

Wolfpack Weekly Howl

Week of January 2, 2023



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Character Strength of the Month: Leadership


December 19-January 2: Holiday Break



Monday, January 2, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● No School: New Years Day Observed● Last Day of Holiday Break
Tuesday, January 3, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Jr. High Boys Basketball (After School)● Jr. High Girls Basketball Practice (After School)● Varsity and Jr. High Cheer Practices (After School)● Upper School MAP Testing Begins● 🏀 Varsity Basketball at DePaul Cristo Rey
Wednesday, January 4, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dungeons and Dragons Club (2010A) After School● Girls2Women Collaborative Meeting (Ms. Schnell's Room-3:45-4:45)● Brain Bowl Practice (After School, Mr. G's Room)● Varsity Basketball Practice (After School)● Varsity and Middle School Cheer Practice (After School)● 🏀 Middle School Boys and Girls Away at Oyler (6:45 and 5:45)
Thursday, January 5, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Upper School Make Up Exams: Last Day for Make Up Exams● 7th Grade Walking Field Trip to the Walnut Hills Branch Public Library (National History Day Research)● Varsity Basketball Practice (After School)● Jr. High Boys Basketball Practice (After School)● Varsity and Jr. High Cheer Practices (After School)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elementary Basketball Practice (After School)
Friday, January 6, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8th and 9th Grade Walking Field Trip to the Walnut Hills Branch Public Library (National History Day Research) ● Jr. High Boys Basketball Practice (After School) ● Elementary Basketball Practice (After School) ● Chess Club (After School) ●  Varsity Basketball Home vs. Oyer (6:00 at Frederick Douglass Elementary)

COMING UP

-  December 19, 2022: Jr. High Girls Basketball Game at Cincinnati Country Day School at 5:15
-  December 19, 2022: Jr. High Boys Basketball Game at Cincinnati Country Day School at 6:15
-  December 20, 2022: Varsity Boys Basketball at Deer Park (6:00)
- **December 22-27, 2022: Main Office Closed**
-  December 29, 2022: Varsity Boys Basketball at Bethel Tate (6:00)
- January 3, 2023: Return to School from Holiday Break
- January 3-13, 2023: MAP and iReady Benchmark Tests (Grades 3-10)
-  January 6, 2023: Varsity Boys Basketball Home vs. Oyer (6:00)
- January 9, 2023: Staff Meeting (7:30, Cafeteria)
- January 9, 2023: LSDMC Meeting (6:00)
- January 9-20, 2023: Lower School Winter MAP and iReady Benchmark Window
- January 10, 2023: Tuesday Committee Meetings (7:30, Cafeteria)
- January 10, 2023: PTSO Meeting (6:00, Board Meeting, 7:00 General Assembly)
- January 10, 2023: ACT Prep Parent Informational Meeting (6:00, All Junior Parents, Room 2010A)
-  January 10, 2023: Varsity Boys Basketball Home vs. Shroder (at Frederick Douglass) at 6:00
-  January 13, 2023: Varsity Basketball Home vs. Riverview East (6:00, Frederick Douglass Elementary)
-  January 19, 2023: Middle School Girls and Boys Basketball at Riverview East (5:45 and 6:45)
-  January 19, 2023: Elementary Brain Bowl Home Match vs. Hyde Park (4:30)
-  January 20, 2023: Varsity Basketball at Hillcrest (6:00)
-  January 23, 2023: Varsity Basketball at Norwood High School (7:30)
-  January 26, 2023: Varsity Basketball at Community Christian Academy (6:00)
-  January 26, 2023: Elementary Brain Bowl Away Match at Kilgour (4:30)
-  January 27, 2023: Varsity Basketball at SCPA (6:00)



THIS WEEK'S

TOP STORIES

Sometimes things change: Prior to the holidays we shared a survey for any families who might need a little assistance or connection to resources this holiday season. We understand that things may change or new needs may arise and we want to continue to be of service to our school family. Please use the survey linked here at any time this year to let our Support PACK know how we can help.



Senior Graduation Fees (\$75.00) are due to the Main Office by November 4. This money can be paid online through payforit.net or in the Main Office to Ms. May. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Senior Account Tech, Ms. Amanda May at mayaman@cpsboe.k12.oh.us Please be sure to contact the Main Office and connect with Ms. May if you have not already paid your Graduation Fees.



Cap and Gown Ordering: A Message from Ms. Amanda May

Congratulations to all of our Seniors and their families on the exciting year and the events to follow. Graduation will quickly approach and we want to ensure that all of our Seniors are ready to take on their Graduation Ceremony. Below I will attach the needed information to order a Cap and Gown for your Senior. In addition I have sent a letter to each of you outlining the student fees, graduations fee and the information needed if you need assistance. Those letters should reach you in the coming days. You can also view this information by logging into the Parent Portal of PowerSchool. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always happy to help.

Information is now online to purchase your Caps and Gowns as well. All students will wear a navy gown, and cap with a silver and navy tassel. Please follow the link below to the website to purchase. The deadline to order is **February 28, 2023**. Ignore the step to add a keepsake tassel. Your Cap and Gown package includes your 2023 tassel.

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Notes from Nurse Sheila:

- **OTC Medication at School:** Parents, if your child needs to take over-the-counter medication, an OTC medication form must be completed. A new form is needed each school year. If the nurse is not present, the child can only receive OTC medication from the CPS designated staff, if the form is signed by a doctor/medical provider. Also, the parent would need to supply the school with an unopened bottle of the medication. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nurse Sheila at (513)363-5821. Nurse Sheila is in the building on Tuesdays and Thursday, and every other Wednesday. Thanks.
- **Prescription Medication at School: This note applies to students who take daily medication while at school.** Please confirm with your pharmacy that the description of the

medication on the bottle matches the medication within the bottle. This is critically important for safe medication distribution.

