



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

PEEK AT THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 30, 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.

UPDATED PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE & ID POLICIES

Heights High's updated ID and personal electronic device policy goes into effect today, Monday, September 30, 2024.

Starting today, students must wear their student ID's daily, and any of the personal electronic devices listed below are not to be seen or heard when students are in school during school hours (7:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.): cell phones, earbuds, headphones, tablets, and smartwatches.

Please note that the restriction on personal computers or laptops has been removed.

[Click here](#) to read the letter from Dr. Towns on Sunday, September 30 for more information.

NO SCHOOL: OCT. 3

Reminder, all schools will be closed on Thursday, October 3 in observance of Rosh Hashanah.

School will resume on Friday, October 4.



STAFF VS. STUDENTS BASKETBALL EVENT: OCT. 4

Heights High will be holding its second PBIS event of the year this Friday, October 4! There will be a 3-point contest, free throw shooting game, and the highly anticipated Staff vs. Students Basketball Game! To be eligible to participate and attend, students must have met the following criteria.

Please see one of the Deans during your lunch period to sign up.

Heights High will follow the Afternoon Assembly Bell Schedule with the PBIS event taking place at 2:20 p.m.

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.

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

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together

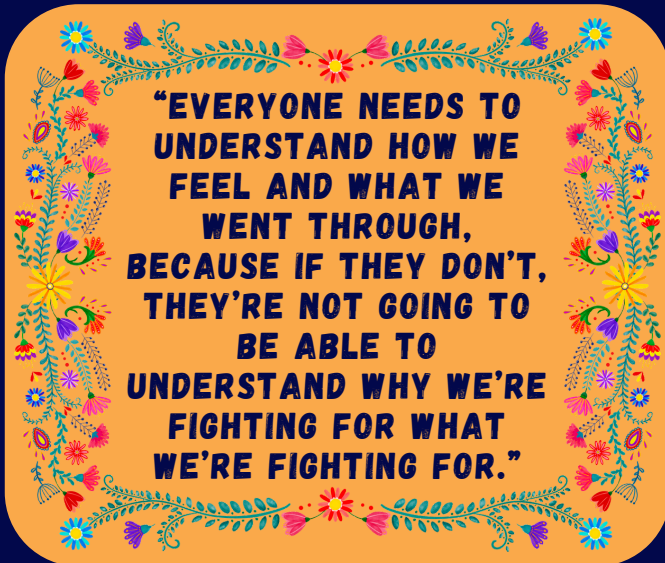
Hispanic Heritage Month is an annual awareness event that takes place from **September 15 – October 15** to celebrate the history, **culture**, traditions, and contributions of the Hispanic community. **Originally introduced in 1968** as a week-long event by Congressman George E. Brown, it has become a month-long celebration that is now internationally celebrated.

It encompasses important events such as the **independence anniversaries for Central American countries** and **Día de la Raza (Columbus Day)**. Hispanic Heritage Month also ensures that **society recognizes the incredible contributions of the Hispanic community throughout history**, both to society and the economy. As well as to catalyze action against the discrimination that Hispanic and Latino people continue to face.

According to the **National Council of Hispanic Employment Program Managers (NCHEPM)**, the theme for Hispanic Heritage Month 2024 is ***"Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together."*** Stated by the NCHEPM, this theme encapsulating the "spirit of innovation, resilience, and unity that define the Hispanic experience."

Events at CHHS

- Daily spotlight & quote on school's TV monitors of Hispanic individuals and the many ways that they have contributed to American history as pioneers of change.
 - [Hispanic Heritage Month Daily Quote Slides](#)
 - [Hispanic Heritage Month Daily Spotlight Slides](#)



X GONZÁLEZ
(1999 – Present)

Additional Information On Hispanic Heritage Month & People To Celebrate

"Hispanic Heritage Month - Origin & Facts"

"Hispanic Heritage Month" (from the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Latino)

"Celebrating 10 Hispanic Pioneers In Medicine"

"10 Influential Hispanic Americans in U.S. Politics"

"15 Famous Hispanic People to Learn About for Hispanic Heritage Month"

"20 Influential Hispanic Americans Who Have Made History"

"Hispanic & Latin American Studies: Key Historical Figures" (from the UNT Dallas University Library)

X González is a prominent activist and advocate for gun control. They gained national attention following the tragic mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, on February 14, 2018, which claimed 17 lives. As a survivor, González co-founded the advocacy group Never Again MSD, dedicated to promoting stricter gun control laws to prevent similar tragedies.

