

Cheektowaga Central High School

Monthly Bulletin

"It's All About the Learning"



November, 2021



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

During the Thanksgiving season, when everyone traditionally takes time to give thanks, I want to express my personal gratitude.

- Thank you parents and guardians for believing in Cheektowaga Central HS and for sending us your beautiful children. Thank you for your commitment to ensuring their success.
- Thank you volunteers who enthusiastically provide so much for our school.
- Thank you to all school professionals for the commitment that you make every day to the students. I constantly see dedicated and hard-working individuals going above and beyond to make sure that great things happen in our school. You do make a difference, and our students benefit from those efforts.
- Last but not least, thank you to the students who come every day ready to learn. You provide us all a reminder of why we are here and what is essential.

Please take a moment this month to reflect on who you are thankful for and then let them know.

Mrs. Cyganovich



UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- 11/2-** Potter Road, Harkness & P-tech students have classes **ONLY** at CCHS
- 11/2** – Election Day
- 11/3** – HS Band & Chorus Fall Concert 7pm
- 11/7** – Daylight Savings Time begins
- 11/8** – PTO meeting 7pm
- 11/9** – **Board of Education meeting** 7pm
- 11/10** – Senior Dinner 6pm at CCHS
- 11/11** – Veteran's Day (no school)
- 11/12** – District Staff Development Day (no classes) & grades close
- 11/17** – District Parent Teacher Conferences 11am -6pm (no classes)
- 11/25 & 11/26** – Thanksgiving Recess

Character Word of the Month

Valiant

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Student Hours 7:17am – 1:47pm
(Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)

Student Hours 7:17am – 12:45pm
(Wed.)

Remedial 1:54pm – 2:32pm
(Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)

HS Main Office	716-686-3601
HS Student Services	716-686-3634
HS Athletic Office	716-686-3659



This month's highlights are from Mr. Lopez's classes:

- ELA 9 is reading Keesha's House by Helen Frost and using the characters' experiences as a springboard to discuss the various issues and stressors facing young adults these days
- ELA 10 is reading Monster by Walter Dean Myers and recently crafted speeches to persuade an audience about the guilt or innocence of our main character
- ELA 11 & 12 are reading Bad Boy by Walter Dean Myers and developing memoir essays about a significant personal experience



The Math Department is excited to continue implementing our new electives.

Measurement 101 can often be found out of the classroom taking real life measurements. Examples include: measuring distance from paper airplanes flights, students making ramps out of cardboard to see who can get the greatest distance from car launches, and students creating catapults to launch objects and measure distance.



The science department has been working with students to review and hone in on important laboratory skills needed to move forward in science courses. Students are having fun doing so with a variety of hands-on lab activities that promote inquiry, questioning and design. Below, is a picture of one of Mrs. Korbel's students designing an experiment to test the changes of gummy bears when placed in different solutions.



The Social Studies department is offering a new elective entitled "The History of Western New York" that has been created and taught by Mrs. Quagliana. The course examines the rich history of Buffalo and the surrounding areas. Battles were waged here as the War of 1812 played out at Old Fort Niagara. Fortunes were made by the likes of William G. Fargo, founder of American Express and Wells Fargo. Jazz legends like Louis Armstrong jammed at our Colored Musicians Club. And American presidents lived, died, governed and were buried here. The city's position at the western terminus of the Erie Canal made us the "Gateway to the West"—the departure point for immigrants on their way to the heartland. Possible field trips will take the students to visit sites like the Underground Railroad, Buffalo Historical Museum, and even a double-decker bus tour of Buffalo!





Language classes are expanding their vocabulary, working on units such as personal identification, clothing, and education.

All levels are focused on high frequency expressions to help boost communicative skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing.



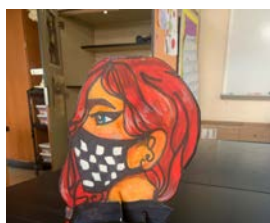
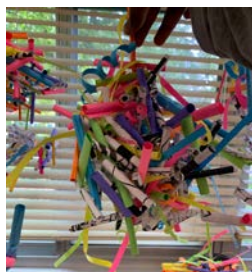
We are establishing our current levels of fitness using the Fitnessgram Fitness Assessment or the NFL Combine. Students are allowed to choose which assessment they would like to be evaluated with. They then complete the assessment in the fall and in the spring. After completing the fall assessment, students set goals for the spring. Throughout the year, we help students **OVERCOME** obstacles to achieve their fitness goals!



