



March 8, 2024

2024 Ohio State Test (OST) Schedule

The required State tests are just around the corner and will be administered after spring break. All Clay students enrolled in the classes listed below will be taking the Ohio State Tests this spring (dates indicated below). Our students will be completing all tests online for the spring testing schedule.

English Language Arts 10 (regular, honors & retakes) = April 15 and April 16

Biology (regular, honors & retakes) = April 25

American History (regular, honors & retakes) = April 26

Government (regular, honors, AP & retakes) = April 26

Algebra I and Geometry (regular, honors & retakes) = May 1 and May 2

Clay High School will operate on a 2-hour delay schedule on all the dates indicated above. Only those students scheduled to take a test will be required to start school at 7:50 a.m. All other students not taking a test will begin school at 9:50 a.m. Dismissal on testing days will remain at 2:35 p.m. Morning bus transportation will be provided for both the 7:50 and 9:50 start times.

If you have any questions about the testing schedule/days, please contact Mr. Sigg, Ms. Kohler, Mr. Jurski or any CHS counselor.

Student of the Month

Congratulations to Lydia Roberts for being named the Genoa Bank/Press February Student of the Month. Lydia was featured in the February 26 edition of **The Press** newspaper. Currently, Lydia has a 4.21 cumulative GPA which ranks her 7th in the senior class. She is a member of the National Honors Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Model UN (Public Relations Officer), the International Club and volunteered at the Cherry Street Mission. Lydia has a research internship at the University of Toledo Wright Center for Photovoltaics Innovation and Commercialization. Furthermore, she is a flutist in Honors Marching Band and a keyboardist/piano player in Jazz Band. Lydia, the daughter of Jennifer Roberts and William Roberts, plans to major in Nuclear Engineering or Chemical Engineering at an undecided college. Keep up the great work, Lydia!

Culinary Arts 4th Annual Food Truck Face-Off

The Oregon Schools Foundation is administering a fundraiser in support of the CHS Culinary Arts Program. The CHS Culinary Arts Program in conjunction with House of Meats will be raffling an assorted meat package to raise funds for the 4th Annual Food Truck Face-Off held in May. The winner of the raffle will receive a package of assorted steak, chicken, pork and roasts that are individually packaged and ready to freeze. Entries can be purchased on the Oregon Schools Foundation website or by scanning the QR code on the attached document. The deadline to purchase a ticket is Monday, March 11.

Operation Graduation Meeting

Planning for the 2024 CHS Graduation is well under way and so is the Operation Graduation Event. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30 pm in the CHS Learning Commons. Please plan to attend this meeting and make this year's Operation Graduation on Friday, May 31, 2024, a memorable night for the graduating class of 2024!

Graduation Caps/Gowns/Announcements

On Tuesday, March 19, a Jostens rep will be at CHS during all lunch periods to distribute the graduation caps, gowns and announcements. In order for your child to pick up their order, there must be no money owed on their order. Please make all final payments online on the Jostens website. Final cash payments will be accepted on March 19. However, at the in-person distribution of the graduation items on Tuesday, March 19, checks will not be accepted as final payment.

Clay Band Updates

Concert – The Winter Band Concert will be held on Wednesday, March 13, at 7:00 pm in the CHS Auditorium. Students from the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Jazz Band will perform various selections. Music performed by the Concert Band and Symphonic Band will be selections from the large group contest style music.

Competition – This is the time of the year; the Ohio Music Education Association holds the Large Group Contest for bands. Bands are expected to perform three works at this contest: a march, a required piece selected from a list, and then a contrasting piece selected by the director. After performing these three pieces, the entire band will proceed to a smaller room to complete the sight-reading piece. During sight-reading, the band is given a piece of music they have never played before. They are given 8 minutes to prepare without playing a note, and then get one chance to perform it. The goal of the contest is to work on a refinement of skills to develop a cleaner band sound and grow musically. Our Symphonic Band will compete in the OMEA Large Group Competition at Southview on Friday, March 15. All are welcome to attend the contest. However, audio and video recording are not allowed while the band is performing. Good luck to our Symphonic Band!

Toledo Metroparks Interviews

The Toledo Metroparks is hiring for the upcoming spring and summer seasons. The Metroparks will be conducting an open recruitment fair on Saturday, March 9, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Glass City Enrichment Center on Front Street. Please open the attached document for additional details.

