## Wolfpack Weekly Howl

**Week of August 21, 2023**

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- Biology MAP Testing (Rucker)  
- Mathematics 7-8 MAP Testing (Kirkland, Bole)  
- HS Basketball Open Gym (Douglass)  
- Jr High and HS Cheer Training  
- Jr. High and HS Volleyball Practice  
- Jr. High and HS Cross Country Practice |
| **Tuesday, August 29, 2023** | - Best Point/Spencer Mental Health Partner Meeting at 2:00 (Conference Room)  
- Biology MAP Testing (Rucker)  
- Mathematics 7-8 MAP Testing (Kirkland, Bole)  
- Science 7-8 MAP Testing (Strittmatter)  
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| **Wednesday, August 30, 2023** | - Science 7-8 MAP Testing (Strittmatter)  
- HS Basketball Open Gym (Douglass)  
- Jr High and HS Cheer Training  
- Jr. High and HS Volleyball Practice  
- HS Cross Country Practice |
| **Thursday, August 31, 2023** | - Algebra 1 MAP Testing (Brown)  
- English 7-8 MAP Testing (Rampa)  
- English 9-10 MAP Testing (Ehlers)  
- Jr High and HS Cheer Training  
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| **Friday, September 1, 2023** | - Algebra 1 MAP Testing (Brown)  
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**COMING UP**
- September 4, 2023: No School (Labor Day)
- September 11, 2023: Staff Meeting at 7:35 (Cafeteria)
- September 11, 2023: LSDMC Meeting at 6:00 (Virtual)
- September 12, 2023: PTSO Meeting
- September 18, 2023: ILT meeting at 7:35 (Cafeteria)
**Lower School 2022-2023 Yearbook Pick Up:** Parents of 4th - 6th graders: If you purchased a 2022-2023 school yearbook and did not pick it up over the summer, please remind your 4th, 5th or 6th grader to ask Ms. Otting (Technology teacher). She will be distributing their yearbooks. Thank you!

**Heat Advisory:** This week will continue to be a scorcher, with the hottest days to come. Please be sure that your student brings a water bottle to school so that they can refill throughout the day and remain hydrated.

**Reporting an Absence:** If your student is going to be absent or late to school for an illness, appointment, or other obligation, you may report their absence via our online absence reporting tool on our school site. You may find that [here](https://www.cps-k12.org/spencergifted) or by going to [https://www.cps-k12.org/spencergifted](https://www.cps-k12.org/spencergifted) and clicking on the “Contact Us” banner, and then “Report An Absence”.

**Dismissal Notes:**

- Thank you for your help in ensuring that Dismissal runs smoothly. We know that these first few days the pick-up line will take longer to navigate, however, with your help it is already moving more quickly.
- Please do not ask your student to meet you at an alternative location or to cross the street. If you are picking your student up by car, all cars should enter through the Chapel Street gate and proceed through the pick up line.
- Please remind your student to listen closely during dismissal so that they hear their name to board their vehicle or hear their bus number to board their bus.
- While Lower School students are brought to dismissal by their teachers, Upper School students are expected to dismiss from class, visit their locker if necessary and then go immediately outside so that dismissal can continue. Please remind your student of this expectation.
- Please remind your students of the following dismissal expectations to ensure a speedy and safe dismissal for all:
  - Quiet, paying attention, not on laptops, etc.
  - Bags packed. Do not get anything out.
  - Do not walk to your car until ALL the cars have stopped.
  - No running around or horseplay.
  - Watch for your car, listen for your name, come forward and wait until cars stop, then go to your car.
  - Stay out of the field, away from trees.
Introducing: ELEMENTARY FLAG FOOTBALL: We are excited to share that this year we will be joining the CPS Elementary Flag Football League. This team welcomes students in grades 4–6 and will begin practicing on Wednesday, September 6. All practices will be held on Wednesdays after school, from 4:00–6:00. Please see the attached Registration Form and Waiver and return them to the Main Office to sign up.

Super Saturday Sampler Event: The Super Saturday Program is a quality enrichment program for intellectually gifted children in the Greater Cincinnati area. Classes are offered for children ages 4 to 14. Teens 13 to 17 may participate in The Program’s teen community service opportunities including as trained teachers’ aides. The full 2023-24 calendar is available at https://www.supersaturday.org/times-and-dates/ along with instructions for importing class, community service, speaker, or other events into your own calendar application.

