

# Covington Owl Sports

## 2018 COVINGTON OWL BASEBALL SCHEDULE

FEB 20	BLOOMING GROVE	JV	AWAY	4:30
FEB 22-24	RIO VISTA TOURNAMENT	TBA		
FEB 27	RIO VISTA		AWAY	5:30
MARCH 1	KEENE TOURNAMENT			1:00/3:00
MARCH 3	KEENE TOURNAMENT	TBA		
MARCH 6	*ITALY		AWAY	6:30
MARCH 9	*ITASCA		HOME	4:30
MARCH 13	*FROST		AWAY	1:00
MARCH 16	SPRING BREAK			
MARCH 20	*ABBOTT		HOME	4:30
MARCH 23	*AVALON		AWAY	4:30
MARCH 27	*BLUM		HOME	4:30
MARCH 30	*MILFORD		AWAY	4:30

## 2018 COVINGTON OWL SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

MARCH 2	ITASCA		HOME	5:30
MARCH 6	BLUM AWAY			4:30
MARCH 9	KOPPERL		HOME	5:30
MARCH 10	AVALON		AWAY	10:00
MARCH 16	OPEN (SPRING BREAK)			
MARCH 20	FROST		HOME	5:30
MARCH 23	OPEN			
MARCH 27	ITALY		AWAY	4:30
MARCH 30	ITASCA		AWAY	4:30

## 2018 COVINGTON OWL HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

March 1	Rio Vista Invitational	Rio Vista
March 8	Rattler Relays	Tolar
March 12-16	Spring Break - No Meet	
March 22	Coolidge	Coolidge
March 29	Axtell (Live Oak)	Axtell

## 2018 COVINGTON OWL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

March 6	Rattler Relay	Tolar
March 12-16	Spring Break - No Meet	
March 20	Coolidge	Coolidge
March 26	District 20 Meet	Meridian



March 2, 2018



## High School UIL Upcoming Events

High school students are gearing up to begin to sharpen their competition skills for the district UIL Events held at Covington on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to sign-up for an event of your interest at Mrs. Lanham's door. High school academic contest events available are Journalism, Speech & Debate, STEM Activities, Accounting, Computer Applications, Calculator Applications, Computer Science, One Act Play, Mathematics, News Writing, Number Sense, and Science. Literary Criticism, Ready Writing, Spelling, Current Issues & Events, and Social Studies. There is a subject for all interested in competing. Students be sure to meet up with your competition coach to have a clear idea of all the rules.

## OWLstanding Students

Each week Covington elementary focuses on a different positive characteristic word. Teachers select students performing the acts of the characteristic words each week. The following students received OWLstanding student awards for this month. It is a great feeling knowing students can stand out by doing the right things. Our characteristic words for this month were enthusiasm, contagious cheerfulness, kind, and early. Great job to all showing their Covington pride with great character traits.

ENTHUSIAAMS	CONTAGIOUS CHEERFULNESS	KIND	EARLY
Rayna Heath	Jamidy Holland	Weston Jacobs	Caine Solis
Oscar Rivas	Gracie Green	Azumi Albero	Gracee Meek
Jayleigh Hall	Emmalee Akin	Daniella Risinger	Riley Miller
Jerry Sanders	Teagan Watters	Payton Griffin	Colton Nickell
Anna Roberson	Danyelle Turpen	Isabell Macias	Landon Day
Seth Baze	Karlee Sorensen	Adam Stamper	Kaitlynn Schreiber
Daja Robertson	Evelyn Seitz-Troullier	Chucky Mason	Jason Basye
Cory Gilchrest	Breannah Peacock	Allen Black	Brazos Stewart

## Activities Set for Public School Week

Covington elementary will be hosting a few fun activities for you to share with your child during the week of Public School Week which is March 26<sup>th</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup>.

The cafeteria will be sponsoring a Muffins with Mom on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> and a Donuts for Dad on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Both will be in the elementary gym from 7:30-8am. What a great way to enjoy breakfast with your child.

