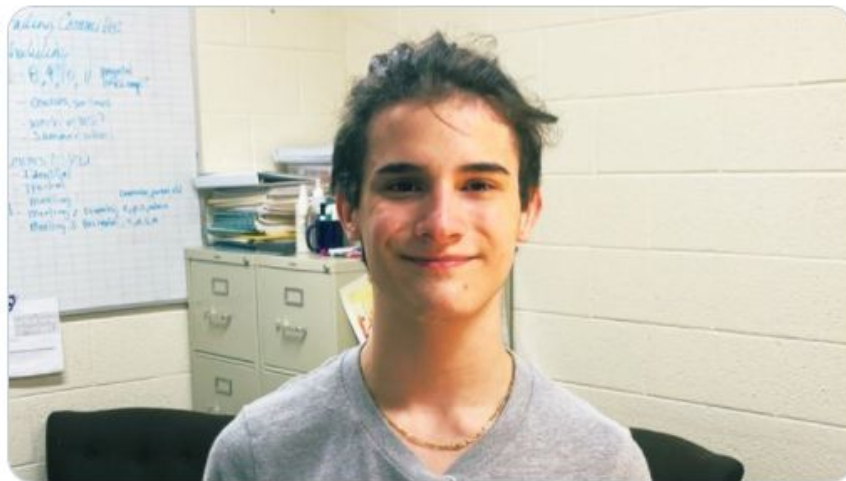
Please continue to check your emails for updates on all athletic matters. If you have any question you can reach me at: ghagan@cairodurham.org or 518-622-8543 and also please follow the Athletic Department on Twitter at: @AthleticsCD

Follow us on Twitter for a glimpse at all the wonderful things happening at Cairo-Durham High School!



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Shout out to Victor Linary for being a stand up guy and the kind of friend to his peers that everyone should have! [#CDHS](#) [#charactercounts](#) [#takethetimetomakeadifference](#)



Sources of Strength students and advisors recently presented to the Board of Education and spoke about the club. Sources of Strength (SOS) is designed to empower students to be leaders among their peers in mental health awareness, healthy activities, and positive relationships. SOS aims to increase help seeking behaviors and promote connections between peers and trusted adults. The ultimate goal of SOS is to prevent suicide, bullying, and substance abuse through the power of these peer social networks. Peer leaders work to find ways to be mentors among their peers and help them find their sources of strength, which could be mentors, family support, healthy activities, spirituality and more.

The Sources of Strength club at CDHS began in 2016 and it recently expanded to include eighth-graders with parent permission. To date, more than 170 Cairo-Durham students have been trained to be SOS peer leaders.

Presenters: Ms. Young, Korinee Hawley and Thanhvy Dinh (both participated via phone), Rachel Maggio, LeAnna Evans, and Mrs. Drossel



YEARBOOK ORDERING INFORMATION:

The cost is \$41.67 (plus tax and shipping). **Yearbooks must be pre-purchased before April 27, 2021.** At this time, all yearbooks will be shipped home due to COVID-19.

- If you would like to pay in cash, bring your payment to Room E6 by Wednesday, April 14, 2021. Email jlittle@cairodurham.org with any questions.

- You must purchase your yearbook and complete your free personal pages by **April 27, 2021.** (Note: your two free custom pages are optional. If you don't customize, you'll receive a standard yearbook.)

- [FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES](#)

Students who sell \$150 worth of yearbook ads will receive a FREE yearbook. Download the ad forms from our school website. Ads are due by February 23, 2021 and should be submitted to the CDHS Main Office.

- **SENIORS:** It is not too late to submit Senior Yearbook Information-***BABY PICTURES, PARENT MESSAGES & QUOTES***

This year we are using a Google Form to collect yearbook submissions (i.e., all information, baby photo, parent message). The form was sent to you via the Senior 2021 Google Classroom.

- **SENIOR PORTRAITS**

Students can call Prestige Portraits/LifeTouch at 518-767-5524 to schedule an alternate date/time for a sitting at their studio (11 Jericho Road, Glenmont, NY 12077).

***Only photos taken by Prestige Portraits/ LifeTouch will be used in the yearbook.

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