

# The Anchor

Spring 2017

## Linking the Past, Present and Future

“ This beautiful new facility speaks volumes about how dedicated Columbus is to education and the future generations. I want to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of this great city for approving the bond and to thank Dr. Loeffelholz and all CPS administration and staff for making this dream a reality. On behalf of all past, current, and future Columbus High students, thank you for establishing a state-of-the-art facility that will help us achieve something greater than ourselves in academics, arts, athletics, and life.”

Luke Bogus (Class of 2017)

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# Anchored in Pride



## **Tom Wrigley (Author) Thomas Wrigley Jr. (Editor)**

The voyage began when Behlen Mfg. Co agreed to set sail for a new adventure which began in September of 2016. It's interesting to note "setting sail" would actually involve dropping anchor close to home at the new Columbus High School.

And with that idea, Behlen Mfg. Co. set off on a journey in search for just the right anchor.

Tackle, in Los Angeles, CA possessed the anchor that would soon become known for not only providing inspiration for our Columbus High School students, but would serve to anchor the Columbus community as a whole.

BMC Transportation Partners in Progress went to work. They arranged for the pick-up of this anchor and delivery to Behlen Mfg. Co.

The anchor reached safe harbors at Behlen Mfg. Co. 10/17/16 weighing 38,000 pounds.

The sand blasting was extensive; 5 layers of paint needed to be removed to get to the anchor's steel surface. As luck would have it, May 5, 1949 was found embossed on the anchor surface for the origination of this treasure.

Now onto Duo-Lift for painting.

The architects, DLR, went to work and presented a "vision" that included mounting this anchor in front of the new high school. The idea took root and Platte Valley Precast provided a solid foundation for the new anchor and the community symbolism it brought forth.

On 2/14/17, the anchor made the 1 mile trip, via police escort, to the new Columbus High School. The anchor was gently lifted and carefully positioned on its new "home" in front of the new High School, by Duo-Lift Mfg.

This community effort started as an idea and now it welcomes everyone that visits the new Columbus High School - Anchored in Pride!

Special thanks to Behlen Mfg. Co., Duo-Lift Mfg., Platte Valley Precast, and DLR. If you would like to be a part of this unique project, contact Kim Kwapnioski at [kwapnioskik@discoverers.org](mailto:kwapnioskik@discoverers.org) or 402-649-5308.

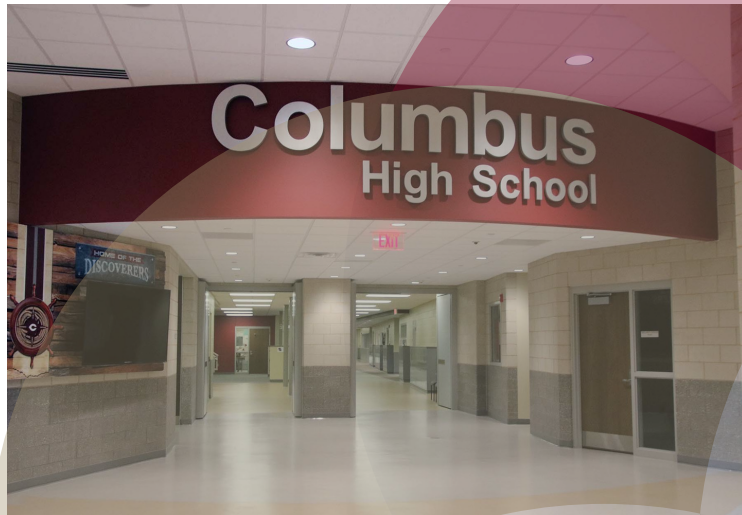
"Find an anchor, a very large anchor and bring it to Columbus for the new Columbus High School." This vision would establish a legacy lasting for generations to come. The Anchor would complete the "Discoverers" theme in a very visible and proud way, and will serve to show our community and alumni that they are anchored into what this treasure will bring forth.





