



**February 9, 2024**

### **Student of the Month**

Congratulations to Katlyn Druckenmiller for being named the Genoa Bank/Press January Student of the Month. Katlyn was featured in the January 29 edition of *The Press* newspaper. Currently, Katlyn has a 4.27 cumulative GPA which ranks her 6<sup>th</sup> in the senior class. She is the President of the National Honors Society and a member of the International Club. Also, Katlyn participates in Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Honors Symphonic Band, Jazz Band and Pep Band. She is the daughter of Jason and Kelly Druckenmiller and is undecided what college she will attend but she plans to major in Music Technology. Keep up the great work, Katlyn!

### **Operation Graduation Meeting**

Attention all senior parents! The kick-off meeting for the 2024 Operation Graduation event will be held on Thursday, February 15, at 6:30 pm in the CHS Learning Commons. Operation Graduation will be on Friday, May 31, 2024, at Clay for students in the 2024 graduating class with food, activities, entertainment and prizes. This event is organized solely by parents and is funded by donations and fundraisers. Please plan to attend this meeting and make this year's Operation Graduation a memorable night for the graduating class of 2024!

### **Ohio Department of Education & Workforce**

The Ohio Department of Education and the Department of High Education released a joint statement directed for those parents that have high school students participating in College Credit Plus (CCP). The attached document clarifies the rights of parents to access college grades for their child that is dual enrolled in high school and college. If you child is enrolled in CCP or plans to enroll in CCP, please read the attached document to explain existing law.

### **Business Professionals of America Competition**

The BPA Ohio Region 6 held their in-person competition on Friday, January 26. This year's theme, *Seize the Day*, allowed the CHS students to do just that and move on to the State Competition. Even though Region 6 was the largest Region in Ohio, many CHS students experienced success and qualified for the

State Competition that will be held in Columbus on March 6-8.

**State Qualifiers:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Computer Animation Team – Collin Burkey, Andrew Amborski & Dylan Champion
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Computer Modeling – Emma Fuller
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Integrated Office Applications – River Sowell
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Database Applications – Andrew Amborski
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Advanced Spreadsheets – Emma Fuller
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Administrative Support Team – Logan Shoemaker, Ali Abdul-Razzak, Rowan McQueary & Eric Tamblyn
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Integrated Office Applications – Dominick Schrader
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Database Applications – Dylan Champion
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place in Python Programming – Collin Burkey
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place in Intermediate Word Processing – Logan Houle
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place in Fundamental Spreadsheets – Jayne Mays
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place in Computer Security – Michael Haar

**Plaque Recipients:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Meeting and Event Planning Concepts – Jayne Mays
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Visual Design Team – Jayne Mays & River Sowell
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place in Design Team – Eric Tamblyn, Ali Abdul-Razzak, Rowan McQueary & Logan Shoemaker
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place in Interview Skills – Dominick Schrader
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place in Advanced Interview Skills – Logan Houle

**Certificate Winner:**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Place in Administrative Support Concepts – Eric Tamblyn

Congratulations to all the students that competed at the recent competition and good luck to those students advancing to the State Competition in March.

## **Maumee Bay Lodge & Conference Center**

Is your son/daughter look for a summer job? Maumee Bay Lodge will be holding open interviews on Saturday, March 2, from 10:00 am – noon for seasonal and year-round workers. Numerous positions are available. In order to be hired, all applicants must be 15 years old by the beginning of employment; some positions have more specific age requirements. Please open the attached flyer for a list of jobs and additional directions to apply.

## **Metroparks Summer Camp Volunteers Needed**

The 2024 Metroparks Summer Camps are now accepting applications for the Counselor in Training (CIT) Program. The CIT provides youth, aged 13-18, the opportunity to develop leadership skills, earn service hours, gain valuable experience, and build friendships with other area teens. If your child is interested in participating in this experience, please open the attached document for additional information and the registration process. The application deadline is February 28.

