

Parent Newsletter

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Special Points of Interest

- Student special interest groups will begin on March 22. Groups being offered to students include Academic support, depression support, anger management support, emotional support, parenting support, and grief support.
- Students assigned to groups will benefit from a screening through the BECK Youth Assessment, a multi-faceted assessment instrument that screens for things that may affect a student's well-being. If you would like more information regarding these groups, please contact Dianthia Lowry, Counselor at 258-8588.

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Reinventing High School

The School Year is Quickly Ending!

The 2009-2010 school year is quickly coming to an exciting end. On March 22, we will begin our fourth and final quarter for the year.

Unfortunately, because of the heavy snow this winter we will be adding four additional school days to our school year. The professional development day previously scheduled for Monday, April 26, has been cancelled and has been replaced with a regular day of school. The end of the school year has been extended as well to include Thursday, June 3, Friday, June 4, and Monday, June 7. **Details regarding the last days of classes will be sent home to parents in April.**

Coming Events!!!

Expedition Week begins on March 29 and ends on April 1.

During Expedition Week regular classes are suspended and students will participate in real-life experiences in the community. Please ask your student about his or her expedition week.

Spring break begins on Friday, April 2. Classes resume on Monday, April 12.

Please note that the **Parent Meeting scheduled for April 10 has been cancelled.** The Parent Meeting for the second Saturday in May (May 8th) will be the *last* parent meeting of the year. If you have not attended a parent meeting this year, this will be your last opportunity to participate.

Parent volunteers are needed to help paint TCS!

If you have not volunteered this year, we could really use your help on Saturday April 17 when we will paint portions of the school building.

Fourth Semester Calendar March 22, 2010 to June 7, 2010

March 22

First day of fourth quarter classes and OGT make-up week begins.

March 29 - April 1

Expedition week.

April 2 - 11

Spring break.

April 12

Regular classes resume.

April 17

Parent volunteer painting day.

April 23

No Classes at ODU after 1 pm, ODU day.

April 30

Last day of ODU spring classes. Dating violence symposium at The Charles School.

May 1

The Charles School 5-K Run.

May 3-6

Final Exams for Ohio Dominican Univ.

May 8

Parent Meeting 10:00 am.

May 10

No School - Professional Dev. Day.

May 31

No School - Memorial Day Holiday.

June 4

TCS Awards Ceremony and Talent Show - TCS Family Picnic.

June 7

Last official day of school - Watch for special announcement regarding this date!

Important Message

The parent meeting in May will be the last one for the school year. We will plan the annual parent-sponsored cookout and go over the details of the last few weeks of the school year. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

We're on the Web!
www.thecharlesschool.org

THE CHARLES SCHOOL

AT OHIO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY

5K Run/Walk

Join us for the second annual 5K run to benefit The Charles School and Ohio Dominican University. We look forward to seeing you at the race!

Date: Saturday, May 1st

Location: The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University
1270 Brentnell Ave.
Columbus, OH 43219

Start Time: 9:00AM

Registration begins: 8:00AM

Register on The Charles School website

Registration

\$20 for the general public.

\$10 current students at The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University

\$10 for current students at Ohio Dominican University

\$10 for current students at The Graham School

Volunteer and Donation Information

Donations of water, fruit and bake goods are needed for the race as well as volunteers for registration, run marshals, water stations attendants and more! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Julia Gebhart at 614-258-8588 or gebhart.1@thecharlesschool.org

Enrollment Information Events

The Charles School will be the site for enrollment information events for The Charles School and for our newest Graham Family School, the Graham Experiential Middle School (GEMS)

If you would like to learn more about TCS or GEMS, please attend on one of the following evenings:

March 24, 2010

April 14, 2010

April 28, 2010

All of the events start at 6:00 pm
1270 Brentnell Avenue, Columbus, OH in the main computer lab.

Ohio Graduation Test Results?

Ohio Graduation Test results will be sent to the school in mid May. Students will be made aware of the results by their advisor. Results will be mailed home with final grade reports in early June.

A Parent Volunteer Luncheon
Is being planned for mid-May
Volunteer, please watch for your invitation in the mail.

Have A Great Summer!

What is MAP Testing?

M.A.P. stands for *Measures of Academic Progress*. The computer-based test will tell us where each student is performing in each of the following four areas: Mathematics, Reading, Language Usage and Science. The information gained from the tests will be used to assist faculty in planning classes and preparing students for college. M.A.P. assessments will happen again in May 2010.

