



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

# PEEK AT THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 23, 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.

## STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION OPPORTUNITIES: SEPT. 23 & 25

Heights High students – your voice and vote matters!

This week, Heights High students who are or will be 18 by the November 5 election will have the opportunity to complete their voter registration.

On Monday, September 23 during the lunch periods, a Hip Hop Voter Registration Bus event will take place in the area outside of the cafeteria by the bike racks. This event is in partnership with the Councilwoman Davida Russell and the Ohio Alliance for Community Engagement and will bring music, food, civic engagement information, and registration support for young voters in a fun, engaging way.

Students will have another opportunity to register to vote on Wednesday, September 25 with the League of Women Voters in the cafeteria during their lunch periods.

Students will need to know the last four digits of their social security number to complete their voter registration.

*Please see or contact Mr. Smith at [taylor\\_smith@chuh.org](mailto:taylor_smith@chuh.org) or Mrs. Hansen at [k\\_hansen@chuh.org](mailto:k_hansen@chuh.org) for any questions or more information.*

KEEP LEARNING, EVERY DAY

CH-UH Schools are proud to partner with the Cleveland Browns Foundation and the Stay in the Game Attendance Network in the 2024-2025 school year.

## NO SCHOOL: OCT. 3

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

Students should report back to school on Friday, October 4.

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](#)

**"LEGACY. WHAT IS  
A LEGACY? IT'S  
PLANTING SEEDS  
IN A GARDEN  
YOU NEVER GET  
TO SEE."**



**LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA**  
*(1980 - 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" \(from the UNT Dallas University Library\)](#)

Lin-Manuel Miranda is a transformative figure in contemporary theater, best known for his groundbreaking musicals "Hamilton" and "In the Heights." Born in New York City in 1980 to Puerto Rican parents, Miranda's work celebrates and explores the richness of Latinx culture and history. His first major success, "In the Heights," debuted on Broadway in 2008, earning four Tony Awards, including Best Musical, and spotlighting the vibrant community of Washington Heights.

Miranda's "Hamilton," which premiered in 2015, revolutionized musical theater by blending hip-hop, R&B, and traditional show tunes to tell the story of American Founding Father Alexander Hamilton with a diverse cast. "Hamilton" won 11 Tony Awards, a Pulitzer Prize for Drama, and a Grammy Award, becoming a cultural phenomenon.

Beyond the stage, Miranda is a vocal advocate for social justice and Puerto Rican relief efforts, particularly following Hurricane Maria. His innovative contributions and activism have solidified his status as a significant cultural and artistic force.

# 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 out 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

**THE HEIGHTS CONSORTIUM PRESENTS**

# FALL IN LOVE WITH CTE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH  
12:00-3:00PM

WHERE: CLEVELAND HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN, LEARNING, AND COMMUNITY!

EXPLORE EXCITING CAREER TECH EDUCATION PROGRAMS OFFERED IN OUR SCHOOLS, CONNECT WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES, AND SEE HOW OUR STUDENTS ARE SHAPING THE FUTURE.

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

- RAFFLES & PRIZES
- FREE FOOD & SNACKS
- GAMES & ACTIVITIES
- LIVE MUSIC
- INTERACTIVE DEMOS

MEET OUR STAFF, INSTRUCTORS, AND CTE SCHOLARS!

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY FOR AN EVENT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS.  
LET'S BUILD THE FUTURE TOGETHER—ONE SKILL AT A TIME!

REGISTER TODAY  
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/FALLINLOEWITHCTE2024](https://tinyurl.com/fallinlovewithcte2024)

**CHHH**  
Cleveland Heights High School | Maple Heights High School | Shaker Heights High School | Warrensville Heights High School

## CLEVELAND CLINIC PATHWAYS PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY FOR JUNIORS & SENIORS

Attention Juniors and Seniors - there is a career readiness program opportunity with the Cleveland Clinic that is available for you to sign up for.

The **Cleveland Clinic Pathways Program** is a six-week program that provides students with exposure to clinical and non-clinical healthcare careers. The deadline for applications is **September 27, 2024**. Instructions for how to create an account in order to apply can be **found here**.

