

**CLEVELAND HEIGHTS  
HIGH SCHOOL**

# PEEK AT THE WEEK

**MAY 6, 2024**



**Mission:** Our schools provide a **challenging and engaging education** to prepare all our students to become **responsible citizens and succeed in college and career.**

## **SCHOLAR LOUNGE ACCESS: WEEK OF MAY 6**

Congratulations to the 2024 & 2025 Cohorts for having the highest attendance rate increase from previous week! They will be able to use to the Scholar Lounge as an additional lunch space this week.

The **Scholar Lounge**, formerly known as the "Carpet Area," will be open as a secondary space during lunch as an incentive for the Cohort with the highest attendance rate increase from one week to the next.

## **AP TESTING SCHEDULE & PREPARATION TIPS FOR STUDENTS**

AP Testing will take place from **Monday, May 6 through Thursday, May 16**. The full schedule can be [found here](#). For tips on how to prepare for your upcoming AP exams [click here](#).

## **VOTE FOR MRS. CLARK AS AMERICA'S FAVORITE TEACHER!**

Thanks to your support, Heights High biology teacher **Leatrice Clark** is now a **quarter-finalist** in the America's Favorite Teacher contest! **Voting resumes on Monday, May 6 at 5 p.m., and you can vote once per day.** The winner will receive \$25,000, a trip to Hawaii, and will appear in Reader's Digest.

[Click here](#) to cast your vote for Mrs. Clark!

The District has adopted a plan for communications with persons with disabilities, which is available [here](#). The plan establishes procedures to ensure that the District's communications with persons with disabilities, including applicants, participants, members of the public, and companions with disabilities, are as effective as its communications with others.



## **FIRE DRILL DISMISSAL: MAY 10**

On Friday, May 10, students will be dismissed at the end of 8th period via rapid fire drill. Students -- be sure to have everything you need for the weekend with you going into 8th period.

## **FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE FOR 9TH - 11TH GRADERS**

The final exam schedule for 9th, 10th, and 11th graders can be [found here](#).

**Vision & Expectation:** A diploma in every hand. A plan in every head. A purpose in every heart.

# Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

## *Advancing Leaders Through Innovation*

**Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month** (AAPI Heritage Month) is an annual celebration in May that recognizes the historical and cultural contributions of individuals and groups of Asian and Pacific Islander descent to the United States.

The effort to officially recognize Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander contributions to the United States began in the late 1970s, and took over 10 years to make it a permanent month-long celebration.

The AAPI umbrella term includes cultures from the entire Asian continent—including East, Southeast and South Asia—and the Pacific Islands of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia. As of the **2020 U.S. Census**, there were about **20.6 million people of Asian or Pacific Islander descent in the United States**. According to the Pew Research Center, AAPI people are a diverse and growing population that make up about 7 percent of the total U.S. population.

According to the **Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC)**, the theme for AAPI Heritage Month 2024 is “*Advancing Leaders Through Innovation*.” Stated by the FAPAC, this theme “pays homage to the visionaries and trailblazers who have shaped our AANHPI history and continue to influence our collective future.”

### Events at CHHS

- Daily announcements of Asian Americans & Pacific Islander history and cultural facts.
- Daily spotlight & quote on school's TV monitors of Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders and the many ways that they have contributed to American history through innovation and as leaders.
  - [Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Daily Quote Slides](#)
  - [Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Daily Spotlight Slides](#)

“Don’t be afraid to take risks and embrace failures, as it is through failure that we learn and grow.”

### **Additional Information On Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month & People To Celebrate**

“Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month”  
Notable AANHPI People & Their Stories from the National Park Service

“31 People to Celebrate During AAPI Heritage Month”  
“23 Asian American Heroes Our Kids Need to Know About”

“The Periodic Table of Asian American & Pacific Islander History”

“Understanding Asian American And Pacific Islander Heritage Month”



**Steve Chen**

*(1978 – Present)*

Steve Chen, a Taiwanese immigrant, is the co-founder of YouTube and has contributed to the pivotal shift in online video content production and created a platform for people at home to turn content production into multi-million dollar careers.

The idea for YouTube came after Chen and his friend and co-founder, Chad Hurley, were at a dinner party and could not find an easy way to share videos. Realizing that digital photos were easier to share thanks to websites like Flickr, they reasoned that a similar software package for videos was possible too. The idea was that it had to be easy to use and not require downloading software.

Chen was named in Business 2.0's 50 Most Influential People, GQ's Men of the Year, TIME magazine's Best Invention of the Year and Fortune's Most Powerful People in Business. Chen became a multi-millionaire after YouTube was bought by Google in 2009 for \$1.65 billion.