# CHS Nautical Comparisons

The facility was built for a capacity of 1,400 students  
Current enrollment is 1,200



New Security Cameras 90  
Old Security Cameras 44



Auditorium designed to enhance vocal and instrumental performances.



New Main Gym 18,323 sq. ft.  
Old Main Gym 11,445 sq.ft.

The new main gym features one of the largest video boards for high schools in the state of Nebraska.



New Cafeteria Seats 450  
Old Cafeteria Seats 300

NEW TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE 270,000

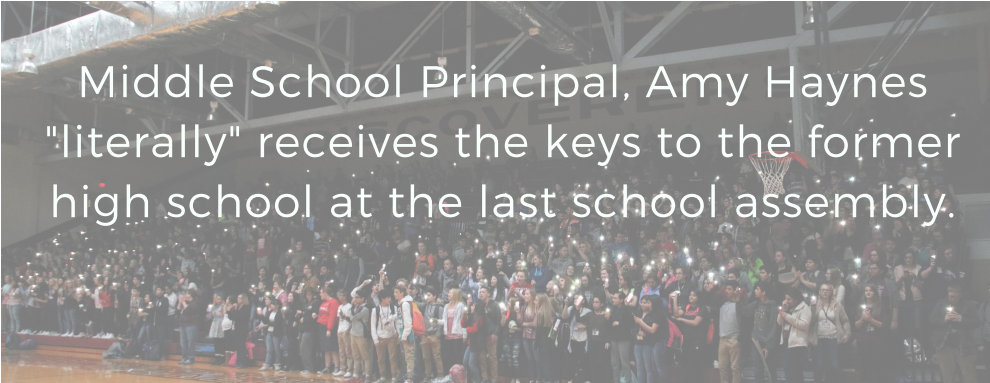
OLD TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE 235,000



# Saying goodbye to an old friend



Middle School Principal, Amy Haynes "literally" receives the keys to the former high school at the last school assembly.



When the bell rings this fall, middle school students will be in their new building.

"This allows us to move the middle school into a newly renovated high school," Superintendent Dr. Troy Loeffelholz said. "It also takes the fifth grade out of the elementary buildings, which will free up some room."

There were some changes that needed to be done. The work includes: creating new classrooms (so each teacher will have his or her own room); improving building flow; relocating guidance to the middle of the building; redoing the lights and floors in the gym and getting new goals and backboards; adding new bleachers in the north gym; turning the west balcony into a weight and exercise room; relocating the art and high needs classrooms to the old STEM area at the east end of the building; reroofing the north gym; converting the weight room into three physical education classrooms; adding three new doors for better access to the auditorium; and updating the HVAC controls in the building.

"We are not touching a majority of the building," Executive Director of Building Operations Leonard Kwapnioski said.

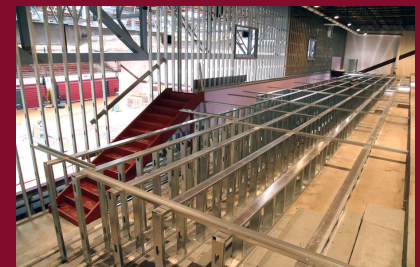
## Converting the former high school into the new middle school



Former locker room under the west bleachers in the main gym is being converted into the counselors' area, conference room and nurse's area.



A hall is being created through the former automotives classroom.



West balcony of the main gym is being converted into a classroom.



