

COLBERT COUNTY SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT'S

NINE WEEKS' NEWSLETTER

MTSS

We are excited to announce that the Colbert County School System was accepted in Cohort 1 of the Alabama MTSS implementation. Thank you to our regional partner, Jill Edwards, along with Kristy Shankles and the team from ALSDE. We are looking forward to incorporating this framework into our ongoing efforts to support the growth and development of every child.

Thanks to our school leaders, faculty members, central office directors, UNA, NWSCC, Colbert County Commission, and our school board members for being there today to celebrate our announcement!

Thank you also to the Alabama Music Hall of Fame for opening your doors to us today. Making our announcement there was a special treat!



ACADEMICS

ASPIRING ADMINISTRATORS



Colbert County aspiring administrators working on Data Driven decisions for the district.

AMSTI



Thank you to our AMSTI partners Lori McGuire, and Chasity Parker for meeting with my administrator team today. The ACAP data protocol tool you shared with us will have a major impact on how we interpret our student scores and focus our decision making for the future!

DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE



I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to speak to the seniors at all three high schools. We are implementing Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace for Teens in our Economics classes this year. As a former high school Economics/personal finance teacher, this is near and dear to my heart!

Thanks to our Econ teachers Mr. Orman, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Rutland, & Coach Rushing for taking on this implementation.

A big thank you also to our local legislators, Senator Stutts, Representative Kiel, and Representative Sorrell for securing funding this program.

We want each graduating senior to be well prepared for their personal financial future!

TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to Anna Cowley for being selected as Colbert County School District Teacher of the Year for the 2021-2022 school year.

CAPS PRE-K

The CAPS Pre-K program visited the Muscle Shoals Fire Department and learned about Fire Safety.



ACADEMICS

PACE PROGRAM



"The PACE program is having a GREAT year! We have been relocated to building 114 on the campus of Northwest Shoals Community College. We took our 5th and 6th grade students to Disney World in September where they were able to experience the Disney Imagination Campus program. We have also been able to plant raised bed gardens with all of our classes. We are excited about each of the opportunities our program is able to offer your children." - Amanda Parker and Michelle Reaves

SPORTS

All coaches of fall sports were emailed & asked to give a statement of the great things going on in their programs. The following responses were received:

FOOTBALL



Congratulations to the 2022 Colbert County High School football team for making yet another appearance in the AHSAA playoffs. Our 5 seniors have provided fantastic leadership during the season and hope to continue to live up to the standards and tradition established by past Indians! ROLL TRIBE!!!

Colbert Heights senior football players pictured below with Coach Leathers finished up their season last Thursday night with a win. Coach Leathers said, "This team, and especially these seniors, have been a lot of fun to be around this year. We experienced our share of challenges and successes throughout the season. There is no doubt in my mind these young men will be successful in life because of the experiences they gained from playing the great game of football here at Colbert Heights."



VOLLEYBALL



Colbert County Volleyball was runner up in the Area tournament this year and went to Super Regionals for the first time in 11 years. Coach Stewart said she is extremely proud of them and everything they accomplished this year.



Cherokee's Libby Collum and Myia Goodloe made the All-Area Tournament Team.



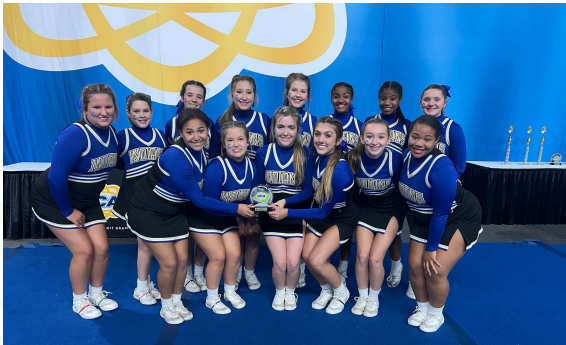
Colbert Heights varsity volleyball finished the season 23-23 after facing a loss during their second consecutive trip to the Super Regional Tournament. Among other accomplishments this year, the team was regular season Area Champions, 3A Area 15 Tournament Champions, and placed 1st in another regular season tournament.

SPORTS

CHEER



The squad this year has no captain. I wanted each of the girls to step up and lead the team, and they have done a fabulous job. From calling cheers during the games to planning stunts and dances, each of the girls has played an intricate role in improving the varsity cheer squad. I am very proud of them!



"The Cherokee varsity cheerleaders started their competition season on October 23rd. They placed 5th overall in the game day division and received a bid to nationals. They will compete again on November 12th in The magic city regional in Birmingham, and November 16th in the AHSAA state qualifier. After finishing 3rd at the state competition in the 1-2A division last year, we are very excited and ready to compete again this year and bring the state title home to Cherokee!! GO INDIANS!!!!" -Keri Newton

CROSS COUNTRY



Congratulations to all of our Colbert Heights Cross Country runners who ran in sectionals today. Our girls finished 2nd and will run in the STATE XC meet next Saturday. Boys finished overall 6th and Issac Crumpton advanced to State meet as well.