After YouTube, he co-founded business incubator Avos Systems, the creators of the mobile video platform MixBit, and worked as an entrepreneur in residence at Google Ventures.

# JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**Jewish American Heritage Month** is an annual celebration that recognizes the historical and cultural contributions of people of Jewish descent and identity to the United States. The effort to officially recognize Jewish American contributions to the United States began in 1980 initially with special week in April or May for Jewish heritage celebrations. Finally, **on April 20, 2006, President George W. Bush proclaimed that May would be Jewish American Heritage Month.**

The announcement was the crowning achievement in an effort by the Jewish Museum of Florida and South Florida Jewish community leaders that resulted in resolutions introduced by Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida and Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania urging the president to proclaim a month that would recognize the 370-year history of Jewish contributions to American achievements and culture.

## Events at CHHS

- Daily announcements of Jewish American history and cultural facts.
- Daily spotlight & quote on school's TV monitors of Jewish Americans and the many ways that they have contributed to American history.
  - [Jewish American Heritage Month Daily Quote Slides](#)
  - [Jewish American Heritage Month Daily Spotlight Slides](#)



**LILLIAN WALD**

(1867 - 1940)

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Wald was an American nurse, humanitarian and author. She was known for contributions to human rights and was the founder of American community nursing.

Lillian Wald founded the Henry Street Settlement in New York City and was an early advocate to have nurses in public schools. She helped to bring health care to the residents of New York's Lower East Side and fought for public health care, women's rights, and children's rights while running the Henry Street Settlement.

An activist for the rights of children, women, and minorities, Wald campaigned for federal child labor laws and women's suffrage, and was a supporter of racial integration. She was involved in the founding of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Her ideas led the New York Board of Health to organize the first public nursing system in the world, and she helped to found the Columbia University School of Nursing.

The New York Times named Wald as one of the 12 greatest living American women in 1922 and she later received the Lincoln Medallion for her work as an "Outstanding Citizen of New York."

"THE TASK OF ORGANIZING  
HUMAN HAPPINESS NEEDS  
THE ACTIVE COOPERATION  
OF MAN AND WOMAN: IT  
CANNOT BE RELEGATED  
TO ONE HALF OF THE  
WORLD."

## Additional Information On Jewish American Heritage Month & People To Celebrate

["What is Jewish American Heritage Month?"](#)

["10 Jewish Americans Who Changed History"](#)

["Introducing the Forward 125: The American Jews Who Shaped Our World"](#)

["The 10 Most Influential Jewish American Artists You May Not Have Heard Of"](#)

["Ten Famous Americans with Greek or Turkish Jewish Heritage"](#)

["What Does It Mean To Be Jewish In The US?"](#)

["From Haven to Home: 350 Years of Jewish Life in America"](#)

# Heights High School



## 2024 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION: MAY 14

Heights High School is excited to honor 65 new inductees into the National Honor Society this school year!

Everyone is invited to join the celebration on Tuesday, May 14th for a reception at 6:45 p.m. in the cafeteria and the ceremony at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Auditorium.



## CLEVELAND HEIGHTS LEGENDS FORM

If you were a graduate of Heights High School and are the parent or grandparent of a graduating senior, we would like to honor you by printing your name in our Graduation Program for the Class of 2024.

Please submit this form NO LATER THAN Friday, May 10, 2024 to be included in the program.

## CHHS SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Please use the form linked below to register for the 2024 CHHS Summer School Program. The summer session takes place from June 10 through July 12 for high school students. There will be no classes on June 19, July 4 and July 5. Classes take place Monday-Friday and students can sign up for one or two daily class sessions.

Cost per Semester Credit is \$100, with a maximum cost of \$200 per student.

Summer School (Credit Recovery) 2024 Registration 2024 Form

The form may be submitted more than once if you are registering more than one student. Parents will be contacted by the principal of summer school with additional details.

Questions? Please reach out to the Guidance Office at (216) 320-3049.

# DENTAL SERVICES AVAILABLE AT HEIGHTS WELLNESS CENTER: MAY 21 - 23

MetroHealth and the Heights Wellness Center will be offering dental services to students on May 21st through 23rd from 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

To sign up for an appointment, please speak with the school nurse or call the School Health Program at (216) 957-1303. [Click here](#) for more information.

The MetroHealth consent form and additional information about the H.O.P.E. School Health Program can be [found here](#).

## GEAR UP 2027 ACTIVITIES FOR MAY & SUMMER

Students in Cohort 2027 are invited sign up for the upcoming college readiness activities and cultural exposure opportunities during May and over the summer.

### Freshman Family Night

On Thursday, May 9 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Heights High Cafeteria.