The Super Saturday Sampler is a fun fall event to kick-off the new school year. Families considering trying out classes can sample what The Program has to offer and get questions answered. Past families have fun while catching up with Super Saturday friends. Our teachers will be there with activities from their classes. Rocket launches will occur throughout the day. Food and drinks can be purchased from the Rapid Fire Pizza truck. The event starts at 11am and goes to 2pm at Winton Woods, Owl Overlook and Sweetgum Slope pavilions.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS:
From the Desk of our Resource Coordinator

Student Employment/Volunteer Opportunities:

Community Opportunities:

CCM Prep: CCM Prep offers a wide variety of programs in theatre arts, music and dance for people of all ages and abilities— including classes for adults, young children, teens, and pre-professional students preparing for a future in the performing arts. Explore programs at ccm.uc.edu/prep or Scan the QR code on the attached flier for more information

Queen of the Hills Street Festival: September 9 (12-4) on E McMillan from Gilbert to Kemper Please see attached flier for more details

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Junior High and High School Practice/Open Gym Schedules:

- Junior High Cross Country: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
- High School Cross Country: Monday-Friday
- HS Basketball Open Gym: Monday-Friday
- Junior High and HS Volleyball: Monday-Thursday
- Junior High and HS Cheer: Monday-Friday

Elementary Practice Schedules:

- Fall Soccer Grades 3-6 TBD
- Fall Flag Football Grades 4-6: Wednesdays 4:00-6:00

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TESTING UPDATES

- **Benchmark MAP Testing for grades 3-10 will begin this week.** These scores will be used to help guide instruction and monitor progress throughout the school year. Students will take a Math, Reading, and Science tests.

UPPER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Key Dates:**

- November 1st- Common App Early Decision
- December 1st- UC Early Action Deadline
January 1st- Common App Deadline
March 1st- UC Application Deadline

Graduation Information:

PAYING FOR COLLEGE - FINANCIAL AID 101-
Webinar - Webinar-Link to Register
Through the fall, we will be hosting a special virtual event for 2024 seniors and their families to speak about financial aid. There will be multiple dates from August - November.

Financial Aid 101 is a free webinar event for 2024 seniors and their families. Some topics the 30-minute presentation will cover:

- How the changes to the FAFSA® may impact you
- What to prioritize when with financial aid
- How to determine which school provided the better financial aid award
- What to do when you don't receive enough financial aid (before committing to attend!)

The event will conclude with a live Q&A session with a Going Merry Financial Aid Specialist. Space is limited, but... We are offering four free sessions:

- August 31 @ 7 pm CT
- September 26 @ 6 pm CT
- October 12 @ 6 pm CT
- November 9 @ 7 pm CT
- Register using this event registration link.

IMPORTANT WEBSITES:

Common App - One Application process for over 1,000 colleges.
Common Black App - One application for over 65 HBCUs
FAFSA - Free application for Federal Student Aid
CPS Scholarship Links - Cincinnati Public Schools Scholarship Links
Going Merry - Personalized Scholarship Listing

** We will meet and discuss these websites.***

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CFD Cadet Recruitment
The Cincinnati Fire Department is currently recruiting cadets for its 2024 class. Applicants can sit for the exam as long as they are at least 17 years old when administered (September). See attached flyer. The application window for this class will close on August 31st.

Infinite Scholars Multicultural Scholarship Fair (Sept 20, 10a-2p)

The 14th annual Cincinnati Multicultural Scholarship Fair will take place on Wednesday, September 20th from 10a-2p at the Union Terminal. This event gives students the opportunity to speak with representatives from dozens of institutions of Higher Ed, with the potential to receive conditional on-the-spot admissions and/or scholarship offers. See attached Flyer.

CABUCA Black College Fair (9/23)

CABUCA will be holding its Black College Fair (BCF) and Financial Aid Workshop (FAW) on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at Tried Stone New Beginning Church (5550 Reading Rd., 45237). The Financial Aid Workshop will run from 10a – 11:30a, with the HBCU Fair running from 12p – 3p. Representatives from more than 20 institutions will be present. CABUCA Link

What college will the seniors visit this year? Well that is up to you... If you or a group of you would like to visit a college/university, send Ms. Bardo an email, and I will reach out and try to schedule a visit.

Scholarship Opportunities:

FROM OUR
STUDENT SUPPORT SUITE
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NOTES FROM OUR
AMAZING PTSO AND LSDMC

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