FINE ARTS

Band & Theatre directors were emailed and asked to give a statement of the great things going on in their programs. The following responses were received:



After a ten-year hiatus, the Drama Department is back in full swing at CHS! We followed the yellow brick road to a wonderful production of "The Wizard of Oz" last year, and now our Drama Club is ready to tell a tale as old as time with our new production of "Beauty and the Beast", coming in April of 2023. CHS Drama also chartered a chapter with the International Thespian Society, and we are excited to start inducting members into this prestigious honor society soon.



The CHHS Theatre Department will present *Once on This Island* Nov 10-13. The CHHS Theatre Department was recently the recipient of nine regional theatre awards, including Best High School Play and Best Scene Design for a Musical.



"The Colbert Heights High School Pride of the Mountain Wildcat Marching Band has scored Superior ratings at the Northwest Alabama Marching Classic, Tennessee Valley Invitational, and West Alabama Marching Band Festival!

Our 2022 Drum Major CJ Hamm has won Best in Class Drum Major at the Tennessee Valley Invitational and the West Alabama Marching Band Festival! These students have worked extremely hard this season, and we are so proud of everything they have accomplished!" -Jill Kirk

Art will be spotlighted in next nine weeks' letter.

CTE

CHS FFA Parliamentary Procedure State Champions! They competed at the National FFA Convention in October. Congratulations!



Check out these Fire Science club members spreading awareness during Fire Safety/Prevention month.



CHHS FFA attended the National FFA Convention.



CHHS DECA attended the Junior Leadership Development Conference



The Health Science Program hosted a successful blood drive!

CTE



Students were able to check out the new Ford Mustang Maché-E 4X in our automotive program. They also learned about opportunities offered through Lawson State.



Lots of great things in Computer Science. Currently, our Python classes are learning to create graphical user interfaces. In AP, we are discovering the magic of Boolean logic. ESports is nearing the end of the fall season, and our Smash Ultimate team is #8 in the state.

CHHS FBLA, CHS FBLA, CCHS FBLA at Junior Leadership Development Conference



#LightingThePath

#LeadingTheWay

NEW HIRES & RETIREMENTS

Welcome

We are so happy to have you join the Colbert
County School System!

Kelsee Atkinson
Verliscia Bankhead
Breanne Crowden
LaCrissa Dover
Anna Elliott
Niki Isbell
Baylee King
Nick Maez
Duke Taylor
Jerwan Thompson
Tammy Wadkins

— HAPPY —
Retirement

Pat McConnico - Central Office Receptionist

LET'S HEAR SOME POSITIVITY!

There was a Google form sent out by Mrs. Britt so we can hear the positive things going on in your schools. These are a few of the employees that have been bragged on by their fellow coworkers when they were spotted going the extra mile.

Sarah Sparks

Brought cupcakes for the bus drivers birthdays for the month of September

Elisea Smith

Started our reading program during homeroom time. Students are free reading and improving their STAR scores!

Jennifer Morgan

Keeping our kids engaged with exciting competitions among homerooms. (Spirit day counts, name that walk up song, student of the month)

CHS Broadcast Club

Veronica and Austin did a FANTASTIC job on today's broadcast! Please watch it!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SwiHWdAfqdE>

Coach Elkins

She goes above and beyond for our students to have the best experience at school. She is always planning fun activities for the students and making sure we participate in spirit week . She's a very hard worker and I'm glad I get to work with her and see her eyes full of excitement for all the things she has prepared for the children!!! She loves what she does and dedicated to get the job done even if it does not involves P.E if Teamwork was a person it would definitely be Coach Elkins!!!!

Brandon Archer

Just being the BEST principal!

Renee Smith

She not only runs our fabulous library, but she has to keep track of computers and chargers for every student. That is not an easy task. She has also been there for me with all the questions I have had since starting in January.

LaToya Williams

She is so pleasant and friendly. She's extremely consistent pulling students. She is a wonderful addition to LES.

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CHHS FBLA and CHHS FBLA Middle Level

CHHS FBLA sold \$650 in March of Dimes Blue Jeans for Babies t-shirts and CHHS FBLA Middle Level sold \$337.

Sabrina Underwood

Last school year, she began as 1 of 4 resource teachers but by May, she was the ONLY one for all grades at CCHS!!! Not to mention all the subbing she did for a science teacher. She ROCKS!!

Denise Russell - CCHS Math Teacher

Ms. Russell received the Black2Life Teacher grant for Fall 2022.

All HES Teachers

With all the changes we have went through since the start of the school year, (New Reading Series, not all the material has arrived for Open Court, new Math series, etc.) my teachers have continued to work extremely hard and strive to get better. I'm very proud of their efforts!!!

Coach Amberly Elkins

She has manned a Color Run for the last two years, got a community grant, began Spirit Store, supplies special pops on Friday to P.E. students, mans all breakfast flow for the entire school, helps decorate for every activity, dresses the part for every "crazy day"-and has helped improve the look of the gymnasium and auditorium with Color Run funds with a fresh coat of paint and color splats. She is always welcoming, precious to all students and staff, and is simply a Rock Star! I don't know how she does it, but she is a true asset to LES. Hands down AMAZING!!!

Mr. Archer

He is a great principal - always willing to listen.