

# Parent Newsletter

## News You Can Use

Winter Break begins on Friday, December 18, 2009. Classes begin again on Monday, January 4, 2010.

First semester ends on January 14, 2010. Second semester begins on January

First semester finals week is January 11th through the 14th—make sure they study!

Martin Luther King Day is January 18th. The Charles School will not be in session because it is a federal holiday

The Charles School and The Graham School will hold a student poetry jam on January 14th at 7:00 pm The Graham School in Indianola Ave.

The Ohio Dominican University Village to Child Program

Attention parents of 8th grade students that live in the 43219 zip code area.

The Ohio Dominican University Village to Child program is looking for 8th grade students to participate in this student enrichment program.

If you have an 8th grader and would like more information, please contact Reina Sims at 614.251-4528 or by e-mailing her at: [simsr@ohiodominican.edu](mailto:simsr@ohiodominican.edu).

## Update about the last parent meeting

The last parent meeting was held on the second Saturday in December at 10:00 am., December 12th. We discussed the outcomes from the latest Expedition Week. The week went well, and it was one of the best expedition week we have had so far. We **discussed the school's progress so far in finding a replacement science teacher who will begin with us in January 2010.** At last report we have had successful interview and should have a replacement soon. We discussed the upcoming Winter Prom, which was held on the evening of December 12, 2009.

We have obtained \$90.00 towards the purchase of a recliner for use by students that are ill while they wait for parents to pick them up. Many parents have donated \$2.00 each or more towards the purchase of the recliner. I you would like to contribute to the cost of the chair and to help purchase microwaves for the lunch room, please send to Mrs. Lowry, your contribution of \$2.00 in an envelope to school. Any small amount will help us be able to purchase this item.

Our cookie dough/cake/popcorn fund raiser was a wonderful start to a parent fund. We are still counting the actual amount but we will have between \$300.00 and \$400.00 dollars to begin our operating fund at the close of the sale. Many thanks to all the parents who sold or purchased items and a special thanks to Mrs. Milligan and her team of parents that volunteered to distribute the items to our customers.

Our next parent meeting is scheduled for the second Saturday in January (January 9th at 10:00 am). If the weather is inclement, TCS will send a notice through the parent phone tree about the cancellation. As a reminder to all parents, we have had good parental support, but all parents have agreed to volunteer at least one hour a month to help our school and there are many parents that have not attended one parent meeting. Coming to a parent meeting is a great opportunity to meet you volunteer commitment and we would love to have you there.

## Pre-College Summer Scholarships for Ivy League Study

Do you know a high-achieving female sophomore or junior who would benefit from a scholarship to attend a summer academic program at an Ivy League or equivalent college? If so, the Joyce Ivy Foundation can help your student realize their educational goals.

Since 2005, over 70 young women in Michigan and Ohio have been named Joyce Ivy Summer Scholars, enabling them to spend between two and eight weeks studying under faculty at leading institutions including Harvard, Brown, Yale, Columbia, Penn, Johns Hopkins, and Smith. Please encourage your student to apply for this great opportunity. Applications will be accepted starting January 1st, 2010. Please contact Mrs. Lowry at 614.258-8588 for more information.

## OGT Test

### The Ohio Graduation Test: Resources for Students and Families

In order to graduate from high school and earn a diploma in the state of Ohio, every student must take and pass all five sections of the Ohio Graduation Test (OGTs). Students who do not pass all five sections on the first attempt are required to re-take the sections in which they received a score below 400. They do not have to re-take any sections that they did pass. Fall administration of the OGTs is slated for the week of October 26, 2009 with make-up exams the following week.

We are required to offer remediation and support for students who still need to pass any section(s) of the OGTs. We have established specific support classes in science and math; individual tutoring for reading and small group instruction for social studies and writing. In addition we have at our disposal, practice tests for all five sections of the test.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ed Ingman at [Ingman.1@thecharlesschool.org](mailto:Ingman.1@thecharlesschool.org) or 258-8588

Monday October 26 - reading

Tuesday October 27 - math

Wednesday October 28 - writing

Thursday October 29 - science

Friday October 30 - social studies

All current 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the OGT in March, 2010.



