

# Cheektowaga Central High School

## Monthly Bulletin

***“Where Character, Curriculum & Community Connect”***

***November 2024***



### ***PRINCIPAL'S CORNER***

As we approach Thanksgiving, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the many things for which I am grateful. This time of year, reminds us of the importance of community, kindness, and support.

- 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.

I encourage everyone to spend time with loved ones, reflect on your own blessings, and find ways to give back to those in need. Let's carry the spirit of gratitude and generosity into the coming months.

***Mrs. Cyganovich***

### ***UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS***

- 11/5** - Election Day
  - Potter Road, Harkness & P-TECH students have classes **ONLY** at CCHS
- 11/6** - HS Band & Chorus Fall Concert 7pm
- 11/8** - Senior Dinner 6pm at CCHS
- 11/9** - Grades close
  - Veterans Drive Thru Parade
- 11/11** - Veterans Day (no school)
- 11/18** - Winter Sports Begin
- 11/19** - Board of Education Meeting 6pm LGI
- 11/21** - District Parent Teacher Conferences  
4pm – 7:30pm
- 11/22** - District Parent Teacher Conferences  
8am – 11:30am (no classes)
- 11/27 - 11/29** - Thanksgiving Recess

***November Character Word***  
***Trustworthy***

### ***HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION***

Doors Open for Students	7:00 am
Warning Bell for 1 <sup>st</sup> Period	7:14 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Period Starts	7:17 am
HS Main Office	716-686-3601
HS Student Services	716-686-3634
HS Athletic Office	716-686-3659



***“The best way to find out if you can trust somebody is to trust them.”***  
ERNEST HEMINGWAY



**trust**  
takes years to build, seconds to break and forever to repair.





English Language Arts in October is a flurry of activities, including connecting with students, discussing new readings, and crafting new writing.

Students in ELA 10 just finished discussing the novel *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds and are expanding their knowledge of writing strategies found on the ELA Regents Exam. By creating self-portrait poems, students are experimenting with writing from various perspectives. Next, students will be tackling the argument essay.

SUNY Erie students have just finished writing their college essays and descriptive writing projects. Next, they will read classic Halloween literature and write a college-level literary analysis. SUNY scholars are taking EN100 for three college credits.



Students in the History of WNY class had the opportunity to check out the amazing architecture in downtown Buffalo. They started off in front of Buffalo City Hall and learned all about the art-

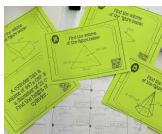


deco architecture and Native American symbolism throughout. Students walked across the street to Niagara Square and took in the McKinley Monument, the Statler and the old and new Courthouses. The walk continued to Old County Hall where

President McKinley laid in state after his death in 1901. Next stop on the tour was the Guaranty Building, which if you stand next to the building and look up you can see how the architects incorporated nature into the design. Across the street was St. Paul's Cathedral, which was built in 1907. Everyone had the opportunity to tour inside and see all of the beautiful architecture up close. The last stops on the walking tour were the Ellicott Square Building and Hotel Lafayette.



This month Ms. Smith's Geometry class has been reviewing for our quarterly scrimmage through different activities including Gimkits and Blooket along with weekly homework tasks. Not only are we reviewing in our classes, we are also in the wonderful world of 2nd and 3rd dimension finding out areas and volumes of shapes and solids.



Students from Mr. Skotnicki's Advanced Engineering class took their rockets to Geneseo this past weekend to compete in the first round of the American Rocketry Challenge.

Cheektowaga brought three teams, all of which had successful flights and team STARHL even took home Best Engineering Notebook demonstrating the preparation and planning that was necessary for a positive first outing.

Next up the teams will be testing to qualify for Nationals!







In Checkpoint A, students are creating Picasso portraits to describe themselves. Checkpoint B Spanish classes are starting their food unit, while the French classes are learning to talk about places and activities they do around the community.

Spanish 3 students worked collaboratively to practice their preterite verb conjugations using puzzle pieces. Tactile learning!



The end of October means students are learning about the upcoming Dia de los Muertos holiday. The International Club started working on Calaveras style pumpkins which will be on display next week.



