

Parent Newsletter

News You Can Use

Parent/Teacher Conferences are November 11th and 12th - More information at a later

No classes for students on October 16th. Staff Professional Development

First Quarter Ends on October 30, 2009

Parents Please review the article on student dress code. Please be sure your student is appropriately dressed for school

Our First Report Card

Earlier this fall, our school received the 2008 - 2009 Local Report Card from the Ohio Department of Education. This is our first building report card and is compiled using Ohio Graduation Test results from last year's sophomore students. We are very pleased to have earned a rating of 'Effective' from the state of Ohio and we are thrilled with the success that our students have achieved. If you wish to know more about the local report card, please visit our website: www.thecharlesschool.org and look for the report card under the 'More News' section.

The Charles School Participation in the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program

The Charles School announces sponsorship of the USDA funded Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals are available to all enrolled participants without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability and will be served at no separate charge according to section 226.23(d). In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. The following site will be participating: **The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University, 1270 Brentnell Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, 43219.**

Family Size	Year	Free		Reduced		
		Month	Week	Year	Month	Week
1	14,079	1,174	271	20,036	1,670	386
2	18,941	1,579	365	26,955	2,247	519
3	23,803	1,984	458	33,874	2,823	652
4	28,665	2,389	552	40,793	3,400	785
5	33,527	2,794	645	47,712	3,976	918
6	38,389	3,200	739	54,631	4,553	1,051
7	43,251	3,605	832	61,550	5,130	1,184
8	48,113	4,010	926	68,469	5,706	1,317
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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 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 10th 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 peacemakers; 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 midriffs, exposed undergarments and halter tops are not permitted.

Pajamas and house slippers are not permitted.

The Charles School International Dinner October 15, 2009 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm

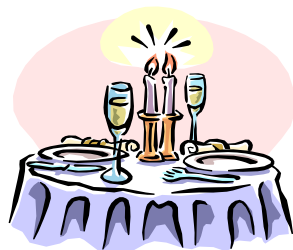
The Charles School will host its annual International Dinner on Thursday, October 15th. This is an annual fund raising event for TCS. The funds are used to finance events during the school year.

Please bring your family and meet the staff and other parents of The Charles School. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults and \$3.50 for students and are available at the office.

If you can help serve dinner, clean up after dinner, or make a dish to feed 30 people, please contact Yolanda Perez, Dean of Students at 614-258-8588 by Tuesday,

October 13th. We will look forward to seeing you there!

**Dinner location is
The Charles School
1270 Brentnell Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43219**



Important Information Regarding Immunizations

October 9, 2009



Dear Parent or Guardian:

Our school's nurse recently completed the review of all student health records and has found that the immunization records for some of our students are missing and/or are not up to date. We must have this information immediately to bring your child into compliance with state law.

Students attending school without accurate immunization/health records on file are in violation of Ohio Revised Code 3313.67 and 3313.671- which requires that you, as the parent or guardian, must provide the school with a current and accurate immunization record. This Ohio Revised Code is mandated for the health and safety of the community. If we do not have an accurate health record and immunization record, you will find a detailed letter accompanying this newsletter. Your child **will not be permitted in our building or on the school bus, if we have not received this record.**

If you do not have the records ready and available to send to school with your student on Monday morning, October 12, 2009, please **do not send your student to school.** He or she will be turned away and asked to leave the building.

The records may be hand delivered, sent with your student or faxed to our school. For your information, our fax number is 614.258.8584.

If you need help in obtaining the immunizations for your child, please contact the Columbus Health Department's Immunization Services. Immunization clinics are found throughout the city and no appointment is needed. There is little to no cost associated with this service and no child will be turned away. Please call for times and locations. You may reach them at 614-645-7945.

Thank you for your attention to this important health and safety matter.

Dianthia Lowry, Dean for Community Relations

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 I 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

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

Huckelberry House Inc. - 421 Hamlet Street - Columbus, Ohio 43201
614.294.8097 Fax 614.294.6109 www.huckhouse.org

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!