Our spring time book fair, "Paws for Books" will be going on for all loved ones to stop by and shop for surprise Easter gifts. There will be a Grand Event for students and their loved ones on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. We hope to have a few furry friends and their trainers on hand. Please come, stay, read a great tale, and get fur-iffic books at the Book Fair.

# MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> HS Track @ Rio Vista 1:00p BB Tourn @ Keene 3:00p BB Tourn @ Keene	<b>2</b> End - 4th Six Weeks \$1 Hat Day 5:30p SB HERE vs Itasca	<b>3</b> BB Tourn @ Keene
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Start - 5th Six Weeks State Testing 5:00p Community Open House & Taste Test 7:00p School Board Meeting (MOVED)	<b>6</b> New Cafeteria Menu Options JH Track @ Tolar State Testing 4:30p SB @ Blum 6:30p BB @ Italy	<b>7</b> State Testing	<b>8</b> One Act Play District Competition HS Track @ Tolar State Testing	<b>9</b> Bad Weather Make-up Day 4:30p BB HERE vs Itasca 5:30p SB HERE vs Kopperl	<b>10</b> 10:00a SB @ Avalon
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Spring Break 6:00p PTO Meeting	<b>13</b> Spring Break 1:00p BB @ Frost	<b>14</b> Spring Break	<b>15</b> Spring Break	<b>16</b> Spring Break	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> HS UIL 12:00p Early Dismissal	<b>20</b> JH Track @ Coolidge 4:30p BB HERE vs Abbott 5:30p SB HERE vs Frost	<b>21</b> HS UIL 12:00p Early Dismissal	<b>22</b> HS Track @ Coolidge	<b>23</b> 4:30p BB @ Avalon	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Public School Week Paw Patrol Book Fair 7:30a-4:00p JH Track District 20 Meet @ Meridian	<b>27</b> Public School Week Muffins with Mom 7:30a-8:00a Paw Patrol Book Fair 7:30a-4:00p 4:30p SB @ Italy 4:30p BB HERE vs Blum	<b>28</b> Public School Week Donuts with Dad 7:30a-8:00a Paw Patrol Book Fair 7:30a-4:00p	<b>29</b> Public School Week Paw Patrol Book Fair 7:30a-4:00p Paw Patrol Grand Event 5:00p-6:30p HS Track @ Axtell (Live Oak)	<b>30</b> Public School Week Paw Patrol Book Fair 7:30a-4:00p 4:30p SB @ Itasca 4:30p BB @ Milford	<b>31</b>

## Basketball Highlights

Covington Junior High boys basketball team concluded their 2017-2018 season at home, Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, in front of a good home crowd inside the Covington High School Gymnasium. At night's conclusion, it was the Eagles of Morgan outlasting the Covington Owls 31-23. It was a battle involving two top junior high teams in District 20-1A. Covington went into the contest with only one district loss, while Morgan came in undefeated in what would be the final contest for both teams.

This was a hard fought game. As you can see, it was the third quarter that made the difference, as they outscored in that frame 10-2. (They ended up winning by 8 points). I was and am extremely proud of these boys. They battled hard, and in the end we came up a little short in this one. "I am proud of how they fought and battled and never gave in. It's how they played all season. They play with a lot of heart." Exclaimed Coach Rodriguez. Coach felt the team improved so much since the beginning of their season.

Covington finished the season with a 5-2 record

Score by quarter:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final Score
Morgan	6	11	10	4	31
Covington	6	11	2	4	23

Covington Scorers:

Austin Brown	13
Tymothy Gatton	6
Devin Holley	2
Calob Smith	2

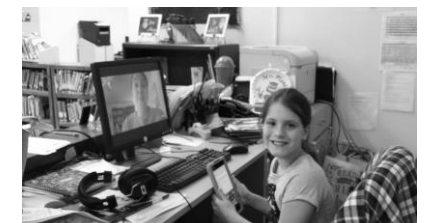
Austin Brown hit 3 – 3 pointers  
Covington was 0-2 from the free throw line



Picture:  
(Back Row, L - R)  
Coach Rodriguez, Tymothy Gatton, Hayden Burt, Calob Smith, Isaiah Jennings, & Dawson Ray.  
(Second Row, L - R)  
Caden York, Caleb Cockerham, Austin Brown, & Devin Holley.  
(Front Row, L - R)  
Cole Ryder & Hunter Payne.  
\*\*NOTE: Not Pictured Kolby Sorensen.

