



# PEEK AT THE WEEK

OCTOBER 14, 2024

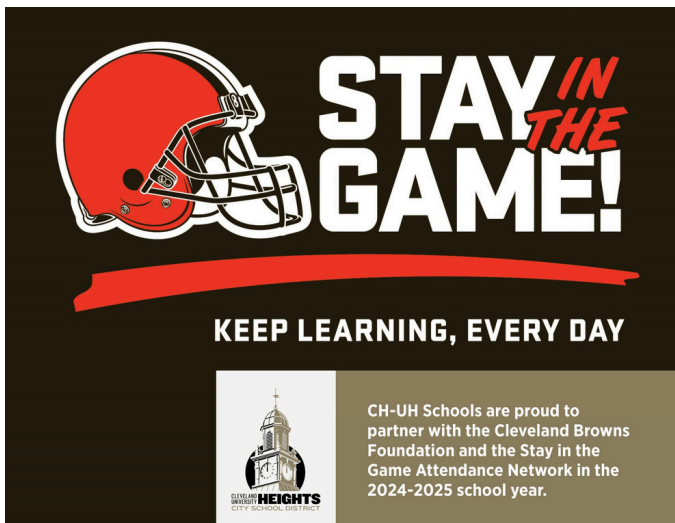
**Mission:** Our schools provide a challenging and engaging education to prepare all our students to become responsible citizens and succeed in college and career.

## **NEW CHHS ARRIVAL & SECURITY PROCEDURES: STARTING OCT. 14**

[Click here](#) for the communication sent out by Dr. Towns regarding the new arrival and security procedures that went into effect this morning.

These procedures include changes to building entry for students and visitors, the new drop-off route for parents, and the daily screening process for all students.

To reduce wait time, the building will now open at 7:15 a.m. for student arrival.



## **PSAT/COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS SCHOOL DAY: OCT. 16**

[Click here](#) for a letter from the Guidance Office with important information regarding the upcoming PSAT School Day.

All students are expected to attend school on time for the following:

- **9th Grade:** The class of 2028 (Freshmen) will take a practice OST test. Students have been assigned locations for their exams and are to report to their assigned locations.
- **10th Grade:** Students will report to their assigned locations for PSAT/NMSQT.
- **11th Grade:** Students will report to their assigned location for the PSAT/NMSQT.
- **12th grade (College & Career Readiness Activities):** Students with Senior status have a day of activities planned to support college and career readiness. *See pg. 5 for more information.*

[Click here](#) for the bell schedule for Wednesday, October 16.

Questions or concerns? Please follow-up with your student's School Counselor.

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*

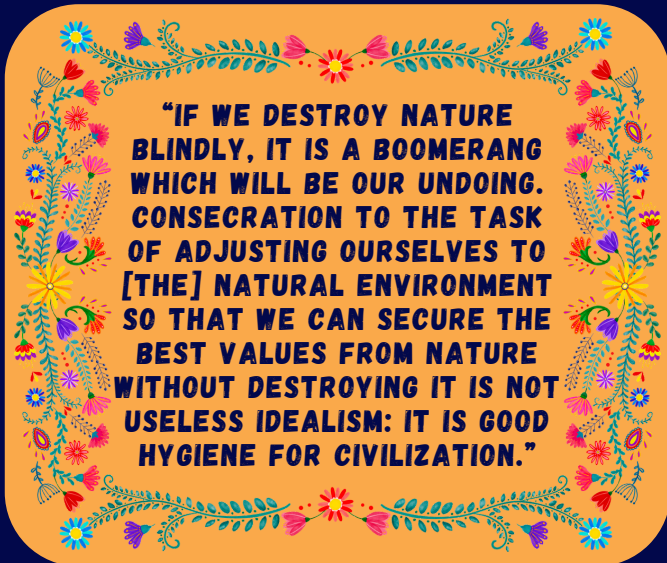
Hispanic Heritage Month is an annual awareness event that takes place from **September 15 - October 15** to celebrate the history, **culture**, traditions, and contributions of the Hispanic community. **Originally introduced in 1968** as a week-long event by Congressman George E. Brown, it has become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



### **GEORGE MELÉNDEZ WRIGHT**

(1904 - 1936)

#### **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)**

George Meléndez Wright was a pioneering American wildlife biologist whose work significantly shaped the conservation efforts of the National Park Service. Born in 1904 in San Francisco to a Salvadoran mother and an American father, Wright developed an early passion for nature.

He joined the National Park Service in the 1920s and quickly recognized the need for scientific research to inform wildlife management. In 1929, he founded the Wildlife Division of the National Park Service and initiated the first comprehensive wildlife survey of the national parks, an unprecedented effort at the time.

His groundbreaking work emphasized the importance of preserving natural habitats and understanding ecosystems, laying the foundation for modern wildlife conservation practices. Wright's legacy endures in the principles of ecological preservation and scientific research that continue to guide the stewardship of America's national parks.



# Heights High School



## AFS INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS STUDENT & PARENT INFO NIGHT: OCT. 17



Heights High students, are you interested in traveling and learning more about different cultures, languages, and countries?

Then come to the AFS Intercultural Programs information opportunities on **Thursday, October 17!** Students can visit the information table in the Cafeteria during their lunch period. Parents and students are invited attend an informational meeting that evening from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Mini Auditorium.

### What is AFS Intercultural Program?

AFS USA is the premier intercultural exchange program at Heights High School. Heights High has been welcoming AFS foreign exchange students ages 16-18, and sending Heights High students abroad for over 65 years.

AFS foreign exchange students come from all over the world and live with Host Family Volunteers from the Heights High Community.

Your student can be selected to study abroad while in high school for a year or short-term summer program with AFS Intercultural Program.

