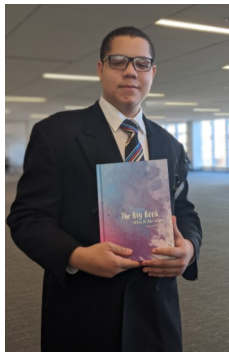


# Parent Newsletter

# February

## Important Dates

Feb. 17	Feb. 19 at 6:00pm	Feb. 20 at 5:00pm	Feb. 20 at 5:30pm	March 3	March 4	March 4 at 6:00pm	March 6	March 12-13	March 18 at 6:00pm
No School - Presidents' Day	Enrollment Information Session	TCS@ODU Parent Group Meeting	Graduation meeting for the class of 2020	Quarter 3 ends	SAT Test for 11th graders	Enrollment Information Session	No School - PD Day	No School - Mid March Break	Enrollment Information Session & Kindergarten Open Enrollment Night at GEMS



### TCS@ODU Student Honored by The Columbus Metropolitan Library

Chris Todd, TCS@ODU 9th grade student was honored on Sunday, Feb. 2 for his contribution to the publication "The Big Book: Voices of our Future." The Columbus Metropolitan Library developed the publication to showcase teen authors in the Columbus area. Teen authors submitted illustrated stories with personal reflections representing each of the library's 23 locations. Chris represented the Martin Luther King Branch.

### Class of 2020 Graduation Meeting Thursday, February 20th at 5:30PM in the gym

**make every day count**

TCS ATTENDANCE INITIATIVE

### \*Attendance\* Attention Parents/Guardians \*Attendance\*

Attending school daily is critical to student success. Ohio's House Bill 410 law requires a preventative approach to excessive student absences. An Attendance Team has been established to work with our students and families to help improve daily attendance.

**Note\*** - Missing as few as 2 days per month is considered chronically absent!

**We want to see your student in school every day!**

## The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University

Front Office Hours: 7:30am-4:00pm

1270 Brentnell Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43219 - 614-258-8588

### SAT Test for 11th Graders - Wed. March 4

On **Wednesday, March 4th** all 11th grade students will be taking the SAT a College Board test. The tests begin promptly at **8:00AM**, and will last until approximately 12:30PM. Students arriving after 8:00am will not be permitted in the testing session.

The SAT is an important steps on the road to college. The tests measure critical reading, verbal reasoning, math problem solving, and writing skills. They assesses knowledge and skills developed through years of study in a wide range of courses as well as through experiences outside the classroom. Although the SAT are not directly related to a specific high school curriculum, they are developed to reflect the kinds of academic experiences that teachers consider important for students to be college and career ready.

Students can prepare for the SAT on the College Board Website. Students can learn about the types of questions that will be on the test by visiting [www.CollegeBoard.org](http://www.CollegeBoard.org). College Board has teamed up with Khan Academy to provide free, personalized practice.

### TCS@ODU Online Store is Open

The TCS Store is open! You can now pay school fees (\$35) and lunch balance online at the Store.

[Click here to pay online at the Store.](#)

### Nurse Notes

It's the height of cold and flu season. Please follow the below guidelines when your student is ill.

**Do not send your student to school if:**

They have vomited in the previous 24 hours

They have tested positive for any communicable illness, until the physician has advised a return to school

They have a fever over 99 degrees F in the previous 24 hours

They have excessive coughing and sneezing

If your student comes to school with any of the above, they will be sent home. Please help us contain the spread of illness.

### Enrollment Information!

Please be sure to spread the word to friends and neighbors about our upcoming enrollment information sessions. If you know of students who might be interested in attending The Graham School, The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University, or GEMS, please let them know about our upcoming enrollment information sessions.

#### Wednesday at 6:00pm

February 19

March 4 & 8

April 8 & 22

AT

The Graham School  
3950 Indianola Ave.

The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University  
1270 Brentnell Ave.

GEMS  
140 E. 16th Ave.

For more information please visit the school's websites

[www.thegrammschool.org](http://www.thegrammschool.org)

[www.thecharlesschool.org](http://www.thecharlesschool.org)

[www.gemsschool.org](http://www.gemsschool.org)

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## Shopping Helps TCS Raise Money for Classroom Supplies!

When you shop at Kroger, Giant Eagle and/or Amazon you can help TCS raise money!

