

Wolfpack Weekly Howl

Week of January 30, 2023



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Character Strength of the Month: Teamwork

Monday, January 30, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● ILT Meeting (7:30, Cafeteria)● Upper School Chess Club (3:45, Dr. Yeager's Classroom)● Climate Club (3:45-5:00)
Tuesday, January 31, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Jr. High Boys Basketball (After School)● Varsity and Jr. High Cheer Practices (After School)● 🏀 Varsity Basketball Away at New Miami High School (7:30)
Wednesday, February 1, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● ACTion Prep Session Week 3: Juniors (Bells 2 and 3, Room 2024)● Dungeons and Dragons Club (After School, Room 2010A)● 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)● No Varsity Cheer Practice● 🏀 Middle School Basketball Game at Dater HS (5:45)
Thursday, February 2, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Varsity Basketball Practice (After School)● Jr. High and Varsity Cheer Practice (After School)● Elementary Basketball Practice (After School)● Middle School Basketball Practice (After School)● 🧠 Brain Bowl at Dater Montessori (4:30)
Friday, February 3, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pep Rally 2:30-3:30● 🏀 Varsity Basketball Home vs CCPA (6:00)

COMING UP

- February 6-February 10, 2023: Midterm Week
- February 6, 2023: ILT Meeting (7:30, Cafeteria)

- **February 6, 2023: Lifetouch Senior Picture Day (Please see attachments for information for Senior Families)**
- February 6, 2023: LSDMC Meeting
-  February 6, 2023: Varsity Basketball at New Path HS
-  February 7, 2023: Varsity Basketball at Oyler HS
- February 9, 2023: Quarter 3 Virtual Conferences (4:00-7:00)
- **February 13, 2023: No School, Conference Exchange Day**
- February 14, 2023: PTSO Meeting
- **February 20, 2023: No School, President's Day**

THIS WEEK'S
TOP STORIES

[Intent to Return Form: School Year 2023-2024](#)

It is time for us to begin planning for the upcoming school year. In order to determine availability for new students, we would appreciate your response regarding your intent to return to Spencer Center for the 2023-2024 school year. This is a non-binding form, which simply allows us to help plan for next year and to forecast potential seat openings for prospective students.

If you would, please complete the form below by Friday, February 10, 2023. We are also sending physical paper forms home with students this week. Please note that you do not need to complete both the below [Google form](#) and physical form; one of these options is adequate. We just want to be sure to reach everyone. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Spencer@cpsboe.k12.oh.us or call the office at 513-363-5800.



REMINDER: CLASS OF 2023

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

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- https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productDetail/3136438/Spencer-Center-for-Gifted-and-Exceptional-Students/-/1854341105/CATALOG_REPOSITORY/Cap-and-Gown-Unit/1862161285/

Share Spencer with your neighbors and friends! Know someone who wants to send their child to Spencer?

Please share our [Shadow Program](#) with them and ask them to attend our March 4th Spencer Open House, 11am-1pm! Register [here](#) for Open House.

After School Enrichment Clubs sponsored by ABC (Activities Beyond the Classroom) will begin on Tuesday, February 7 and end Thursday, May 11.

- Grades 3-8: Two programs a day, Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday from 3:45pm to 6:00pm. Program includes a snack and dinner, too!
- Grades 9-12: Activities include Anime and Teen Rock Band on Wednesdays and Theater Exploration on Thursdays. The senior high programs run from 4:00-5:00pm and do not include dinner.
- **Registration is open now and is on a first come, first served basis! Fliers went home with students on Friday and are available in the Main Office (and are attached to this email). For more information please email our Resource Coordinator, Mrs. Karen Hordinksi at hordink@cpsboe.k12.oh.us.**

CPS Transportation Roundtables: CPS is hosting community-wide transportation roundtable discussions and wants to hear from you! Parents, families, caregivers, staff and community members can provide input on possible solutions to improve yellow bus service to students in grades K-8. These community meetings will be an opportunity to workshop solutions to transportation, including changing the distance between schools and home pick-ups, tiering school start times, changing attendance boundaries and other options. Solutions created at these meetings will be presented as recommendations to CPS leadership for review and future presentations to the Board of Education by Superintendent Wright.

