

## Update from Mrs. Gaietto, Superintendent Pro Tempore



### **Cory-Rawson Local Schools: May 28, 2021**

End of the year Updates:



Cory-Rawson Welcomes New Superintendent:

#### **Mr. Jay Clark**

Mr. Jay Clark has been hired as the next Cory-Rawson Local Schools Superintendent. Jay has served as middle school principal and assistant superintendent in the Van Buren Local School District, a position he has held since 2004. Prior to his current position, Jay taught instrumental music and was a middle school assistant principal. He earned a Bachelor's of Music Education and Master's in Educational Administration from Bowling Green State University. Jay holds

memberships in the Ohio Association for Secondary School Administrators, National Association of Secondary School Principals, Association for Middle Level Education, and is a member of the University of Findlay College of Education Advisory Council. He is the past president of the Ohio Middle Level Association and was named their Educator of the Year in 2014. Jay and his wife Crystal have four children.

We look forward to his leadership and guidance in the upcoming years!

### **New Guidance for Covid-19 Protocols:**

**Given the recent news of Ohio lifting the mask mandate order, effective June 2, and in consultation with Hancock Public Health, Cory-Rawson Local Schools will suspend our mask policy until further notice. Wearing of masks will be optional within the school and during school sponsored events. Mask wearing is highly recommended for those who are not fully vaccinated. This change will apply to staff, students, and community members.**

**Other preventive measures are still encouraged such as social distancing and hand washing/sanitizing. Quarantine protocols will still be implemented if a student or staff member is not vaccinated, not wearing a mask, and has been within six feet of someone for at least 15 minutes who has tested positive for Covid-19.**



Dr. Cory Hilty to lead Cory-Rawson Elementary School:

Hello to everyone in the Cory-Rawson community! My name is Cory Hilty and I am looking forward to working alongside each of you as the new elementary principal beginning in the 2021-22 school year. I am incredibly honored for the opportunity to build connections and relationships in this community to provide the best learning environment for our students.

Personally, I grew up on a farm outside of Bluffton, Ohio where I participated in opportunities such as athletics and 4-H. I am married to my wonderful wife, Emily, who is a second-grade teacher and together we are expecting a son in early June. We are very eager to meet this new addition to our family! My diverse experiences include coaching and teaching in several rural and suburban elementary schools. For my own education, I attended Bluffton University to earn my bachelor's degree, the University of Dayton for my principal licensure, and The Ohio State University to earn my doctorate in Educational Administration.

Looking forward to meeting everyone soon!

## Elementary School News

Check out the elementary virtual art show!

[Click Here](#)

Coffee Bean Award Winners for the Year

Each month teachers chose a Coffee Bean Award winner from their class. Each of those students is pictured below. Students who displayed great resiliency were chosen as award winners! Congrats!



## High School News:

As a high school principal one of the most important and rewarding jobs I have is to help oversee that ALL of our students graduate from high school. I am very proud to

report that again this year, the class of 2021 did not disappoint! 100% of the class received their high school diplomas last Sunday, May 23 in a beautiful outside ceremony on the football field.

Even though this year presented it's share of roadblocks, we were still able to detour and compete in a few competitions throughout the year. A few of the highlights include:

Our High School Quiz Bowl Team place first in the county.

The Solo & Ensemble performances from our music department brought home numerous top honors.

We had record setting basketball seasons for both the girls and boys teams.

The FFA also received various awards at the district and state levels.

Check out the high school art virtual art show here.

[Click Here](#)

#### Hornet Strong Peer Leaders

One part of our Hornet Strong Initiative was to increase Peer to Peer Opportunities of our students. Encouraging students to engage as leaders and problem solvers related to student wellness. Since March, twenty 6th - 11th graders have volunteered to meet on a weekly basis with Mrs. Price and Mrs. Barnhart. These students have been engaged in creating a culture change at Cory-Rawson and will continue to assist in implementing the Hornet Strong Initiative in the 21-22 school year.



## Summer School/Camp Information:

### Elementary

Plans are being put in place to hold a Summer Instructional Camp for students based on teacher recommendations. This camp will be held August 9th-20th (Monday-Friday) from 9am-1pm. Students will have transportation and lunch provided. If your student has been recommended by their teacher they will receive an invitation asking for you to RSVP to reserve your spot. The number of students will be limited so if no RSVP is received the next student on the list will be invited. More information will be provided in June.

Please fill out the survey in the link provided to provide some feedback on your availability and interest level.

[Click here for the link](#)

### High School

With the school year ending today, Mrs. Barnhart, our school counselor, will be assessing students transcripts to see who might benefit from remediation and/or credit recovery. We will contact those students and their parents who qualifies later this summer with details about our on-line and in-person learning opportunities. Summer school will most likely begin at the end of July/beginning of August.

### Social Emotional Learning Opportunities

Summer Student 'Wellness' Programming is coming. Mrs. Price, the social worker at Cory-Rawson will be offering social emotional support groups, trauma support groups, and individualized support for students July 19 - August 27th. More details and opportunity to sign up will be shared the week of June 14th.

### A Message from Mrs. Gaietto:

As we finalize the 2020/21 school year, I am so proud and inspired by what has been accomplished during this unprecedented year. I am excited and encouraged with our new hires as well as our new school wide initiatives that will carry us into the 2021/22 school year! We spent time this year assessing what our priorities are as a district and in doing so, developed our strategic plan.

The four main focus areas include:

- 1. Culture: Develop a respectful, responsible and safe learning environment***
- 2. Student Learning: Provide learning opportunities designed to prepare every student for future success***
- 3. Student Experience: Provide a variety of opportunities for growth inside and outside of the classroom***
- 4. Communication: Ensure transparent communication and promote dialogue within our community***

Our staff and students were incredibly diligent in following the safety protocols put in place for the prevention of Covid-19. In doing so, we kept our positive cases and quarantine cases to a minimum. The following is a summary of those numbers:

Total number of cases for the school year:

-Staff...#13

-PK-6...#4

-7-12...#10

Total number of quarantines for the school year:

-Staff...#30

-PK-6...#88

-7-12...#89

Lastly, thank you to the Board of Education, staff and community for allowing me to lead the district this school year!

The High School and Junior High choir combined on the Seniors' last day to sing the school's Alma Mater in four hallways. Thank you choir for sharing your voice and Hornet Pride with all of our students and staff. Here is a link to listen to the Jr High Hallway version.

[Click Here for Video](#)



# Cory-Rawson Combined Choirs



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