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Implementation of Arbiter/Arbiter Pay

Athletic Directors can now schedule contests with other schools as well as assign/pay officials electronically through Arbiter Sports, an online sports contest planning portal used by every high school with Athletics in Ohio.

Scholar-Athlete Leadership Conference

A specially selected group of leaders were chosen from each CPS high school to participate in an afternoon of break-out sessions and lessons about character and leadership. The afternoon concluded with a give back project for younger CPS elementary students. Each student in attendance is now part of the Scholar Athlete Leadership Team at their respective schools with a focus of giving back to the community.

Read more about the Scholar-Athlete Leadership Conference here:

www.cps-k12.org/sites/www.cps-k12.org/files/pdfs/Beyond-the-Game-Dec2016.pdf

Revitalization of Athlete of the Week

The CMAC brought back the Athlete of the Week for all sports throughout the entire 2016-2017 school year. Coaches were able to nominate players that demonstrated characteristics of leadership on and off the court and these students were highlighted on CMACstats.com as well as our social media outlets. These athletes were also given special Athlete of the Week t-shirts.

See who's won CMAC Athlete of the Week here: www.cmacstats.com/contentPage.aspx?sec=3

CMAC Game of the Week

The Cincinnati Metro Athletic Conference chose one game per week to highlight student athletes and schools. Not only were games broadcasted live over social media, but athletics interns attended each contest to write post-game reports on the games as well as interview players and coaches to heighten awareness of the competition throughout the CMAC.

Check out post-game reports (December, January, and February) on the home page of www.CMACstats.com

Beyond the Game Newsletters

CPS Athletics began sharing a seasonal newsletter to showcase athletic accomplishments on and off the field. In addition, a section to spotlight noteworthy business partners and employees that are CPS alumni has been written in each issue.

Click here to see each Beyond the Game Newsletter: www.cps-k12.org/schools/athletics/newsletter



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RUYA Training Sessions

The Reds Urban Youth Academy hosted CPS baseball and softball high school athletes this past winter in newly arranged open-gym clinics once a week for 2 months prior to the start of the spring sports season. Students were able to interact with athletes from other schools while improving their skill set with top-notch instruction provided by the Reds.

Read more about the Reds Urban Youth Academy and their history with CPS here in our Supporter Spotlight:

www.cps-k12.org/sites/www.cps-k12.org/files/pdfs/Beyond-the-Game-Dec2016.pdf

Division 2 Girl's Sectional Basketball Tournament

Due to the flooding of Withrow High School's gymnasium, the Division 2 Girl's SWDAB Sectional Basketball Tournament was held at Walnut Hills High School. A handful of CPS schools actually participated in the sectional as the Athletics staff at Walnut Hills helped put on a great week of games.

Read more about the tournament here:

www.cps-k12.org/sites/www.cps-k12.org/files/pdfs/Beyond-the-Game-March-2017.pdf

Launched CPS Athletics and CMAC social media pages

With social media being one of the top ways to hear/spread news, Twitter pages were created for the Cincinnati Metro Athletic Conference as well Cincinnati Public Schools Athletics.

Follow us on Twitter for the latest news, stats and info regarding athletics in the CMAC and CPS:

https://twitter.com/cmac_sports?lang=en and <https://twitter.com/iamcpsathletics>

Youth Lacrosse Clinic

Dick's Sporting Goods collaborated with CPS Athletics to host a free youth lacrosse clinic at Walnut Hills High School for CPS elementary students. Walnut Hills Varsity coaching staff led the instruction at the clinic as Dick's Sporting Goods provided balls, sticks and a special movie presentation about the rise of women's lacrosse.

Read more about the Lacrosse Clinic here:

www.cps-k12.org/sites/www.cps-k12.org/files/pdfs/Beyond-the-Game-Dec2016.pdf

The First Tee

In efforts to grow the sport of golf within the district, CPS Athletics collaborated with The First Tee to fund a curriculum with equipment included for elementary PE classes. The First Tee brought in an expert to train our teachers and now 10 new schools offer an experience to golf.

Read more about The First Tee here:

www.cps-k12.org/sites/www.cps-k12.org/files/pdfs/Beyond-the-Game-Dec2016.pdf

Golf Outing

Athletics hosted the first districtwide Golf Outing which saw over 60 CPS alumni, faculty and friends participate. All proceeds went towards the newly formed Dave Dierker Scholarship Fund which was created to honor the previous District Athletics Manager. At the end of the day, over \$5,000 was raised to ultimately put into the fund that will be awarded to multiple CPS student athletes every school year.

Read more about the Golf Outing here:

www.cps-k12.org/sites/www.cps-k12.org/files/pdfs/Ath-GolfOuting_wrapup_2017.pdf



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Preschool Visits and Engagement

CPS Athletics created a schedule to get out and visit pre-schools inside the district to have fun and work on motor skills with a focus around exercise and sport. The Athletics staff engaged in a variety of activities to create a positive relationship between young minds and athletics.

Read more about our pre-school engagement here:

www.cps-k12.org/sites/www.cps-k12.org/files/pdfs/Beyond-the-Game-March-2017.pdf

Revitalization of JH Baseball

In order to have successful high school programs, younger teams must be available and kids need to play. Jr. High baseball made significant strides this year as new jerseys were purchased for each team and a schedule was distributed to 9 different CPS Jr. High teams. Our goal is to increase participation which will ultimately create more competitive teams at the Varsity level in the future. Jr. High softball is also a goal of ours to have operational within the next few years.

Balling for Heart March Madness

The American Heart Association joined forces with Cincinnati Public Schools for a fundraiser that led to having over 350 donated to elementary schools throughout the district. Healthy heart awareness was the focus of the month of March as schools were asked to participate in 3 weeks of a specialized basketball/cardio curriculum. In addition, a single day event was held at Mt. Airy Elementary that brought together several students to participate in a day of basketball drills, lunch and a presentation by the American Heart Association.

Read more about Balling for Heart here:

www.cps-k12.org/sites/www.cps-k12.org/files/pdfs/Beyond-the-Game-March-2017.pdf

Cincinnati Public Schools All Star Weekend

Cincinnati Public Schools hosted the first districtwide All-Star Weekend at Withrow High School. Student-athletes were selected for baseball and softball Home Run Derbies followed by All-Star games.

Read more about the All-Star Weekend here:

www.cps-k12.org/sites/www.cps-k12.org/files/pdfs/Ath-AllStarGame_wrapup_2017.pdf

Launched Athletics Internship Program

CPS Athletics launched an internship program that allows students at local colleges/universities to get the experience of an Athletic Administrator. Between helping with events at up to 13 of our high schools as well as planning events, helping with office tasks and more, these interns have provided excellent assistance and have contributed to the expansion and growth of athletics in the district.

Read more about the internship program here:

www.cps-k12.org/sites/www.cps-k12.org/files/pdfs/Beyond-the-Game-Fall-2016.pdf

Meet the 2016-2017 Athletics intern staff by clicking below:

www.cps-k12.org/sites/www.cps-k12.org/files/pdfs/athl-Intern-Spotlight-2016-17.pdf