Dinner will be provided. This event will cover the importance of college education, important steps to take for high school graduation, and how to stay on track.

[Click here](#) to sign up.

### MAGNET Field Trip

Date: Tuesday, May 21

Field trip to MAGNET: The Manufacturing Advocacy and Growth Network for students who are interested in STEM and manufacturing. Students must have a GPA of at least 2.0, no suspensions or referrals, and good attendance to attend.

*30 spots available*

[Click here](#) to sign up

### GEAR UP 2027 Summer Activities

Three weeks of exposure opportunities and workshops in the visual, musical, and performing arts for students.

July 1 - 5 (excluding 5th of July): Visual Arts - *20 spots available*

July 8 -12: Musical Arts - *35 spots available*

July 15 - 18: Performing Arts - *30 spots available*

[Click here](#) to sign up.

### Ohio Youth Leadership Summit

June 23 - 26 at Ohio Wesleyan University

The Ohio Youth Leadership Summit (OYLS) helps GEAR UP students identify and maximize their leadership skills, create a network of peers, and obtain the tools and training to make positive change happen in their communities and around the world. This is an amazing opportunity that can open many doors for students.

OYLS is an overnight conference that encourages student success, and brings together all the GEAR UP programs located in Ohio. Please note this is a learning experience with some fun involved.

**ONLY 10 STUDENTS WILL BE SELECTED**

**Requirements:** Leadership skills, B-average student, recommendation from a teacher, and a 250 word essay expressing what you think you would gain from this experience.

[Click here](#) to sign up. Students, please see Ms. Essynce for an application.

Questions? Please reach out to Essynce Mitchell at [e\\_mitchell@chuh.org](mailto:e_mitchell@chuh.org).

# HEIGHTS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

The mission of the Heights Family Resource Center (HFRC) is to provide services, supports, and activities that educate, empower, and cultivate the health and well-being of CH-UH Schools, Students and Families. In partnership with the greater community the HFRC will become a hub for strength and support.

Please fill out this short survey for the for suggestions on what services the HFRC should offer to our CH-UH families.

## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR OPEN DOORS ACADEMY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Enrollment is now open for the Open Doors Academy After School Program for the 2024-2025 school year.

The program offers:


- Reading & math homework help
  - Tutoring
  - Mentoring
- Fun enrichment activities (art, science, fitness, etc.)
- Field trips (including college visits)
  - Service Learning trips
  - College & career exploration
- Life Skills & character development

Click here for more information and to register.



### OPEN DOORS ACADEMY

Protect. Inspire. Nurture. Challenge.



### High School After-School Program

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- Tutoring
- Mentoring
- Fun enrichment activities (art, science, fitness, etc.)
- Field trips (including college visits)
- Service Learning trips
- College and career exploration
- Life Skills and character development

**Requirements:**

- Students must be registered in the program in order to attend

**For More Information:**  
[www.opendoorsacademy.org](http://www.opendoorsacademy.org)  
Spaces are limited  
Enroll Today!

SCAN ME



## PBIS STUDENT & FAMILY SURVEYS

In CH-UH, part of our mission is to establish and maintain an effective learning environment and positive school climate by implementing behavioral supports needed for all students to achieve social, emotional and academic success. To that end, every year, we conduct a student and parent survey for families to provide input and feedback on current PBIS practices in our school. **The responses to the surveys are anonymous. Emails and names are not collected, and the survey only takes a few minutes to complete.** Your feedback is used by our school to identify a student and family perception of the implementation of school-wide PBIS.

You can complete the survey using these links:

[CHHS Student PBIS Survey](#)

[CHHS Parent PBIS Survey](#)



# SOCIAL WORKER'S CORNER

**ALLISON**

**CRAIG**

C/O 2026 & C/O 2027  
(H-M LAST NAMES)



**KRISTIN**

**DADAS**

C/O 2024 & C/O 2027  
(A-G LAST NAMES)



**LATIESA**

**KIRKPATRICK**

C/O 2025 & C/O 2027  
(N-Z LAST NAMES)

## Wellness Tips for Students

Encouraging students to practice good mental health can make them more successful in the classroom. We have information on goal setting, relaxation, healthy friendships and mindfulness.

**Goal Setting:** Ideas for setting goals, celebrating wins and developing routines.

**Mindfulness:** Two mindfulness exercises to get your students focused and present.

**Relaxation:** Info on setting boundaries, making time for relaxation, enjoying fun activities, coping with stress and staying physically healthy.

**Friendships:** Building blocks for making healthy friendships at school and supporting each other.

[Click here](#) to get more wellness tips.