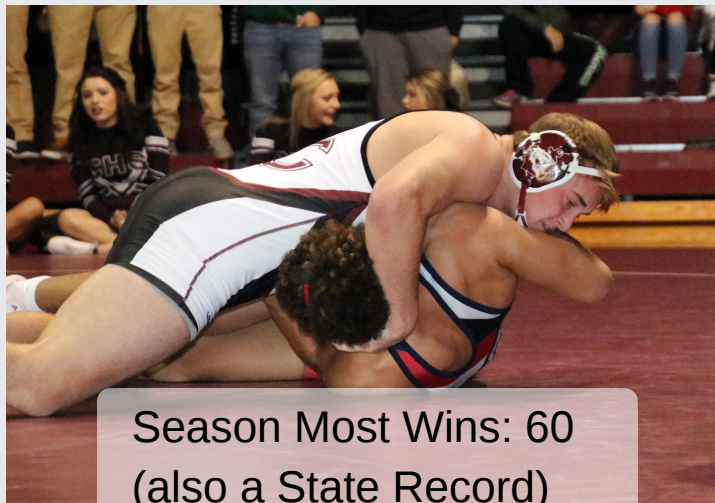


## Senior Wolfe Sets Bar High

Colton Wolfe broke six school records, won three state championship titles and was state runner-up once. Wolfe won his final 114 matches as a Discoverer and lost just twice in his high school career.

"It's going to take a lot of hard work to come close to achieving what Colton did," CHS Head Wrestling Coach Adam Keiswetter said. Some of the team accomplishments with this year's seniors include: winning two district championships; one GNAC Championship; finishes of 8th, 3rd and 4th at the state tournaments; 4th place at state duals; and two other wrestlers besides Wolfe joining the 100 win club: Cyrus Marshall with 133 and Wyatt Olcott with 118.

Wolfe plans to attend UNL and continue wrestling. He wants to be a teacher and coach after college.



Season Most Wins: 60  
(also a State Record)

Career Win Record: 170

Career Pin Record: 107



## Crowned Champs

Many long hours of practice all come down to a four and a half minute performance.

"It is a lot of time and effort, but it pays off in the end," senior Mitchell Kuhlman said about being part of the CHS Indoor Percussion Ensemble.

This dedication paid off again this year. For the past three out of four years, CHS was the Heartland Winter Arts Association Scholastic A Percussion Champions.

In 2011, the first year CHS had indoor percussion, they were the HWAA Percussion Champs. They also earned this honor in 2014, 2016 and again this year. In addition, they also placed sixth at the Winter Guard International Color Guard, Percussion and Winds Minneapolis Regional.

"A large part of the success of our group and how far we have come is because of Mr. (Michael) Klee (percussion coach) and Mr. (Jeff) Peabody (band director)," said Senior Bethany Magg. "They have put in so much time."



The Discoverer Way was started by a group of coaches and sponsors and developed and implemented by Mr. Mark Brown. As we transition to this state of the art facility, the Discoverer Way is an integral part of the standard we set for the programs that represent Columbus High School.

Dave Hiebner  
CHS Activities Director





# COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

The mission of Columbus Public Schools Foundation is to enhance student learning. The Foundation fills gaps created in the regular school district budget from funding shortfalls or regulatory constraints. Anchoring opportunities for CPS students!

**A**ssistance! \$150,000.00 has been paid out for scholarships, dual credit classes, classroom grants and student sponsorship activities, this school year.

**N**ew! Six new scholarships were awarded in 2016-2017 school year.

**C**olumbus! The philanthropically minded Columbus area gave \$1.7 million dollars to purchase state of the art equipment for the STEM Academy.

**H**onored! Honored to work with 3803 students and 593 staff doing amazing things in and out of the classroom. CPS Foundation provides thousands of additional dollars to students and teachers in the district.

**O**ptions! Providing many opportunities for CPS staff and students. Such as: Close Up, Destination Imagination, technology, Camp Invention, books, music, band, sports, STEM, scholarships, classroom grants, faculty awards, Lost Creek Inclusive Playground and dual-credit scholarships.

**R**eaching goals! The Columbus Public School Foundation wants to continue to invest in students and create opportunities. If you are interested in providing opportunities to students, contact Kim Kwapnioski at [kwapnioskik@discoverers.org](mailto:kwapnioskik@discoverers.org) or 402.563.7000 Ext. 13085 or 402.649.5308.

## Reunion Information Connecting Discoverers

Planning a reunion visit to Columbus or would like a tour? Contact Michelle Cruise at [cruisem@discoverers.org](mailto:cruisem@discoverers.org) or 402.563.7000 Ext. 10651

1956 - Meets at 10 a.m. the first Wed. of every month at Stack & Steak for morning coffee.