Culver's Fundraiser

A group of 16 CHS students will be traveling to Columbus, Ohio, to compete in the SkillsUSA State Championship on April 9 and 10. In order to qualify for the State Championship, the students had to

complete a grueling three-stage process. To help defray the cost of attending the State Competition, the CHS SkillsUSA Chapter is holding a fundraiser at Culver's on Navarre Ave. on Wednesday, March 13, from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Culver's will donate 10% of your total bill to the CHS Chapter. Please read the attached flyer for additional information.

FFA Competitions

Vet Science Career Development Event – On February 29, the Vet Science Career Development Event Team competed in the District Vet Science Competition at Four County Career Center. Ten FFA members (Alexis Cousino, Emily DeLeon, Kassidy Eck, Aleesia Duran, Caitlyn Lohner, Nevaeh Mitchell, Rebecca Norden, Savanna Reynolds, Braelyn Rogers, and Elaina Tolles) participated in this event where they were required to identify surgical equipment, personal protective equipment, and animal breeds. Furthermore, the students had to complete a general knowledge exam and two practicums. Congratulations to the team that finished in 3rd Place in the district.

Agriscience Fair – On March 1, five FFA members competed in the District Agriscience Fair. This District Competition allowed the students to present their research and receive feedback on their paper submission before the State Competition. The students were required to conduct an experiment within an agricultural or environmental science topic and present their findings. These CHS students did an outstanding job representing CHS and presenting their projects: Peyton Brown – “Pruner Effectiveness of Flower Longevity” Aleesia Duran and Lily Coughlin – “Comparing Two Fertilizers With Hydroponic Corn Growth” Kamdyn Secord and Braylyn Sheetz – “What Brand of Popcorn Pops the Most Kernels? Trends on Lowering Food Waste”

Extraordinary Teacher

Sun Federal Credit Union is still accepting nominations for the Extraordinary Teacher of the Year Award. Students, parents, fellow teachers and administrators are encouraged to nominate a teacher that goes above and beyond for their students. To nominate a teacher please go to the following website: <https://www.sunfederalcu.org/resources/about/giving-back/teacher-year>. The deadline to nominate a teacher is TODAY, March 8, 2024.

2024-25 Kindergarten Parent Meeting

The parent meeting for 2024-25 kindergarten students will be held on Thursday, March 14 via Zoom. The Zoom link will be posted on the Oregon City School website (www.oregoncityschools.org) on the day of the meeting. During the Zoom meeting, general information will be given as well as instructions on how to schedule individual parent appointments from March 15 – 28. All required documents and final enrollment will be completed at these individual parent meetings.

Prom Tickets

The annual CHS Junior/Senior Prom will be held on April 20, at the Premier Banquet Hall. All tickets for the prom will be sold online until Wednesday, March 27, 2024. CHS students will purchase prom tickets using the HomeTown ticketing app. Once on the app, students will need to find Clay High School Prom 2024, then enter a code unique to each student. The cost of an individual ticket will be \$60. Outside guests will be permitted to attend prom with a CHS student as long as their guest is under 21. In order to obtain a code to purchase a ticket for an underclassman or outside guest, the CHS student must submit a signed visitor form and a copy of the visitor's valid photo ID with the date of birth indicated on the ID to Ms. Kohler, Mr. Sigg or Mr. Jurski. Directions to purchase prom tickets (including each student's unique code) will be emailed to all CHS junior and senior students by Mr. Sigg on March 11, 2024.

MERCY HEALTH St. Charles Volunteer Program

Is your child interested in completing volunteer hours this summer? MERCY HEALTH at St. Charles, is sponsoring a Summer Teen Volunteer Program. The program is a nine-week program where students volunteer one day per week for a minimum of 4 hours per day. Students that are interested in volunteering must have turned 14 by January 1, 2024. If your child is interested in volunteering, please read the attached document for additional information and contact information.

College Credit Plus Intent to Participate Form

Just a reminder, any student interested in participating in the College Credit Plus (CCP) for the 2024-25 school year must turn in an Intent to Participate Form by April 1, 2024. This includes students who are currently enrolled in the CCP program. Students will not be admitted into the CCP program if the signed form is not received by April 1, including Career Tech CCP students. Please note that April 1 is during Spring Break. Therefore, the CCP form must be submitted by March 28, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Birr by email bbirr@oregoncs.org or 419-697-3434 ext. 2.

West Point Leaders Experience

West Point Military Academy is hosting two summer leadership experience camps in June. West Point camps develop Leaders of Character and is looking for high-achieving young people who are in great standing with the school and community, and who want to challenge themselves. The Summer Leadership Experience is available for current juniors (class of 2025) who want a real challenge this summer. Any student wanting to apply for this program can scan the QR code on the attached document or directly at www.westpoint.edu.

