

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS
HIGH SCHOOL

PEEK AT THE WEEK

FEBRUARY 20, 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.

2024 - 2025 SCHEDULING NIGHT: FEB. 22

Scheduling & High School Expectations Meetings on **Thursday, February 22** in the Heights High Main Auditorium

- **6:30 - 7:15 p.m.** Audience: Rising 9th & 10th Grade Students
- **7:30 - 8:15 p.m.** Audience: Rising 11th & 12th Grade Students

[Click here](#) to read the letter that was sent out by the Guidance Department on February 14.

DENTAL SERVICES AVAILABLE AT HEIGHTS WELLNESS CENTER: FEB. 20 - 23

MetroHealth and the Heights Wellness Center will be offering dental services to students on **Tuesday, February 20 through Friday, February 23 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

To sign up for an appointment, please **speak with the school nurse** or send an email to shpschedule@metrohealth.org.

If you have any additional questions please reach out to Mrs. Rudy, the school nurse at l_rudy@chuh.org.

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.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

African Americans and the Arts

Events at CHHS

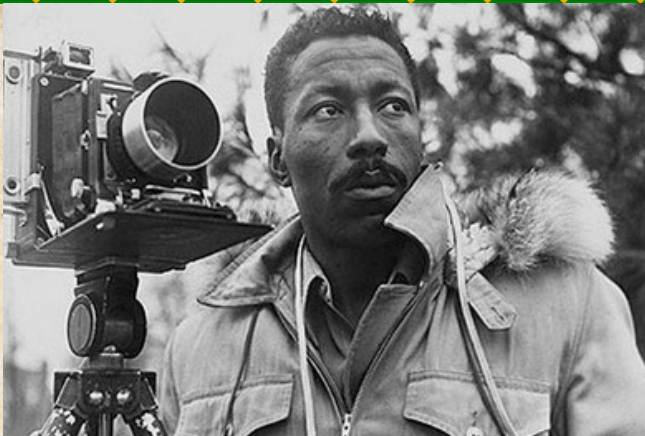
Every Week

- HBCU Wednesdays
- Daily announcements highlighting Black History facts
- BHM door decorating contest
- Daily highlight on school's TV monitors of African American contributions in music, literature, and the visual arts. [Click here](#) to view who will be highlighted during Black History Month.

Black & Gold Excellence: A Black History Month Celebration -- February 24, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Every year, the [Association for the Study of African American Life and History](#) (ASALH) choose a theme for Black History Month to raise awareness about African American's contributions to society.

This year, the theme is "African Americans and the Arts," which explores the key influence African Americans have had in the fields of music, film, fashion, visual and performing arts, folklore, literature, language, culinary and other forms of cultural expression.



GORDON PARKS
(1912 - 2006)

Gordon Parks was the was one of the most groundbreaking figures in 20th century photography. His photojournalism during the 1940s to the 1970s reveals important aspects of American culture, and he became known for focusing on issues of civil rights, poverty, race relations and urban life.

He was also the first African American photographer on the staff of *Life* magazine and later helped found *Essence*. He also was the first black writer and director of a studio film and his second movie, *Shaft*, helped to shape the blaxploitation era in the 70s.

"I saw that the camera could be a weapon against poverty, against racism, against all sorts of social wrongs. I knew at that point I had to have a camera."

-Gordon Parks

Additional African American Contributions
in the Visual Arts

["16 Black Artist to Know"](#)

["14 Groundbreaking African American Artists Who Shaped History"](#)

["8 Black Filmmakers Who Revolutionized the Entertainment Industry"](#)

["13 Black Actors, Directors and Comedians Who Made History in TV and Film"](#)

["16 Monumental Moments In Black Hollywood History"](#)
["Five You Should Know: Black Actresses Who Refused to Be Typecast"](#)

Heights High School



BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION: FEB. 24

Join CH-UH for the inaugural Celebration of Black and Gold Excellence on February 24 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Heights High School.


Enjoy student entrepreneurs and authors, music, Black-owned local businesses, food, and more.


