



**Important Dates**

Parent-Teacher Conferences – <u>Invited</u> Parent-Teacher Conference- <u>Open</u>	November 2 3:00-6:00 p.m. November 3 3:00-7:00 p.m.
Professional Day No Classes at TCS	November 4
TCS Enrollment Session	November 9 6:00 p.m.
Parent Meeting	November 12 10:00 a.m.
TCS Early Release	November 22 2:00 p.m.
No TCS/ODU classes- Thanksgiving	November 23-25
Picture Retakes	November 30
Second Quarter progress reports	December 2
Last day for ODU Autumn semester classes	December 9
ODU Finals Week	December 12-15
TCS Midterm Finals	December 16, 19-20
TCS Early Release	December 20 12:30 p.m.
Winter Recess Begins	December 21
Classes Resume	January 5

**Parent Newsletter**

**1001 Things Every Teen Should Know Before They Leave Home.**

Every year millions of teens are unleashed into society. And parents are left wondering, “How long will they make it out there?” That’s because studies indicate a full 50 percent of them will move back home in five or six years... and stay for a while....

Society calls them the "Boomerang Kids" - young adults who left to go to college, get married or just to strut their independence - are moving back in with mom and dad. Boomerang Kids can be a mixed blessing for parents, both emotionally and financially. According to a recent survey by the Pew Research Center finds that 13% of parents with grown children say one of their adult sons or daughters has moved back home in the past year.<sup>1</sup>

The trend is cyclical. Especially during tough economic times, adult children head for home. According to Monster's 2009 Annual Entry-Level Job Outlook, about 40 percent of 2008 grads still live with their parents. Moreover, 42 percent of the 2006 graduates surveyed said they're still living at home.<sup>2</sup>

The reasons are many, the first being economics. While the recession has touched Americans of all ages, it has been particularly hard on young adults. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in October 2009, 15.6% of 20-to-24-year-olds were unemployed vs. 8.7% for people over 25.<sup>3</sup>

So it's no wonder that late at night these parents start to worry, “Didn't we cover everything? They could be back home by Thursday!” Don't fret, there are about 1001 things kids need to know in order to think and act like an adult.

This article will begin to tell you and we will give you a few things each month to make sure you prepare your kids for life out there.

This introduction and the following information is taken from a little book called 1001 Things Every Teen Should Know Before They Leave Home (Or Else They'll Come Back) by Harry H. Harrison Jr., a New York Times bestselling author.

So here we go with the first five things they should know, with the topic for these suggestions being *They Should Know Life Is Difficult So They Won't Get Discouraged and Move Home:*

They should know adulthood is not for sissies.

They should know they're graduating into a world where employers get mad, dishwashers break, and money is hard to come by.

They should know they now pay the bills.

They should know there will be times when they can't afford things like beer or nightclubs. This is no reason to give up.

They should know the lifestyle they enjoyed growing up is not waiting for them upon graduation.

Remember the time to start preparing children for adulthood is while they're still young. The alternative is a thirty-year -old teenager losing the remote control, not cleaning their room, and staying out way past their curfew!

<sup>1</sup> Recession Brings Many Young People Back to the Nest: Home for the Holidays...And Every other Day, Pew Research Center, November 24, 2009

<sup>2</sup> Live With Your Parents After Graduation? By Peter Vogt

<sup>3</sup> US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, The Employment Situation, October 2009

**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

Student Government applications are available in the Front Office. Applications are due no later than Thurs. Dec. 1. Please see Ms. Duke if you have any questions.

## Cross Country Team awards Terry and Shanielle



Picture below (from left to right) John Thomas Yates, Andre Williams, Terry Hodge, Shanielle Perkins- Dockery, Grace Davis, Beecher Hodge, Philip Johnson, and Cecelia Ulfsparr

The TCS cross country team had a successful season. Terry Hodge won the Leadership Award and Shanielle Perkins-Dockery won the Commitment Award. Way to go!

Picture above (from left to right) John Thomas Yates, Terry Hodge, Grace Davis, Shanielle Perkins- Dockery, and Andre Williams.



### TCS Wish List

Please consider providing the following items in order to support the Charles School community. Thank you for your support!

