



Warrensville Heights High School

TigerTalk

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SCHOOL HOURS

9-10th Grade Breakfast

7:30-7:45a.m.

11-12th Grade Breakfast

7:45-8:00a.m.

End of Day:

School ends at 3:00p.m.

CELL PHONES

Usage is permitted in the classroom if the teacher is using them for instructional/ learning purposes. Cell phones are allowed during lunch for Seniors only. If scholars do not comply with our cell phone policy, the cell phone will be confiscated.

HOODIES/JACKETS

Only WHHS blue fleece is permitted as an outer layer worn over polos or alone. All other hoodies, jackets, sweatshirts, and sweaters are not allowed. Students who do not follow dress code guidelines will first receive a dress code violation form, then in-school suspension. Administration reserves the right to further discipline repeat offenders, up to and including out-of-school suspension.

LOCAL LEADER OFFERS KEYS TO SUCCESS



Photo by Ms. Everhart

On Tuesday, November 29, seven members of the Chick fil-A Leader Academy met with Gerrick Doss, owner of the Harvard Park Chick fil-A restaurant. The Chick-fil-A Leader Academy is a national high school leadership program focused on impact through action. WHHS scholars discussed a future service project and how to best develop their leadership skills.

Mr. Doss provided encouraging words to our student leaders, saying they must fully plan and execute their ideas.

"[Planning] started in high school for me," Doss

said. "Then in college, you're a small fish in a big pond. It's a world stage in terms of academics. I caught the bus in winter to college; worked three jobs. I was just trying to do better than my parents."

The keys to success, Doss said, are having a healthy fear of the Lord and following his HAVE creed (Help, Attitude, Victorious mindset, and Effort).

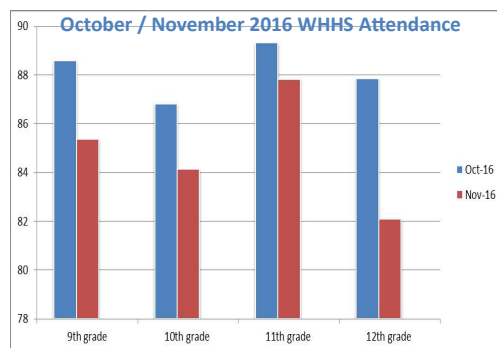
"You only get out of life what you put in," he told scholars.

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EVERY DAY COUNTS IN SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

We are calling on all parents and stakeholders to join in our attendance efforts. Please let every scholar know that "every day counts!"

Our Junior class had an all time high of 97 percent attendance on Nov. 28. However, the high percentage is not enough to help the school reach its goal of 93 percent annual attendance. The Juniors were recently awarded with a pizza party for having the highest October attendance



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SCHOOL CALENDAR

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Dec 1, 2016

4-6:30pm (Class Meetings are from 6:30 to 7pm for all parents)

WHCSD STeAM Festival

Join us Dec 7, 2016 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Warrensville Heights High School to see how Warrensville's STeAM curriculum is making an impact on the education of WHCSD scholars and preparing them for post-secondary education and high-demand career fields. The event is free.

Winter Break

December 19, 2016 through Jan 2, 2017.
School resumes on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2016

CHARACTER WORD ANALYSIS — ZEST

I think **zest** means enjoying life. It means taking advantage of life and just giving it your all in everything you do. **Zest** is also expressed by having energy every day and looking for the good in a bad situation. — *Shemar M.*

Zest means feeling alive and activated; approaching life with energy. **Zest** is something I have every day because I love to have a great day. — *Ja'Nay B.*

Thanks to Mr. Powers and his Social Studies scholars for contributing to this month's character word analysis.

SCHOOL BUS NOW AVAILABLE FOR HIGH-SCHOOLERS

On Monday, November 28, Warrensville Heights City School District is able to provide school transportation to and from school to high school scholars who reside distances greater than one mile from the high school.

Details about the resumption of transportation for high school scholars were announced at a board meeting on Thursday, November 10. For the past 10 years, transportation has only been offered to elementary and middle school scholars.

"We're excited about offering transportation to all our scholars because it ensures that they'll arrive to school on time without having to worry about how they'll get there," said Superintendent Donald J. Jolly II.