### Kroger

Go to: [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) or call 1-800-837-4483 to enroll in the program. **If you enrolled last year you must re-enroll each year to help TCS.** Add TCS to your card. You can search for TCS by name or use our school code: DC649. Shop! Every time you use your Kroger Rewards Card TCS gets rebates. Kroger totals those rebates and sends TCS a check.

### Giant Eagle

Go to: <https://www.gianteagle.com/schools/apples-for-students> to sign up online or by calling 1-800-474-4777. Add TCS to your card. Our school ID number is 5443. Shop! Every time you use your Giant Eagle Advantage Card TCS earns educational rewards.

### You shop. Amazon gives to The Charles School!

When you make a purchase on Amazon Smile they will now donate 0.5% of your total purchase to The Charles School. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-2744006> to start shopping!

## TCS@ODU Parent Group Meeting - Thursday, February 20 at 5:00pm

At TCS@ODU we know that involving students' families as much as we can is a great way to help kids grow. We welcome all parents and guardians to participate by attending meetings, volunteering at school events, and donating snacks. If you interested in learning more about participating in this group please join us at our next meeting - Thursday, February 20 at 5:00pm.

## Silent Auction Items Needed

We are seeking items for the Have a Heart silent auction. Items could include gift cards, art work, jewelry, crafts, event tickets, and more! As you shop and talk with your friends and family please think about items that might help with this wonderful event. Please contact Jennifer Waddell, [waddell.1@thecharlesschool.org](mailto:waddell.1@thecharlesschool.org) or 614-643-5068 with any questions or to donate items. Funds raised at Have a Heart will support experiential activities.

[Click here to purchase your tickets online today!](#)

## Have a Heart

Celebrating 20 years of Experiential Education and Honoring our Board members, past and present



Saturday, April 4, 2020 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

at

\*New Location\*

The Boat House at Confluence Park

679 West Spring Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

Please contact Jennifer Waddell, [waddell.1@thecharlesschool.org](mailto:waddell.1@thecharlesschool.org) or 614-643-5068 with any questions.

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## Ohio's State Tests - March 30 - April 3

This year Ohio's State Tests that are required for high school graduation are scheduled for **March 30 & 31 for freshmen and April 1-3 for upperclassmen**. The week of testing will be half days; **student's will be released at 12:30 p.m.** A letter will be mailed out in March letting you & your student know which test(s) they will be taking. Students can prepare for the tests by going to <https://tinyurl.com/Practice-tests-for-2019-20-OST> and taking practice tests.

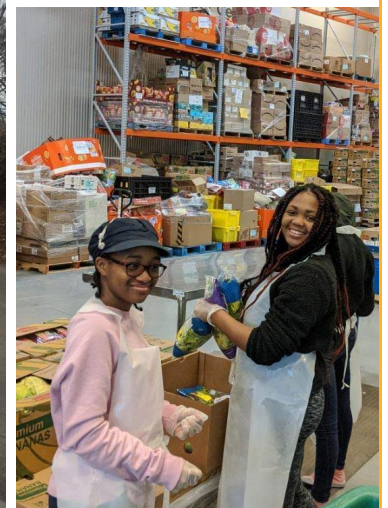


## Give That Girl The Mic

Ms. Konet and Ms. Rulong escorted Quinazia, Aurora, Maleah, Desjeenic, and Tashyra to the *Give That Girl the Mic* event. Marie fellow student, 10th grader performed and did an excellent job! She performed a poem and sang a song. Very moving performance! This was a great way to kick off the girls groups that Ms. Caroline started in February.

## Sophomore Crew Community Service

On Monday, February 3rd, students in Sophomore Crews served the community at six different sites: Wesley Glen Retirement Home, the YWCA Family Center, the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, Habitat for Humanity Restore, StarHouse, and GEMS. The field work was an opportunity for students to experience service before planning and implementing their own service projects in Crews to exhibit their core values and strengthen their communities.



TCS@ODU is a School-wide Title 1 program, enabling us to receive Federal Funds to ensure that our students receive the support they need to reach and exceed grade level goals in reading and math. We welcome parent involvement in planning, review and improvement of Title 1 programs including the family engagement policy and the schoolwide program plan.

Please contact Debbie Addison at [addison.2@thecharlesschool.org](mailto:addison.2@thecharlesschool.org) with any questions.

## The Career Zone

Every Tuesday & Thursday Brentnell Recreation Center hosts **The Career Zone** - a program that provides employment resources and opportunities to in-school youth, ages 16-18. Through a collaborative effort, with the Achieve More & Prosper (A.M.P.) Program, Franklin County residents are provided with workforce development and family support.

