



BEYOND THE GAME

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AND THE COMMUNITIES OF CINCINNATI

ATHLETICS

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CPS ATHLETICS RECEIVES \$30,000 DONATION FROM RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION SOLUTION TO SUPPORT A WEIGHT ROOM RENOVATION AT AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL

Over the last 10 years, CPS Athletic programs have renovated their weight rooms to replace cardio equipment and weight equipment, as well as installing new school spirit signage.

Aiken New Tech High School recently moved closer to their renovation by receiving a generous donation from Reliable Transportation Solutions (RTS). RTS is a phenomenal and supportive group who wanted to make an impact on high school athletes in the Cincinnati area. Their donation is going straight to Aiken's weight room renovation project.



We spoke with Athletic Director Paul Brownfield to get his thoughts on what this donation means to him and his program:

Q: What does this donation mean to Aiken HS/ Aiken athletics?

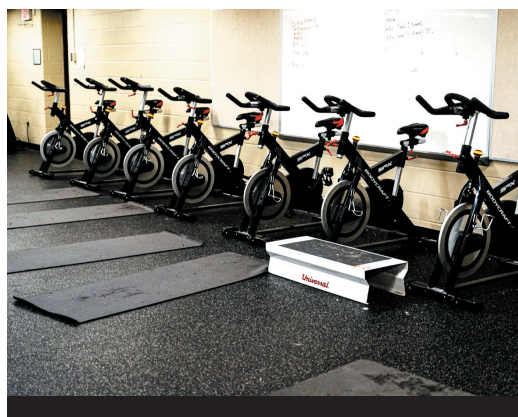
A: This donation is an incredible blessing on all of our programs at Aiken. We have always found ways to make things work at Aiken, especially in the weight room. If we needed kettlebells or bands, we would go out and find a way to piece some things together, but for us to have a full overhaul of the room is incredible. The level of pride that our students will be able to have when they walk into a room that was made for them — not pieced together with what we could find - is something that I cannot wait to see!

Q: How will the weight room equipment impact your program?

A: The impact that this upgrade is going to have will have a ripple effect that we may never see end. The upgraded equipment will help us develop our athletes further, which will lead to improved performance, which will lead to greater levels of success and greater opportunities for our students when they leave Aiken. In a vacuum, it improves our team's abilities to work out, but in reality, this upgrade will create opportunities that were not there before.

Q: What would you like to say to RTS for this generous donation?

A: We cannot say thank you enough to Tyler Hildebrand and the RTS group. Their donation is not only going to help impact the lives of our current students at Aiken, but for the future Falcons who haven't made it to us yet. It's an incredible blessing that we are fortunate to have received!



Hughes STEM High school was another beneficiary of the weight room renovation project. Below you will see photographs of their incredible weight room that was revamped this summer! Special thanks to Ms. Jill Ruby, a Hughes teacher, for providing the photographs at left.



CPS ATHLETICS PARTNERS WITH **BE GREATER WITH** TO PROVIDE FLAG FOOTBALL UNIFORMS TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT



CPS Athletics and **Be Greater With** partnered this fall to provide flag football uniforms to elementary student-athletes in the district. **BGW** is a non-profit organization in Cincinnati that is on a mission to instill confidence in K-6 grade student-athletes, through the distribution of team uniforms and equipment.

BEGREATERWITH

Shanan Barga, BGW President, had this to say about the partnership:

"We are certainly excited to partner with Cincinnati Public Schools. Not only is the generous donation from CityWide allowing student-athletes

the opportunity to showcase their new uniforms, but it also provides students with an opportunity to showcase their skills and dedication to a sport they have been practicing and learning. We partnered with CPS over a year ago in high hopes of instilling confidence in student-athletes with new uniforms and we believe this partnership has had a positive impact. We continue to look forward to fulfilling our mission."

The season was capped off with a **Staff vs. Students** flag football game at Mt. Airy School. It was exciting to see our student-athletes showcase their new uniforms in friendly competition with staff members at Mt. Airy. THANK YOU to **Be Greater With** and **CityWide** for your partnership and support to Cincinnati Public Schools student-athletes!!



CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

We are excited to continue to recognize and highlight our scholar-athletes that excel on the field, in the classroom and in their community. Our CPS Scholar-Athletes of the Month are awarded prizes, trophies and are eligible for a scholarship at the end of the school year!



Terhyon Nichols
Withrow | Football



Sara Elliott
Walnut Hills | Field Hockey



Kyshai Calloway
Taft | Cheerleading



Milton Hernandez Gramajo
Aiken | Soccer



Jaden Harris
Hughes | Cross Country



A'riah Johnson
Gamble | Volleyball





CPS ATHLETICS THANKFUL FOR PARTNERSHIP WITH **OHIO CLEATS FOR KIDS**

In 2016, CPS District Athletics team held a meeting with **Bari Lansberg**, Executive Director of the non-profit organization Ohio Cleats for Kids (Ohio C4K), to discuss ways to collaborate to make a positive impact for youth in Cincinnati through athletics. It was at that first meeting, under Bari's leadership, that a partnership was born as both Ohio C4K and CPS Athletics shared the same mission of providing equitable sport opportunities to students. As a result of the partnership and hard work from Bari and her team, 24,000 sport items have been delivered to student-athletes throughout the city of Cincinnati.

