



The Graham School

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2019

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October

Important Dates

Oct. 16	Oct. 16-18	Oct. 23	Oct. 27	Oct. 30	Nov. 13	Nov. 13-15	Nov. 27-29
Early Release at 12:30pm	No School - PD Days, and Invited Conferences for 11th grade	Enrollment Information Session at 6:00pm	Homecoming 6:00-9:00pm at TGS	PSAT testing for 9th, 10th and 11th grades	Enrollment Information Session at 6:00pm	No School - PD Days, and Invited Conferences for 9th, 10th and 12th grades	No School - Thanksgiving Break

Dear TGS Families,

Greetings! October is a busy month around here and we are eager to share some important information with you. In addition to the following information below, we would like to remind you that we have an **Early Release on Wednesday, October 16 at 12:30pm.**

Attention Senior Families!

Just a reminder as we near the midway point of the semester- it is the policy of The Graham School that **before participating in Walkabout, students MUST have ALL credits completed for graduation.** Please make sure that you are checking in with your student and checking Powerschool to ensure that your senior is passing classes and on track to graduate. Senior Crew leaders and administration will be reaching out to the parents of students who are in jeopardy of not earning all of their credits (thus not participating in Walkabout and not graduating in May) within the next few weeks. We are a team!

Junior Level Invited Conferences: October 16-18*

We are not holding student-led conferences this fall as we have done before. Instead, we will be hosting *Invited Conferences* for our students who are struggling academically or behaviorally. If your student falls into this category, please keep an eye out for information regarding Invited Conferences. You may also request an Invited Conference by contacting your student's Crew leader. ***Invited conferences for grades 9, 10, and 12 are scheduled for November 13-15.**

Warm Regards,

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

The Graham School Homecoming - Saturday, October 26 - 6:00-9:00pm

The Graham School is hosting our Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 26 from 6:00-9:00pm at The Graham School. Dress is either semi-formal or Halloween costume-themed. Students who have had disciplinary action taken against them this year may not be eligible to attend, based on the discretion of administration.

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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Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Office hours at The Graham School are from 7:30am to 4:00pm. Students need to be dropped off after 7:30am and picked up by 4:00pm. We can guarantee neither access to the building nor staff supervision outside of these hours. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Thank you!

Tired of waiting in line to pick up your student after school?

You might try either arriving about 10 minutes later or parking on Glenmont Avenue. Your student can cross Indianola Avenue safely at the traffic light and meet you at your car- avoiding the pickup line and the crowd in the TGS parking lot. In the meantime, we thank you for your patience as we do our best to expedite traffic and more importantly, maintain the safety of students and staff in the parking lot after school.

PSAT 8/9 & PSAT/NMSQT Fall Testing: Wed. Oct. 30

On **Wednesday, October 30th** 9-11th grade students will be taking a College Board test. Please note the change in date. The 9th graders will take the PSAT 8/9, all 10th and 11th graders will take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) The tests begin promptly at **8:00AM**, and will last until approximately 12:30PM.

The PSAT 8/9 and PSAT/NMSQT are important steps on the road to college. The tests measure critical reading, verbal reasoning, math problem solving, and writing skills. They assess knowledge and skills developed through years of study in a wide range of courses as well as through experiences outside the classroom. Although the PSAT 8/9 and PSAT/NMSQT 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 PSAT 8/9 and PSAT/NMSQT on the College Board Website. Students can learn about the types of questions that will be on the test by visiting www.CollegeBoard.org. College Board has teamed up with Khan Academy to provide free, personalized practice.

Cell Phone Policy

We would like to remind families that **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 so appreciate your cooperation.

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

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

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 with any questions.

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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.

TGS Picture Day

[Click here to order photos.](#)

Our school code is: ZR439070Q0

[Click here to check out the job opportunities at The Graham Family of Schools!](#)

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 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 by 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.

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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 will need to 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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Attention Crew Families

This year we would like to facilitate more parent collaboration and communication. There may be times when buses run late and your student needs a ride to school, or when you'd like to work with the other parents in your students' CREW. To help with this we will be publishing multiple directories. We will also be creating REMINDS for bus routes (by choosing one, you give us permission to publish your name, email and phone number in the directory).

If you have already completed the survey linked below, there is no need to complete it again. If you would like to opt in to any of the directories described above, please complete the survey.

CREW and grade level directories are being finalized for publication soon. Neighborhood and bus route directories should be complete in October.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17jhs8kE-zpfdZwCqHLZ-xoedzS5UwuMFua_POoUzzQA/edit

Parent & Guardian Group

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@thegrahamschool.org to get involved.

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 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 session.

Wednesday at 6:00pm

October 23

November 13

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.thegrahamschool.org

www.thecharlesschool.org

www.gemsschool.org