

Cheektowaga Central High School Monthly Bulletin

“Where Character, Curriculum & Community Connect”



January, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Welcome to 2024. The best time for new beginnings is now and this is the year to be unstoppable! All you need is effort and a good work ethic. It is that simple.

Every effort you make, no matter how small, is a step closer to reaching your goals. Your work ethic determines how you approach these goals. Make a commitment to yourself to put in your best effort every day and to continue to work on something even if it's difficult. Remember it is okay to make mistakes and face challenges along the way. Setbacks can help you grow. Take responsibility for any mistakes and work to correct them. Whether you are working on a school project, practicing a new skill, or pursuing a personal goal, try your hardest and your work ethic will pay off. Make this a year of growth, learning and achievement!

“Get going. Move forward. Aim high. Plan a takeoff. Don't just sit on the runway and hope someone will come along and push the airplane. It simply won't happen.” – Malcolm Gladwell

Push your own airplane. Put in the effort and you will soar to new heights. This is your time to make a difference. I'm looking forward to seeing what you accomplish in 2024!

Mrs. Cyganovich

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

1/2 – Classes Resume

1/9 - **Board of Ed Meeting** at 6pm

1/15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day (*no classes*)

1/23 – 1/26 – Regents & Midterm Week
(*no classes – see last page for schedule*)

1/26- 2nd Marking Period Closes

1/29 – 2/2 – Winter Spirit Week

Character Word of the Month
Work Ethic

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

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| Doors Open for Students | 7:00 am |
| Warning Bell for 1 st Period | 7:14 am |
| 1 st Period Starts | 7:17 am |

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

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



“Work ethic is important because unlike intelligence, athleticism, charisma, or any other natural attribute, it's a choice.”

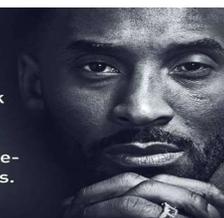
Mike Rowe

“BE HUMBLE. BE HUNGRY. AND ALWAYS BE THE HARDEST WORKER IN THE ROOM.”

- DWAYNE 'THE ROCK' JOHNSON -

I have nothing in common with lazy people who blame others for their lack of success. Great things come from hard work and perseverance. No excuses.

- Kobe





Students in English 10 are thinking about criminal justice as they read and perform *Twelve Angry Men*. Along the way, they are practicing their persuasive writing skills as they prepare to write their argumentative essay. In AP Literature, the students have become the teachers, designing, planning and teaching lessons on poetry from the Romantic Era.



Students in Life Math spent the past two weeks researching and analyzing scenarios having to do with purchasing a car. They compared specifications of new verses used vehicles and explored Kelley Blue Book and Edmunds. Students also calculated financing based on different denominations of down payments as well as different terms of a loan. Students presented their findings to their classmates. One student even purchased the car he researched!



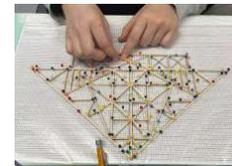
Earth science students just finished studying moon phases. They started the topic by sketching “the Moon” to understand how a 3D object produces the 2D phases we observe (crescents, quarters, gibbous, etc.)



AP bio students designed and carried out an experiment to track the impact of a variable of their choosing on the rate of photosynthesis. The rate was tracked using disks of spinach that floated as oxygen was produced in the disks.



Students in Mr Skotnicki’s class are in the final phases of building their balsa wood bridges. After break students will complete the final assembly and have the chance to test them for strength and durability.



35 students from the HS Science Club recently traveled to the Botanical Gardens.



Food Classes practiced presentation skills.





In keeping with tradition, the World Language Department went all out this December! They created a countdown calendar which started right after Thanksgiving break, leading to Winter break. International Club students decorated ornaments with flags from various countries around the world. French 2 and 3 students watched a trilingual film (French/German/English) which depicted the true story of the Christmas Eve truce during World War I. In Spanish and French levels 4 and 5, students learned how to form the subjunctive in order to express obligation and made projects depicting all the things they had to do to prepare for their favorite holiday.



Students in Mr. Lee's Participation in Government classes are finishing up work on their required public policy paper. Each of Mr. Lee's students selected a public policy topic to research and write about. Some examples of topics being researched include gun control, the death penalty, artificial intelligence, abortion, and police body cameras. The paper is divided into four parts and the student's are currently writing part 4 in which they take a position on the topic and support their opinion with the research they completed in the first three parts of the paper.

Mr. Lee's seniors have had an opportunity to critically examine a number of different controversial and relevant topics throughout the course of the semester. This has allowed the students to discuss some of the challenges that face our nation today. The discussions were informative and helped seniors who are in the Government class develop their own opinion on many of these topics.



Ceramics classes just completed their coil plates & Mrs. Hennessey's art class made beautiful holiday trees. Advanced art class is working on self-portraits and the crafts classes just completed their animal masks.