- Pre-registration is required to participate and seating is limited. All meetings will be held at the CPS Ed. Center (2651 Burnet Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45219). If you have questions, please call (513) 363-0091.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS:
From the Desk of our Resource Coordinator

Student Employment/Volunteer Opportunities:

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

DAAP Saturday Art Program: The Saturday Art Program is an annual community-arts program hosted on campus each spring semester by the art education program at DAAP. The program provides students in grades K-12 with a strong interest in the visual arts with an enrichment opportunity, expanding upon the curriculum taught by the art teachers in your district. This opportunity also connects students with future art educators in our program, creating a mutual learning experience for students and teachers.

The program extends six Saturday class sessions, from February 18 to April 1, and concludes with a final exhibition on April 8. For more information, here is the link to the website:
<https://daap.uc.edu/community/saturday-art-program.html>.

Queen City Classic 22nd Chess Tournament is on March 10 & 11, 2023. Meet and compete with three International Grandmasters! Register by February 17 for a discounted entry fee. Scholarships available. Contact Norman at nholloway@proscan.com. <https://ccpf.org/programs/queen-city-classic-chess-tournament/>

Register for the MLK, Jr. Oratorical Contest! The City of Cincinnati Office of Human Relations is seeking students from all schools and grade levels to enter the Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Statewide Oratorical Contest. Students will compete in essay writing and speeches that elaborate and keep Dr. King's dream alive by advancing his philosophy of nonviolent social change. Students interested in participating must submit a speech based on the theme "Bridging the Divide: Daring to Dream Again" **by February 1, 2023**. More information [here](#).

Autism Family Night Out, Monday, January 30 5:30pm-7:00pm. Join in for pizza, movies, arts & crafts, raffle prizes! Registration required. Childcare available. See attached **flyer**.

The I AM ME Youth Summit is the annual citywide youth summit presented by Guiding Light Mentoring on Saturday, February 11, 10am-2:30pm. It is a FREE day of resources that include but are not limited to: student and parent workshops, swag bags, food, and music. The goal is to "empower all to achieve their fullest potential." This summit is for ALL youth in grades 7-12, and parents, throughout the Greater Cincinnati area. Located at Chase Elementary School, 4151 Turrill St, Cincinnati, 45223. For more information: <https://www.guidinglightmentoring.org/2023-summit>

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HOME OF THE WOLFPACK

Spencer Center Athletics



Athletic Director: Davis Schaefer, schaefd@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)

TESTING UPDATES

All Juniors will begin their ACT Prep Course on Wednesday, January 18. Our six week course includes one bell per week (Bell 2 or 3) and one evening session via Zoom per week. All students will have their tuition and book fee covered.

FROM OUR
STUDENT SUPPORT SUITE
Support PACK Staff:

School Counselor: Amanda Bardo bardoam@cpsboe.k12.oh.us 513-363-5853 M-F	School Social Worker: Lukus Krueger kruegel@cpsboe.k12.oh.us 513-363-5858 M-F
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

UPPER SCHOOL
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scholarship from the Kilgour Elementary PTA for Kilgour Alumni: CPS seniors who attended Kilgour Elementary for at least three years and graduated from 6th grade at Kilgour Elementary, are eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship from Kilgour PTA. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of community involvement and demonstrated leadership skills. DEADLINE: The deadline to apply is April 15 - additional information can be found at: [Kilgour Elementary Alumni Scholarship](#).

Graduation Requirements: Ohio's new high school graduation requirements give your students more flexibility to choose a graduation pathway that builds on their strengths and passions. Check out our Graduation Requirements page to ensure your students select which pathway works best for them. <https://www.cps-k12.org/graduation>



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.



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Drama Club: We're excited to offer a Drama Club next semester. Our informational session will be held after school on Monday, January 23 in Mrs. Schnell's Room.

NOTES FROM OUR
AMAZING PTSO AND LSDMC

[VISIT OUR PTSO WEBSITE](#)

Want to be in the KNOW with our PTSO? Sign up for our weekly email newsletter [here](#).

