



PEEK AT THE WEEK

NOVEMBER 18, 2024

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

TRUSTED ADULT SURVEY

Do you have a trusted adult in the building?

A trusted adult is any staff member whose actions and words make you (the student) feel safe, who you feel cares about you, respects you, and you would feel comfortable confiding in.

Please take a moment to complete the <u>Trusted</u> <u>Adult Survey</u> identifying at least one staff member you would call your trusted adult. Please do not select more than 5 trusted adults.

QUARTER 1 ACADEMIC AWARDS ASSEMBLIES: NOV. 22

Heights High School will be honoring for their academic achievements in Quarter 1 this Friday, November 22.

Students who received Honor or Merit Roll and their families are invited to attend the following assemblies in the Main Auditorium.

Honor Roll Assembly: Starting at 9:30 a.m.

Merit Roll Assembly: Starting at 2:00 p.m.

Congratulations again these scholars for their outstanding academic achievement!

HEIGHTS CTE APPLICATION OPEN

The Career Technical Education (CTE) application is now open for current sophomores to apply for one of the 22 Heights Career Tech programs.

Students <u>can click</u> here to apply through Enrolltrack.

<u>Click here</u> to learn more about the **22 programs** that are available through the Heights Consortium.

Any questions? 10th graders -- ask your Guidance Counselor about Career Tech!

* All Heights Career Tech programs are open to students who attend any of the Heights Consortium schools. Transportation is provided for students attending a program that is not housed at their home school.

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.



National Native American Heritage Month, observed every November, celebrates the rich histories, cultures, and contributions of Native American and Alaska Native peoples. The observance originated from advocacy efforts in the early 20th century, with individuals like Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian and director of Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y. and Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, leading the charge for a day honoring "First Americans." In 1990, President George H.W. Bush officially designated November as National Native American Heritage Month, or as it is commonly referred to, American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month.

National Native American Heritage Month highlights the resilience, creativity, and cultural richness of America's Indigenous peoples, while also recognizing the challenges they have faced, including colonization and marginalization. It also serves as an opportunity to honor Native American achievements and foster greater understanding of their cultural contributions, histories, and ongoing issues they face within the broader American narrative.

Events at CHHS

Daily spotlight & quote on school's TV monitors of Native Americans and the many ways that they have contributed to American history while also striving to preserve their traditions and cultural identity.

- National Native American Heritage Month Daily Quote Slides
- o National Native American Heritage Month Daily Spotlight Slides



ELIZABETH PERATROVICH

(1911 - 1958) Tlingit

Elizabeth Peratrovich, born in 1911 in Petersburg, Alaska, was a Tlingit Native American civil rights activist whose efforts were pivotal in the fight against racial discrimination in Alaska. As a member of the Alaska Native Sisterhood, she and her husband Roy Peratrovich worked tirelessly to advocate for equal rights for Alaska Natives.

Peratrovich's most significant achievement came in 1945 when she delivered a powerful testimony before the Alaska Territorial Legislature in support of the Anti-Discrimination Act. Her eloquent speech highlighted the injustices faced by Native people and swayed legislators to pass the bill, making Alaska the first U.S. territory to enact such a law, nearly 20 years before the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Elizabeth Peratrovich's legacy is celebrated annually on February 16, known as Elizabeth Peratrovich Day in Alaska. Her courageous advocacy paved the way for greater equality and civil rights for Native Alaskans, marking her as a pivotal figure in American history. "ASKING YOU TO
GIVE ME EQUAL
RIGHTS IMPLIES THAT
THEY ARE YOURS TO
GIVE. INSTEAD, I
MUST DEMAND THAT
YOU STOP TRYING TO
DENY ME THE RIGHTS
ALL PEOPLE DESERVE."

Additional Information On National Native American Heritage Month & People To Celebrate

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"About National Native American Heritage Month"

"Indian Tribes, Cultures & Languages Map Collections 1500 - 2004"

"Map of Indian Lands Federally Recognized Tribes"

9 Facts About Native American Tribes"

"Native American Cultures"

"Mythologies of the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas"

"Immigration and Relocation in U.S. History - Native

American"

"Native American Leaders: A Timeline"

"11 Influential Native American Artists"

"Celebrative Native Voices: Native Americans In Sports"

"12 Famous Native American Women"
"10 Native American Inventions Commonly Used Today"

"7 Foods Developed by Native Americans"

Heights High School



CHHS FIRST GENERATION CELEBRATION RECAP

On November 8, Cleveland Heights High School celebrated our First Generation Day Celebration—a heartfelt event dedicated to recognizing and supporting our firstgeneration college students.