- BOCES Presentation to 10th Graders
- Counselor Classroom Presentations and Course Request Selections
- Villa Maria College Campus Visit (12/18)
- Resurrection Life Church Food Pantry Volunteering Experience + Feedmore WNY
- HS/MS/UE Mentor Gathering -creating holiday ornaments to give to families in the district





HS Chorale caroled at the ice rink on Dec. 15th and along with instrumentals, performed at the Senior Center on Dec. 18th. They both put on a spectacular winter concert right before break, where alumni were invited to join in.



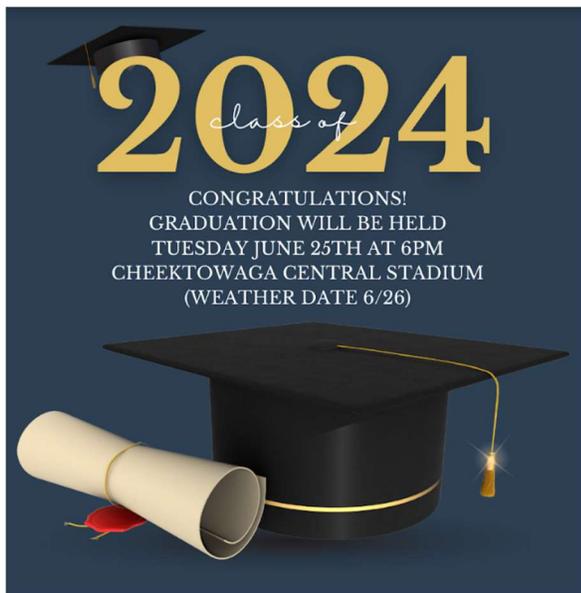
CCHS raised \$9,962 for Special Olympics, with 40 staff and students participating in the polar plunge.



ATHLETICS

Home Matches

- 1/2 – B Swim Pioneer 5:00 pm
- 1/6 – Track Houghton 9:00 am
- 1/9 - B BK Will South 5:30 pm
- 1/10 – Wrestling Sweet Home 6:00 pm
- 1/11 – B BK North Tonawanda 5:00 pm
- 1/11 – B/G Bowling Depew 4:00 pm
- 1/12 – G BK Mount Mercy 5:00 pm
- 1/13 – G BK Holland 10:00 am
- 1/16 – B Swim Maryvale 5:00 pm
- 1/17 – Wrestling Will South 6:00 pm
- 1/18 – B BK Lakeshore 5:00 pm
- 1/20 – B BK Pembroke 10:30 am
- 1/23 – B Swim Depew 5:00 pm
- 1/26 – B/G Bowling Alden 4:00 pm
- 1/27 – Track Houghton 9:00 am
- 1/29 – G BK Tonawanda 5:00 pm
- 1/30 – Unified Bowling Alden 4:00pm
- 1/30 – B/G Bowling Maryvale 4:00 pm



JANUARY 2024

Regents and Local Midterm Examination Schedule

Cheektowaga Central High School

| JANUARY 23 TUESDAY | JANUARY 24 WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 25 THURSDAY | JANUARY 26 FRIDAY |
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| 8:15 a.m. | 8:15 a.m. | 8:15 a.m. | 8:15 a.m. |
| English Language Arts (ELA) Regents ELA 11 Midterm AP Literature Midterm | Geometry Regents Geometry Midterm US History and Government U.S. History & Government Midterm | Global History & Geography II Regents Global History & Geography II Midterm AP Government Midterm | Earth Science Regents Earth Science Midterm Chemistry Regents Chemistry Midterm |
| 12:15 p.m. | 12:15 p.m. | 12:15 p.m. | |
| Living Environment Regents Living Environment Midterm AP Chemistry Midterm AP Biology Midterm | Algebra I Regents Algebra I Midterm Physics Regents Physics Midterm | Algebra II Regents Algebra II Midterm | |

Admission Deadlines for Admission
 Morning Examinations - 10:00 a.m.
 Afternoon Examinations - 2:00 p.m.

From Tuesday, January 23rd through Friday, January 26th, students should only attend school on the days and times that they are scheduled for an exam. Performance scores on local midterm assessments will be used in either the 2nd or 3rd marking period report card. There are no make-up dates for Regents Examinations. Make-up opportunities for local midterm assessments will not be provided, unless there are well-documented, extenuating circumstances that preclude students from attending on the original administration date.

The district will be providing bus transportation to and from school for all exams. Bus routes and schedules will be posted in student Google Classrooms and on the school web page.

- Morning buses will pick students up at the normal time for an 8am exam and around 11:00 am for afternoon exams as needed.
- Departure busses from school will be at 10:30am, 11:30am, 2:30pm & 3:30 pm