## **SkillsUSA Competition**

The CHS Career Tech students that are members of the SkillsUSA Student Organization have been participating in local competitions for the past two weeks. Congratulations to the students listed for finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> Place in their area of specialty and advancing to the State Competition:

Miranda Hymore – Cosmetology  
Noah Schach – Job Interview  
Nick Pfeiffer – Related Tech Math  
Julianna Pfouts – Job Skills Demo  
Andrew Whitten – Extemporaneous Speech  
Andrew Wagoner – Carpentry  
Nolan Hissem – Prepared Speech  
Lillian Jason – T-Shirt Design  
Gabe Lewis – Job Skills Demo

State Competitions will be held from now until the end of February at various locations around the state including Vantage Career Center in Van Wert, Ohio. Congratulations to all the students that competed and good luck to those that qualified for States!

### **Blood Drive**

The Jerusalem Township Fire Department will be sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, February 20, from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the Jerusalem Township Fire Department Hall located at 9501 Jerusalem Road in Curtice. To schedule a donor appointment, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code JERUSALEMTOWNSHIP.

### **BCSN/Chic-fil-A Band of the Week**

On Tuesday, February 6, the CHS Band was named the BCSN/Chic-fil-A Band of the Week. On Tuesday, BCSN and Chic-fil-A were at CHS to present the band students with a trophy and Chic-fil-A for the entire band. Thanks to BCSN and Chic-fil-A for this special recognition and congratulations to the entire band for this outstanding accomplishment.

### **February Youth of the Month**

Congratulations to CHS Senior, Kassidy Bauer, for being named the Exchange Club of Greater Maumee Bay February Youth of the Month. On Thursday, February 8, Kassidy attended a breakfast with her parents and Mrs. Wilburn to receive her special recognition and awards. Kassidy was selected as the recipient for this award based on her leadership, academic excellence, extracurricular activities, volunteerism and overall commitment to Clay High School. Congratulations, Kassidy, thanks for working hard for our community and CHS!

### **ACT Administration for Junior Students**

All junior students are scheduled to take the ACT at CHS on Tuesday, February 27. The State of Ohio requires that all students are offered an opportunity to take the ACT for free during the spring of their junior year of high school. Every junior has already been registered and their participation is expected. Clay High School will operate on a regular bell schedule except for the juniors that will be taking the ACT. The test will run from approximately 7:50 am until 12:30 pm, or if your child has ACT approved accommodations, 7:50 am until 2:00 pm. At the conclusion of the test (12:30 pm), junior students are permitted to leave school as long as they have their own transportation. If the student does not have transportation, that student must remain at Clay and return to their regular class schedule once testing is finished and until the conclusion of the day.

Other information including testing times, locations, and approved and required materials, including calculators, will be sent to the students and their parent(s)/guardian(s). Any questions regarding the junior ACT can be directed to Mr. Sigg at [gsigg@oregoncs.org](mailto:gsigg@oregoncs.org) or by calling the high school.

## **Eagle Athletic Yard Signs**

The Clay Athletic Boosters are once again sponsoring the Eagle Athlete Yard Sign sale. Show your support for your favorite Eagle athlete by placing a sign in your yard telling everyone how proud you are of your child. Each sign costs \$30. Open the attached flyer for ordering instructions. The deadline to order an Athletic Spring Yard Sign is February 26.

## **Volunteers Needed**

Metroparks Toledo will be hosting a reforestation volunteer opportunity in early April. In an effort to help preserve an important ecosystem on Lake Erie, volunteers will plant native bare root trees at Howard Marsh. The Metroparks will supply all equipment that will be used during the event. A definitive date will be determined closer to spring. If you or your child is interested in volunteering, please contact Land Steward Kaylah Johnson at [kayla.johnson@metroparkstoledo.com](mailto:kayla.johnson@metroparkstoledo.com) or sign up through the Metroparks Toledo website.

## **Museums for All**

Did you know that families who receive SNAP benefits can visit some museums for a reduced rate or for free? The cost of museum admission can be a barrier for many low-income families. Participating museums provide reduced or even free admission to visitors presenting an EBT card. Please open the attachment for a list of local participating museums.