NEW: Our new **Upper School Chess Club** begins on **Monday, January 23** and will meet weekly after school from 3:45-4:45 in Dr. Yeager's room. Mr. Norman Holloway from Queen City Chess Club will be our upper school coach.

Opportunity for leadership and resume building for juniors/seniors: We need 1-2 student leader positions to start a Backgammon Club. (**Backgammon** is a two-player **board game** played with counters and dice on **tables boards**. It's a game of contrary movement that involves strategy and luck.) Student leaders do not have to have prior experience in Backgammon, they could be students looking to fill a leadership role for their resume. These students will be trained as moderators and will run the club. We hope to begin in January. Contact @Karen Hordinski if you are interested

We received over 40 ambassador applications! Thank you!! For those who applied, watch your school email over break for more information. We'll have a couple of ambassador training events in January. If you're interested in designing our ambassador t-shirt, start thinking about ideas.

A shout out to our fabulous upper school student volunteers for leading us in our first Spencer Family Literacy Night! Alina, Ethan, Jack, Bix, Corvus, & Alex - we couldn't have done it without you! We had over 60 participants and had a blast at the Walnut Hills Library. Thank you for all of your hard work!

Drama Club: We're excited to offer a Drama Club next semester. The club is for grades 7-12 and will be starting in January. Watch for announcements about starting date and time. Questions? See Mrs. Schnell in room 2035.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:
From the Desk of our Resource Coordinator

Student Employment/Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Walnut Hills Library is looking for student workers. Anyone 16 and older can apply to work part-time at the newly renovated and expanded Walnut Hills Branch Library.
2. Volunteer Chess Club Instructors Wanted: 425 Kids Chess is looking for high school student volunteers to teach chess lessons virtually! To apply, please email ohiochess@425kidschess.com
3. Volunteer Youth Ambassador Program (VYAP) is looking to develop leadership and service skills in youth ages 13 to 18. VYAP seeks students who are hard working, who have not had the opportunity to volunteer with a non-profit organization, and who are willing to make a commitment. Reach out and sign up @ www.shoesforthehomeless.net/youth-ambassador-program.

Community Opportunities:

Notes from the Backpack is a National PTA Initiative. Check out their PodCast on supporting your child's success. Topics include "Overcoming

- Math Anxiety" (Episode #63), "Helping Your Teen Manage Stress" (Episode #42), "Asking the Right Questions" (Episode #8), and more.
- <https://www.pta.org/the-center-for-family-engagement/podcast/notes-from-the-backpack>

Spring 2023 Drones Course Applications Now LIVE

Important Information: Black Boys in Tech is now accepting applications for the Spring 2023 Drones Course. In this 12-Week interactive Course, students will experience creating circuit boards using soldering techniques, building and flying a drone, creating cinematic drone videos, college tours, tech company visits, and much more. This course is open to Black and Indigenous Boys of Color in grades 6-9 who live in Hamilton and Montgomery Counties. Visit blackboysintech.org/apply to complete the registration form. The deadline to apply is February 10th. #blackboysintech #bbit

- **Grades:** 6-9th
- **Location:** Hamilton and Montgomery Counties Only
- **Deadline:** February 10th
- **Cost:** \$100 deposit + Tuition. Scholarships are available to cover tuition costs (see scholarship application).
- **Format:** Hybrid
- **Link to Registration Form:** blackboysintech.org/apply
- **Link to Scholarship Application:** blackboysintech.org/scholarship

HOME OF THE WOLFPACK

Spencer Center Athletics



Athletic Director: Davis Schaefer, schaefer@cpsboe.k12.oh.us

Winter Sports Weekly Practice Schedule:

- Varsity Boys Basketball (Monday-Friday After School)
- Jr. High Boys Basketball (Tuesday-Friday After School)
- Jr. High Girls Basketball (Monday-Wednesday After School)
- Jr. High and Varsity Cheer (Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday After School)
- Elementary Basketball (Monday, Thursday, Friday After School)

Upcoming Athletics Events:

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TESTING UPDATES

- Upper School Winter MAP Benchmark Window: January 3-13, 2023
- Lower School Winter MAP/iReady Benchmark Window: January 9-20, 2023 (see schedule below)

Lower School Benchmark Testing Schedule: January 10-12, 2023

Date	Grade	Proctor	Room	Test(s)
Tuesday 01/10/2022	3-4	Pleasant	1039	iReady Reading
Tuesday 01/10/2022	5-6	McDonald	1056	iReady Reading
Wednesday 01/11/2022 and Thursday 01/12/2022	3-4	Leon-Guerrero	1040	iReady Math MAP Science
Wednesday 01/11/2022	5	Weismiller	1055	iReady Math
Wednesday 01/11/2022	6	Weismiller	1055	MAP Math
Thursday 01/12/2022	5-6	Berardi	1000	MAP Science

FROM OUR
STUDENT SUPPORT SUITE
Support PACK Staff:

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School Psychologist: Myra Thomas thommyr@cpsboe.k12.oh.us 513-363-5813 M-T	Intervention Specialists: Krista Fehring-Gustavsson and Erin McGlone gustavk@cpsboe.k12.oh.us mcglone@cpsboe.k12.oh.us 513-363-5800 M-F

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UPPER SCHOOL
ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACT Prep Course: Juniors

Family Information Session: January 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM We are excited to share that we will be partnering with Larry Hodge (impACT Coaching) to offer a free 6-week ACT prep course to all of our juniors. This six week course will include one hour a week during the school day and a google meet commitment one evening per week. In order for families to meet Mr. Hodge and understand his approach and resources, we will be hosting a family information session on January 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Attached to this email, please find two important fliers about his approach and curriculum, and we look forward to seeing you there!

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