The day was filled with excitement as students posed at the photo booth, capturing moments of pride and celebration. Our College Now GEAR UP and Educational Talent Search tables provided vital resources and information, fostering a deeper understanding of the paths to higher education.



<u>Click here</u> for our thank you letter to the community!

CH-UH HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST: DUE DEC. 2

Tiger Nation students from preschool through 12th grade are encouraged to participate in the fourth annual CH-UH Holiday Card Contest!

The winning artwork will be featured as the 2024 CH-UH Holiday Card cover. The student's name, grade, and school will be noted on the card. The top 3 winners will be recognized at a Board of Education meeting and receive a \$50 cash price from the Heights Schools Foundation.



Superintendent Kirby will select one of the winning cards for the holiday card, which will be available for purchase by the community for a limited time. Proceeds will benefit arts education in CH-UH.

Artwork Theme: Happy Holidays/Season's Greetings

Submissions should reflect holiday-spirited or winter themes. Artwork may not reference or contain images of specific religious holiday/religions. Any artwork that depicts copyrighted images cannot be considered.

Any student who is currently enrolled in CH-UH is eligible to participate.

The deadline for submissions is Monday, December 2.

Click here for more information.

COLLEGE NOW GREATER CLEVELAND SERVICES AT HEIGHTS HIGH

College Now Greater Cleveland is proud to offer comprehensive support to students at Cleveland Heights High School through our GEAR UP and Educational Talent Search (ETS) programs. These initiatives are designed to guide students through their educational journeys and help them prepare for college and future careers.

<u>GEAR UP Program:</u> Focused on serving the Freshman and Sophomore classes, GEAR UP provides personalized, one-on-one advising, workshops, and exposure opportunities to help students develop essential skills and knowledge for higher education.

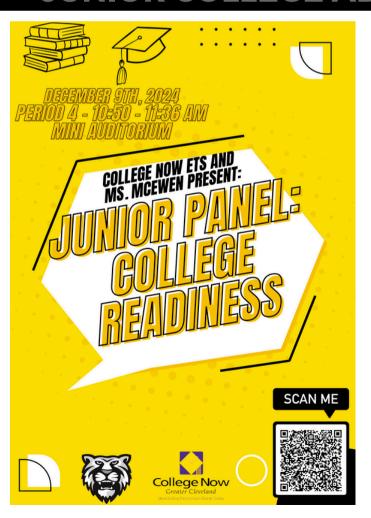
<u>Educational Talent Search Program:</u> Tailored for Juniors and Seniors, ETS offers similar support, including individual advising, college readiness workshops, and enrichment activities that prepare students for the transition to college life.

Each program is dedicated to empowering students with the tools they need for success. We encourage grade-level teachers to sign up for workshops and partner with us to maximize student engagement and preparation.

For more information or to schedule a session, please reach out to our team!

Click here for their contact information.

JUNIOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PANEL: DEC. 9



Juniors, are you interested in going to college?

The College and Career Readiness office and College Now ETS are hosing a Junior Panel for students interested in attending college, having Seniors, selected by Mrs. McEwen, speaking about the process, and providing tips, feedback, and also giving advice on things they wish they would have done earlier in the process to get Juniors to start thinking about what they want to do looking forward to the fall semester of their Senior year.

The event will be held on **December 9th**, during **4th period** in the Mini Auditorium.

<u>Click here</u> to sign up for the event or scan the QR code on the flyer on the TV monitors.

If you have any questions, please let Mr. Lucas or Mrs. McEwen know.

METROHEALTH SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM

The <u>MetroHealth Institute for H.O.P.E. School Health Program</u> is partnering with CH-UH to offer health care services on-site at your child's school. Your child will now have easier medical service access during the school day.

Additionally, CH-UH City School District students, their families, and staff members can receive routine health care at the **Heights Wellness Center** inside Heights High School.