Student authors and entrepreneurs who are interested in sharing their products at the Pop Up Shop must [register here](#).

Students wishing to perform at the event can [register here](#).

BLACK & GOLD EXCELLENCE
A CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY
FEBRUARY 24, 2024
HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL 2-5 PM

SOUND BENDER INSTITUTE DJ DEMOS
BREADWINNER ACADEMY - FINANCE WORKSHOPS
FOOD
CLEVELAND CHORALE
STUDENT PERFORMANCES & POP UP SHOP
HEIGHTS GOSPEL CHOIR

APPLY TO PERFORM: 
tinyurl.com/blackandgoldperformance

REGISTER FOR THE POP UP SHOP: 
tinyurl.com/blackandgoldshop

CHHS JOB & TRADES FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT: FEB 27

Join us for the CHHS Job & Trades Family Information Night on Tuesday, February 27 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

This night allows organizations to share post-secondary transitional opportunities for students who may be undecided as to what they plan to do after graduation this May.

Questions? Contact Ms. Bergman at e_bergman@chuh.org.

COLLEGE NOW OFFERING FAFSA COMPLETION DROP-IN SESSIONS

College Now TRIO Educational Talent Search will be hosting FAFSA Completion Drop-In Sessions for all senior families every Monday and Thursday through February 29. Sessions will be located in Room 115 from 5 - 7 p.m.

Virtual sessions are also available, contact Ms. James at a_james@chuh.org for more info.

FAFSA WEBINAR SERIES: FEB. 20 - 22

Congresswoman Shontel Brown is excited to bring to your attention to a FAFSA Webinar series hosted by the U.S. Department of Office of Federal Student Aid.

Representatives from Federal Student Aid will be hosting a free financial aid webinar series that is geared toward students, their families, and College Access Professionals.

Topics include how to complete the 2024-2025 FAFSA, a parent's guide to federal financial aid, and best strategies for comparing schools and financial aid offers.

The Webinars will be on February 20th-22nd. [Click here](#) to sign up

For questions, please contact the Office of Federal Student Aid at FSAOutreachwebinars@ed.gov.

GEAR UP 2027 FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Cohort 2027 - stay up to date with GEAR UP and the upcoming college visit opportunities in March!

[Click here](#) for this month's GEAR UP 2027 Newsletter.

HEIGHTS HIGH HALLWAY PROCEDURES

Heights High students and families, please take a moment to review the hallway procedures and expectations at Heights High School.

- 1) Students are expected to be mindful that unnecessary conversation and inconsiderate behavior distract classroom activities and will not be tolerated when in the building. Students are expected to be quick and quiet in the hallways and arrive at their assigned location or destination with as little delay as possible.
- 2) Students must have a hall pass when leaving a regularly scheduled class, mandatory activity, library, or office. Students should not loiter in the halls, entrances to the building, or other teaching areas during any period of the day, or after school. Students will need to provide their teacher with a pass if they arrive late to an assigned period and need to account for their whereabouts for the portion of the class they missed.
- 3) Students must use appropriate language and demonstrate appropriate behavior during passing periods.
- 4) Hall passes are highly discouraged during the first and last 10 minutes of each period of the day to ensure quiet learning environments. Students do not congregate in academic hallways, sit at open supervision tables and desks, or by their lockers when classes are in session.
- 5) Finally, all litter should be disposed of properly in the provided garbage or recycling receptacles.

HEIGHTS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS FAMILY PARTICIPATION INTEREST FORM



Heights Athletic Boosters wants your input! As a brand-new organization with no staff and a small board (but BIG plans), Heights Athletic Boosters welcomes the participation and ideas of all families of student-athletes.

Please fill out [this form](#) to get involved and share your thoughts.

HEIGHTS SCHOOLS FOUNDATION NIGHT AT THE CAVS: MAR. 5

Join us for **Heights Schools Foundation Night on March 5th**, as our Cleveland Cavaliers take on the Boston Celtics! Fans in attendance will receive the bobblehead giveaway, which features Cleveland Heights' own Jason and Travis Kelce!

