



# Central Intermediate School



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## FEBRUARY 2017 ISSUE

### Principal's Message.....Mrs. Gahan

#### A word from the principal

Winter is here! I sure hope your winter break was awesome. What a great time to make memories with your kids!

As you may know, our district is looking closely at our school building, and its future. The building has had many renovations since its original construction in 1907. Over 15 years ago, this building had a significant renovation and upgrade. At this time, it was determined that the district would need to revisit this renovation in twenty years. A committee has been formed and Dr. Hill is leading the charge to decide the future of CIS. If you would like to be on that committee, you are welcome to contact Dr. Hill.

This weekend is our annual Barnes and Noble Weekend. We will feature our kids on Friday night and Saturday. You are welcome to shop all weekend, noting that you are supporting CIS. All profits from this weekend will be used to purchase books for our Language Arts Classroom libraries. Thanks for your willingness!

We began our second semester in January and I hope all is going well for your kids. Good school routines, such as homework completion, attendance and punctuality are so critical to good school performance. We hope your child has developed some good habits this year. We also recognize the challenges of parenting in this age of technology! Our students are often using personal technology for the first time, during fifth and sixth grade. They may need some good supervision and coaching on appropriate use. Consider good practices like no technology in your child's bedroom, to be sure it is used appropriately and doesn't prevent a good night's sleep for your child. If you need to, you are welcome to tell your children that "Mrs. Gahan suggested this". ;-)

In an effort to strengthen communication, I continue to use Remind for quick announcements. If you have not joined our "Remind" group and would like to receive the text message reminders, please join by following these directions: To: "81010" with Message: "@c4d4a". If you would prefer to receive messages via email, send an email to [c4d4a@mail.remind.com](mailto:c4d4a@mail.remind.com). You can leave the subject line blank.

As always, thank you for all you do to support your kids and partner with us at CIS. We hope your child is having a positive experience this year. If you have concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.  
Mrs. Gahan

### School Emergency Guide for Parents/Guardians

In response to suggestions that were made after our various safety notifications were sent this school year, we have created a School Emergency Guide for Parents/Guardians to answer a number of questions we have been frequently asked. The document is designed to offer general guidance to parent/guardian(s), recognizing that all situations are unique. I would like to thank Joe Magnacca, Director of Facilities; Adam Innocenti, School Resource Officer; Randy Reinke, City of Wadsworth Police Chief; and Matthew Hiscock, City of Wadsworth Director of Public Safety, for their work in creating this document. You can view the School Emergency Guide for Parents/Guardians by clicking [here](#).

**NOTE:** It can also be found on our Wadsworth City Schools homepage

### FEBRUARY 2017 CALENDAR EVENTS

- 2-6 6th Grade Intramurals  
3:30-4:15  
Strings Ensemble Classes  
3:30-5:00
- 2-8 5th Grade Intramurals  
3:30-4:15  
Pizza and Pages  
3:30-4:15
- 2-9 Altercare Visits (Schmitt/Kirven)  
10:30-11:30
- 2-10 Spirit Day
- 2-13 6th Grade Intramurals  
3:30-4:15  
Strings Ensemble Classes  
3:30-5:00
- 2-15 5th Grade Intramurals  
3:30-4:15  
STEM Club  
3:30-4:45
- 2-16 Mentoring Program (Albanese)  
3:30-4:30  
Student Council Meeting  
3:30-4:00
- 2-20 NO SCHOOL - President's Day
- 2-22 5th Grade Intramurals  
3:30-4:15
- 2-23 Conference Night  
5:00-8:30
- 2-27 through 3-3  
Read Across America Week
- 2-27 6th Grade Intramurals  
3:30-4:15  
Strings Ensemble Classes  
3:30-5:00



### DONATIONS NEEDED

The Art Room is looking for donations of marbles and glass gems for a 5th grade project. If you have any you can donate, they would be greatly appreciated.  
Thank you,  
Mrs. Bossart

**The Counselor's Corner.....Mrs. Albanese**

The last week of January, our school participated in The Great Kindness Challenge along with thousands of schools around the country. Students were challenged to complete 50 acts of kindness in five days, working from a checklist that they were given on the first day. We still have one day to go but we will have a total soon!

Sixth graders will be working on a 2 session lesson on the topic of deflecting the negative comments of others and using positive self talk to increase their own self esteem. Students at this age group are very sensitive to the comments from peers.. Fifth graders will have a lesson on strategies for getting along well in the classroom and solving problems with friends!

I have been disappointed to discover that Instagram has now added a feature for disappearing video and photos (mimicking Snap Chat). This feature allows bullying to take place by picture or video that parents are unable to trace or view. It also allows an opportunity for students, who are impulsive by nature, to send material that they will later regret. If your student is permitted to use Instagram, it might be helpful to discuss the rules or boundaries for the disappearing feature.