The Career Zone (AMP Program) offerings include:

### Family Engagement

- Movie Nights
- Health and Wellness Activities
- Wealth Building Seminar



### Professional Development


- Career & College Readiness
- Student Leadership Advisory Council
- After School Program
- Ohio Means Jobs & Portfolio Creation

### Career Exploration and Community Exposure

- Volunteer Opportunities
- Community Events
- Partner Workshops
- College & Site Visits

Experts will assist with personal, educational, and career goal setting and internship and job placement. For more information on how to get your child involved please contact Caroline Bennett at 614.601.3823 and/or email [cbennett.1@thecharlesschool.org](mailto:cbennett.1@thecharlesschool.org).



*The*  
**CAREER ZONE**  
*Tuesdays & Thursdays*  
**3 PM - 5 PM**  
**BRETNELL COMMUNITY RECREATION**  
**1280 BRETNELL AVE COLUMBUS, OH 43219**  
Contact AMP Coaches: Caroline & Ernest  
[Caroline@leadthewaylearningacademy.org](mailto:Caroline@leadthewaylearningacademy.org) or (614) 601-3823  
 [LTWLA\\_COLUMBUS](https://www.facebook.com/LTWLA_COLUMBUS) | P: (614) 842-4993 | E: [ADMIN@LEAD-THE-WAY.ORG](mailto:ADMIN@LEAD-THE-WAY.ORG) | W: [WWW.LEADTHEWAYLEARNINGACADEMY.ORG](http://WWW.LEADTHEWAYLEARNINGACADEMY.ORG)

## RESIDENCY VERIFICATION NOTIFICATION

Per House Bill 21 community schools are now required to perform a monthly review of student files and randomly select families for residency verification. **Please be sure to contact the school immediately in case of an address change.** Proof of residency must be submitted within two weeks of an address change. If evidence is not provided, requests for additional documentation or a home visit may occur.

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Caroline Inspires LLC is bringing the first Poetry SLAM to The Charles School at ODU on, **Friday, April 24th**. We encourage all interested TCS student poets to sign up and get ready to compete! There are cash prizes and more! Sign-up sheet will be on Ms. Caroline's door between Feb.19-March.4th. Students have **TWO WEEKS** to sign up before the list is **CLOSED**. Please reach out to [cbennett.1@thecharlesschool.org](mailto:cbennett.1@thecharlesschool.org) for more information."



*The Charles School*

# POETRY SLAM

**IMPORTANT**  
**DATES**

**SIGN-UP:**  
Feb 19 - March 4

**PRACTICE:**  
Thursdays beginning March 5  
(during lunch)

**SLAM:**  
April 24

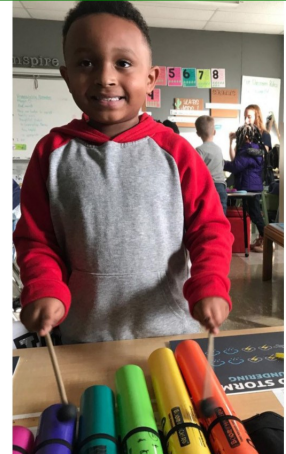
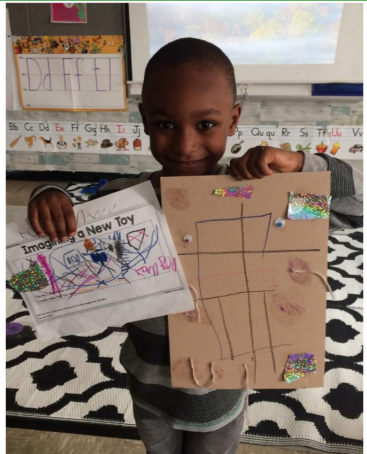
**CASH PRIZE**  
**1ST, 2ND, & 3RD PLACE WINNERS**  
**SIGN-UP ON MS. CAROLINE'S DOOR**

Contact: 918-698-7565  
[cbennett.1@thecharlesschool.org](mailto:cbennett.1@thecharlesschool.org)





**Standards-Based Expeditionary Curriculum!**



**Kindergarten Open Enrollment Night  
Wednesday, March 18 at 6:00pm**

- Learn more about our full day kindergarten program
- Meet our kindergarten teachers
- Check out our classrooms

Graham Elementary and Middle School  
140 E. 16th Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43201

Please call 614-253-4000 for additional information  
or visit the school website: [www.GEMSSchool.org](http://www.GEMSSchool.org)

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