- 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Graders attended the WNY Construction Day Event where they learned about careers in the construction industry as well as gained hands on experience with equipment and trades training.
- The WNY College Consortium came to the high school with 20 local college representatives to speak to our students about their programs.
- Counselors are currently meeting with all 12th grade students regarding post-secondary plans and graduation requirements.
- Meals on Wheels and Feedmore WNY volunteer opportunities have begun - permission slips available in Counseling!

#### Upcoming Trip Dates:

- 11/7 - Villa Maria College Visit
- 11/12 - Buffalo State University Visit
- 11/25 - Canisius University Visit
- 12/3 - Daemen University Visit



**College Fair,  
Construction Field Trip  
& Rocket Competition**



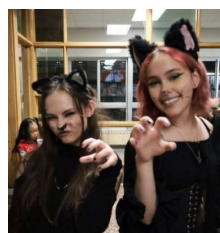


Mrs. Forte's classes are working on observational hand drawing.

Mrs. Crumlish's Ceramics class is working on making ceramic pumpkins.



The Tri-M Music Honor Society hosted families from Union East for their annual SAFE Halloween Trick or Treat event. Members of the HS band and chorus were joined by some NHS and student council students, which added to a fun night of trick or treating, musical chairs, arts and crafts as well as games and prizes.



Students in Ms. Bielefeld's classroom are following a structured literacy curriculum. It is direct, explicit, sequential, systematic, and multisensory. Her students are working hard on building foundational reading skills using a variety of evidenced based approaches. Ms. Bielefeld's students are also given the opportunity to complete writing prompts and character education activities. Ms. Bielefeld is an active advocate for students, structured literacy and awareness in dyslexia.



<b>DYSLEXIA</b> learning difference with difficulties in reading, spelling, and word recognition.	<b>DYSCALULIA</b> learning difference with difficulties with numbers and math.
<b>DYSGRAPHIA</b> difficulties with writing, including spelling, handwriting, and composition.	<b>DYSPRAXIA</b> difficulties with motor coordination which can lead to difficulties with hand writing.

## HIGH SCHOOL 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 before November 18<sup>th</sup> or they cannot participate. Winter sports include:

- Basketball
- Bowling
- Boys swimming
- Indoor track
- Wrestling





# STUDENT CALENDAR





# November

# 2024



Character Word: Trustworthy

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Fall Back! Remember to move your clocks back one hour.	4 Math & science scrimmage	5 Election Day Yearbook science scrimmage	6 Fall Concert 7pm	7 Villa FT Student Council, SADD & Geek Senior Dinner 6pm	8 District Veteran Drive-Thru 1st marking period grades close	9
10	11 Veteran's Day No School 	12 Buff State FT Media Club	13	14 GSA & Geek	15	16
17	18 Blood Drive Winter Sports begin	19 BOE mtg 6pm	20	21 Student Council, Class of 2027 & Geek District Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7:30pm	22 NO CLASSES District Parent Teacher Conferences 8-11:30am	23
24	25 Canisius FT	26 Spirit Club	27 Thanksgiving Recess No School	28 	29	30

**GRADUATION CAPS AND GOWNS CLASS OF 2025**

Important Dates & Deadlines  
Early Bird Online Ordering Deadline:  
December 31st, 2024  
Order online! Prices will increase starting January 1, 2025, so don't wait!  
Order 24/7  
Visit our website at [highschool.heffjones.com](https://highschool.heffjones.com) or scan the qr code.

Late Fee Dates: January 1st- \$10 Late Fee  
February 1st- \$15 Late Fee

Final Deadline to Order  
February 28th, 2025  
All Orders must be placed by this Date!

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HIGH SCHOOL  
CUSTOM PRODUCTS

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**Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale**

**Krispy Kreme DOUGHNUTS**

SCAN ME TO ORDER OR SEE A JUNIOR/JUNIOR STUDENT

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Classes of 2025/2026  
**\$15.00 per dozen**  
Pick up at Parent/Teacher Conferences 11/21 between 2-7pm

All proceeds benefit Junior and Senior Class activities