## Genius Time

This school year, our elementary students have been given the last 45 minutes of the day to work on art, music, subjects they want extra help in, or a passion project. Students have been busy during their Genius Time while in the library. They have picked a topic they are passionate about and learning more about it. Topics are a wide assortment of things; such as dog training, football, legos, modeling, motocross racing, these are just a few. The students are currently in the research stage of their projects. They hope to have videos ready of their projects to share during the Info Expo on April 26<sup>th</sup>.



## National Junior Honor Society News

National Jr. Honor Society members need to stop by Ms. Saccardo's room to pick up their spring community hours' form. If you have not turned in your hours for fall please do so ASAP. The forms can be found on the bulletin board outside Ms. Saccardo's room.

## Student Council

Members of Student Council are selling chocolate bars for \$2. The money raised will go to pay for the Texas Association of Student Councils annual convention in April. Please stop by and see Ms. Saccardo and buy chocolate!!!!

Student Council has partnered with Hillsboro Interfaith Ministry and is supplying hygiene kits to them on a monthly basis. Student Council has an Amazon wish list that is public and anyone can purchase supplies and have them shipped directly to us. Please help us help our community. <http://a.co/h2J0GEH>

## UIL One Act Play

Covington's One Act Play members will be performing on March 8<sup>th</sup> at Rio Vista High School. They will be demonstrating their acting skills in the play by Edgar Allen Poe titled "The Tell Tale Heart."

Cast members are:

Corbin Gomes - The Man  
Kailey Davidson - The Visitor  
Neighbor 1 - Maia Pena  
Neighbor 2 - Nicole Eide  
Officer 1 - Destiny Holley  
Officer 2 - Crissy Paxson  
Roomer - Oliver Dixon

Crew members includes:

Katelyn George - Lighting  
Ethan Ramirez - Lighting  
Summer Simmons - Makeup  
Allie Buckaloo - Stage Manager  
Oliver Dixon - Costuming

Directors are Stacy Klawunn and Lora McFarland



By: C. H. and S. L.

### A Quote for Thought

You're a fighter. Look at everything you've overcome. Don't give up now."  
-Olivia Benson

### A Word from C.H.

To be loved, is to be lovable. This is very true. If you want to be loved by someone, you have to learn to be lovable. To be lovable, you must have a kind heart. Without a kind heart you cannot be loved or lovable. You must have a trustworthy soul. If someone cannot trust you, how can they know that you love them?

### Words from S.L.

Your smile can light up someone's world. Smile more.



## UIL Band Competition

The Covington Mighty Owl Band competed in the UIL Concert and Sight Reading contest at Groesbeck High School Wednesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. They played at 9:30 a.m. They received a 2 rating on both the concert and sight reading. A tremendous accomplishment for their first competition and the only 1A band in the entire competition.

This version of the MOB includes six 8th graders. Members that competed were Kelsey Abrego, Kyndel Basye, Kailey Davidson, Oliver Dixon, Nicole Eide, Katelyn George, Corbin Gomes, Darrah Gomes, Peyton Heskett, Destiny Holley, Jayda Kintz, Haven Mannis, Haven Meek, Crissy Paxson, Ethan Ramirez, Natalie Roberson, Virginia Smith, Ashley Todd, Emma Weatherford, Isaac Webb, Gracie Wickliffe, Jacob Long, and Sarah Smith



## Library News

### Upcoming Scholastic Book Fair



Get ready for "Paws for Books" at the upcoming book fair. The books are scheduled to arrive on March 26<sup>th</sup>. They will be tailing the tails in our library until March 30<sup>th</sup>. Plan on some fun throughout that week. The book fair will be open Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Parents wishing to volunteer in the fun can do so by contacting the library. Just email Mrs. Plants at [karen.plants@covingtonisd.org](mailto:karen.plants@covingtonisd.org). There is always a need for volunteers during book fair week.



