

Parent Newsletter

School Calendar

- Feb. 11** - Parent/Teacher Conferences 3PM -5:45PM
- Feb. 13** - Parent Group Mtg. 10AM
- Feb. 16** - No School
Professional Work Day
- Feb. 17** - Invited Conferences
- March 12** - Spring Action
- March 13** - Parent Group Mtg. 10AM
- March 15-19** OGT Administered
- April 1** - School Closes 1/2 hr. early
- April 2-11** No School - Spring Break

Upcoming Enrollment Information Sessions:

- February 24th
- March 10th
- March 24th
- April 14th
- April 28th

All sessions begin at 6PM

Enrollment Information Sessions are informal meetings for families and prospective students interested in more information about enrolling students in The Charles School. Sessions include presentations by faculty, administrators, and students.

After presentations, prospective families will have time to ask questions that they have about our program. Interested families will have the opportunity to meet with presenters when the question-and-answer section concludes and to fill out or turn in an Application for Enrollment at the session.

For more information please contact Mr. Nunn at 258 -8588.

Spring Action

An evening in support of The Graham Family of Schools

There will be something for everyone at the school's annual fundraiser **Spring Action: Encounter Our World**; it replaces the event that was called Have a Heart as an important source of revenue for our schools.



This year, the gala evening will be held on **Friday March 12th 7 – 10PM** at the beautiful new James A. Griffin Student Center on the campus of Ohio Dominican University. Mark you calendar now and watch for the invitation that will arrive in the mail early in February.

You will want to be a part of the exciting new format that includes a delicious dinner, a select group of auction items including OSU/Michigan football tickets, a cash bar for wine and beer, recognition of community partners, as well as entertainment by students and faculty that you won't see anywhere else. Bring friends and family to enjoy a great evening and share your pride in our school family.

For reservations now or further information, contact Julia Gebhart at 258-8588 or gebhart.1@thecharlesschool.org

Raffle tickets are already on sale for a **brand new Wii**. Tickets are \$10 apiece or \$25 for three tickets. The winning ticket will be drawn at the event on March 12th; you do not have to be present to win. You can buy tickets at the front desk at The Charles or order them with your reservation/s for the evening. All proceeds from the raffle and gala evening will benefit the students and programs at The Charles School and The Graham School.

Thank you for your support!

Fundraising Opportunities!

Kroger Community Rewards

Visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com and use school code 90179

Giant Eagle Apples for the Students

Visit www.gianteagle.com or by calling 1-800-474-4777. Use school code 5443.

Meijer Community Rewards

Complete an application for a Meijer guest card designating The Charles School (#428588). Purchases made with a linked Meijer Credit card earn 1% and purchases paid for with a PIN-based debit card or cash earn 0.5%. Go to www.meijer.com/rewards to sign up.

Campbell soup labels Please save and bring in to Lauren at the front desk. They help us buy classroom supplies.

ESPN Students are selling subscriptions to ESPN magazine to raise money for sports programs.

Spirit Wear is again available for order as a fund raiser for the school yearbook. See our website.

For more information contact Julia Gebhart at Gebhart.1@thecharlesschool.org or 614-258-8588

“Parenting a Teen” Workshop

The Charles School will be conducting Parenting Workshops every fourth Wednesday of the month beginning:

**Wednesday, February 24th
6:00 PM - 7:15PM.**

Topics to be covered

- *Overcoming the Language barrier
- *Swinging with the Moods
- *Switching Hats
- *An Ear to Hear

Refreshments will be served

Please **RSVP** Dianthia Lowry@lowry.1@thecharlesschool.org

Invited Conferences POSTPONED

Due to the inclement weather this week, **INVITED CONFERENCES** only will be postponed until **Wednesday, February 17th**.

Open Conferences are still scheduled for this Thursday, Feb. 11th. All teachers will be available for parents and students to meet with and plan for a successful second semester!

Powerful Women,

Please visit this website to learn more about the Momentum 2010 Ohio Women's Summit on March 8th. The Summit will focus on strengthening our families and communities by promoting the advancement of women through education, economics and health. Please click the link to read details and agenda for the Summit at www.ohiowomen2010.org

Early registration received by Feb. 4 is only \$25, after that date the fee is \$45. form is at www.regonline.com/806689.

You Hold the Key

Some kids see the world in a very different way

They really are not bad kids
Just living a different way

They hide their lack
Behind actions often mean
Sometime they're loud-rarely proud
Caught somewhere in-between

Some don't try very hard
They just don't seem to care
What in heaven's name
Is behind their hard, blank stare?

Whether sullen or rowdy
Or too stubborn in every way
These are the kids that are hard to reach
Always getting in your way

Is it easy? Who said so?
Bring hope along for today that's what kids need

So fill them with skills to cope
And your words they will heed

Commit to yourself
To inspire and enlighten
You will reach that child
Their life you will brighten

And always remember
Though the world may not see
That kids are a locked treasure
And it's you who holds the key

By Rick Pehrson

**Spring Action
March 12**



You won't want to miss the chance to bid for:

- Pair of OSU/Michigan tickets, choice midfield seats**
- Week at Hilton Head beachfront condo April 3-10, 2010**
- Gourmet dinner for 10, prepared in your own home**
- Original works of art, jewelry, concert tickets, sports events and more!**



Graham Expeditionary Middle School (GEMS)
Opening Fall 2010 for 6th, 7th and 8th grades

Upcoming Enrollment Information Sessions:

- Monday, February 22nd at 6PM.**
- Wednesday March 10 at 6PM**
- Wednesday March 24 at 6 PM**

Sessions are held at The Charles School, 1270 Brentnell Ave. Sessions include informal presentations by leadership and staff developing the school. After presentations, prospective families will have time to ask questions and meet school leadership. Application packets and application forms will be available at each session. Please call 258-8588 if you have any questions.

For more information please visit the GEMS website at www.gemsschool.org.

Summer Opportunities from Ohio State University

I-DOC Summer Camp

August 2-4, 2010

The Improving Diversity in Optometric Careers is an intensive three-day program for eligible under-represented high school and college students. The camp will help students explore optometric careers through hands-on experiences and aims at increasing the number of African Americans, Hispanic/Latino, and Native American optometrists. For more information, please visit the website at <http://optometry.osu.edu/IDOC/>.

SLIYS '10: Summer Linguistic Institute for Youth Scholars

The OSU Department of Linguistics will be holding a Summer Linguistic Institute for Youth Scholars (SLIYS, pronounced "slice") for high school students. This is a week-long summer event designed for students interested in the study of language. There will be two sessions held on OSU's main campus during July 2010.

SLIYS '10 is open to high school students from entering sophomores to seniors who are interested in foreign languages. An exciting program has been developed filled with activities aimed at helping participants become better students of language. They will learn, among many other things:

how to make "exotic" sounds from other languages; why people speak with a foreign accent; how to avoid typical errors that may make their speech sound non-native; the various ways that cultural differences are expressed in language; and how languages differ in terms of sounds, writing systems, and the meaning and structure of words/sentences.

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2010. For more information, visit the SLIYS website at <http://linguistics.osu.edu/SLIYS/> or contact Dr. Julia McGory at mcgory.1@osu.edu.

Looking for a job?

U.S. Census Bureau job application/testing is being held at Youth for Christ City Life Center, Grandview Heights Public Library, and Goodwill Columbus. If interested in testing for this job, call 614-509-2870 or toll free 1-866-861-2010 to register for testing. For more information visit, www.2010censusjobs.gov

Next Parent Meeting
Saturday, March 13th at 10AM
at The Charles School
1270 Brentnell Ave
Columbus, Ohio 43219

