



An Early College High School

The Charles School at
Ohio Dominican
University

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Parent Newsletter

Attention all Parents/Guardians of 10th grade students

Your student will be sitting for the Ohio Graduation Test from **March 12 - 16**. Students who failed any single test will also be required to make up the test at that time. The students will be tested on reading, math, writing, science, and social studies content knowledge. Students are required to pass these tests by the state of Ohio in order to graduate from high school, but also by our school before attending ODU courses. These tests are very important and so here are a few tips for helping your student do well on them:

1. Homework, homework, homework! All of your students' classes are standards based, which means doing well in class helps them do well on the test. Homework completion is vital to that each and everyday.
2. Be prepared physically. The nights before the tests, students should get a full night's rest, have a good meal, and should limit the amount of stress in their lives. These three items can help contribute to a sound mind and body on each test day.
3. Be on time and prepared. Students must take each test during the scheduled time. Therefore, please be sure that you (re)schedule appointments before or after this week. Emergencies are understandable, but please make sure that your students are here each day on time. Late students are not allowed to be admitted to the test (state rules). If a student misses a test, they will be required to make it up the following week and this will disrupt their participation in their courses.
4. Start preparing for the test now! Students can prepare more specifically for the tests by going to the state's website: <http://ogt.success-ode->

state-oh-us.info/studentsOGT.htm (link on TCS website under Quick Links). On this website, students can take on-line tests, see preparation materials, and get access to lots of other preparation resources. We also have paper practice tests available at the school; students should see their advisor to get a copy.

The schedule for the tests are: Monday -Reading, Tuesday - Math, Wednesday - Writing, Thursday - Science, and Friday - Social Studies. Tests will begin around 8 am, but students should still arrive at the normal time. The state also requires us to collect cell phones and other media devices (iPods, MP3 players, gaming devices, etc.) during the testing time. These will be returned to the student after the test without penalty. The students always do a good job following this rule, but we ask for your support as well. It is a good idea to leave any unnecessary digital devices at home during OGT week.

If you are the parent of a 9th grader, we will be conducting OGT practice tests with the students at the same time that the older students are taking the real test. This helps prepare them for the expectation of the testing environment as well as giving them information about the difficulty level of the tests. All students will still have their classes throughout the week and so should report to school as normal. TCS students who take college courses will be excused from their TCS classes as that is ODU's spring break week.

Finally, all parents and guardians are invited to come to the final Parent/Student/Teacher conferences on March 15th from 3 - 6:30pm. This is a great time to talk to the teachers about how your student can finish the year strong and be ready for summer school, next year's classes, ODU, and beyond!

Important Dates

No TCS classes— PD Day	February 20
End of third quarter	March 8
No TCS classes— PD Day	March 9
Have a Heart	March 10-7:00-10:00 pm at ODU
No ODU classes— spring break	March 12-16
Spring OGT	March 12-23
Parent Student Conferences	March 14 - Invited families only March 15—all families
Early Release	March 16 - 2:00pm
Last day to drop ODU spring semester classes	March 29
Spring Expedition Week	March 28-April 5
No ODU classes	April 5, 6, 9
No TCS classes-Spring Break	April 6-13
No TCS classes - PD Day	April 16
Fourth quarter progress reports sent home	April 27

TCS Parent Meeting is Saturday, February 11!

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.

Attention Parents of 12th GRADE STUDENTS: Class of 2013

It's time to start thinking about college admissions! TCS requires that each student take either the ACT or the SAT twice. It is up to the student which test they take, but the same test should be taken twice. Most colleges in Ohio will accept scores from either test, but if your student already knows to what schools he or she plans to apply, or is considering going out of state, the student should research which test will be most helpful.

You should plan for your student to take one of these two tests for the first time this spring, between February and June (see test dates below). You should then plan for your student to take the SAME TEST again in September or October. The cost of each test is listed below. If you or your student have any questions about the ACT or SAT, or would like a practice test, please contact Ms. Konet.

