



Important Dates

Nov. 22-24	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 1	No School - PD Day
Dec. 6 at 6:00pm	Enrollment Information Session
Dec. 7 at 6:00 pm	TCS Parent Group Meeting
Dec. 8	No School - PD Day
Dec. 15	No School - PD Day
Dec. 22- Jan. 4	No School - Winter Break
Jan. 5	No School - PD Day

Parent Newsletter

November, 2017



Ohio State Tests - December 4-11

Ohio State Tests will be administered December 4-11. A letter will be mailed home this month 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 and 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.

Attendance is Important!

Attending school daily is critical to student success. Ohio's new 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!

Grocery Shopping Helps TCS Raise Money!

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

Kroger

1. 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: **90179**. 3. Shop! Every time you shop and use your Kroger Rewards Card TCS gets rebates. Kroger totals those rebates and sends TCS a check.

Giant Eagle

Go to: www.gianteagle.com/about/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!

Intermural soccer at TCS. Interested in playing? Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00-5:30.



Honors College Composition Application Due Dates are Coming Up!

Letters of intent for Honors College Composition, a rigorous pre-college English class that serves as part of the gateway for our Ohio Dominican University partnership, have been passed out in English 10, 11, and 12 classes. After a student gets this form signed by a parent stating his/her intent to apply for the class, he/she will be given an application that needs to be turned in by the due dates to ensure consideration for the course next semester. Those in 10th grade and above are encouraged to apply if they are receiving a B- or better in English and passing all classes.

Part I Due Date (personal statement and teacher recommendation): **December 8 by 4:00 PM**

Part 2 Due Date (research essay, written as part of English 10, 11, or 12): **December 21 by 12:30 PM**

Please contact Katherine Fischer (fischer.1@thecharlesschool.org) if you would like further information about this process or the implications opting in/out of the course may have on your child.

Support the Annual Fund!

You will receive a letter soon about the TCS Annual Fund. The Annual Fund provides essential resources for our school. We hope to have parents, community members, and local businesses support this important effort.

[Click here to make your donation.](#)

Or visit our (www.TheCharlesSchool.org) and click on the donate button. Or mail in your reply envelope.

Thanks in advance for your participation!

Nurse Notes:

Cold weather brings hats and coats, and with it a higher incidence of head lice. Below are some tips to keep them away.

- Remind your children to not share hats or any other head covering with other students. This includes brushes, headbands, hair ties and earmuffs.
- If your child has lice, make sure to treat them immediately and comb out all the 'nits' or eggs. Don't forget to treat bedding, clothes and coats!

Medication Reminder:

If your child needs to take a specific over the counter medication, or prescription medication, these need to be given out by the office staff. Students are NOT permitted to carry any medication, other than inhalers or epi-pens, during school hours.

The Charles School at ODU believes that the emotional and physical safety of our whole community is paramount. Building an explicit community of learners who are strong and self-aware is our goal. To that end we are implementing a new dynamic in the area of school discipline called **Restorative Practices**.

Restorative Practices is a set of principles and practices that is centered on promoting respect, taking responsibility and strengthening relationships. **Instead of punishing students after any and all wrongdoing, restorative practices encourages repairing the harm done and preventing its reoccurrence.**

During the restorative process, students learn how to correct their actions through discussion, talking circles and conferences which are structured ways of communicating with a student about the harm that has been caused and what can be done about it. In the process a student becomes aware of their impact on others or even the whole classroom. **They learn to take responsibility for their actions** by involving the person who was harmed in the circle conversation. We are teaching the skills for civil conversations about wrongdoing as well as practical strategies to build strong, healthy relationships in order to enhance students present learning and future possibilities.

This is not to say that there are not direct and strong consequences for behavior that puts the student or others at risk in any way or violates our code of conduct. But for the everyday difficulties that students face we are implementing measures that require a student to **learn how to understand the harm that has been done as well as learn to repair the harm.** Restorative Practice complements the foundational vision of TCS which is holistic in its approach to education—developing the social-emotional skills necessary for a civil society while supporting strong academics. For more information about restorative practices, contact a TCS Dean or visit this website: <https://www.iirp.edu/>

Traditional Approach to Discipline	Restorative Approach to Discipline
School rules are broken	People and relationships are harmed
Focuses on establishing guilt	Identifies needs and responsibilities
Accountability = punishment	Accountability = understanding impact and repairing harm
Justice directed at the offender; victim is ignored	All people involved have roles in the justice process, will be given opportunity to speak
Rules and intent outweigh whether outcome is positive or negative	Focus is on taking responsibility for harmful behavior, repairing harm ; working towards positive outcomes
Limited Opportunities for expressing remorse or making amends	Opportunity given to make amends and express remorse
The larger community is impacted but not addressed	Students learn to speak with honesty about conflicts and learn to resolve conflicts peacefully

Enrollment Information Sessions!

Attention TCS families! If you know of any students who might be interested in attending, The Graham School, The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University, Graham Elementary and Middle School (GEMS), please let them know about our upcoming enrollment sessions at all four schools. Wednesdays at 6:00pm

December 6

January 6 & 10

For more information please visit the school's websites.

www.thegrahamschool.org

www.thecharlesschool.org

www.gemsschool.org

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.