



An Early College High School

The Charles School at  
Ohio Dominican  
University  
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### Important Dates

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 10
No TCS classes— Martin Luther King	January 16
ODU Spring Semester begins	January 17
Second Quarter Grades sent home	January 18
Third quarter progress reports sent home	February 10
No TCS classes— PD Day	February 20
End of third quarter	March 8
No TCS classes— PD Day	March 9
No ODU classes— spring break	March 12-16
<b>Spring OGT</b>	<b>March 12-23</b>
Parent Student Conferences	March 14 – Invited families only March 15—all families

## Parent Newsletter

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

By Dianthia Lowry, PCC-S, NCC

In the last newsletter we talked about disappointment and ended with lesson number ten. This month we will begin with lesson number eleven:

11. They should know that just because they can't afford a plasma TV or designer clothing is no reason to be upset. Their parents probably can't afford those things either.
12. They should know the media are selling them on a lifestyle that is essentially unattainable.
13. They should know life isn't fair. And be grateful for that.
14. They should know things are rarely as good or as bad as they seem.
15. They should know the cure for sitting around feeling miserable and depressed is to go outside and find somebody to serve.

The question is, does the clothing make the

man, or the man define the clothing? The answer can be found in Marian Wright Edelman's exemplary work, "The Measure of Our Success – A Letter to My Children and Yours." Published in 1992, Edelman's book emphasizes the essence of life and more importantly the essential lessons that our children must learn. The text, only five chapters and less than 100 pages in length, is packed with insights and teachings that are too often missed in the hustle of today's world.

Lessons eleven through fifteen, remind us to "Sell the shadow for the substance." As Marian says, "Don't confuse style with substance; don't confuse political charm or rhetoric with decency or sound policy... Don't confuse style with meaning. Get your insides in order and your direction clear first and then worry about your clothes and your wheels. You may need them less."<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The Measure of Our Success – A Letter to My Children and Yours. 1992, Marian W. Edelman.

### Attention Parents of the TCS@ODU Class of 2012

Ohio Dominican University will host the state-wide college financial aid event "College Goal Sunday" (CGS) on **February 12, 2012 at 2 p.m.** The free event, presented by the Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (OASFAA) and endorsed by the Ohio Board of Regents, assists students and parents with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is the federal application that is required to receive federal financial aid including the Federal Pell Grant and student loans as well as the need-based state grants. Your student does not need to be planning to attend ODU in order to come to this event.

Due to the great demand expected for assistance in completing the FAFSA, families are encouraged to register for the free event at [www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org](http://www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org) or by calling 1-800-233-6734.

The FAFSA is the key to funding a college education and helping

families to overcome financial barriers that otherwise prevent students from attending the institution they want to. Studies show that a student is 50% more likely to attend college when they complete the FAFSA. While walk-ins are welcome, registration is encouraged. Record numbers are expected to be in attendance.

OASFAA is a non-profit, professional organization for individuals actively engaged in the administration of financial aid within the State of Ohio for higher education. As an educational organization, OASFAA strives to offer resources to students, families and high school advisors to promote higher education and increase awareness of financial aid opportunities.

If you have questions before registering for the event, please feel free to contact Allie Konet at [konet.1@thecharlesschool.org](mailto:konet.1@thecharlesschool.org) or 614.258.8588.

## Attention Parents of 12<sup>th</sup> 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.
- For the ACT Test with Writing, the fee waiver covers the additional cost. If your student is taking the ACT, he or she should take it with Writing at least once.

### 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

### Enrollment Session for all schools at TCS!

We are having a group enrollment session on **February 15 at 6:00 p.m. at TCS**. If you know of anyone who would be interested in attending TCS, The Graham School, GEMS or Graham Primary next year please let them know about our group session. Representatives from all schools will all be at TCS to answer questions.

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, February 7** and may be picked up at the school on **Saturday, February 11** at 12:30 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.



### 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 **cardboard is NOT collected in this dumpster.**



Thank you for your continued support of TCS!