### The Charles School's Conflict Management

Symposium - October 15, 2009 - 7:30 am until 2:30 pm

#### Symposium's Purpose:

Provide a venue where parents, girls, and boys of TCS **come together to share their concerns about the school's** climate; to learn effective ways to settle differences and to become peace-makers; to become more knowledgeable about definitions and laws regarding bullying and harassment. For more information, please contact one of the TCS administrators.

## Policy on Dress Code

Dress code is to be observed from 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. including between classes and during lunch. Students will be required to alter their attire if it is deemed improper for school participation. If necessary, parents will be requested to bring appropriate attire or student will change into substitute clothing. Until student is dressed appropriately, he/she will not be permitted to attend class.

Saggy pants, torn clothing of any type, tight-fitting clothing (leggings or stockings), and clothing with writing across the seat area are not permitted. T-shirts with suggestive messages or references to gangs, drug use, alcohol, or tobacco are not permitted.



Hats, caps, hoods up, scarves, or other types of head covering (other than for religious purposes) are not permitted. Garments of this type will be confiscated, and will be available to the student at the end of the day.

Dresses, skirts, and shorts must be no more than four inches above the knee. They may not have writing across the seat area.

Tank tops, spaghetti straps and muscle shirts are not permitted. Low cut shirts, bare midriiffs, exposed undergarments and halter tops are not permitted.

Pajamas and house slippers are not permitted.

### Upward Bound Program Information

Keren J. Terry from the Columbus State Community College's **Upward Bound Program is now recruiting students.** If you would be interested in finding out more about this program, please contact her at 614.287-5532 or by contacting her at [kterry8@csc.edu](mailto:kterry8@csc.edu). They are currently recruiting students that live in the following zip code areas: 43203, 43205, 43211 and 43222.

### The January Parent Meeting!

Please put a spot on your calendar for the January parent meeting.

The time: 10.00 am

The date: January 9, 2010

See you there!



When You  
Buy  
Groceries  
You Can  
Help  
The Charles School  
Raise Money!

### Here's how:

#### [Kroger Community Rewards](#)

Kroger has pledged to give \$5,000,000 to non-profit organizations this year. Go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and use school code 90179 to sign up to support The Charles School. Every time you buy groceries using your Kroger Plus card, we make money!

#### [Giant Eagle Apples for the Students](#)

Giant Eagle has pledged \$100,000 in prizes to Columbus schools this year through their *Apples for the Students* program. Sign up at [www.gianteagle.com](http://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 (similar to the Kroger Plus or Giant Eagle Advantage 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](http://www.meijer.com/rewards) to sign up.

A Public Service Announcement:

# CALLING ALL BRENTNELL TEENS!

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL  
RUNAWAY PREVENTION MONTH

and

Huck House wants your community  
**to be a part of the solution...**

Be A VOICE and Speak up about issues that affect you! Huck House is having a contest ! WE Want you to illustrate all or one of the topics below as creatively and heartfelt as possible. Entries can be written, spoken, or through art.

### The topics

- What do teens go through that may cause them to want to run away?
- What advice would you give to someone who was thinking of running away?
- If you could give tips to parents on how to have a better relationship with their teenager, what would it be?

**EXCITING PRIZES for the WINNERS!**

All entries must be submitted to:

[kcrockett@huck-house.org](mailto:kcrockett@huck-house.org)

by October 23<sup>rd</sup>, by 4pm. Any questions, contact Kyra Crockett Hodge at 614-298-4104.

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## The Charles School Parent Meeting for the Month of October is Scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2009 at 10:00 am until 11:00 am



Dear parents, we will host our first parent meeting of the year on Saturday, October 24th. We will develop committees and make plans for the coming year at this time. Please come as this will be the most important meeting of the year!

The meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 am.

The meetings for the following months will be on the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 am, so the November meeting will be held on Saturday, November 14th at 10:00 am. Please remember that this is part of your volunteer commitment to your student

Please bring a snack to share with others. Questions? Please call Mrs. Lowry at 614.258.8588 at the Charles School. See you on the 24th!