## **Job Opportunities**

*Genoa Quarry* – The Village of Genoa is accepting applications for lifeguards for their upcoming season at the Genoa Quarry. Applicants must be age 15 and must be certified by the American Red Cross program by May 24, 2024. If hired, the cost of the class will be reimbursed at the end of the season. The quarry operates 7 days a week and they will work around schedules to the best of their ability. Working some weekends will be required. Average hours are 20 hours per week but could be more. The starting pay is \$13.50 per hour. If your child is interested, please have them email or deliver a resume to Mike Thomas, Park Director, at 102 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Genoa, Ohio 43430 or [mthomas@genoaohio.org](mailto:mthomas@genoaohio.org). Deadline to apply is Friday, February 16, 2024.

*Haas Bakery* – Haas Bakery is looking for individuals to work in the bakery after school and on Saturdays. If your child is interested in working at Haas, please have them stop at Haas to apply in-person or email Dawn at [haasbakery@bex.net](mailto:haasbakery@bex.net)

## ***Counselor Corner***

**Clay Cares Closet** – Is your child already thinking about prom? Do you need help finding or purchasing a prom dress? The Clay Cares Closet may have a solution for your child. The Clay Cares Closet has FREE prom dresses. Some dresses are gently used and others are brand new with tags. If your child is interested in looking at the available dresses, have them stop and talk with their school counselor.

**College Credit Plus** – Any student interested in College Credit Plus (CCP) for the 2024/25 school year must submit an Intent to Participate Form by April 1, 2024. This includes students who are currently enrolled in the CCP Program and Career Tech Students. If you or your child have any questions, please contact Mrs. Birr at [bbirr@oregoncs.org](mailto:bbirr@oregoncs.org) or 419-697-3434 ext. 2.



**Sheet Metal Summer Camp** – The Sheet Metal Workers (Local 33) are hosting a summer camp for anyone interested in learning more about working with sheet metal. There are only 16 spots, so sign up soon. If your son/daughter is interested in this unique opportunity, please have them register for the camp using the QR code on the attached flyer.

**United States Army Representative** – A representative from the Army will be at CHS on Tuesday, February 13, during all lunch periods. If your child is interested in enlisting in the Army or would like additional information, please have them talk with Staff Sergeant Sugg on Tuesday.

### **Upcoming Events**

Feb. 10 = ACT (not held at CHS)

Feb. 10 = Oregon Schools Foundation's Frost Fest beginning at 6:00 pm

Feb. 12 = Limelighter Booster Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Studio

Feb. 14 = Valentine's Day

Feb. 14 = Jostens In-Person Ring Ordering from 7:15 am – 7:50 am in Cafeteria Hallway

Feb. 15 = Operation Graduation Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons

Feb. 16 = Grade Update for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

Feb. 19 = NO SCHOOL for Presidents' Day

Feb. 19 = Athletic Booster Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Athletic Office

Feb. 20 = Board of Education Meeting at 6:00 pm in the Learning Commons

Feb. 23 = Release of CHS Scholarship Information and Applications

Feb. 24 = OHSAA Sectional Wrestling Tour at CHS

Feb. 27 = ACT for All Juniors at CHS During the School Day

### **James Jurski**

Clay High School Principal

419-693-0665 ext. 2002

[jjurski@oregoncs.org](mailto:jjurski@oregoncs.org)

Dear Parents of 2024 Graduating Seniors:

We are excited to invite you to a kick-off meeting for the 2024 Operation Graduation event, scheduled for **Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** in the CHS Learning Commons.

Operation Graduation (OG) is set to take place on Friday, May 31, 2024, at Clay High School from 6pm-12am. This drug and alcohol-free celebration is exclusively sponsored and organized by the parents of our graduating seniors. If you are familiar with this event, you know how much our seniors enjoy and look forward to it as a celebration of their final days as a Clay High School Student.

Over the years, successful organization and fundraising efforts by the parents, along with generous contributions from the community, have made this celebration a great success. These donations assist in covering expenses for food, refreshments, games, entertainment, and treats. The highlight of the evening, depending on fundraising success, is the Raffle, where each student receives a gift as their number is pulled.

