



### Important Dates

Second Quarter progress reports	December 2
Last day for ODU Autumn semester	December 9
TCS Parent Meeting	December 10 at 10:00 a.m.
ODU Finals Week	December 12-15
TCS Midterm Finals	December 16, 19-20
TCS Early Release	December 20 12:30 p.m.
Winter Recess	December 21
Classes Resume	January 5
Winter Expedition Week	January 5-11
Prom Pancake Fundraiser	January 11 8:00-10:00 am \$5 per plate
TCS Blood Drive	January 12
No TCS classes—Martin Luther King	January 16
ODU Spring Semester begins	January 17
Second Quarter	January 18

## Parent Newsletter

### 1001 Things Every Teen Should Know Before They Leave Home

By Dianthia Lowry, PCC-S, NCC

Over the next several months, we will be covering the things teens should know before they leave home. Last month we covered the first five things. Below are four more things to help them get moving on their own:

1. They should know a six-figure salary, a splashy condo, and a Beamer take time. Or an MBA.
2. They should know their parents did not prepare them for every conceivable situation.
3. They should know to persevere in the face of disappointment.
4. They should know everybody isn't doing better than they are. In fact, most of the world isn't doing as well as they are.<sup>1</sup>

The items above appear to be dealing with *disappointment*. Disappointment is a lesson every parent **should not** withhold from their children. Disappointment provides opportunities for children to learn resilience. They learn to stretch and roll with the punches—to use a couple of boxing terms—they can learn to bob and weave. As a parent, you have a golden opportunity to teach your child how to problem solve. Your teen can practice visualizing a goal and practicing the patience to wait on it. They can also practice the positive character trait of *determination*. (I may be down, but I'm not out!) Children can learn to appreciate what they have, when they have learned to work and wait to get it. Finally, they can learn the value of being *optimistic*, which can be a valuable tool in a difficult, gloomy, doomy society.

<sup>1</sup>Excerpts taken from the book *1001 Things Every Teen Should Know Before They Leave Home* by Harry H. Harrison Jr. Used For Educational Purposes Only.

### Enrollment Information Sessions!

Attention TCS families! If you know of any students who might be interested in attending The Charles School, The Graham School or GEMS next year, please let them know about our upcoming enrollment sessions:

Tues., Dec. 6 at 6pm (The Graham School)

Wed., Dec. 7th at 6pm (The Charles School)

Wed., Dec. 7 at 6pm (Graham Expeditionary Middle School)

For more information please visit the school's websites.

[www.thecharlesschool.org](http://www.thecharlesschool.org)

[www.thegrahamschool.org](http://www.thegrahamschool.org)

[www.gemsschool.org](http://www.gemsschool.org)

### Holiday Cookies and Cakes Pick-Up!

The holiday cookies and cakes that you previously ordered will be ready for pick-up on **Wed. Dec. 14**. Please pick-up your orders at TCS from **2:30—4:00 p.m.**

### Volunteers Needed!

The Parent committee is looking for volunteers to help with the cook and cake distribution. They need 3 people to help sort and organize the orders on Dec. 14 at TCS at 10:30 a.m. And they need 3 people to help with pick-up from 2:00-4:30 p.m. If you are able to help with either shift please contact Judi Milligan at 614-203-8974.

Thank you for your support!



## The Chimeras beat the Ashwinders in a Quidditch Tournament!



to the staff support of Ms. Lowry. The Chimeras are excited to be playing against some of the quidditch masters. On Sunday, November 6th they played in a bracket tournament hosted at Denison University, 5 teams were present, Ashland University, Bowling Green State University, Denison University, Oberlin University and the TCS Chimeras. The first round the Chimeras beat the Ashwinders, 150-80 points, and Aaron Boothe caught the snitch! Overall they placed 3rd in the match.

TCS along with many local colleges and universities have started their own quidditch team. The high flying game first came to light in the J.K. Rowling Harry Potter books and was adapted for "muggles" (nonmagical people) in 2007 by Alex Benape a student at Middlebury College in Vermont. The number of teams have increased and this November the fourth annual Quidditch World Cup took place in DeWitt Clinton Park in New York, where 46 teams, including a team from The Ohio State University and Miami University participated.