## Join Us for Chats at Charles!

Do you have a Bachelors or Associates degree? Would you like to share your college story with a group of early college high school students? Talking about how you got into college, your struggles and successes, how you selected your major, what it was like attending college classes, how you balanced a social life and your studies, how you found a job after graduating, and much more?

### *Then you are perfect for Chats at Charles!*

We are looking for individuals to come and chat with 8-10 of our early college students. The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University (TCS@ODU) is a five-year Early College High School in part-

nership with Ohio Dominican University (ODU). Students graduate in five years with a high school diploma and up to 62 hours of college credit, the equivalent of an Associate's degree, entirely tuition free. Many of our students are first generation college students and would greatly benefit from hearing about your college experiences. Your stories will make a real impact on our students and will continue to reinforce the importance of higher education. Our students need to hear from you! If you are interested in participating, please visit [www.thecharlesschool.org](http://www.thecharlesschool.org) and click on the Chats at Charles link under News. Available dates are from Jan. 23-March 28. Thank you for your interest!

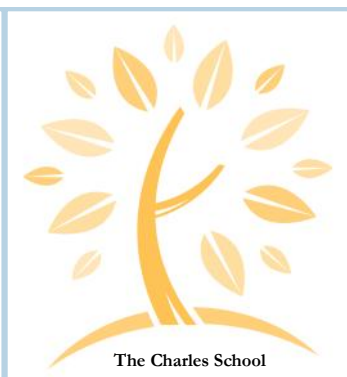
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### Students participating in the winter expedition.



The Graham School



The Charles School



Graham Expeditionary Middle School



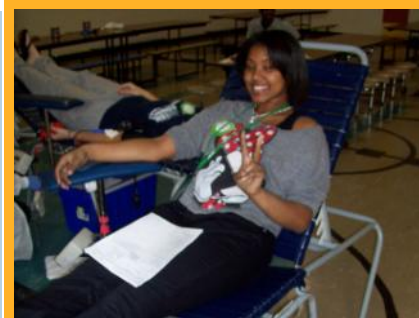
Graham Primary School

## Have a Heart

Save the Date  
March 10, 2012

An evening in support  
of The Graham Family  
of Schools

More information to follow



## January 2012 - Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 No TCS classes	3 No TCS classes	4 No TCS classes	5 Pasta with choice of sauce, Bread sticks veggie of the day Tossed salad	6 Box lunches Turkey Sandwiches Salad Choice Chips Fruit Milk
9 Pizza day Choice of cheese of pepperoni Pizza Vegetable of the day Tossed salad Fruit	10 Box lunches	11 Box lunches	12 Corn Dogs Baked Beans Vegetable of the day Fruit	13 PIZZA DAY
16 No TCS classes	17 Chimichangas Rice vegetable of the day Tossed salad fresh fruit	18 Salisbury steak choice of potato Corn Tossed salad Rolls fresh fruit	19 Beef and Noodles Rolls Vegetable of the day Fresh fruit Tossed salad	20 PIZZA DAY
23 chef chicken choice Vegetable of the day Tossed salad Fruit	24 sausage bacon Breakfast potatoes French toast fresh fruit	25 Asian Bites w/ Brown Rice Vegetables Fresh fruit Salad	26 Philly Beef steak Seasoned rice Vegetable of the day Fresh fruit Tossed salad	27 PIZZA DAY
30	31 Southwestern chicken chili Peas & Carrots Cornbread- Fresh fruit Tossed			

### TCS Parent Meeting is Saturday, January 14!

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

## 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 next year, please let them know about our upcoming enrollment sessions.

Tuesday, January 31 at 6pm (The Graham School)

Wednesday, February 1 at 6pm (The Charles School)

Wednesday, February 1 at 6pm (Graham Expeditionary Middle School)

Wednesday, February 1 at 6pm (Graham Primary)

Wednesday, February 15 at 6pm (All schools in one location at TCS)

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)