González's impassioned speeches and bold activism, including their powerful "We Call B.S." speech, galvanized a generation of young people to demand change. They played a key role in organizing the March for Our Lives protest in Washington, D.C., one of the largest youth-led demonstrations in U.S. history.

González's efforts have significantly influenced the national conversation on gun violence and youth activism, highlighting the urgent need for legislative reform to ensure safer communities. Their work continues to inspire a new wave of advocacy focused on creating meaningful change.

Heights High School



2ND ANNUAL FALL IN LOVE WITH CTE FAIR: OCT. 19

Heights High is excited to invite students and families to the 2nd Annual Fall In Love With Career Tech Education Fair! This event will showcase the amazing opportunities that await them in high school through our CTE programs. CH-UH's middle school families are encouraged to attend as well to learn about the CTE programs that are available to them.

Event Details:

Saturday, October 19
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Cleveland Heights High School



Why It's Important For Your Students:

This fair is an interactive, family-friendly event where students can explore different career pathways, participate in hands-on activities, meet our CTE instructors, and discover what their future could look like. There will be raffles, food, games, and music to keep things fun and engaging!

[Click here](#) to register.

BIG FISH THE MUSICAL: NOV. 2 & 3



The Heights High Vocal Music Department is performing **Big Fish** for this year's fall musical! Come out and support the VMD, IMD, Stage Crew, and Cosmetology students in the production of the high school edition of the musical.

Performances will take place at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on November 2 and 3.

[Click here](#) to purchase your tickets or call (216) 320-3106 for more ticketing information.

HEIGHTS HIGH CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



Extracurricular activities are important for students. Participation in these clubs and teams develops leadership skills, expands friend networks, and encourages better time management.

The CHHS staff encourages all students to participate in at least one extracurricular activity.

Click here to learn more about 40+ afterschool activities that are available at Heights High!

INFINITE CAMPUS ANNUAL UPDATES FOR 2024-2025

All CH-UH K-12 parents and guardians must complete and Annual Update for the 2024-2025 school year through the **Infinite Campus Parent Portal**. Find the instructions to complete the Annual Update **here**.

Parent Portal accounts have been created for any parent/guardian that did not already have one, and accounts are created for parents/guardians of new students within one week of enrollment. An email from **icportal@chuh.org** is sent with username and activation link once the Parent Portal account is created.

ALLISON CRAIG

ALL 2026 COHORT
2028 COHORT:
H - O LAST NAMES

KRISTIN DADAS

ALL 2027 COHORT
2028 COHORT:
A - G LAST NAMES

LATIESA KIRKPATRICK

ALL 2025 COHORT
2028 COHORT:
P - Z LAST NAMES

SOCIAL WORKER'S CORNER

Navigating Lockdowns: 5 Key Takeaway for Parents

It can feel like a scary time be a parent or student, but there are some steps you can take to ease you and your child's anxiety.

- 1) Stay updated about the school's policies and procedures.**
- 2) Make sure you're set up for communications from your child's school.**
- 3) Create space for your kids to talk to you about the experience.**
- 4) Acknowledge their feelings.**
- 5) Connect.**

Click here to read the full Navigating Lockdowns article.



STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP & EXCHANGE STUDENT HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

HOSTING AN EXCHANGE STUDENT:

Students from all around the world would love to experience what it is like to be a Heights student! Moreover you will be able to share your American culture and create friendships from all around the world!

If you are interested in hosting an exchange student for a semester or the whole year please read the [biographies of the AFS exchange students](#).

Please contact Madame Woods at melha_woods@chuh.org or Mrs. Christina Kowalski at (216) 406-2110, ckowalski@afsusa.org if you have questions or are interested in hosting.