The TCS Chimeras are new to the sport, thanks

If you are interested in being a part of the Chimeras please see Ms. Lowry or August Moore.



### Meet the Chimeras!

Name	Position
Alex Gordon	Captain Keeper/Chaser
Sam Moore	Captain Keeper/Chaser
Aaron Boothe	Beater/Seeker
Lina Cardenas	Chaser
Olivia Carter	Keeper/Chaser
Menolly Darr	Beater/Chaser
Angee Dillon	Seeker/ Snitch
Susan Dryden	Beater
Daniel Gonzalez	Chaser
Daylen Platt	Chaser/Beater
Spencer Shivers	Seeker/ Chaser
Aaron Smith	Beater
Henry Tremains	Beater
Cecelia Ulfsparre	Keeper/ Chaser

### Recycling at TCS –Your help Needed!

TCS has started a paper recycling program called the Abitibi Paper Retriever. You can recycle all of your newspaper, magazines, shopping catalogs, office and school papers and mail 24 hours/7 days a week in the green and yellow bin next to the dumpsters at TCS.

This is an easy way for you to recycle your paper every week and help us raise money for TCS. By recycling paper, not only do you save water and energy, **but our school earns money for every pound of paper you help us collect.**

Please put all of your magazines, mail, newspapers and office papers in the green and yellow bin in our parking lot; but do not include cardboard or phone books.



Thank you for your continued support of TCS!

### Prom Fundraiser!

Chris Cakes is coming to TCS with his "all you can eat" pancakes (that you have to catch), sausage, and orange drink breakfast on **Wednesday January 11th from 8-10 am.**

The cost is **\$5 per plate** and all of the money goes to TCS prom. The more students that participate the more money we make for prom!



Market Day orders are placed online or with a form turned into the Front Office, and then are delivered once a month to TCS. **January orders are due on Tuesday, January 10th** and may be picked up at the school on **Saturday, January 14th** from 12:15-1:30 pm in the gym.

**Payment: Ohio Direction Card, Cash, Check, & Credit Card.**

Go to [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) and enter the TCS account number, **28409**, or contact our parent coordinator, Doris Vance, at 284-1008 or [doris\\_vance@sbcglobal.net](mailto:doris_vance@sbcglobal.net) for more information.



# TCS Annual Talent Show

Student Government and Activities Council hosted a talent show on November 18, 2011.

## Performances Included:

- Alex Knight- Singing "All Around Me" by Flyleaf
- Aasia Lynch-Singing "I Miss You" by Aliyah
- Dajoin Whitney-Rapping original piece
- Brandon Day and Dre Brefford-Singing "I Love You Girl" by Brandon Day and Dre Brefford
- Micah Stephens-Singing "Someone Like You" by Adele
- Ne'Kia, Paris and London-Singing "Marvin's Room"
- Cameron Mosley-Poem "Word From the Wise" and Rap
- Hosted by: Chris Sumlin and Ashianna Gaston

First Place—Micah Stephens

2nd Place—Brandon Day and Dre Brefford

3rd Place—Cameron Mosley



Watch for more information soon about our spring celebration of schools and fundraising event in March 2012.

## Yearbooks on Sale!

The 2011-2012 Yearbook is now for sale. Students have been working hard raising money, taking pictures, designing layouts, and developing a theme for this year's publication. Yearbooks cost \$25.00 and can be purchased on our publisher's website: <http://shop.balfour.com/smi132057/catalog/category/view/s/yearbooks/id/17/>

**There are a limited number of books available so be sure to buy early!**

## TCS Blood Drive

The Red Cross will be in the TCS gymnasium for a blood drive on **Tuesday, January 10th from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 pm**. Anyone above the age of 17 can donate blood. Anyone 16 years of age can participate with a signed parent permission slip. Parents are welcome to come and donate. The blood drive is a part of Mrs. Johnson's Service for Soldiers expedition.



## Grocery Shopping Helps TCS

When you shop at Kroger, Giant Eagle and/or Meijer you can help TCS. Follow the directions bellow.

