

Dear Parents:

Can you believe that we are halfway through this school year? The third grading period began January 18 and ends March 21. Please take the time to inventory your child’s school supplies and replace as needed. It is not the responsibility of the school nor the teacher to ensure that your child has the necessary supplies to engage in learning each day.

Emergency Contact Information

Please make sure that your contact information is accurate in the Parent Portal. This information is vital to assisting school staff in the event that your child becomes ill at school.

O.E.L.P.A. Assessment

During the month of February, our English Language Learners will be taking part in the Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessments. This test is used to determine an English Language Learner’s Proficiency Level. Students will be assessed in Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing.

**OELPA TESTING SCHEDULE**

**Winter 2025**

**Beginning Monday, February 3 - March 28th, 2025**

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|  | **FEBRUARY** |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Monday 3**  **Listening**  Morning:  **Grades 2,3,4,5**  Room  11  Douglas Room 14  Morris Room 19  Rogers  Room 9    Basha  (All Progressing  & All Basha) | **Tuesday 4**  **Reading**  Morning:  **Grades 2,3,4,5**  Room  11  Douglas Room 14  Morris Room 19  Rogers  Room 9    Basha  (All Progressing  & All Basha) | **Wednesday 5**  **PD Day  NO TESTING** | **Thursday 6  Writing**  Morning:  **Grades 2,3,4,5**  Room  11  Douglas Room 14  Morris Room 19  Rogers  Room 9    Basha  (All Progressing  & All Basha) | **Friday 7**  **Make-Ups**  **& Speaking ALL** |
| Afternoon:  **Grade 2**  Room 23   ESL  (Emerging Bowerman & McLafferty) | Afternoon:  **Grade 2**  Room 23   ESL  (Emerging Bowerman & McLafferty) | Afternoon:  **Grade 2**  Room 23   ESL  (Emerging Bowerman & McLafferty) |
| Afternoon Speaking | **Monday 10**  **Listening Kindergarten (3 groups of ~ 10) First**  Room 5    Hearn Room 16  Bare (1st) Room 23  Ademu (K) | **Tuesday 11 Reading Kindergarten (3 groups of ~ 10) First**  Room 5    Hearn Room 16  Bare (1st) Room 23  Ademu (K) | **Wednesday 12 Writing**  **Kindergarten (3 groups of ~ 10) First**  Room 5    Hearn  Room 16  Bare (1st)  Room 23  Ademu (K) | **Thursday 13**  **Make-Ups**  **& Speaking ALL** | **Friday 14**  **Make-Ups**  **& Speaking ALL** |
|  | **Monday 17**  **No School**  **President’s Day**  **NO TESTING** | **Tuesday 18**  **Make-Ups**  **& Speaking ALL** | **Wednesday 19**  **Make-Ups**  **& Speaking ALL** | **Thursday 20**  **Make-Ups**  **& Speaking ALL** | **Friday 21**  **Make-Ups**  **& Speaking ALL** |
|  | **Monday 24** | **Tuesday 25** | **Wednesday 26** | **Thursday 27** | **Friday 28** |

**School Lottery Information**

* **High School & Middle School Lottery Applications:**Accepted via the [Parent Portal](https://www.ccsoh.us/Domain/188) for the lottery draw Monday, January 6, 2025 through Friday, February 28, 2025. Late applications are added to the bottom of the waitlist in the date/time order of receipt. The last date for the acceptance of late lottery applications for students who completed the 2024-25 school year with CCS is August 15, 2025. New students enrolling into Columbus City Schools can submit a lottery application for two weeks after their enrollment date until December 5, 2025.
* **Elementary School Lottery Applications:**On-time lottery applications accepted via the [Parent Portal](https://www.ccsoh.us/Domain/188)  for the lottery draw Monday, February 3, 2025 through Monday, March 31, 2025. Late applications are added to the bottom of the waitlist in the date/time order of receipt. The last date for the acceptance of late lottery applications for students who completed the 2024-25 school year with CCS is August 15, 2025. New students enrolling into Columbus City Schools can submit a lottery application for two weeks after their enrollment date until December 5, 2025.
* **Selective Admissions Applications:**Applications available to eligible students Wednesday, January 8, 2025 with a submission deadline of Friday, January 31, 2025. Applications must be submitted via the Parent Portal.
* **Request to Return to Homeschool Application:**Accepted via the Parent Portal Monday, January 6, 2025, through Friday, March 21, 2025.

**School Choice Fair**

## Elementary School Choice Fair February 6, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

### [View our video profiles of each school prior to the Fairs!](https://www.ccsoh.us/Page/11214)

**Attendance/House Bill 410**

School attendance is a powerful predictor of student outcomes. Every school day, every hour, every minute and every second counts in a child's academic life. A missed school day is a lost opportunity for students to learn. In December 2016, the Ohio General Assembly passed House Bill 410 to encourage and support a preventative approach to excessive absences and truancy. When a student is excessively absent from school, the following will occur:

1. The district will notify the student’s parents in writing within 7 days of the triggering absence;

2. The student will follow the district’s plan for absence intervention; and

3. The student and family may be referred to community resources.

Excessive absences interfere with students’ progress in mastering knowledge and skills necessary to graduate from high school prepared for higher education and the workforce. To support academic success for all students, the district will partner with students and their families to identify and reduce barriers to regular school attendance. Student attendance is everyone’s responsibility. Avoid meeting with the Attendance Team by ensuring that your child’s attendance is counted EVERYDAY!!!

**Outside Recess**

When the temperature reaches 25 degrees with wind chill, students will have outdoor recess during the winter months. Please be sure to send students to school with coats, hats, scarves and gloves. We will not make individual arrangements to keep students inside. If there is outdoor recess, all children go outside.

**Important February Dates**

5 Professional Development Day (No School for Students)

6 Virtual Elementary School Fair, 6-7:30 p.m.

14 Valentine’s Day Class Exchanges (more information to come)

17 All Schools Closed (Compensatory Day for Parent Conferences)

**Phone Numbers You Need to Know**

Central Enrollment 614-365-4011

FACTLINE 614-221-3228

Transportation 614-365-5074

Customer Relations 614-365-8888

School Office 614-365-6149

Thank you for your continued partnership. Remember we are always willing to meet with you with prior arrangement. Please do not come to the school demanding to meet with anyone without an appointment.

Best,

Vern Miller, Principal