# 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!

## NATIONAL GEAR UP WEEK ACTIVITIES & SPIRIT WEEK THEMES: SEPT. 23 - 27

The Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) initiative is one of the largest and most effective programs focused on increasing the college and career readiness of low-income students in communities nationwide.

**And this year GEAR UP is Celebrating 25 Years!**

Mark your calendar for the nation's largest celebration of all things GEAR UP! National GEAR UP Week will occur next week, September 23 - 27.

Students in the 2027 and 2028 Cohorts are encouraged to participate in the following daily activities and spirit week themes:

### GEAR UP WEEK ACTIVITIES:

**9/23 - Happy Birthday GEAR UP**  
*Come kick off GEAR UP week and celebrate the 25th year during your lunch period in the mini auditorium.*

**9/24 - Karaoke**  
*Join GEAR UP during your lunch period for karaoke and line dancing.*

**9/25 - GEAR UP Photo Booth**

**9/26 - Goal Wall**  
*Goal setting for the 2024-2025 school year during your lunch period.*

### GEAR UP SPIRIT WEEK THEMES:

**9/23 - What Do You Meme?**  
*Dress like your favorite meme*

**9/24 - Decade Day**  
*Dress like the 90's or early 2000's*

**9/25 - Where Are You Headed?**  
*Wear a college shirt, military shirt or dress like your future self/career*

**9/26 - Take It Easy Thursday**  
*Dress in your favorite sweats*

**9/27 - Tiger Pride/Gear Up Day**  
*Show your Heights spirit by wearing your black and gold swag!*

**For more information visit or contact:**

GEAR UP 2027 Advisor: Essynce Mitchell, [e\\_mitchell@chuh.org](mailto:e_mitchell@chuh.org) (Room 319)

GEAR UP 2028 Advisor: Jasmine Arnold, [j\\_arnold@chuh.org](mailto:j_arnold@chuh.org) (Room 323)



**ALLISON  
CRAIG**

2028 COHORT:  
H - O LAST NAMES  
ALL 2026 COHORT



**KRISTIN  
DADAS**

2028 COHORT:  
A - G LAST NAMES  
ALL 2027 COHORT



**LATIESA  
KIRKPATRICK**

2028 COHORT:  
P - Z LAST NAMES  
ALL 2025 COHORT

# 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](mailto:melha_woods@chuh.org) or Mrs. Christina Kowalski at (216) 406-2110, [ckowalski@afsusa.org](mailto: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](mailto:melha_woods@chuh.org).

# 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 more information on opportunities for seniors and their families to get help with navigating the financial aid and application process.

### Upcoming Instant College Admissions Day:

**Tuesday, September 24**

6th-7th Pd. - University of Toledo & Thiel College

### College & University Representative Visits for the Week of September 23 - 27:

**Monday, September 23**

5th Pd. - Hiram College

**Tuesday, September 24**

1st Pd. - Walsh University

5th Pd. - Tulane University

**Wednesday, September 25**

9:30-10:00 a.m. - Yale University

**Thursday, September 26**

2nd Pd. - Duquesne University

3rd Pd. - American University (*Virtual Visit*)

5th Pd. - Rochester Institute of Technology

See Mrs. McEwen in Room 105 for a college visit permission form or to sign up for an Instant Admission Day. 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 that will be coming to Heights High.

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

The Coca-Cola 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.

***High School 2 the Future!***

**Freshman  
Checklist**

**Sophomore  
Checklist**

**Junior  
Checklist**

# STAY INFORMED!

LOOKING  
AHEAD:

HSF Alumni  
Hall of Fame  
Ceremony

9/26

Rosh  
Hashanah  
*No School*

10/3

Staff vs.  
Students  
Basketball  
Game

10/4

FAFSA  
Night

10/8

9th - 11th  
Grade Picture  
Retake Day

10/10

PSAT  
Testing Day  
10th & 11th  
Graders

10/16



[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

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 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](#).