### Popcorn Party

The fourth graders enjoyed a 15-minute popcorn break in the library for bringing in the most Box Tops for the third 6 weeks of school.

Remember to bring in your Box Tops at the end of every 6 weeks and give your class a chance to win.



Don't Forget to Turn in Your Box Tops!

## Storyline Online

Do your children like to be read to? Do they like to watch videos? Check out this amazing websites of famous people reading books to you at <http://www.storylineonline.net/>.

The SAG-AFTRA Foundation's award-winning children's literacy website, Storyline Online, streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations. Readers include Viola Davis, Chris Pine, Lily Tomlin, Kevin Costner, Annette Bening, James Earl Jones, Betty White and dozens more.

**Storyline Online receives over 100 million views annually from children all over the world.**

Reading aloud to children has been shown to improve reading, writing and communication skills, logical thinking and concentration, and general academic aptitude, as well as inspire a lifelong love of reading. Teachers use Storyline Online in their classrooms, and doctors and nurses play Storyline Online in children's hospitals.

Storyline Online is available 24 hours a day for children, parents, caregivers and educators worldwide. Each book includes supplemental curriculum developed by a credentialed elementary educator, aiming to strengthen comprehension and verbal and written skills for English-language learners.

Storyline Online is a program of the SAG-AFTRA Foundation. The Foundation is a nonprofit organization that relies entirely on gifts, grants and donations to fund Storyline Online and produce all of its videos.

## Word Search

E X E J H A Z Q E E H G A E R  
O K U Z M F T R K H Z L Z T E  
Y W Q C P F U H A B T J K A G  
F F I C O T G D G E S M K C I  
S S N M A M T T R M O H P O O  
V P U M B N P N C R M D H V N  
W R T C E N A I T A R D O D N  
P R O M O T E W L H R A N A Y  
Y R M R I G I D X E X T D G F  
T O I V E L S S P S U F S S T  
C E E Y R A T N U L O V E B S  
L S G V L Q Y S B C A C N Z A  
S E E R V Z C Q I C T F B N H  
Y L C N A I E K K O R G A H A  
L F S X U T K W R L O B M Y S

ABSTRACT  
ALTERNATIVE  
COMPILE  
PROMOTE  
RIGID  
SYMBOL  
VOLUNTARY

ADVOCATE  
COMMENT  
MATURE  
REGION  
SECTOR  
TARGET  
UNIQUE



## Varsity Cheer Try-Outs

The Varsity Cheer tryouts will be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> for the 2018-2019 cheer season. Tryouts will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and will be judged by 3 outside judges. This is a closed tryout and will be held in the high school gym.

Please wish the girls good luck as they try-out for the cheer squad. Please contact Mrs. Karlicek with any question you have about cheer try-outs.



## EXCITING NEW FOOD SERVICE MENU OPTIONS

By Dr. Chris Heskett, Superintendent  
Covington ISD

Covington ISD has decided to implement some new food service and menu changes with the assistance of a new food service consulting company, Walker Quality Services. This company works with other districts in our area, so we know they will do great work with our staff and program. Mr. Walker and his team have fed tons of students along with programs like the Dallas Cowboys and Houston Oilers. His team of chefs, consultants and dietary resource management staff will work with our Covington ISD staff to create the ultimate program. We are eager to hear from you and continue to raise the bar. There will be a cafeteria open house and taste testing on March 5<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm until 7 pm. Please stop by and try our new menu!

We have taken your suggestions and are making the necessary changes to improve our food service program. Starting March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 we will have new menus with a variety of options daily. We will feature for all students; entrée salads like popcorn chicken, fajita, and taco salad just to name a few.

