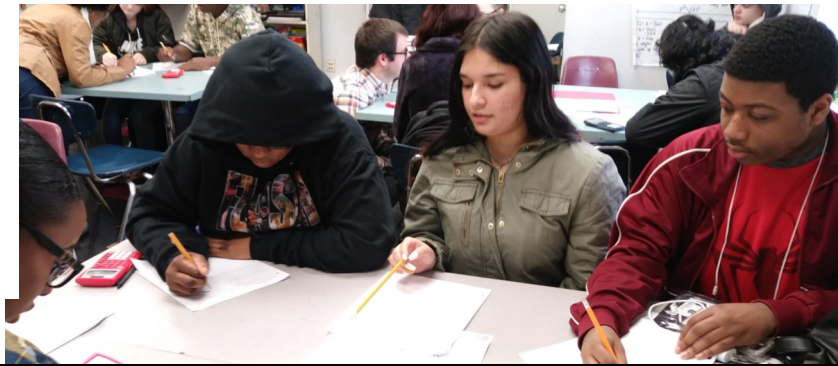




The Graham School

encounter the world, engage the mind

Celebrating 20 Years!



2019

News O'Graham

September

Important Dates

Sept. 27	Oct. 7	Oct. 10 6:30pm	Oct. 11	Oct. 17-18	Nov. 13-15	Nov. 27-29
12:00pm Early Release	Picture Day	TGS Parent Group Meeting	End of Quarter 1	No School - PD Days	No School - PD Days, and Invited Conferences	No School - Thanksgiving Break

Dear Families,

Greetings! Helen Keller once said "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Families, we appreciate your support and trust with your students as we work to fulfill the mission and core values of The Graham School.

Mission Statement

The Graham School has a particular mission to urban students in Central Ohio preparing them for lifelong learning and informed citizenship through real-world experiences and rigorous academics. Fostering ownership and responsibility for their education prepares our students to be successful in college, the workplace, and other endeavors they undertake upon leaving Graham.

Core Values

At Graham...

- We are a safe, positive school climate
- We solve problems together in a peaceful, restorative way
- We embrace diversity
- We reflect on our experiences in order to gain fresh perspective and inform future outcomes
- We encourage a growth mindset for students and staff
- We believe that learning is a priority and time spent in class and community is essential
- We use these Habits of Learning as foundational principles –**Adventure & Risk, Perseverance, Self-Direction, Service & Stewardship, and Teamwork & Collaboration**
- We believe that cultivating these habits has a profound impact on student achievement and the ability to thrive, both in school and beyond
- We create belonging within our school and honor our connection to the world community
- We celebrate an open mind, an open heart and an open hand

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



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.

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 routes directories should be complete in October.

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

2019-2020 Proof of Residency Due Today!

If your proof of residency (utility bill dated on or after July 1, 2019, lease agreement, or mortgage statement) is not turned in by **Friday, September 20**, then your student has to be held out of school starting September 23 until proof of residency is submitted.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Angel Peaks at apeaks.1@thegrahamschool.org or by calling the front office at 614-262-1111.

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.

Follow Us:



www.TheGrahamSchool.org



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 or 614-643-5068 with any questions.

TGS Picture Day - Monday, October 7

[Click here to order photos.](#)

Our school code is: ZR439070Q0

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.

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 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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Nurse Notes

Reminder to all families in 12th grade and ALL new students - Please send in your most recent immunization record to the office. These are required by state law to be on file and your student may be excluded from attending school without one.

Vision and Hearing screenings will begin soon. All students in grades 9 and 11 will be screened. A letter will only go home if there is an issue found. Please follow up with a specialist if needed. Vouchers are available for free eye exams and glasses if criteria are met. Please email me for more information: hessler.2@mail.thegrahamschool.org.

All medications, prescription or over the counter, are to be given by the front desk staff. Please send it in the original container with the doctors prescription attached. Students are not to be carrying medication unless it is an Epi-Pen or Inhaler prescribed for them. All schools stop giving out medications 2 hours before the school day ends, no exceptions.

We are expanding the 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 hoping to expand our Parent & Guardian Group this year. If you interested in learning more about participating in this group. Please contact Mary Slaback at msslaback@thegrahamschool.org.

Please join us at our meeting on Thursday, October 10th at 6:30pm.

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

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