What services does MetroHealth provide?

- Physicals (annual/sports/work permit)
 - Injury/illness care
 - Routine lab tests
 - Teen services
 - Mental/behavioral health

- Immunizations
- Care for chronic conditions, including asthma, allergies, diabetes and seizure disorders
 - Health education and prevention
 - Telehealth, to supplement in-person care

How to enroll your student:

Fill out an online <u>consent form here</u>. Students' consent forms remain valid for as long as they attend school in the District.

<u>Click here</u> for more information and the Fall 2024 Schedule.

PARENT 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 <u>Infinite Campus Parent Portal</u>. Find the instructions to complete the Annual Update <u>here</u>.

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.

Updating your information in Infinite Campus (IC) annually is crucial for ensuring Heights High can reach you in the case of an emergency and for planning field trips and extracurricular activities. If you need any assistance, please not hesitate to contact your student's grade-level office (see pg. 8 for office contact information).

SIGN UP FOR HEIGHTS HIGH'S SPORTS INFORMATION CLUB

Do you love watching, listening to and talking about sports? Are you interested in a career in sports broadcasting, journalism or social media marketing?

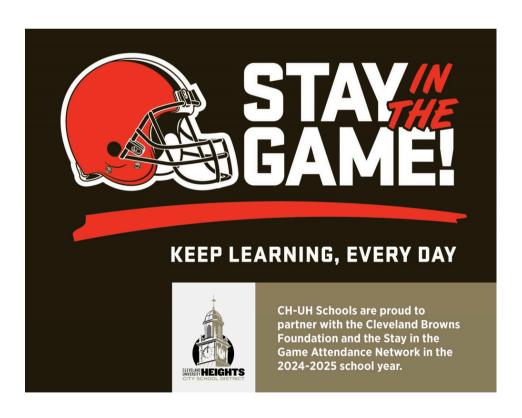
Heights High's new Sports Information Club might be right for you!

You get to choose where to focus your energy ... from photographing or filming games to live play-by-play announcing to managing a team's social media. You could also write game recaps and player profiles for the District's athletic website or keep a team's stats.



You will get to travel to away games with a team of your choosing, wear Heights branded gear and learn from industry professionals. You choose which sports season(s) to participate and you get to request specific teams to work with.

Fill out this <u>Google form</u> to get started or reach out to Athletic Director Joe D'Amato at j_damato@chuh.org if you have additional questions.



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 <u>senior checklist</u> 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 <u>Class of 2025 page</u> 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 Visit:

Wednesday, November 20

1st Pd. - Muskingum 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.

Upcoming Instant College Admission Day:

Thursday, November 21

Central Michigan University - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

To attend please sign up with Mrs. McEwen..

Please check <u>Naviance</u> 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.

Seniors and parents - now is the time to create an FSA ID for the upcoming FAFSA.

Each student and parent must have their own FSA ID account to complete the FAFSA.

Click here for more information on how to create and FSA ID.

"Senior Scene" Newsletter - November 2024

STAY INFORMED!

LOOKING AHEAD:

Quarter 1 Academic Awards Ceremonies

11/22

Compensatory Day for Conferences All Schools Closed

11/27

Thanksgiving
Recess

All Schools Closed

11/28 & 11/29





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

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



CHHS Grade Level Offices:

9th Grade Office Principal: Ms. Perry

Attendance Line: (216) 320-3171 Office Line: (216) 320-3170

> 11th Grade Office Principal: Mrs. Hansen

Attendance Line: (216) 320-3211 Office Line: (216) 320-3210 10th Grade Office Principal: Ms. Thomas

Attendance Line: (216) 320-3161 Office Line: (216) 320-3160

> 12th Grade Office Principal: Mr. Smith

Attendance Line: (216) 320-3201 Office Line: (216) 320-3200

CHHS Counselors:

Tandra Menefee

Last Names A - E (216) 320-3090

Taylor Bryant

Last Names F - L (216) 320-3057 **Charlene Searcy**

Last Names M - R (216) 320-3006

Michael Murray

Last Names S - Z (216) 320-3068

Tiesha McEwen

College & Career Readiness (216) 320-3065

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 <u>online</u>.