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.

FAFSA Breakfast – The Free Application for Federal Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) is officially open. In order for a college student to receive financial aid, this form must be completed by the student with parent input. When your child has completed this application, have your child bring in the SAR report and show Mr. Celusta. This will qualify your child to participate in the annual FAFSA breakfast celebration. In order to participate in the breakfast celebration, the SAR report must be shown to Mr. Celusta by March 28. Additional details on the FAFSA breakfast will be released at a later date.

United States Army Representative – A representative from the Army will be at CHS on Tuesday, March 12, 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

Mar. 8 = Deadline to Submit Applications for the CHS Scholarships

Mar. 8 = Deadline to Nominate a Teacher for the Sun Federal Credit Union Extraordinary Teacher

Mar. 8 = Deadline to Register for the April 13 ACT

Mar. 8 = Mid-American Model UN Competition in Kalamazoo

Mar. 8 = BPA State Competition in Columbus

Mar. 9 = Mid-American Model UN Competition in Kalamazoo
Mar. 11 = Deadline to Purchase a Ticket for the Culinary Arts Fundraiser
Mar. 11 = Limelighter Booster Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Studio
Mar. 12 = End of the 3rd Quarter
Mar. 12 = Operation Graduation Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons
Mar. 13 = SkillsUSA Fundraiser at Culver's
Mar. 13 = Band Concert at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium
Mar. 15 = NO SCHOOL for Students, Professional Development Day for Staff
Mar. 15 = OMEA Large Band Competition at Southview at 10:00 pm
Mar. 18 = Athletic Booster Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Athletic Office
Mar. 19 = Jostens Delivery of Graduation Caps/Gowns/Announcements during All Lunch Periods
Mar. 19 = Board of Education Meeting at 6:00 pm in the Learning Commons
Mar. 23 = Easter Egg Hunt Sponsored by Volunteer Focus
Mar. 27 = Last Day for the Walking Club Held in CHS
Mar. 28 = Eagle's Got Talent
Mar. 28 = Spring Break Begins at the Conclusion of the School Day
Mar. 29 – Apr. 7 = NO SCHOOL, Spring Break
Apr. 8 = NO SCHOOL, Solar Eclipse
Apr. 9 = Classes Resume

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Clay Culinary Arts Fundraiser

Meat Raffle

PACKAGE INCLUDES
ASSORTED STEAK,
CHICKEN, PORK, AND
ROASTS, INDIVIDUALLY
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\$500 VALUE

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FOOD TRUCK FACE-OFF
MAY 15TH
@WHITMER HIGH SCHOOL



Fundraiser administered by
Oregon Schools Foundation
in support of Clay Culinary Arts

*must be local to win and
claim within 72 hours
or subject to re-draw





OPEN INTERVIEWS!

Saturday, March 9

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Glass City Enrichment Center
815 Front St., Toledo

Saturday, March 23

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Admin. Offices/Manor House
5100 Central Ave., Toledo

Interview for our seasonal positions!

- Ground Maintenance
- Outdoor Skills
- Summer Camp
- Natural Resources
- Kayak Concessions
- Mowing Assistant



AGES: 16 AND UP WELCOME

Visit MetroparksToledo.com/careers for a complete list of positions currently available.



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*Help our Career Technology students go
to state competition*



*Culvers will donate 10% of your
purchase to Clay High SkillsUSA on
Wednesday March 13, 2024 from 4p.m-9*

Dine-In Drive-thru Take Out

*2866 Navarre Ave, Oregon, OH 43616
(419) 971-0400*





St. Charles Hospital

2024 Summer Teen Volunteer Program

Students must be age 14 by January 1, 2024



Thank you for your interest in our Summer Teen Volunteer Program at Mercy Health - St. Charles Hospital.

This is a nine-week program and students commit to volunteering one day per week for 4 hours for the summer. Students may also volunteer two 4 hour shifts during the day if extra assignments are available.

Applications are available at the Information Desk; or call the Volunteer Department at **419-696-7077**; or e-mail: **cschultz1@mercy.com** for an application to be mailed to you.

Wednesday, May 8

Deadline for completed *Volunteer Application/letter of recommendation* to be turned in to Volunteer Office.

Tuesday May 14, 7:00pm-8:00pm

Attend an evening orientation session with a parent/legal guardian (**first year volunteers only**).

Week of June 10 through August 9

Volunteer Program Dates

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