

Fort Cherry School District
Superintendent's Board Report
September 27, 2021

Building Highlights – Elementary School

The elementary is off to a very good start. Students have settled in to their new routines.

There will be a virtual open house on September 29 and 30.

A book fair will be held on October 1 through 8.

Building Highlights – Jr./Sr. High School

The homecoming dance will be held at Fort Cherry Golf Club on Saturday, October 16. Ticket sales are from September 29 to October 8.

The Fort Cherry Lady Rangers volleyball team is hosting a fundraising Dig Pink Event on October 7. Proceeds from the event will be contributed to a charity that supports the fight against cancer.

Pupil Personnel

Strive students in grades 7-12 participated in a webinar as an introduction to their ECO Challenge Virtual competition. This is their first step in the competition this year! The students were excited to learn of the requirements and are anxious to get started!

Athletic Report

Golf – Currently 8 – 4 on the year. Will finish the season this week with matches against McGuffey and Burgettstown. Sam Schuman qualified for individual WPIALs.

Volleyball – Varsity is currently 3 – 1 and JV is 2 – 2 on the year. There is a home match with Burgettstown tonight and an away match tomorrow with California.

Football – Varsity is currently 3 – 2. Varsity will play Northgate this Friday which is also Senior Night. The JV team is 1 – 0. The 7/8 team is 3 – 0 on the year and will play Charleroi at home this Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

Cross Country – Boys are currently 0 – 2 and Girls are currently 0 -2. There is a home meet tomorrow with West Greene, California, and Burgettstown. There is an away meet on Thursday at Avella with McGuffey.

Varsity Soccer at Wash High – The team is currently 2 – 7 overall in their first year of section play. They will have a home match versus Ringgold at 7:00 p.m.

COVID Update

Last week we closed the Jr./Sr. High School for two days based in large part to the high number of students that required contact tracing. The bulk of the contact tracing was completed during that time. On those two days, students received synchronous instruction.

The building was deep cleaned. Seating in the cafeteria and commons area was modified to allow for social distancing. Tables were removed from classrooms and replaced with desks.

The contact tracing process used this year is the same as that used in the spring of 2021. The direct contact list is prepared by reviewing bus seating charts, classroom seating charts, activity/sports participant lists, and lists based on exposure in the home or community.

On Tuesday, September 21, the Department of Education released new guidelines for school districts. The final sentence in the guideline states that “The decision to close for any length of time remains a local decision. Schools may use other criteria to determine if a suspension of in-person learning is necessary for their local school community.”

Both Fort Cherry buildings are considered medium schools because both have more than 500 staff and students. The Department of Health may recommend a closing should the number of cases fall in the 25 – 45 range in either building.