FULL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUMMER 2025:

AFS scholarships are available to students that cover any of the AFS summer 2025 programs EXCEPT Japan.

If you are interested:

1. [Click here](#) to review the selection of the AFS summer programs that are offered.
2. Select 3 of your top choices.
3. Let Madame Woods know your selection by completing [this document](#) (full name, school email, 3 summer programs chosen).
4. Then, go at the bottom of the website linked in Step 1 and click on "apply now" to begin the application process.

Questions? Please reach out to Madame Woods at melha_woods@chuh.org.

High School 2 the Future!

**Freshman
Checklist**

**Sophomore
Checklist**

**Junior
Checklist**

SENIOR INFORMATION PAGE

Dennis Kless, Senior Advisor
d_kless@chuh.org

Nancy Rich-Drehs, Senior Advisor
n_rich@chuh.org

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 2025 page](#) on the District website throughout the year for regular updates and important information!

It's time to start preparing for Graduation! [Click here](#) for a flyer with information on ordering your cap & gown, graduation announcements, class rings, letter jackets and more! Please be sure to **place your order before Friday, October 11** so that cap & gown is delivered in time for senior pictures. Please note that you are **only required to purchase the cap, gown, tassel, and stole unit**, everything else is optional for you and your family.

PREPARE College & Career Readiness

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

Upcoming College & University Representative Visits:

Monday, September 30

4th Pd. - Ohio University

Tuesday, October 1

1st Pd. - Otterbein University

5th Pd. - Barnard University

6th Pd. - Ohio State University Main Campus

Wednesday, October 2

1st Pd. - University of Akron

3rd Pd. - Ohio Dominican University

Monday, October 7

2nd Pd. - Spelman College

4th Pd. - Wright State University

See Mrs. McEwen in Room 105 for a college visit permission form. Your teacher will need to sign it before the representative visit for an excused absence from class. Check [Naviance](#) for other upcoming college representative visits to Heights High.

Seniors -- please check [Naviance](#) for scholarship opportunities.

The Coca-Cola & Dr. Pepper Scholarship is due on Monday, September 30.

Attention Senior families -- [FAFSA Information Night](#) will be held on Tuesday, October 8 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

STAY INFORMED!

LOOKING
AHEAD:

FAFSA
Info Night
10/8

9th - 11th
Grade Picture
Retake Day
10/10

PSAT Testing
Day
10th & 11th
Graders
10/16

Fall In
Love With
CTE Fair
10/19

End of
Quarter 1
10/25

Professional
Development Day
No School For
Students
10/25



CHUH.ORG - VIEW UPCOMING EVENTS,
GRADE INFORMATION, AND THE LATEST
DISTRICT HEADLINES.



[/ClevelandHeightsTigers](https://www.instagram.com/ClevelandHeightsTigers)



[/HeightsHighCHUH](https://twitter.com/HeightsHighCHUH)

CHHS Social Workers:

- [Kristin Dadas](#)
(216) 320-3213
2028 Cohort - Last Names A - G
All 2027 Cohort
- [Allison Craig](#)
(216) 320-3017
2028 Cohort - Last Names H - O
All 2026 Cohort
- [Latiesa Kirkpatrick](#)
(216) 320-3125
2028 Cohort - Last Names P - Z
All 2025 Cohort

CHHS Grade Level Offices:

9th Grade Office
Principal: [Ms. Perry](#)
Attendance Line: (216) 320-3171
Office Line: (216) 320-3170

10th Grade Office
Principal: [Ms. Thomas](#)
Attendance Line: (216) 320-3161
Office Line: (216) 320-3160

11th Grade Office
Principal: [Mrs. Hansen](#)
Attendance Line: (216) 320-3211
Office Line: (216) 320-3210

12th Grade Office
Principal: [Mr. Smith](#)
Attendance Line: (216) 320-3201
Office Line: (216) 320-3200

CHHS Guidance Counselors:

[Tandra Menefee](#)
Last Names A - E

[Charlene Searcy](#)
Last Names M - R

[Taylor Bryant](#)
Last Names F - L

[Michael Murray](#)
Last Names S - Z

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](#).