Purchase your discounted tickets from the link below to be a part of the Early Entry Fan Experience, which allows you to enter the building before the general public to watch warmups in our premium seating locations!

Proceeds from tickets purchased through the link will help support the HSF's initiatives in continuing to provide student scholarships and teacher grants.

If you have questions, please contact Reilly Casey at rcasey@cavs.com or (216) 903-8139.

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets.

PBIS DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT: FEB. 29

This month's PBIS celebration will be a dodgeball tournament on **Thursday, February 29**.

Participation and attendance to the game is based on attendance in the month of February. **Students must have 90% attendance or higher for the month.**

Please see **Mr. Kee** during your lunch period if you are interested in playing.





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)

In a 2023 report, [Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation](#), the U.S. Surgeon General states, "Loneliness and isolation represent profound threats to our health and well-being. But we have the power to respond." (page 5). **Please see page 65 of the report for a section on what you can do as a parent or caregiver to support your teen.**

For additional tips, consider tuning in to a **free live webinar on Parenting Tips for a Teen Loneliness Epidemic by Fort Health** in partnership with the Child Mind Institute on **Wednesday, February 21st, at 5:30 p.m.**

And remember, you are not in this alone! Please reach out to your child's school social worker if additional support is needed.

We are here to help!



UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS SUMMER YOUTH VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



University Hospitals

University Hospitals is looking for students to join their Summer Youth Volunteer Program.

[Click here](#) for more information on general volunteering opportunities.

[Click here](#) for information for volunteering opportunities in pediatrics.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED SUMMER EMPLOYMENT STUDENT INTEREST FORM

Are you a current CH-UH student that is looking for a summer job?

Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.) is looking to hire and place up to 50 students between the ages of 14-18 with summer job experiences right here in Cleveland Heights.

The summer employment program runs for 6 weeks and students accepted into the program will earn \$13.50 per hour.

These summer jobs will fill up fast, so ACT NOW in order to be considered for this worthwhile summer employment opportunity.

[Click here](#) for more information and to fill out the student interest form.

High School 2 the Future!

Freshman Checklist

Sophomore Checklist

Junior Checklist

SENIOR INFORMATION PAGE

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

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 now 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 Semester II Senior Letter from Mr. Smith.

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.

Heights Community Scholarship Application:

The Heights Community and Foundation General application is now closed. Seniors who have completed the general application are now urged to complete all necessary items for the individual scholarships.

Individual scholarship information is due by Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Seniors, please check **Naviance** weekly for scholarship opportunities.

Seniors, if you are receiving college admissions letters and scholarships, please give a copy to Mrs. McEwen in room 129 or email to **t_mcewen@chuh.org**.

The FAFSA application is officially open for the 24-25 school year.

Click here for tips to completing the FAFSA form.

Seniors, make sure you are on track for your senior year. **Click here** to check out a senior checklist.

Mrs. McEwen is helping seniors every Wednesday in Room 129 with financial aid help, college applications and scholarships. ***Please come during your lunch period only to receive help.***

Senior Post-Secondary Success Night - February 21

Seniors and their families are invited to an evening centered around post-secondary success for students on ***Wednesday, February 21 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.***

Learn more about FAFSA, college life, and the application process. In addition, workshops will be offered for students and families to complete the FAFSA, Common Application, and scholarship applications.

STAY INFORMED!

LOOKING
AHEAD:

National
Technical
Honors Society
Induction

2/28

HHS PBIS
Dodgeball
Game

2/29

Start of
Women's
History
Month

3/1

VMD
Midwinter
Concert

3/1

Swim
Cadets
Show

3/7 - 3/9



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

DATA DIVE

Week of February 12

Attendance Data:

Number of Attendance Referrals -

Goal: < 1386

Current: 832

Chronically Absent -

Goal: < 37%

Current: 40%

Attendance Percentage:

Goal: > 92%

Current: 88%

Climate Data:

Number of Referrals -

Goal: < 2477

Current: 1574

Number of OSS/ISS -

Goal: < 414

Current: 514

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.**