### Kroger

1. Go to: [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) or call 1-800-837-4483 to enroll in the program. If you enrolled last year you must re-enroll each year to help TCS.
2. Add TCS to your card. You can search for TCS by name or use our school code: **90179**.
3. Shop! Every time you shop and use your Kroger Rewards Card TCS gets rebates. Kroger totals those rebates and sends TCS a check.

### Giant Eagle

1. Go to: [www.gianteagle.com/about/apples-for-students](http://www.gianteagle.com/about/apples-for-students) to sign up online or by calling 1-800-474-4777.
2. Add TCS to your card. Our school ID number is **5443**.
3. Shop! Every time you use your Giant Eagle Advantage Card TCS earns educational rewards.

### Meijer

1. Go to: [www.Meijer.com/rewards](http://www.Meijer.com/rewards) to sign up online or call 1-800-962-7011.
2. Add TCS to your card. Our school ID number is **428588**.
3. Shop! Every time you use your Meijer 1 card TCS earns rewards.

Thank you for your support!  
Information is also on the TCS website.

December 2011 - Lunch Menu

The Charles School at  
Ohio Dominican  
University  
An Early College High School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Please note that the Graham Family of schools is a equal opportunity employer .</i>	<i>Served daily : Milk Veggie of the day Fruit upon availability. Pizza served daily</i>		1 Ravioli and Cheese ravioli Breadstick Tossed salad Fresh fruit	2 Choice of pepperoni or cheese Tossed salad Fresh fruit Vegetable of the day Milk
5 Grilled herbed breast of chicken Angel hair pasta Tossed salad Fresh fruit	6 Basco sticks Marinara Sauce Soup of the day Tossed salad Fresh fruit Milk	7 Jonny Marzetti Pasta Noodles Marina sauce Tossed salad Bread sticks Fresh fruit Milk	8 Sloppy joes Buns Veggie joes Veggie of the day Potato Fresh fruit Milk	9 Choice of pepperoni or cheese Tossed salad Fresh fruit Vegetable of the day Milk
12 BBQ chicken Veggie chicken Vegetable of the day Tossed salad Fresh fruit Milk	13 Coney dogs Veggie dogs Buns Veggie chili Tossed salad Fresh fruit Milk	14 Cheeseburgers Buns Sweet potato fries Fresh fruit Tossed	15 Sliced honey turkey Cream cheese Sliced bagles Tossed salad Soup of the day	16 Choice of pepperoni or cheese Tossed salad Fresh fruit Vegetable of the day Milk
19 Oven breast of chicken Veggie chicken Waffles Fresh fruit, Oven potatoes with fresh veggies Milk	20 Choice of pepperoni or cheese Tossed salad Fresh fruit Vegetable of the day Milk	21 No classes at TCS	22 No classes at TCS	23 No classes at TCS
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**TCS Parent Meeting is Saturday, December 10!**

Each month we get together to discuss parenting, school activities, fundraising, and volunteer opportunities.

*Meetings are always held on the second Saturday of each month and begin promptly at 10:00 am.*

Snacks are welcome!

Questions? Please call Mr. McMullen at 614.258.8588.

**Bell Schedule**

1st Period	7:35-8:35
2nd Period	8:40-9:45
3rd Period	9:50-10:50
4th Period	10:55-11:20
<i>First Lunch</i>	
5th Period	11:25-11:50
<i>Second Lunch</i>	
6th Period	11:55-12:20
<i>Third Lunch</i>	
7th Period	12:25-1:25
8th Period	1:30-2:30

**Helping TCS is as easy as 1, 2, 3!**

1. Clip UPCs (universal product code or the barcode symbol on all products) and save beverage/sauce caps from participating products.
2. Give the UPCs and caps to the TCS front office.
3. And **TCS earns FREE stuff for our school.** The more UPCs and caps we have the more FREE stuff we can get. Start clipping!

A list of companies that participate in Labels for Education is below. A complete product list is on the TCS website under News. Thank you for your support! Every little bit help TCS!

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|-----------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Campbell's Soup | Pop Secret    | Bic Pens                     | Goldfish Crackers |
| V8              | Glad Bags     | People Magazine              |                   |
| Prego           | Pace Salsa    | SpaghettiOs                  |                   |
| Post cereals    | Emeralds Nuts | Pepperidge Farm croutons and |                   |