The art department has been spreading creativity across all buildings.

At the High School, Mrs. Forte and Mrs. Crumlish's students are creating Paper Sculptures, beautiful Ceramic Pinch Pots, Name Mandalas and very shortly, they will begin to learn about One Point Perspective.

If you travel through our building, please take a moment to look at the beautiful displays of student work. We are very proud of all our artists!



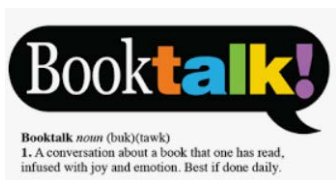
This October Mrs. Rousset's Functional Life Skills class opened The Warrior Warehouse, which is a school store where students can purchase various items at a reasonable price, while offering the convenience of being within the school setting. The Warehouse is operated by her 12:1:1 self-contained students and staff as part of the Job Readiness Program. The school store is a great educational tool which provides hands-on learning that can help students Transition to the "Real World of Work". Some of the concepts and learning objectives include:

- Retail and Job Readiness Skills
- Customer Service and Soft Skills
- Money Skills
- Inventory and Stocking
- Accounting/Record Keeping

The Warehouse began by selling school supplies and Cheektowaga Warrior Gear. Over the past few weeks, they have expanded the inventory to include personal care items, seasonal and novelty items. A Google Form was sent out to both students and staff to survey which items should be stocked in the store. New inventory purchases were based on the survey results. The Warehouse has also been offering a Friday Morning Coffee Service, which has been generously donated by the Cafeteria.



After being shut down as a result of COVID-19 last year, the HS Library is finally up and running! We have had five HS ELA teachers take their classes to visit the library where both the teachers and the librarian encouraged students to select books of their choice at their individual reading level. The students were respectful while listening to the book talks and were excited to check out books for independent reading.



This month in high school music, our band, mixed chorus and chorale students are rehearsing and working hard in their lessons, getting prepared for our Fall Concert on Wednesday, November 3rd. Our Music In Our Lives students have learned how to read, perform and write musical rhythms using the African drums and technology called Noteflight, where they select and/ or orchestrate their rhythms into a 4 part music composition.



Ms. Preston's new course Food Wars has been busy practicing recipes to present to possible judges. We are looking for willing participants to come to class and be a part of the fun, work with the students and be a judge. We have created a Hot and Cold Appetizer and a Cold Dessert. Students did awesome work and are building confidence for future events. The cold dessert winner was an Oreo cheesecake!



The WNY College Consortium visited and students were able to gather information and mingle with admissions officers from over 15 local colleges. This is a great event that brings our community together and enables students to chat, gather information, and ask questions. The Juniors participated in the PSAT, which is the practice version of the SAT. Students' scores should be available in December. This is an exciting time for our seniors who are meeting with the counselors to discuss post-secondary plans. Our connection to the community continues as various 9th-12th grade students volunteered at FEED MORE food pantry and Meals on Wheels. We are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please stop by the Students Services Office and pick up a permission slip. NY Project Home visited and shared how they can provide much needed emotional support for teachers, students, and families as we all transition during this difficult time. Please visit the website for more information www.nyprojecthope.org. We are here to help. Please continue to reach out to us.



This month the PTSO will be supporting the National Honor Society in their efforts to collect non-perishable food donations for the Resurrection of Life Food Pantry for Thanksgiving. Items like boxed mashed potatoes, canned corn, canned green beans, boxed stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy and boxed desserts are especially needed. Food collection will run November 2-12th. Please bring your donation to the fall music concerts! Collection containers will be available outside the auditorium

ATHLETICS

The athletic department is gearing up for the Winter Sports season. There is a list of all start times and locations on the school website: <https://www.cheektowagak12.org/domain/317> Athletes will need a current physical, health history form and be cleared by the school nurse before they can participate. The school doctor will be available Nov. 10th for this. Winter sports include basketball, bowling, boys swimming, wrestling & indoor track.



VOLUNTARY COVID TESTING

Our district has partnered with the Erie County Department of Health for proximal and surveillance covid testing. These voluntary tests are part of an effort to make sure in-person learning experiences continue, while ensuring the safety of students, faculty and staff. Proximal testing is for those who are in the same airspace as an infected individual but who are not considered a close contact. All testing is done by a healthcare professional. Please consider allowing your child to participate in this program. For more information click the link below:

<https://www.cheektowagak12.org/Page/2084>



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