Please reach out to your child's school social worker if additional support is needed. We are here to help! **If you or your child need immediate help due to having suicidal thoughts, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 988.**



## VMD SPRING CONCERT & HEIGHTS "H" BLANKET RAFFLE: MAY 10

You do not want to miss the VMD Spring Concert this Friday, May 10 in the Heights High Auditorium! Tickets for admission will be \$5 at the door.

This concert is always a special one for two reasons: it will feature majority pop music from the groups AND will include student solos from the Class of 2024.

Some songs included are "Crazy Little Thing Called Love" by Queen, "Please Mr. Postman" by the Marvelettes, and "Dance the Night" from Barbie.

The Heights High's Vocal Arts Parent Organization (VAPO) will be raffling a beautiful handmade crocheted Heights "H" blanket.

Tickets are on sale now until May 10. Single tickets for the raffle are \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20. The winner will be announced at the concert on Friday, May 10.

[Click here](#) for more information and to purchase your raffle tickets.



## High School 2 the Future!

**Freshman  
Checklist**

**Sophomore  
Checklist**

**Junior  
Checklist**

# SENIOR INFORMATION PAGE

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## ORDER

### Get ready for Graduation!

It's time to prepare for graduation! You must place the **order for your cap and gown.**  
Order today at **www.jostens.com** or call **880-567-8367** to order only the cap and gown.  
Information for additional graduation packages, class rings, and letter jackets can be **found here.**

**Commencement will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2024**  
at the CSU Wolstein Center, 200, Prospect Avenue E, Cleveland OH, 44115.

## ORGANIZE

### Senior HS2Future Checklist

To help you prepare to go from high school to the future, we have created a **senior checklist** for your convenience. This will assist you with college and career planning as well as keep you on track to graduate.

## UPDATE

### Senior Class Page

Make sure to check the **Class of 2024 page** on the district website throughout the year for regular updates and important information!

**Click here** to read the Senior Letter from Mr. Smith that gives details over the senior-related events for April and May.

**Click here** to read the letter from Mr. Smith that shares important information for Senior Check-Out and the commencement ceremony.

## PREPARE

### College & Career Readiness

Look below for more information on opportunities for seniors and their families to get help with navigating the financial aid and application process.

**Seniors, Mrs. McEwen need your final decisions immediately.** IF you are going for a trade, college, military or career please let her know ASAP.

**The V. Blakeman Qua Scholarship through the Rotary Club of Greater Cleveland is available.** **Click here** for the application and more information. The completed applications, essays, transcripts, and letters of recommendation are **due by May 20.**

**The Senior Scholarship & Award Ceremony** will be held on **Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Main Auditorium.**

**18** days until  
Graduation!



## STAY INFORMED!

LOOKING  
AHEAD:

NHS  
Induction  
Ceremony

5/14

VMD  
Awards  
Banquet

5/15

Senior  
Prom

5/16

Gospel  
Choir  
Spring  
Concert

5/17

Senior  
Final  
Exams

5/20 - 5/22

IMD  
Awards  
Banquet

5/21

Memorial  
Day  
*All Schools  
Closed*

5/27



[CHUH.ORG](http://CHUH.ORG) - VIEW UPCOMING EVENTS, GRADE  
INFORMATION, AND THE LATEST DISTRICT HEADLINES.

## DATA DIVE

Week of April 29

### Attendance Data:

Number of Attendance Referrals -

Goal: < 1,386

Current: 2,202

Chronically Absent -

Goal: < 37%

Current: 43%

Attendance Percentage:

Goal: > 92%

Current: 87%

### Grade Level Attendance Data:

9th Grade: 84.73%

10th Grade: 81.11%

11th Grade: 87.87%

12th Grade: 87.17%



GOAL - 92%

### Climate Data:

Number of Referrals -

Goal: < 2,477

Current: 3,239

Number of OSS/ISS -

Goal: < 414

Current: 769

## SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL SUPPORTS

If you know of a student is in need of social and/or emotional support, please complete the **referral form** located in the **Quick Links** section of **Heights High's page** on **CHUH.org**. Anyone can complete this referral form, and submissions are routed directly to the school social workers and counselors for follow-up.



### STAFF:

The CH-UH Employee Assistance Program through IMPACT can help you reduce stress, improve mental health, and make life easier by connecting you to the right information, resources, and referrals. **All services are free.** This includes access to short-term counseling and a wide range of offerings - from financial consultation to personal assistant services - **listed here.**

## SECURITY SCOOP

**FROM MR. WATTERS, COORDINATOR FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY**

Our "see something, say something" policy applies to our school community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Anyone can access the Safe School Helpline to report threats, bullying, or other such behavior.

Call 1-800-4-1-VOICE (1-800-418-6423) ext. 359 to leave your information, or submit a report **online.**

