



Parent Newsletter

November

Important Dates

Nov. 25-26	Nov. 27-29	Dec. 3	Dec. 4 at 6:00pm	Dec. 4-13	Dec. 19-20 12:30pm release	Dec. 23-Jan. 3	Jan. 6	Jan. 7
No School - PD Days	No School - Thanksgiving Break	Support TCS@ODU on Giving Tuesday	Enrollment Information Session	Ohio's State Testing	Midterm Exams 12:30pm Early Release	No School - Winter Break	No School - PD Day	First day back after winter break

Ohio's State Tests - December 4-13

Ohio's State Tests will be administered December 4-13. A letter will be given to your student during Crew the week of November 18 if your student needs to test in December. This administration is for students currently enrolled in American Government and students who have previously taken any of the state tests but not achieved a proficient score. Students can prepare for the tests by going to bit.ly/AIR-resources to take practice tests. Students not taking the Ohio State Tests will follow a regular schedule. Students who miss a class for testing will be given the opportunity to make up any missed classwork and assignments.

Participate in the Parent & Guardian Group!

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 or events, and donating snacks. If you interested in learning more about participating in this group please contact Jennifer Waddell at waddell.1@thecharlesschool.org.

Knitting Club

Knitting club is looking for new members! Join us on Fridays in room 5 from 3:00-4:00pm. Please e-mail Ms. Menechella at amenechella.1@thecharlesschool.org with any questions.

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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!

Enrollment Update

As a public community school in Ohio we serve interested students who have completed 8th grade and are interested in pursuing high school in an Early College program. We communicate information about our school in a variety of ways including visiting middle schools throughout the community. It has been a pleasure to have our Student Ambassadors participate in these visits. The Student Ambassadors described their high school experiences, and answer student questions recently at Columbus Preparatory and Fitness, CCA-Dana, CCA-Main, St James the Less, and Imagine Academy.

We will continue to have Enrollment Information Sessions at the school monthly on Wednesday evening.

Did you know that you can pay for your students' lunch balance with a credit card?

Stop by the Front Office and we can charge your credit card for lunch balances and school fees. Thank you!

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

December 4 January 22

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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.thegrahamschool.org

www.thecharlesschool.org

www.gemsschool.org

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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 with any questions.

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 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 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!



Save the Date

For

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 or 614-643-5068 with any questions.

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Support TCS@ODU On Tuesday, December 3, 2019

#GIVINGTUESDAY

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TCS@ODU Students Attend TECHCORPShack Coding Event



TCS@ODU students Evan Smith and Ahja Dias attended the 2019 TECHCORPShack coding event. This event gave high school students the opportunity to learn about computer science in a fun, engaging and inclusive environment. Students learned how to use MIT App Inventor to explore the world of mobile app development and create an app that tackles a real-world need or problem. A total of 200 high school students will participate in 1.5 day hackathons in Akron, Columbus, Dayton, and Zanesville. Evan Smith and his team won best app!

TCS@ODU Students Start a Community Garden

Ms. Riley's Community Leadership Conference (CLC) class is building a community garden at TCS@ODU to practice sustainability and learn important skills around food sovereignty. They are building soil from the ground up using mulch and no til gardening, composting, and worm bins. They are also utilizing rainwater harvesting, seed saving and plant propagation to teach students how to provide nutritious food for themselves and their communities at little to no cost to themselves.

In the spring, a group of TCS@ODU students chosen from the CLC class will travel to the national CLC conference in Flint, Michigan to share our projects and actions with other young activists. TCS@ODU are the only representatives for the whole state of Ohio! This year students are focusing on sustainability and how we will survive, adapt and thrive 100 years into the future.



Rollercoaster Project

Students in Ms. Zuniga's class were asked to build a rollercoaster with a project budget of 6,000,000 in mock money. Students chose their groups and signed a work contract allowing each other to be fired if everyone didn't fulfill their given work title: Treasurer, Secretary, PR and Advertising Specialist, or Lead Architect. First, they needed to design a business proposal in which they stated approximately what their project would cost and created concept art. Students were to design their rollercoaster around an elected central theme. They paid each other's salaries, considered storage costs, cleaning costs, insurance, and consultation fees should they seek help from someone outside of their group. There were also two plot twists in the project in which anything could happen and they needed to have room in their budget for it. Each week we checked in with students through their Friday Meetings. They kept track of their meeting minutes and report back to Ms. Zuniga about their progress on the project. They've done such great work. Through budget keeping, project management, conflict resolution, and business operations our students are hitting a plethora of learning competencies everyday!



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.

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 or 614-643-5068 with any questions or to donate items.

Funds raised at Have a Heart will support experience activities.