

Wolfpack Weekly Howl

Week of February 6, 2023



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Character Strength of the Month:

Midterm Week: February 6-10

Monday, February 6, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lifetouch Senior Pictures (9:30-11:00 Gymnasium)• PBIS Snack Cart at Lunches• Upper School Chess Club (3:45, Dr. Yeager's Classroom)• Climate Club (3:45-5:00, Ms. Berardi's Classroom)• LSDMC Meeting (6:00, Virtual)•  Varsity Basketball Away at New Path HS (7:00)
Tuesday, February 7, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MTSS Bi Weekly Meeting (2:00)• Jr. High Boys Basketball (After School)•  Varsity Basketball Away at Oyler (6:00)
Wednesday, February 8, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACTion Prep Session Week 4: 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)
Thursday, February 9, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Transportation Roundtable at Spencer Center (9:00-10:00)• Varsity Basketball Practice (After School)• Jr. High and Varsity Cheer Practice (After School)• Elementary Basketball Practice (After School)• Quarter 3 Conferences: Virtual (4:00-7:00, Virtual)
Friday, February 10, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upper School Latin Club (8:00, Ms. Turner's Classroom)

COMING UP

- February 6-February 10, 2023: Midterm Week
- **February 13, 2023: No School, Conference Exchange Day**
- February 14, 2023: PTSO Meeting
- February 16, 2023: Spencer Center Band Concert (7:00-7:45, Cafeteria)
- **February 20, 2023: No School, President's Day**
- February 22, 2023: Districtwide LSDMC Meeting



- February 23, 2023: Brain Bowl at Covedale (4:30)
- February 27, 2023: Vertical Teams Staff Meeting (7:30, Cafeteria)
- **February 28, 2023: ACT Testing (All Juniors)**
- February 28, 2023: Upper School Advisory Day
- February 28, 2023: Middle School Field Trip (Cincinnati Zoo)
- February 28, 2023: Cap and Gown Ordering Deadline
- March 4, 2023: Spencer Center Open House (11:00-1:00)
- **March 13, 2023: No School, Professional Development Day**



- March 18, 2023: Saturday Brain Bowl Tournament

Districtwide Events (Superintendent's [Alphabet Soup Newsletter](#))

- February: National Black History Month
- February: Career Technical Education Month
- February 2: Be Present! Volunteer Orientation
- February 3: Wear Red for Heart Health!
- February 9: Be Present! Town Hall Meeting
- February 13: Conference Day-Schools Closed
- February 16: Be Present! Volunteer Town Hall
- February 20: President's Day-Schools and Central Offices Closed
- February 28: Financial Town Hall

THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES

ABC Wolfpack Clubs Update: ABC after school programs are postponed until February 27 for all grade levels. We are excited to get started, but need more completed registrations to begin these amazing programs.

- **3-6th grade: sign up for a day (or 2 or 3) of our new ABC clubs.** We still have a lot of space for Martial arts and drama on Tuesdays and Graffiti Art & Drawing on Thursdays. We have limited space left for Wednesdays clubs: Cooking and Video Game Design. Students participate in two activities on the day(s) they are enrolled. Turn in your [3-6 Registration Form](#) by February 9.
- **We are combining the 7-8 and 9-12 grade programs and reducing the time commitment:** The new ABC grade 7-12 program will be a one-program-per-day enrichment activity. The students will get a snack after school, followed by a program from 4-5pm, and then dismissal. Early next week we will

announce the 7-12 activities and post a sign up. The new activity list will be emailed to all parents and a paper copy will be given to interested students. The programs will begin on February 28, and will run on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursdays through May 11. Students can participate for one day or more. If you have previously enrolled your student, after the revised version is published, we will simply ask you to send an email to Ms. Hordinski stating which program you are interested in for your child.



Valentines Day Candy Gram Sale: Student Council Fundraiser: See Attached Flier for More Information

- The season of love is upon us, so instead of a thoughtful gift to show your loved ones you how much you care, you can buy them A CANDYGRAM!!
- Sales are open most mornings next week and all Upper School lunches. So stop by to get a sweet treat for your sweet friends and support Spencer student Council! Only \$1 each!

[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

- 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.

- 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.



COMMUNITY EVENTS:
From the Desk of our Resource Coordinator

Student Employment/Volunteer Opportunities:

Attention Future Firefighters: Please click [here](#) for more information about career opportunities for summer with Cincinnati Fire Department and their Cadet Program. Applications for the Cincinnati Fire Cadet Program are open until February 28, 2023. You can submit applications [here](#).

Hamilton County Youth Employment is now a year-round program, offering youth ages 14 – 21 work experience and career readiness. Youth will earn \$13 per hour, and can earn incentives and bonuses. There is transportation and ID assistance as well. Details and flyer [here](#).

Community Opportunities:

Calling all young instrumental musicians, DJ's, MC's, Singers and aspiring music production engineers:

Elementz Hip Hop Cultural Art Center and the **Music Resource Center - Cincinnati** are collaborating to bring you The HIP-HOP YOUTH ORCHESTRA, an exciting program for young creatives and musicians. HH-YO! is an initiative that will bring together some of the region's most dedicated young artists to create musical experiences that honor and advance Hip-Hop Culture.

AUDITIONS for HH-YO! will be held:

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

3:30 -6:30

@ Music Resource Center

3032 Woodburn Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio 45206.

For more information please contact us at HHYO@elementz.org.

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>

Food For the Soul (FFS) is holding a Self-Select Pantry on February 22, from "10a until all items are gone". St. Monica's Center, rear entrance. 10022 Chester Rd., Cincinnati, 45215. FFS is dedicated to stopping food waste by creating access to nutritional food for people experiencing food insecurity. Email Jasmine.robertson@cincinnati-ohio.gov if you'd like to volunteer at the event.

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>

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)

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.

All Juniors will take their ACT on February 28, 2023 during the school day. Please reach out to Testing Coordinator, Mr. McCarthy with any questions.

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 mzglone@cpsboe.k12.oh.us 513-363-5800 M-F

UPPER SCHOOL
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Key Dates:

- **February 28, 2023: Deadline to Order Caps and Gowns**
- **February 28, 2023: ACT Testing (Juniors)**
- **April 8, 2023: Junior and Senior Prom (Woodward Theater, 8:00-11:00)**
- **May 15, 2023: Graduation Exercises, Fifth Third Arena (University of Cincinnati) at 8:00**

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. 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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