



**The Graham School**

encounter the world, engage the mind

**Celebrating 20 Years!**



**2019**

# News O'Graham

# December

## Important Dates

Dec. 18-20	Dec. 23-Jan. 3	Jan. 6-7	Jan. 8	Jan. 20	Jan. 22 at 6:00pm	Feb. 5 at 6:00pm	Feb. 6-7	Feb. 17
OST Make Up Testing	No School Winter Break	No School PD Days	Second semester begins	No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Enrollment Information Session	Enrollment Information Session	No School PD Days	No School Presidents' Day

Dear TGS Families,

Greetings! It is hard to believe that we are almost to Winter Break! We want to take this opportunity to pass along a few reminders and to wish you all a holiday season filled with laughter and love.

- **The Graham School will automatically close when Columbus City Schools close for inclement winter weather.** We will post this information on channels NBC4, WBNS10, and WSYX6.
- **Reminder about "play fighting:"**

We are seeking family support on curbing this "play fighting". TGS administrators would like to take this opportunity to make it clear to students and families that "play fighting" is unacceptable.

We keep our hands to ourselves at The Graham School. Hitting, kicking, pushing, etc. is a violation of the following rules found in our Code of Conduct and is subject to disciplinary action including but not limited to suspension and/or expulsion from school:

- **Rule #2: Violence-** A student shall not engage in violent behavior.
- **Rule #3: Assault-** A student shall not behave in such a way that could threaten to cause physical injury to another person.
- **Rule #22: Inappropriate and/or Disruptive Behavior-** All students have a right to learn in an environment that is free from disruptive behavior of other students.

We thank you for your support and for entrusting us with your students and we wish you peace and joy in the coming new year. At The Graham School *We are Crew not Passengers!*

Warm Regards,

Amy Vickroy, RJ Larry, Sarai Correa; Deans  
Gheon Selemon; Positive Behavior Specialist

**The Graham School** 3950 Indianola Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43214 614-262-1111  
www.TheGrahamSchool.org Front Office Hours - 7:45am-4:30pm

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## TGS Needs Your Support!

You should have received a letter about The Graham School 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 mail in your reply envelope. Thanks in advance for your participation!

[Click here to show your support!](#)

## TGS and TGFS T-shirts For Sale!



To celebrate 20 years at TGS we made t-shirts! They are located at TGS front desk for purchase. They are 100% cotton, sizes S-XL and are \$12.00 per shirt. Stop by the TGS front desk to purchase your shirt! You can pay with cash, credit card or check (made out to The Graham School).



### \*Reminder\*

### Cell Phone Policy

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Our cell phone policy prohibits the use of electronics in the classroom unless being used for teacher-approved activities. Please remember that if you need to contact your student during class time, the best way to do so is through our front desk associates at 614-262-1111. At The Graham School we believe that learning is a priority and time spent fully engaged in classes and community is essential. We appreciate your cooperation and support.

## TGS Online Store is Open

The TGS 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.](#)

TGS 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@thegrahamschool.org](mailto:addison.2@thegrahamschool.org) with any questions.

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### 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 expeditions.

### Dragon Boosters

At The Graham School we know that involving students' families as much as we can is a great way to help kids grow, so we are seeking and encouraging your participation. Please contact Mary Slaback at [msslaback@thegramschool.org](mailto:msslaback@thegramschool.org) to get involved.

We hope you can join us for our next meeting - **Thursday, January 16 at 6:30pm!**

### Help Graham Raise Money For Expeditions!

When you shop at Kroger, Giant Eagle, and/or Amazon you can help TGS 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 Graham.** Add Graham to your card. You can search for Graham by name or use our (NEW Code) school code: IE209 Shop! Every time you shop and use your Kroger Rewards Card Graham gets rebates. Kroger totals those rebates and sends Graham a check.

#### Giant Eagle

Go to: <https://www.gianteagle.com/schools/apples-for-students> to sign up online or call 1-800-474-4777. Add Graham to your card. Our school ID number is 5089. Shop! Every time you use your Giant Eagle Advantage Card Graham earns money.

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

When you make a purchase on Amazon Smile they will now donate 0.5% of your total purchase to The Graham School. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1713840> to get started!

### 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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Please join The Graham Family of Schools 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](mailto:waddell.1@thecharlesschool.org) or 614-643-5068 with any questions.

**\*Attendance\***

**Attention Parents/Guardians**

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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 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**

January 22

February 5 & 19

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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](http://www.thegrahamschool.org)

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