High school scholars who opted to receive school transportation will be picked up and dropped off



at various bus stops near their homes. Parents and guardians can view a list of routes by clicking on the district home page. Bus stop notices will also be mailed by the end of the week.

For more information regarding WHCSD's transportation services, please call 216-295-7851.

Freshmen Begin Precollege Program at Cleveland Clinic

On Friday, November 4, nineteen 9th grade students from WHHS visited OU-HCOM for the first time to kick off their participation in the Aspiring DOctors Precollege Program! This is the first cohort of students that will be able to participate in the entire program from 9th – 12th grade.

This first visit served as an introduction to the program. The students began with a presentation that introduced them to osteopathic medicine, careers in primary care medicine, and ways to start preparing now for medical school or other professional school programs. After that, students engaged in hands-on activities with OU-HCOM staff and faculty.

During clinical skills, students learned how critical proper hand washing is and then practiced the special technique for putting on sterile gloves. This was followed by an activity with OU-



HCOM physiologist, Dr. Barresi, during which students learned about the layers of skin and how fingerprints are formed. They each got to fingerprint their classmates so each student could determine his/her unique fingerprint shapes.

The last activity of the day allowed the students to assume the role of college admission officers. As a group, students discussed the positive and negative qualities of the applicants applying to their "colleges" and then decided which students they wanted to admit. This was followed by a discussion on what colleges/universities are looking for in applicants and how 9th grade students can start engaging in those behaviors and activities.

For more information on the Aspiring Doctors Program and eligibility requirements, contact Ms. Everhart, at 216-336-6651.



GIVING BACK FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Our annual **United Way campaign** – It Starts with One, It Starts with You – has started! Staff can contribute by donating money via Traditional Pledge Forms for easy payroll deductions or payment via check or credit card by Friday, December 16.

Staff also has the option to designate funds to the **UNCF, which will raise scholarship money for Warrensville Heights High School scholars**. Selected scholars, who can use the monies at their choice school, will receive funds in the spring. (You must give a minimum of \$50.)

Coin Wars – Scholars are encouraged to participate by contributing change to teachers' homeroom United Way milk jug. Once the campaign ends, a local bank will count the change in each jug. The homeroom with the most money raised, wins **Coin Wars** and earns a continental breakfast!

Dress Down Days | Relaxed Wednesdays – Scholars have the option to dress down on Wednesday, November 30, Wednesday, December 7 and Wednesday, December 14 for **\$1 each**. Participating students must wear a dress down sticker each Wednesday during the campaign. All monies raised will be donated to United Way.



WHHS FIRE TECH PROGRAM OFF TO BLAZIN' START

The WHHS Fire Tech Academy scholars are enjoying their first year of the two-year fire-fighter program. Next year, they will take classes off campus at Tri-C, Western Campus. Upon graduation, Fire Tech scholars will be eligible for their firefighters certification. The class is taught by Warrensville Heights firemen Mr. Crews and Mr. Barnes. Mr. Crews reports that all scholars are currently passing the class. However, he notes, the intense book work requiring independent study is a challenge for some. He said the course requires both hands-on skill as well as the ability to process technical and college-level reading. Way to go Tiger cadets!

Photo by Ms. Roach

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Ninth grader Kristiane K. said she was excited to learn from Doss. "He was really inspirational to me because I see so many of our black males, and people always talk about them going to jail, but he is the opposite. I like it when he said 'there's no point in starting a plan if you're not going to execute it.' What he said about his parents is the same way I feel too. My mom always says that I've seen way more than she has and I need to do something with it. So in that way, they both have inspired me."

Kristiane, who has a 3.7 GPA, said although she is a Freshman member of the team, she hopes to help increase membership because "more people should want to grow up to be leaders who make the big decisions."

"There are a lot of places that still exist today where we still don't make decisions," Kristiane said. "I want to put myself in a position to make decisions for myself and others who look like me."

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(89.32 percent). Since the beginning of the school year, our school average attendance is 88 percent. Freshman average 89 percent; Sophomores average 87 percent, Juniors average 89

percent; and Seniors average 88 percent.

Help us by making sure your child attends school on time, on a daily basis.