To make this event a successful and memorable night for our seniors, we invite you to consider the following ways to contribute:

1. **Monetary and/or Non-Monetary Donations:** If each parent **personally** chose to provide a small monetary donation, or participate in fundraising, we could defray the cost of cash expenses tied to food, refreshments, games, prizes, etc. Non-monetary donations can be gift packaged and used for the raffle prizes. We aim to collect around 200+ donations. If you cannot donate, you can help raise funds.
2. **Volunteer:** Your time is EXTREMELY valuable to ensure the success of this event. Volunteers are needed for various roles including:
  - a) Securing donations from friends or family connected to businesses or organizations. Many of us have valuable connections that are often more than willing to provide donations or support - all it takes is someone to ask!
  - b) Approximately 25-30 volunteers are needed the night of May 31 for various events.
3. **Join the Facebook page** [Eagles Operation Graduation Volunteers](#) for updates and meeting dates!

MOST IMPORTANTLY....this event is not sponsored by the high school, and without your support, it would not happen. We have been working diligently to ensure its success, but we need your help!

If you can support Operation Graduation, please make your check payable to Oregon Schools Foundation with **"Operation Graduation"** in the Memo Line. You can mail it to Operation Graduation Committee c/o Kristie Gibbs, 545 Haley Dr., Oregon, Ohio 43616, or you arrange for one of the committee members to pick up your donation. Alternatively, you can send your

donation to our Operation Graduation VENMO account by scanning the QR code below. **Please note that this is a tax deductible donation (Federal Tax ID #34-1691643).**

**We highly encourage you to attend the kick-off meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the CHS Learning Commons. Your input and support are vital as we come together to make this event truly memorable for our graduating seniors.**

Operation Graduation  
@Operation-Grad-2024



THANK YOU FROM THE 2024 OPERATION GRADUATION COMMITTEE

**Angela Saunders** (419-290-7480),  
**Chris Walendzak** (419-787-8981)

**Kristie Gibbs** (419-351-9647),  
**Amy Hansen** (419-346-7363)



Dear College Credit Plus Families,

Thank you for supporting your student's decision to participate in the College Credit Plus (CCP) Program. CCP is Ohio's dual enrollment program that allows your child to complete high school graduation requirements while pursuing a higher education pathway to an in-demand career. Students taking CCP courses are considered both high school and college students. Due to this unique status, we recognize the potential for confusion related to the Federal Rights to Privacy Act (FERPA), specifically the parent or guardian's ability to view their student's educational records at the college level. The purpose of this communication is to reiterate the existing law and options for students and parents.

The U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) administers and enforces FERPA, along with the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA). We at the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) and the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW) hope to enhance your experience with CCP by providing some informational resources.

When a minor-aged student progresses through a K-12 school district, the parents and guardians have the right to access educational records and additional information on their student. However, when a student attends a college or university, these rights transfer to the student regardless of their age.

**When a minor-aged student participates in CCP, there are several avenues through which the parent or guardian may access the student's college records and information:**

- The student may sign a consent form permitting the release of his/her educational records at the higher education institution to the student's parent(s).
- The parent/guardian or student may provide evidence of the student's dependent status for tax purposes under IRS rules.
  - This is completed at the higher education institution, and inquiries should be directed to the institution's staff.
- The higher education institution will share an enrollment roster and final course grades with the high school each semester.
  - There may be additional information the institution shares.
  - The parent/guardian may view any student information sent to the secondary school by the higher education institution that is part of the high school educational record/transcript of the high school.

For more information on FERPA, we recommend visiting the USDOE website on student privacy: [studentprivacy.ed.gov](https://studentprivacy.ed.gov). The website includes introductory information on FERPA, guides for parents/guardians to understand their rights, and robust training pages. For more information regarding CCP, please refer to the [Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3365](#) to review statutory requirements of College Credit Plus. Rules applied to CCP may be viewed in [Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3333-1](#), in sections 65 through 65.14. Both can be found at [codes.ohio.gov](https://codes.ohio.gov).

Our teams, which can be reached most easily at [ccp@highered.ohio.gov](mailto:ccp@highered.ohio.gov), are available to address questions and aid in conversations with your school district or higher education institutions. Thanks for taking advantage of Ohio's outstanding CCP program.

