

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Go Chipps!

## Chippewa Junior/Senior High School



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 19 - Homecoming Game Jan. 20 - Homecoming Dance Feb. 14 - Parent/Teacher Conferences Feb. 14 - CCP Meeting @ 6:00 pm Feb. 16-19 - No School

Performing Arts:

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

High School One Act Play Performance Monday, January 22 @ 7:00 pm

Wayne County High School Play Festival Tuesday, January 23

OMEA High School Solo and Ensemble Šaturday, February 10

**Tri-County Honor Band Concert** Sunday, February 11 @ 2:30 pm

Beauty and the Beast Musical Auditions February 12-15 @ 2:30 pm







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#### CHIPPEWA TO HOST PLAY FESTIVAL

On Tuesday, January 23, Chippewa will be hosting the Wayne County High School Play Festival. This includes nine Wayne County schools with over 200 students and directors involved. This is the first time in over 15 years that this event has been held at Chippewa! This is the first time to host the event in our new school and facility.

Chippewa's show "Game of Tiaras" is a parody of 'Game of Thrones" (Shakespeare's King Lear) intertwined with Disney Princesses. It is meant to be ridiculous and comical. There will be a local performance on Monday evening (1/22) at 7:00 pm. This performance allows our students to perform for an audience before the competition. Students and staff will have the opportunity to view the performance on Tuesday during the day. If there happens to be a snow day on Tuesday, the event will be moved to Wednesday.

Information provided by Shauna Knight

## VARSITY WINTER SPORTS







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### **GUIDANCE UPDATES:**

- Scheduling for the 2024-2025 school year will start in February.
- There will be a CCP (College Credit Plus) meeting on February 14 at 6:00 pm in the auditorium.
- FAFSA is opened December 31st for senior students seeking federal financial aid including grants and loans.
  - Click Here to For Information and Support
  - Click Here to Create Your FSA ID
  - Click Here to Apply

## Routine Reset: Daily Habits for Good Mental Health

As we start the new year, many of us are eager to make positive changes and set the tone for a healthier lifestyle. One effective, but often overlooked, way to do this is by establishing a routine that prioritizes our mental well-being. In this article, we'll explore simple—yet impactful—steps you can take to create a consistent daily routine in January, setting the stage for a healthier and happier year. Let's dive into the practical ways you can enhance your mental health through intentional habits and a focused routine.

#### **KEY ARTICLE POINTS**

- Establishing a routine can improve your mental health.
- Predictable times for exercising, taking medications, doing chores, relaxing, and sleeping make life easier.
- Your schedule can be customized to suit your personal characteristics and preferences.

Click Here to Read the Full Article by Sharon Martin

| WINTER SPORT     | CURRENT RECORD |
|------------------|----------------|
| BOYS BASKETBALL  | 2-8            |
| GIRLS BASKETBALL | 9-3            |



#### **RECENT WRESTLING RESULTS**

#### **Bill Dies Tournament**

- Albert Moreno 1st Place
- Neil Miller 2nd Place
- Sam Petit 2nd Place
- Ben Pierce 4th Place



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## **TEACHING STAFF SPOTLIGHT**



#### Elle Bonnema | 9th Grade Integrated Science III; Physics; Intro to Engineering; Robotics I

Ms. Bonnema grew up in Perry, OH (home of one of two nuclear power plants on Lake Erie), and moved to the Akron area to do her undergrad at The University of Akron. During that time, she played trumpet for the marching band and assisted in research on organic solar cells. After graduating in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in biochemistry, she went back to UA to earn her M.S. in Curriculum & Instruction. Before her student teaching year, she worked as a graduate assistant for the College of Education. In this role, she assisted on a NSF-funded project that was designed to improve college STEM student retention. This is Ms. Bonnema's third year teaching here at Chippewa Jr/Sr High School. She lives in Akron with her deaf cat, Hank. In her spare time, Ms. Bonnema enjoys reading (in a coffee shop), traveling, and crocheting.



#### Favorite Animal: Octopus

**Favorite High School Memory:** Playing Laurey in her school's production of "Oklahoma!" during her junior year.

#### Emily Costanzo | 7th Grade Math | Middle School Track Coach

Mrs. Costanzo is a 2013 graduate of Chippewa High School and holds an Integrated Mathematics degree from Kent State University, as well as a Masters degree in Educational Leadership from Ashland University. This is Mrs. Costanzo's sixth year teaching here at Chippewa Jr/Sr High School. She lives in Doylestown with her husband Colton and two children, Avery and Casen. In her spare time, Mrs. Costanzo enjoys running or taking walks with her kids.

Favorite Movie: Sweet Home Alabama Favorite High School Memory: The Washington D.C. Trip and Winning Districts in Soccer her Senior Year

## **COURSE FEATURE: STRANGER THINGS**

#### Taught by Kati Kager

The objective of our new elective Stranger Things is best stated by renowned scientist and MIT professor Harold "Doc" Edgerton: "The trick to education is to teach people in such a way that they don't realize they're learning until it's too late." The "trick" of this elective is that each of the learning objectives is simply hidden in a visual medium instead of a written medium. Students learn characterization by watching the first season of the show, parallel plots by watching the first and second seasons of the show, analysis by watching the movies that inspired the show, and collaboration by creating group video essays and projects. Most importantly, students learn to analyze the visual and sound images that they are bombarded with every day, learning that everything done in a successful show is intentional. By the time the course ends and students have to put together a "Pitch deck" for their own show, they realize that now they know how to create a catchy show title and quotable tagline, create a mood, set a tone, create plot and characters, and think about marketing. By turning their learning "upside down," students turn their understanding of literary concepts right side up.





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