

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS
HIGH SCHOOL

PEEK AT THE
WEEK

FEBRUARY 26, 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.

ADJUSTED BELL SCHEDULE: FEB. 29

On Thursday, February 29 Heights High will follow an **adjusted bell schedule due to the PBIS Dodgeball Tournament** at 2:20 p.m.

We will follow the **Afternoon Assembly Bell Schedule**.

SAT SCHOOL DAY: MAR. 6

All **11th Graders** will take the SAT on **Wednesday, March 6**. Students will need their **fully charged Chromebooks and chargers** the day of the test.

Grades 9, 10, and 12 are to follow their regular schedule for the day.

Click here to read the letter that was send out by the Guidance Department on Wednesday, February 21.

11th Graders: College Board provides access to **free practice tests**.

Click here to learn more.

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

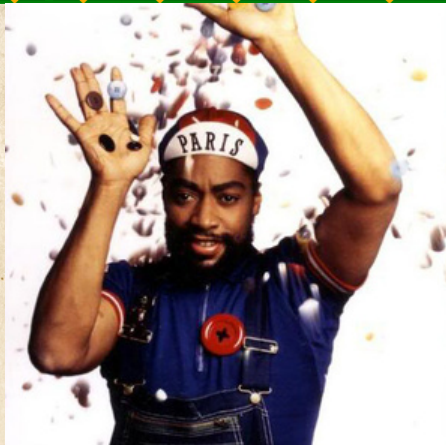
Every Week

- 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.



PATRICK KELLY
(1954 - 1990)

Patrick Kelly was an American fashion designer who came to fame in France. Among his accomplishments, he was the first American to be admitted to the Chambre syndicale du prêt-à-porter des couturiers et des créateurs de mode, the prestigious governing body of the French ready-to-wear industry.

Kelly's designs were noted for their exuberance, humor, and references to pop culture and Black folklore. He unapologetically incorporated his Southern Roots, racial imagery, and expressions of Black joy into his designs; stating "I want my clothes to make you smile."

"I've got hope. I've got dreams and I have aspirations. I don't need to climb mountains; I don't need to build nations. What I do need is courage to look deep inside, Cos I'm me and from me I know I can't hide. I don't wish to fly, I'm quite happy to glide. I am who I am and I'll be me with pride."

- Patrick Kelly

Additional African American Contributions in Fashion & the Culinary Arts

- ["20 Black Designers Who Shaped Fashion History"](#)
- ["How Black Designers, Models and Musicians Have Influenced the Way the World Sees & Wears Clothing"](#)
- ["You Should Know: Black Fashion Icons"](#)
- ["Black Chefs Who Changed the Food Industry"](#)
- ["The Black Chefs, Entrepreneurs, and Inventors Shaping American Cuisine"](#)
- ["Black Scientific Pioneers Who Forever Changed Food"](#)

Heights High School



BLACK & GOLD STUDENT NEWSPAPER MEETINGS ON TUESDAYS

Calling all writers, photographers, and artists - the Heights High *Black & Gold* student newspaper is back and want you on their staff!

Meetings will take place after school in **Room 307 on Tuesdays from 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.**
Note: there will be no meeting on the third Tuesday of every month.

Questions? Please see Mrs. Tayse.

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.

'CONNECTING FOR KIDS' EASTERN CUYAHOGA COUNTY RESOURCE FAIR: MAR 2

The 2nd Annual Connecting for Kids Eastern Cuyahoga County Resource Fair will be held on Saturday, March 2, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Tri-C Eastern Campus Student Services Building, 4250 Richmond Rd. in Highland Hills.

This free fair features more than 70 local providers including therapists, mental health professionals, funding sources, transition services, adapted summer camps and more for those 0-22 years old. Participants can visit with representatives from a variety of organizations to discuss services and explore program options.

Families who pre-register and attend the in-person event will be entered to win a \$100 Amazon gift card. In addition, the first 100 families who stop by the Connecting for Kids table at the fair will receive a free stuffed animal courtesy of Wild Republic along with a disability awareness pin and bookmark. Families who have limited time can drive up to the tent in front of the Tri-C Eastern Campus Student Services Building during fair hours to receive a grab & go bag of resources.

For a complete list of participants and to register for either the in-person resource fair or to reserve a grab & go bag, visit www.connectingforkids.org/east-cuyahoga-fair, or call/text: 440-570-5908.

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 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.

SENIOR ADS FOR THE CALDRON YEARBOOK

Dear Parents of the Class of 2024:

Display your pride and affection for your child in the school yearbook, The Caldron. We have reserved a section for you to offer your words of advice or encouragement – along with those cherished growing up pictures.

How? In our Senior Ads section!

Simply choose the ad size, your message and send us a baby photo – digitally or hard copy. We can design the ad for you or follow your requests.

The ad pages are designed in a 16-block format on an 8/5 x 11 inch page.

Each block is approximately 4 ½ inches by 1 ¼ inches. Each block is priced at \$25/each with discounts for ordering multiple blocks.

Orders must be placed not later than **April 30, 2024**. [Click here](#) for more information!



**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)

SOCIAL WORKER'S CORNER

February is a time to celebrate Black History and all of the amazing things African Americans have contributed to society. Please check out [this article](#) that helps us to **Reimagine Resilience and Celebrate Black Joy**.

Please reach out to your child's school social worker if additional support is needed. You don't have to struggle alone. Help is always available.

If you or your child need immediate help due to having suicidal thoughts, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 988.



SWIM CADETS SHOW: MAR. 7 - 9

**CLEVELAND HEIGHTS
SWIM
CADETS
LIVE THE TEENAGE DREAM**

Experience the magic of synchronized swimming with the Cleveland Heights Swim Cadets as they "Live the Teenage Dream"! Tickets are \$12 and available from Cadet members in advance. A limited number of tickets will be sold at the door.

March 7, 8 & 9 at 7 p.m.

Cleveland Heights High School Natatorium
13263 Cedar Road, door #8

The Heights High Swim Cadets invite the community to 'Live the Teenage Dream' at their 85th annual show!

The three-night performance will run from **March 7 through 9 at 7:00 p.m.** in the high school natatorium.

Tickets can be purchased in advance from a Swim Cadet for \$12 with a limited number of tickets sold at the door.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS SUMMER YOUTH VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



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.

VMD MIDWINTER CONCERT: MAR. 1

The Heights High Vocal Music Department is back and ready to serenade the community with their Midwinter Concert this **Friday, March 1!**

The concert will start at **7:00 p.m.** and there will be **no admission cost.**



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 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.***

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.

This Week's College & University Visits:

Monday, February 26 - Cuyahoga Community College, 4th - 5th Pd.

Wednesday, February 28 - University of Akron, 3rd - 3th Pd.

STAY INFORMED!

LOOKING AHEAD:

Start of Women's History Month

3/1

VMD Midwinter Concert

3/1

11th Grade SAT Test Day

3/6

Swim Cadets Show

3/7 - 3/9

Semester I Academic Awards Assemblies

3/8

HHS Parent Teacher Conferences

3/12

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

DATA DIVE

Week of February 20



Attendance Data:

Number of Attendance Referrals -

Goal: < 1386

Current: 874

Chronically Absent -

Goal: < 37%

Current: 42%

Attendance Percentage:

Goal: > 92%

Current: 88%

Climate Data:

Number of Referrals -

Goal: < 2477

Current: 1651

Number of OSS/ISS -

Goal: < 414

Current: 368

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.**