One area where the Ohio C4K partnership has been instrumental for CPS is the growth of elementary athletics programming in the district. The goals/objectives of increased elementary participation since 2016 could not have been accomplished without Bari's drive and determination to make an impact for students.

Brent Langhorne, Elementary Athletics Coordinator, shared what the partnership has meant to CPS Athletics:

"CPS Athletics is incredibly grateful for the partnership with Ohio Cleats for Kids since 2016 and all they have done to impact our student-athletes and the youth throughout the City of Cincinnati!"

Bari Lansberg and her team have been instrumental in the growth of CPS Elementary Athletics and we wouldn't have been able to grow our elementary programming from 300 to 2500 students over the course of our partnership without their desire to make a difference in the community and for our student-athletes."

As CPS Athletics met with Bari this past summer to discuss the 2022-23 school year, she revealed that she will be retiring from her role at C4K and will donate the entire store of sports equipment to CPS Athletics as well as provide a generous monetary donation so that the vision/partnership that began in 2016 would continue for years to come. Although the Ohio chapter of C4K will be retired, the momentum that Ohio C4K has created for the City of Cincinnati will continue in the future!

Bari had this to say about her time at C4K and the partnership with CPS.

"I am so very proud of what we have accomplished here in Ohio. Since 2016, we have given away over 24,000 sports items to kids in need! We have grown Cincinnati Public Schools sports participation tremendously, and we have empowered many teams across the entire state of Ohio."

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered or supported Ohio Cleats for Kids through this amazing journey! Without your help, our tremendous success would have never been possible!"

As this chapter and partnership close, on behalf of CPS Superintendent Iranetta Wright and CPS Athletics, THANK YOU to Bari and Ohio C4K for your incredible work over the years. Your legacy and impact will most certainly live on as we look to build on the momentum that you have created to positively impact the next generation of student-athletes!!





COMEBACK GIVEBACK

CPS is very excited to relaunch our **"Come Back Give Back"** series. We travel around the district to recognize and thank our great coaches, support staff, and administrators who have come back (CPS ALUM) to give back to our CPS student-athletes!



REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONS



WOODWARD BULLDOGS — Red Division Girls Volleyball Cincinnati Metro Athletic Conference (CMAC) Champions and End of Season Tournament Champions



WITHROW TIGERS — CMAC Red Division Football Conference Champions



GAMBLE GATORS — CMAC Blue Division Football Conference Champions



WITHROW TIGERS — CMAC Football JH Champions



AIKEN FALCONS — Boys & Girls Champions in the CMAC Cross Country Championship Meet



WESTERN HILLS MUSTANGS — CMAC Girls Soccer Tournament Champions



WALNUT HILLS EAGLES — Boys & Girls JH Soccer City Champions

FALL HIGHLIGHTS



IAMCPSATHLETICS @iamcpsathletics · Oct 7

We are excited to announce the hiring of our @iamCPS Asst. Athletics Manager for JH/HS and @cmac_sports Asst. Commissioner, Mark Hermann.

Mark is a @walnutathletics and @UC_SPAD alum, earning his Masters in Sport Administration from @uofcincy #comebackgiveback #bepresent



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IAMCPSATHLETICS @iamcpsathletics · Sep 24

@iamCPS Supt. Wright @principallearns came out to support the big @cmac_sports matchup at Stargel Stadium between @WithrowTigers and @TaftNation #iamcps #bepresent



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★ FALL HIGHLIGHTS ★



Jahiren Oliver, senior running back at Clark Montessori, rushed for over 1,000 yards this season for the Cougars!



Junior running back Charles Hawkins Jr. uses the stiff arm to gain extra yardage for the Taft Senators vs. Hughes at Stargel Stadium!



On October 8, Walnut Hills High School honored their seven Varsity Girls Soccer team seniors before their game against Ross High School!



Nikayla Jackson, Junior for the Aiken High School volleyball team, makes an outstanding play during a Falcons home match this fall!

★ FALL HIGHLIGHTS ★



Anthony Baquedano, sophomore at Dater, crosses the ball during the Mustangs home soccer game at Arch McCarthy Stadium!



Linarra Williams, a junior at Hughes High School, cheering on the Big Red at Stargel Stadium!



The Lady Mustangs soccer team from Western Hills secured a 2-0 win at Marx Stadium to become conference champions!



The Woodward Bulldogs are your 2022 CMAC Volleyball Tournament Champions.

★ FALL HIGHLIGHTS ★



Congrats to the Aiken boys and girls cross country teams for defending their CMAC Championship at the 2022 CMAC Cross Country Meet at Withrow High School!



Withrow finished first out of 10 schools at the Mt. Healthy Cross Country Invitational on September 28.



The doubles team of Irisa Poompanit and Angela Britton represented Walnut Hills High School Girls Tennis at the State Championships!