Sincerely,



Mike Duffey  
Chancellor  
Ohio Department of Higher Education



Stephen Dackin  
Director  
Ohio Department of Education and Workforce



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Education &  
Workforce

Department of  
Higher Education



# OPEN INTERVIEWS

Maumee Bay  
LODGE & CONFERENCE CENTER



SCAN QR CODE  
TO APPLY



## Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 am to Noon

### SEASONAL & YEAR ROUND

- » Housekeeping Attendant
- » Front Desk Agent
- » Retail Associate
- » Golf Grounds Crew
- » Golf Cart Attendant
- » Golf Snack Bar / Beverage Cart
- » Dining Room Host / Busser
- » Dining Room Server
- » Banquet Server
- » Banquet Set Up
- » Cook
- » Dishwasher
- » Bayside Snack Bar
- » Recreation Attendant
- » Lifeguard
- » Lodge Grounds Crew
- » Marina Attendant
- » (3<sup>rd</sup> Shift) Maintenance Technician
- » Bartender

*Must be 16 by start date; some positions have more specific age requirements. All positions require weekend and holiday availability. Some positions require background check if 18 or older.*

For additional information visit our website  
[www.MaumeeBayLodge.com](http://www.MaumeeBayLodge.com)

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# YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR METROPARKS SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM



## COUNSELOR IN TRAINING

The Counselor in Training (CIT) program gives youth ages 13-18 the opportunity to develop leadership skills during Metroparks Summer Camp programs. Being a CIT is an excellent way to earn service hours, gain valuable experience and build friendships with other teens.

## TIME COMMITMENT

The program involves a commitment to attend 3 trainings and the availability to complete at least two full weeks of camp.

All camps run Monday through Friday, begin no earlier than 8:15 a.m. and run no later than 3 p.m.

## TRAININGS

Metroparks provides training for CITs in leadership, interpersonal skills, and environmental education.



## PARTICIPATE IN A VARIETY OF FUN ACTIVITIES

- Archery
- Canoeing
- Arts & Crafts
- Fishing
- Tree Rapelling
- Nature Education
- Outdoor Exploration
- Science Experiments
- Songs
- Puppets & Stories
- Wilderness Survival
- Animal Investigation

## NEXT STEP

Visit the CIT website:  
[MetroparksToledo.com/cit](http://MetroparksToledo.com/cit)  
for application & information

**Application Deadline: February 28**



## QUESTIONS?

Contact:  
Hannah Calandra, C.I.G.  
Volunteer Engagement Specialist  
419-407-9840 or  
[hannah.calandra@MetroparksToledo.com](mailto:hannah.calandra@MetroparksToledo.com)



# Clay Eagles Yard Signs



\*Purchase your personalized DOUBLE SIDED yard sign today\*

**Each sign is \$30 for 1 sport or band**

- Display your student athlete's sport and jersey #
- Celebrate your Student Band Member
- 2 sports or 1 sport and 1 band on either side of sign for \$35
- **Please complete and return this form by Monday February 26 at 3PM**

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ /PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ /EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ATHLETE'S/BAND MEMBER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

JERSEY#: \_\_\_\_\_ SPORT: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ (One Side)

JERSEY#: \_\_\_\_\_ SPORT: \_\_\_\_\_ (Other Side)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Check made payable to: **Clay Athletic Boosters**

Send form and check to Clay High School-ATHLETIC OFFICE:



**ATTN: Robin Cox**

Clay Athletic Boosters Or Mail to

Clay Athletic Boosters:

P.O Box 167635

Oregon, OH. 43616

Please email [Oregonclayathleticboosters@gmail.com](mailto:Oregonclayathleticboosters@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Thank you for supporting your Clay Athletic Boosters**



# Museums for All

**Did you know...Families who receive SNAP benefits can visit some museums for a reduced rate or free?!**

The cost of museum admission can be a barrier for many low-income families. Participating museums provide reduced admission, ranging from free to \$3.00, to visitors presenting their EBT card. This reduced rate is available during all normal operating hours to up to four individuals per EBT card.

## **Local Participating Museums:**

- **Imagination Station** (Also free for Lucas Co. Children on Saturdays!)
- **National Museum of the Great Lakes**
- **Fort Meigs Historic Site**