A note about fee waivers:

- If your student is eligible for free/reduced lunch, he or she is eligible for a fee waiver to take the test. Your student should see Ms. Konet to confirm eligibility and get a waiver.
- You must have filled out the free/reduced lunch form for **this year** (whether your student eats lunch or not) in order to receive the waiver.
- Each student can have a total of two waivers for each test.

2011-2012 ACT Test Dates/Fees

Basic ACT Test (no writing): \$34.00

ACT Test with Writing: \$49.50

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
February 11, 2012	January 13, 2012	January 14-20, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10-23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5-18, 2012

2011-2012 SAT Test Dates/Fees

SAT Test: \$49.00

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
March 10, 2012	February 10, 2012	February 11-24, 2012
May 5, 2012	April 6, 2012	April 7-20, 2012
June 2, 2012	May 8, 2012	May 9-22, 2012

TCS Panther's Season is Going Strong!

Come and cheer on the Panther's at their next soccer game!

Date	Time	Opponent
Thurs., Feb. 16	4:35 pm	SoFresh
Tues., Feb. 21	5:30 pm	Los Tejones Miel
Tues., Feb. 28	5:30 pm	Juice Box Swagger
Thurs., March 8	4:35 pm	Back Door Bombers
Tues., March 13	5:30 pm	Northland Vikings

Meet the Team!

Abdi Amin	TK Hogans	Gloria Stires
Alimamy Freeman	Patrick McCauley	Cathy Trinidad
Gabby Gulyassy	Sean McElroy	Chelsea Turner
Beecher Hodge	Aleah Pedersen	Abu Warsame
Terryn Hodge	Mario Stephens	JT Yates

Coaches: Ms. Khan and Mr. Spackman

February Family Films at The King Arts Complex

The King Arts Complex is having February Family Films. The films selected focus on books that have become movies, and which embraces, reviews, and acknowledges the power of literature to influence the cultural and social patterns of our society. Each film will have dialogue led by community facilitators who will share their expertise gained by knowledge or interest.

The films will be shown at the Pythian Theatre, 867 Mt. Vernon Ave. on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm. Admission is free.

Feb 2 "Imitation of Life" w/Catherine Willis

Feb 9 "The Great Debaters" w/Ray Miller

Feb 16 "The Blindside" w/Joyce Beatty

Feb 25 "The Help: w/ Buffie Patterson, President of NBMBA Columbus Chapter.

Children's Matinees: Feb 9 and 16th at 10:00 am. Featuring "Peace Tree" and "We Shall Overcome"

Parents or students can call 645-5464 for more information. This is a great way to learn and a good free date.

Students to see The Hunger Games!

Did your student read Suzanne Collins's Hunger Games series? Do they want to see the epic film? They can join us on Friday March 23rd before noon (they will need to be excused from their courses) to go see *The Hunger Games* film at AMC 30 Easton. The cost is \$7.00 (covers movie and transportation, refreshments will be out-of-pocket)

In order for your student to be considered for this AMAZING opportunity your student will need to show Ms. Duke how much they love *The Hunger Games* by doing one of the following:

1. If they have only read the first novel, please **describe in detail the significance on the country's name: Panem**. In 1848, Karl Marx wrote in *The Communist Manifesto*, "The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles." **Discuss this statement as it applies to the society and government of Panem**. Please respond in a clear and concise typed paragraph of 6-8 sentences in MLA format. Any quotes, summary etc...from the novel or other outside sources must be cited using MLA.
2. If they have read all three novels, they must **describe in detail the historical significance of Plutarch and his significance to the series—and specifically Mockingjay**. They must respond in a clear and concise typed paragraph of 6-8 sentences in MLA format. Any quotes, summary etc. from the novel or other outside sources must be cited using MLA.

RESPONSES ARE DUE TO MS. DUKE BY FRIDAY MARCH 9TH AT 3:00 PM

Please make sure they proofread their work. The trip will be first come, first serve comprised of those who have completed the response correctly and on time. 30 students are eligible for this trip. The list of students going on the trip will be decided and announced on Friday March 16th on Ms. Duke's door.

Money (check or cash) may be turned into the office Monday March 19th-Friday March 23rd along with a signed permission slip from parents and teachers.