Questions? Please email AFS Volunteer, Carla Bailey at [seaball45@gmail.com](mailto:seaball45@gmail.com).

## BIG FISH THE MUSICAL: NOV. 2 & 3



Cleveland Heights High School is excited to perform **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 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](mailto:icportal@chuh.org) is sent with username and activation link once the Parent Portal account is created.

## 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.

# **PNC PARTNERUP PROGRAM PRESENTATION: OCT. 17**

Attention Seniors! PNC PartnerUp will be here on **Thursday, October 17** to give an informational presentation from **9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

PNC PartnerUp is for career-bound seniors and helps you to fully embrace the job opportunities that awaits by building your resume, sharpening your interviewing techniques, and developing the power skills that are in demand.

[Click here](#) for more information about the PNC PartnerUp Program.

To sign up for the presentation, please see Mrs. McEwen in Room 105.

## **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: OCT. 23**

Heights High school will host the first community blood drive of the school year with the American Red Cross on **Wednesday, October 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.** in the Heights High Auxiliary Gym.

Donors with all blood types are needed but especially those with types O positive or negative, A negative, and B negative.

Each donor will receive a \$20 Amazon e-gift card and a \$10 Raising Cane's gift card.

Students who are interested in donating must be at least 16 years of age, weight at least 110 pounds, and need a signed permission slip.

**Students - please see the School Nurse or Mrs. Parker in Room 129 for a permission slip.**

For more information or to make an appointment to donate, contact [Mrs. Parker](#) or sign up online [here](#).



## **SENIOR COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS ACTIVITIES: OCT. 16**

Attention Seniors! Join us on **Wednesday, October 16 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** in the **Auxiliary Gym** for a **College & Career Readiness Day**.

Meet representatives from universities, colleges, and career organizations, including the University of Kentucky, Cleveland State University, Cuyahoga Community College, and more. Explore military options with the United States Army, Army National Guard, and Air Force. Participate in a resume writing workshop and get expert college essay support from Lake Erie Ink. Plus, receive assistance with the Common App to help you complete your college applications. Do not miss this opportunity to jump-start your future!

Questions? Please contact Mrs. McEwen at [t\\_mcewen@chuh.org](mailto:t_mcewen@chuh.org) or see her in Room 105.

**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 OPPORTUNITIES

### 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](mailto:melha_woods@chuh.org).

### High School 2 the Future!

**Freshman  
Checklist**

**Sophomore  
Checklist**

**Junior  
Checklist**



# SENIOR INFORMATION PAGE

Dennis Kless, Senior Advisor  
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Nancy Rich-Drehs, Senior Advisor  
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## 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!

## PREPARE College & Career Readiness

Look below for 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, October 14

5th Pd. - University of Dayton

#### Tuesday, October 15

1st Pd. - Binghamton University

5th Pd. - Centre College

6th Pd. - Case Western Reserve University

#### Wednesday, October 16

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. - College & Career Readiness

Activities (*see pg. 5 for more info*)

#### Thursday, October 17

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - PNC PartnerUp  
Program Presentation (*see pg. 5 for more info*)

#### Friday, October 18

1st Pd. - Southern Methodist University

3rd Pd. - Milwaukee Institute of Art

4th Pd. - Gannon University

5th Pd. - Vanderbilt University

6th Pd. - Kent State University

To attend any college or university representative visit, you will need to get a permission form in Room 105 from Mrs. McEwen. The form must be signed prior to the visit from your teacher.

Please check [Naviance](#) for other upcoming college representative visits to Heights High and for scholarship opportunities.

If you are receiving **merit scholarships or acceptance letters** from colleges and universities, please **email Mrs. McEwen a copy** or come to Room 105 with the letter.

### Financial Aid Information Night Presentations:

Linked below are the presentations that were shown during Financial Aid Information Night on October 8. These presentation can also be found on the Class of 2025 web page (link above).

For any questions, please contact Mrs. McEwen at [t\\_mcewen@chuh.org](mailto:t_mcewen@chuh.org).

[Financing Your College Education](#) presented by Inez Laureano, John Carroll University

[Scholarship Awareness - How To Be Strategic in Finding Money for College](#)

STAY INFORMED!

LOOKING AHEAD:	HHS Red Cross Blood Drive 10/23	End of Quarter 1 10/25	Staff PD Day No School For Students 10/25	CHHS Fall Musical 11/2 & 11/3	Daylight Savings Ends Turn Clocks Back An Hour 11/3	HHS Parent- Teacher Conferences 11/6
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[CHUH.ORG](http://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:

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| <b>9th Grade Office</b><br>Principal: <u>Ms. Perry</u><br>Attendance Line: (216) 320-3171<br>Office Line: (216) 320-3170    | <b>10th Grade Office</b><br>Principal: <u>Ms. Thomas</u><br>Attendance Line: (216) 320-3161<br>Office Line: (216) 320-3160 |
| <b>11th Grade Office</b><br>Principal: <u>Mrs. Hansen</u><br>Attendance Line: (216) 320-3211<br>Office Line: (216) 320-3210 | <b>12th Grade Office</b><br>Principal: <u>Mr. Smith</u><br>Attendance Line: (216) 320-3201<br>Office Line: (216) 320-3200  |

CHHS Counselors:

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|---|--|---|
| <u>Tandra Menefee</u><br>Last Names A - E<br>(216) 320-3090 | <u>Charlene Searcy</u><br>Last Names M - R<br>(216) 320-3006 | <u>Tiesha McEwen</u><br>College & Career<br>Readiness<br>(216) 320-3065 |
| <u>Taylor Bryant</u><br>Last Names F - L<br>(216) 320-3057  | <u>Michael Murray</u><br>Last Names S - Z<br>(216) 320-3068  |   |

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.