**Elementary:** We will feature popular menu items such as the Fun Lunch Bag, entrée salads, and hot entrées which will be on the main lunch line daily with each listed as a separate entrée, allowing the student to still select other veggie sides, salads, and fruits. Students will be able to choose food in the morning from the selection of offered entrées. The choices will be announced daily and counts taken by the home room teacher and then sent to the cafeteria by 8:30 a.m. each morning. There are a lot of new ideas and menu items in store for the students, including possible cookouts on field day. We also offer as an option, a few healthy snack à la carte items like ice cream, cookies, and 100% juice slushies. Parents please make sure to discuss the à la carte items with your child so that they have a spending limit for snacks. There will not be any charging allowed for à la carte items.

**Jr. High/High School:** We will feature a variety of choices along with the different varieties of salads, baskets, rotating bars, and a variety of choices of drinks and entrées. One of the exciting changes is all junior high/high school students will now have a char-broiler for fresh grilled hamburgers. We have several new à la carte favorites as well like spicy chicken sandwiches, personal pan pizzas, taquitos, chicken strips and more. We will be implementing a new stir fry station featuring different fresh sautéed veggies, meat toppings, and selections of several sauces.

Please make sure you check the menu daily and know which option your students will choose. Please make sure you have updated your student's meal account balances to help speed up the lines. The meal prices will remain the same. There will not be any charging allowed for à la carte items. Students must have money on their accounts or cash.

We look forward to an exciting year. Happy eating!



## Classroom & School-Wide Happenings

### Second Grade with Mrs. Hardin

Second graders are having fun learning about other cultures from around the world. These cultures help make our country diverse. They are excited to begin learning all about our weather. They love having their student teacher, Mrs. Stephens. She is very kind and plans interesting activities. They are planning on showing how much they have learned during our Info/Expo night on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Math, Science, and Technology with Mrs. Benton

Students in Mrs. Benton's math class were required to pick a career to study. They had to give five examples of how math is used within their career choice. The students had some very interesting career choices and reflections when presenting their projects.

In Social Studies, they did heritage projects where they had to research their family heritage and present their findings to their classmates.

### Science and Health with Mrs. Nickell

Mrs. Nickell's Science classes wrapped up their study of the Solar System and are getting into Ecosystems. They have started their study on innate and learned behaviors as well as our dominant and recessive traits. They are learning about adaptations and how animals and other organisms are given natural instincts that allow them to adapt to their environment. Sixth graders are also studying rocks, minerals, and changes to the Earth's surface. Students are getting a lot of hands-on experience this six weeks and are really bringing science to life!

### Gifted and Talented Nominations

Beginning in March, if you have a child in grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> that you wish to be screened for admission into Covington's Gifted and Talented Program, please stop by the principal's office to pick up a Parent Nomination Packet. Please fill out the needed information and return to the principal's office with the student's portfolio. Your child will be screened during our late April screening and a letter will be sent to you upon decision of our screening process. Our policy requirements of the screening process are as follows

- Student is nominated
- Have a student portfolio of 5 samples of student's products (Please be sure to include a portfolio of the student's work along with the nomination packet.)
- Must score 111 on SAGES-2 testing
- 32 to 36 points on a teacher Renzulli-Smith Motivational Characteristic survey
- 27 to 32 points on a teacher Renzulli-Smith Learning Characteristic survey
- Must receive consistent tallies of Superior/Very Superior in at least one of the observed behaviors on the Kingore Observation Inventory done by G/T Coordinator/Teacher.

Students testing will receive a letter in the mail stating if they have been accepted into the program for the 2018-2019 school year.

### Rescheduling of Info Expo Night

An opportunity to visit with classroom teachers and various community organizations has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2018 from 5 until 6:30 in the elementary gym and cafeteria. There will be several local community associations present as well as colleges.

Teachers from both elementary and high school will be present to hand out report cards and speak with parents.

A complimentary hamburger supper will be sponsored by the school district to all students and parents.