1957 - 60th Reunion September 1, 2017.

Contact Jane Ellefson at 402.942.2908 or Carolyn Cattau at 402.564.1932.

1958 - Class lunch the first Wednesday of every month at noon at Maximus.

1959 - Meets the second Thursday quarterly (January, April, July and October) at Stack n' Steak at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and conversation.

1960 - Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at Maximus.

1962 - Meets the first Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m. at Picket Fence.

1962 - 55th Reunion - Sept. 23, 2017. More information at a later date.

1967 - 50th Reunion - August 18-19, 2017. Contact Ralph Hefti at [RBHefti@hotmail.com](mailto:RBHefti@hotmail.com) or Lynn Turner Behlen at [dbehlen@neb.rr.com](mailto:dbehlen@neb.rr.com) or 402.564.8719.

1972 - 45th Reunion - August 11- 12, 2017 at Izaak Walton.

1977 - 40th Reunion - August 11, 12 & 13, 2017. Contact Rick Haney 402.910.1811 or Gina Milburn-Micek 402.943.8759.

1987- 30th Year Reunion - August 18-19, 2017. More information at a later date. Contact: Joan Hembd Dorr at [maddied\\_home@outlook.com](mailto:maddied_home@outlook.com).

2007 - 10th Reunion - June 24-25, 2017. Contact Kaylee Strong at [strongk@discoverers.org](mailto:strongk@discoverers.org) or at 402.270.5445.



# STEM Academy provides students opportunity

The STEM Academy provides students the opportunity to gain employability and workplace experience in the area of skills and technical sciences that align to high wage and high demand careers at the local, state, and national levels.

The current focus gives students the skills necessary for specific careers in the Columbus area workforce. Through STEM, students are provided hands-on, problem-based learning experiences that promote innovation and critical thinking.

As the overall school program grows, the STEM Academy will expand to include learning opportunities in agriculture, food, natural resources, business, marketing and management, culinary arts and health science.

The CHS staff continues to align curriculum with core academic standards and Central Community College leading to an array of dual credit courses.

“CPS knows that the economic growth of the Columbus community revolves around a solid partnership with local business and industry,” CHS Principal Steven Woodside said. “STEM education will prepare students in becoming the next generation of innovators, doers and problem solvers.”



## Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet

**By Steve Anderson '68**

The Discoverers Athletic Hall of Fame announces their 2017 Class! The banquet will be Thursday, September 7, 2017. The inductees will be recognized at halftime of the football game on Friday, September 8, 2017. Please join the Discoverers Athletic Hall of Fame Committee and our corporate sponsor, Ernst Auto Center, in honoring these outstanding individuals and teams.

### INDIVIDUAL INDUCTEES

Colman Bieber Meritorious  
 Doug Terry Women's Tennis Coach  
 John Arlt Wrestling 1982  
 Nate Blessen Basketball 1996  
 Angie Iwansky Boucher Soccer 2001  
 Bob Hegi Football 1965  
 Dennis Hoyle Tennis 1967  
 Mike Rambour Wrestling 1980  
 Amanda Gates Sjuts Volleyball 2005  
 Tom Woodward Wrestling 1982

### TEAM INDUCTEES

Dave Kincaid/Brad Nelson  
 Doubles Tennis 1969  
 1982 Wrestling Team  
 1987 Boys Tennis Team  
 Cindy Srb Tederman/Anne Kotrous  
 Doubles Tennis 1990

Recognizing all gymnasts from 1965 - 1975



Tickets for the banquet are \$28 and may be purchased at the CPS Administration building from Kim Kwapnioski, Executive Director of Columbus Public Schools Foundation. Tickets must be purchased in advance, there will be no ticket sales after September 5th, 2017. We encourage all fans and former CHS classmates to attend this outstanding event. Purchase tickets at one time as a group and we will reserve a table for you.



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## Save the Date!

Saturday, Sept. 9th

Anchor Fun Run



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# Fore!

Saturday

August 5th

Noon Shotgun Start

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