**Device Security Bulletin**

Wadsworth City Schools believes in providing all of our students with best opportunities for success in their education. Toward that end, we supply electronic devices and systems to enable students to reach their highest potential. While we don't talk much about the behind the scenes work regarding technology, a great deal of effort goes into keeping our devices safe and secure. All district devices (iPads, chromebooks, laptops, etc.) are equipped with software that tracks device location, who logs in, and what is done on the device during use. Furthermore, if anyone were so inclined to take one of our district assets off premises with the intent to erase it and sell it for profit, that is futile. We have registered all devices with their respective companies (Apple, Google, HP) so that when a device is erased, upon initial startup one would have to enter credentials to re-activate the device. This access control is held by our Technology Department alone. So if there is ever a stray thought about taking a school device off premise without authorization, please think twice. Local law enforcement has been very pleased with the safeguards and protections we have put in place. We believe the best in everyone so as that none of this is needed, but just wanted you to know the facts behind our device security all the same.

**Jump Rope for Heart Event on Feb. 15th**

Wadsworth City School District is proud to partner again this year with the American Heart Association. Our K-6 students have been invited to participate in Jump Rope for Heart. This month students are learning about the importance of taking care of their heart. Information has come home with your child about this program and explains how families can make donations to the American Heart Association if they choose to do so. Wadsworth City Schools will be having a Jump Rope for Heart Celebration on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at the Girls' Home Varsity Basketball which begins at 7:30 pm. Your child will have the opportunity to join us on the high school basketball court at halftime to show off their jump rope skills. Top participants will also be recognized at this time with a gift from the American Heart Association. There will be no cost for students to attend the game. We just ask that you click on the link below to sign your child up to participate at this event.  
<http://bit.ly/2WCSJRFH>

**MARCH 2017  
CALENDAR EVENTS**

- 3-1 5th Grade Intramurals  
3:30-4:15
- 3-3 6th Grade Activity Night  
7:00-9:00
- 3-6 6th Grade Intramurals  
3:30-4:15  
Strings Ensemble Classes  
3:30-5:00
- 3-8 5th Grade Intramurals  
3:30-4:15  
Pizza and Pages  
3:30-4:15
- 3-9 Altercare Visits (Schmitt/Kirven)  
10:30-11:30

**CONGRATULATIONS**

To our 6th Grade  
January Artists of the Month

Charlie Gale  
Grace Swain  
Ian Kaufman  
Josh Pasco

Lily Frank  
Sophia Fry  
Georgia Cottrel

**SPELLING BEE WINNERS**

- 1st Place: Abby Weber
- 2nd Place: Ethan Snyder
- 3rd Place: Collin Blevins
- Alternate: Elliott Simmons



They will represent CIS at the Medina County Spelling Bee in February

**YEARBOOK**

Announcing.....Central Intermediate School 2016-2017 Yearbook Sale. Flyers were sent home with students on Friday, January 13, 2017. The sale will run through Monday, February 13, 2017. The cost of the standard yearbook is \$17.00 for the soft cover and \$22.00 for the hard cover. The flyer includes several different options and varies in price. Make checks payable to Lifetouch. You can also order online at: [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) with Yearbook ID Code: 11647817.

**DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

**5TH Grade**  
Chloe Ault  
Ethan Dolgowicz  
Andrew Jones  
Kaden Mellon

**6TH Grade**  
Tessa Blake  
Edward Davis  
Timothy Edurese  
Emma Hudock  
Alexis Prentiss  
Ethan Snyder

**JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

**5th Grade**  
Owen Chokreff  
Sophia Parks  
McKenna Pitz  
Samantha Turner  
Andrew Weyand

**6th Grade**  
Sullivan Chadbourne  
Coleman Pridemore  
Jacob Schmeltzer  
Kenzie Shaffer  
Riley Wenger

**DECEMBER BOARD STUDENT OF THE MONTH**  
Lotus Lemp (5th Grade)

**JANUARY BOARD STUDENT OF THE MONTH**  
Nick Tsimpiris (6th Grade)

**Central Intermediate School**  
**Barnes & Noble Bookfair**  
Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> -  
Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
Friday 6pm-8pm  
Saturday 12:30pm-3:30pm

Readers Theatre's  
Biography Book Talks  
Poetry Readings

**Barnes & Noble Bookfair**  
AT YOUR Barnes and Noble  
4015 Medina Rd  
Akron, Ohio 44333  
330.665.5199  
Bookfair # 12068326

Can't Make it to the Bookfair?  
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anytime Feb. 24-29  
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checkout!!!

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to CIS to buy books for  
classroom libraries!

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