Boxes of tissues	Reams of paper
Cereal/granola bars	Disinfectant wipes
Juice boxes	Bottled water
Cotton balls	Post-its
Peroxide	Glue sticks
Rubbing alcohol	Scotch tape
Acetaminophen and ibuprofen	Envelopes (standard business)
Antibiotic ointment	Cough drops

If you would like to talk with your student's teacher please call the front desk and make an appointment. Teachers are not able to talk with you during the day without an appointment. Please call 614.258.8588 with any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Please remember

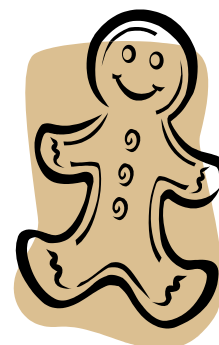
Please pick up your student no later than 3:00 p.m. With it getting dark earlier it is very important to pick up your student by 3:00 p.m. Thank you for your corporation.

### Holiday Cookies and Cakes!

The Parent Committee will be selling cakes, and ready to bake cookie dough. The sale is for the first two weeks of November. The cookies and cakes will be delivered the 16th of December. With the Holidays quickly approaching this is a great way to help TCS and enjoy some yummy treats!

Please contact Mrs. Lowry at 262-1111 with any questions.

Thank you for your support!



The Charles School Parent Group has decided to continue participating in the Market Day fundraiser! Orders are placed online or with a form turned into the Front Office, and then are delivered once a month to TCS. **December orders are due on Tuesday, November 29th** and may be picked up at the school on **Saturday, December 3rd** 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. *Bon Appétit!*



## 5th Annual International Dinner



Students, parents, and staff enjoying the food.

TCS celebrated their 5th annual International Dinner on Oct. 13. The dinner was a huge success and everyone had a great time sampling food and talking with parents, teachers and staff of TCS.



The dinner raised more than \$280 that will help with expenses at TCS. Thank you to everyone who attending and/or volunteered.

Right: The choir performing.



## 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.

## Labels for Education 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. Complete product list is on the TCS website (under the Parents tab under Newsletter Archive).
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!



## November 2011 - Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Macaroni and cheese corn dogs veggie dogs tossed salad Fresh fruit	2 Basco sticks stuffed with cheese or pepperoni soup of the day vegetable of the day	3 Pizza day: Cheese Pepperoni vegetable of the day tossed salad	4 No classes at TCS
7 Crispy chicken bowl (chicken, Mash potatoes, corn, and cheese in a Bowl	8 Taco Salad Mexican rice seasoned ground beef, corn chips, cheese, Salad greens fresh fruit	9 Sub day: sliced turkey, sub bun soup of the day	10 Coney day : coney sauce, bun shredded cheese White bean chili	11 Pizza Day : Cheese, Pepperoni vegetable of the day tossed salad
14 Asian day : Vegetable fried rice veggie egg rolls. General TSO's chicken, green beans	15 Mini Hamburger sliders , potato pickle spear fresh fruit tossed salad	16 Tomato soup, chicken noodle gold fish crackers chef choice sandwich Fresh fruit tossed salad	17 breakfast for lunch sausage links (turkey), French toast sticks, roasted breakfast potatoes with vegetables and onions	18 Cheese pizza Pepperoni Pizza vegetable of the day tossed salad
21 Thanksgiving dinner; turkey, stuffing, corn, cranberry sauce tossed salad veggie turkey.	22 Pizza Day cheese pizza, Pepperoni Pizza vegetable of the day tossed salad	23 No classes at TCS	24 No classes at TCS	25 No classes at TCS
28 Chicken Alfredo trip of chicken, Alfredo sauce Noodles veggie of the day tossed salad	29 Hamburgers American cheese Buns, choice of potato Fresh fruit tossed	30 <b>Pasta noodle Meatballs, Marinara sauce, bun tossed salad</b>	<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>

### TCS Parent Meeting is Saturday, November 12!

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.

### OSU game day parking!

GEMS (Graham Expeditionary Middle School) is located at 140 E. 16th Ave. one block South of High St. and a close walk to The Ohio State University stadium. For \$15 you can park in the GEMS lot and walk to the stadium.

Make sure and let your friends and family members know. Thank you for supporting The Graham Family of Schools.



## 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:

Wed., Nov. 9th at 6pm (TCS)

Tues., Nov. 8 at 6pm (TGS)

Thurs., Nov. 10 at 6pm (GEMS)

Wed., Dec. 7th at 6pm (TCS)

Tues., Dec. 6 at 6pm (TGS)

Wed., Dec. 7 at 6pm (GEMS)

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

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

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

For more information please visit the school's website.

Please remember to complete and turn in your Free and Reduced lunch form. You must completed a form for your child to receive free/reduced lunches. A copy of the form is on the TCS website under the Parents tab. Please contact Barb Blazer at 614-258-8588 with any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.