

Some people might think that Officer Bye is just a cop, but what most people don't know is that Mark Bye does **a lot** for the people in our school and our community. When kids at our school need help, he is always there to do anything ranging from being a trusted listener to putting money in their lunch account.

Other great things Officer Bye does for our school include the Food Closet he runs out of his office, which provides for our students in need. In addition to the Food Closet, Officer Bye also operates a Clothes Closet inside the school giving students access to clean or needed clothing. Both of these projects were his ideas, which he began soon after becoming the resource officer at CCHS. He still manages these for students today.

Not only has Officer Bye provided students rides to and from school, he has also given transportation to parents who need rides to appointments at the school. He is always willing to help regardless of the situation.

Around the building, Officer Bye does more than most would expect. He visits our special education students **every day**; this is a class of mildly to severely handicapped students. He brought in a drug dog for these students to pet and see up close. He also plays basketball with these students periodically.

Anyone who knows Officer Bye well, knows that he is an avid hunter. He puts these skills to use when he accompanies the 6th graders on the annual camping trip to O'Bannon Woods. He is also involved with the junior high archery lessons in PE.

If you asked most students or staff at CCHS, they would tell you Officer Bye is a huge asset to our building. Many students who fear or distrust law enforcement feel comfortable with Officer Bye. He is always willing to get involved and mentor

kids from any background. He sets a high standard of integrity for students to witness and model. Some would even say that he has inspired them to make smart choices and avoid trouble **outside** of school.

Lastly, one of my favorite things about Officer Bye is that he always has a story to tell. For example, he was thrown from a horse on a hunting trip, broke his nose and put it back into place himself! He found 200 mushrooms in one day, and claims he even found some in a pothole while jogging. He and his wife go on motorcycle rides around southern Indiana looking for ice cream shops or Mom and Pop restaurants. Sometimes, he tells the same stories a few times over, but I'm sure that has something to do with getting thrown from the horse :) Regardless, his stories are always interesting, no matter how many times you hear them.

Honestly, out of the adults at our school, Officer Bye probably has the biggest influence on kids. He walks the hallways, he monitors lunch, he attends sporting events and makes himself available at all times. The addition of Officer Bye at Corydon Central High School has been a blessing in many ways to students, faculty members and parents.