Please Remember

Students need to have their own calculator and pencils for class. Thank you!

Recycling at TCS Your help Needed!

Please bring all of your newspaper, magazines, shopping catalogs, office and school papers to the green and yellow bin next to the dumpsters at TCS. cardboard is NOT collected in this dumpster

TCS earns money for every pound of paper you help us collect. Thank you for your continued support of TCS!

Have a Heart

An Evening in Support of The Graham Family of Schools.

Saturday, March 10, 2012

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

at

The Bishop James A. Griffin

Student Center

Ohio Dominican University

Featuring entertainment by students and recognition of community partners. The evening will include light supper, beer and wine available at a cash bar, and a variety of unique silent auction items. All proceeds benefit students and school programs.

Tickets are \$50 per person.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each, 5 for \$20.

Please consider donating an item/items to the silent auction. We are looking for a wide variety of items and services.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Waddell at waddell.1@TheCharlesSchool.org or 614-258-8588.



February 2012 - Lunch Menu

Class of 2012

Graduation Schedule

Friday, May 18

1:00 PM **Graduation Rehearsal** in the Matesich Theatre on the campus at Ohio Dominican University

Saturday, May 19

1:00 PM **Graduation Luncheon** for Teachers, Professors, and Graduates in the President's Dining Room in the Griffin Student Center

3:00 PM **Graduation Prelude** with refreshments at the Matesich Theatre on the campus at Ohio Dominican University

4:00 PM **Graduation Ceremony for the Charles School Class of 2012** in the Matesich Theatre on the campus at Ohio Dominican University Scheduled to conclude at 6:00 PM

The Graduation fee is **\$100**. Which will cover caps and gowns, luncheon, venue, refreshment, photograph, and program.

Graduation speeches will include a representative of The Charles School, a representative of Ohio Dominican University, and **two members of the graduating class**.

Please contact Mr. McMullen at 614-258-8588 with any questions.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Burritos seasoned rice vegetable of the day Fresh fruit Tossed salad	2 Coney Dogs Baked Beans Salad Fresh fruit	3 PIZZA DAY Cheese or pepperoni tossed salad Fresh fruit
6 Chicken and biscuits Choice of potato fresh fruit Tossed salad	7 Sloppy Joes on bun Sweet corn Tossed salad Fresh fruit	8 Bagels with turkey ham Soup of the day Tossed salad Fresh fruit	9 Corn Dogs tomato soup Tossed salad Fresh fruit	10 PIZZA DAY Cheese or pepperoni Tossed salad
13 Roasted chicken Herb Stuffing vegetable of the day Tossed salad fresh fruit	14 Pasta with meat sauce Marinara Tossed salad garlic bread	15 Meat ball sub Marinara sauce Bun Side of pasta Tossed salad	16 Mac and cheese and fish sticks Tossed salad fresh fruit	17 PIZZA DAY Cheese or pepperoni Tossed salad Fresh fruit
20 No TCS classes	21 Cheese Enchiladas seasoned rice Vegetable of the day Tossed salad fresh fruit	22 Basco cheese sticks Soup of the day Tossed salad	23 Chef choice Tossed salad fresh fruit Vegetable of the day	24 PIZZA DAY Cheese or pepperoni Tossed salad Fresh fruit
27 chicken alfredo Vegetable of the day Tossed salad fresh fruit	28 Mash potatoes Salisbury steak Sweet corn Gravy Tossed salad Fresh fruit	29 Sausage Hash browns French toast sticks Fresh fruit		

Enrollment Information Sessions!

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

Wednesday, February 15 at 6pm (All schools in one location at The Charles School)

Tuesday, February 28 at 6pm (The Graham School)

Wednesday, February 29 at 6pm (The Charles School)

Wednesday, March 7 at 6pm (Graham Expeditionary Middle School)

Wednesday, March 7 at 6pm (Graham Primary School)

For more information please visit the school's websites.

www.thegrahamschool.org

www.thecharlesschool.org

www.gemsschool.org

www.grahamprimary.org