

Fort Hayes Opus

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The mission of Fort Hayes is to create expectations of excellence within students through challenging and collaborative learning by blending the arts, academic and career programs.



Main Office

Located in Buildings
101 & CAATC/Health

In February Fort Hayes hosted the 2024 Ohio Japan Bowl, a high-level, high-intensity competition that tests knowledge of Japanese language, culture and history. More info on page 3.

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School Counselors:

Gillman: class of '27 & class of '24 (N-Z)

380-997-6186

Palmer: class of '26 & class of '24 (Gr-M)

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Plesea: class of '25 & class of '24 (A-GI)

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Career Center Office 7am–3:30pm

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Understanding the Importance of Art in Education

Understanding the importance of art in education, the focus on creativity becomes vital to a comprehensive learning experience. Art offers students a distinct way to express themselves, promoting critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Beyond its visual appeal, incorporating art into education enhances students' communication abilities, stimulates innovation, and fosters a greater appreciation for different viewpoints. The inclusion of art not only adds depth to the academic journey but also nurtures skills necessary for navigating the complexities of the modern world, making education a dynamic and well-rounded pursuit.

In the realm of education, the primary goals of art education focus on nurturing critical thinkers. By involving students in diverse art forms, this approach aims to enhance analytical skills, problem-solving abilities, and a profound comprehension of the world. Art education goes beyond fostering creativity; it acts as a driving force for refining observation, interpretation, and evaluation skills, empowering students to approach challenges with a thoughtful and discerning mindset. Through these specific objectives, art education aspires to produce individuals capable of navigating complexities, thinking independently, and making meaningful contributions to society.

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Career Center Highlight: Columbus Rotary introduces Career Path Awards

“The students who have won Career Path Awards have demonstrated excellence and the ability to be leaders in our community. They will help create the future.” – Mr. Scott Whitlock (Columbus Rotarian 2024)

The Columbus Rotary has a strong history of supporting Columbus City Schools’ students through scholarships and other programs that help students achieve their goals. The Career Path Awards, their newest program, recognizes outstanding students who have demonstrated excellence in preparing for skilled careers through Columbus City Schools Career Technology Programs.

A committee of Rotary members reviews the applications and about 40 applicants are selected for in-person interviews by Rotarians. The top 20+ candidates receive a \$2,500 check to use to pay for additional training in technical careers or purchase equipment as they enter the workforce. Winners are recognized at an awards luncheon in the spring.

Our community needs more trained, skilled individuals to meet the ongoing needs of our society. In addition to the \$2,500 Career Path Award, winners are required to meet for two one-hour sessions with a business mentor and Columbus Rotarian advisor who will help them navigate the transition from high school to advanced training opportunities and the work world.



School Calendar

Friday, February 26

Guest Speaker Shaun Boothe at Fort Hayes

Tuesday, March 5

11th grade SAT Testing

Wednesday, March 6

Staff Professional Development
No school for students

Friday, March 8

High School Dance Performance
(Performing Arts Theater) 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 9

Saturday School
8:00 – 12:00 pm

High School Dance Performance
(Performing Arts Theater) 7:00 pm

Monday, March 11

9th grade PSAT Testing

Wednesday, March 13

High School Instrumental Music Concert
(Performing Arts Theater) 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 14

High School Instrumental Music Concert
(Performing Arts Theater) 7:00 pm

Friday, March 15

End of Quarter 3

Saturday, March 16

Saturday School
8:00 – 12:00 pm

Driving Simulator Lab
8:00 – 12:00 pm

Wednesday, March 20

Records Day
No school for students

“...Importance of Art...” concluded

Active participation in arts means learning skills and relevant tasks in the process of creativity. Being an active participant in arts means learning to create and appreciate visual aesthetics that contribute to a better understanding of culture and the world around us.

Creativity: Art enhances creativity, which in turn fosters problem-solving skills. By participating in arts and learning activities, children develop confidence in their abilities and learn new things. Arts also promote risk-free exploration, and it is this freedom that inspires confidence.

Improve Academic Performance: Students who study arts show improved language, reading, and math skills, as well as a greater ability for higher-order thinking skills such as analysis and problem-solving. Students also develop skills such as resilience, courage, and an improved mindset to help them learn professionally, perform well academically, and have a successful life after high school. Any skill that students learn through art education allows them to apply the same in academics, resulting in improved academic performance.

Self-reliance: Students become self-reliant when they start depending on their own strengths, knowledge, skills, and resources rather than the strength of others. Creating art can confirm one’s uniqueness while also providing a sense of accomplishment and self-esteem. Furthermore, arts education has been proven to support a sense of social identity, encourage goal-directed behavior and increased social resilience.

Teamwork: A unique approach to teaching teamwork and communication skills is the use of visual, and performing arts. The larger the creative team, the more valuable the art project is for open-minded people who are willing to learn, expand, integrate, and succeed. Collaboration creates a sense of comradeship and belonging to the community as young artists work towards a common goal. Researchers have found that students who worked collaboratively on an art project and engaged in a discussion were more thoughtful than those who worked alone.

Decision Making: Art education is how children can be encouraged to choose their own subjects, colors, and interpretations of art. This allows children to make their own decisions in various areas of life. It will open up children’s imaginations and ensure that they have plenty of time to practice their decision-making skills. They may make mistakes, but they will learn to overcome them and move on from their failures.

Leadership Skills: When children are encouraged to make their own decisions, they begin to understand that they can update and interpret the world around them. These skills will make the child a leader rather than a follower. No matter what profession or career the child chooses when they grow up, leadership qualities will ensure that they succeed in their chosen field. Art encourages problem-solving and analytical thinking skills in students. An arts education encourages higher-level thinking to explore academic subjects and life outside of school.

The Japan-America Society of Central Ohio (JASCO) created the **Ohio Japan Bowl** to introduce an element of entertainment to the study of Japan and the Japanese language. The format is modeled on popular quiz tv shows in which students collaborate as teams of two or three. Only non-native Japanese speakers are eligible to participate.

Fort Hayes had three teams participate in multiple levels (one team in level 3 and two in level 2) who have been preparing for competition since November. One of our level 2 teams placed **FIRST!**

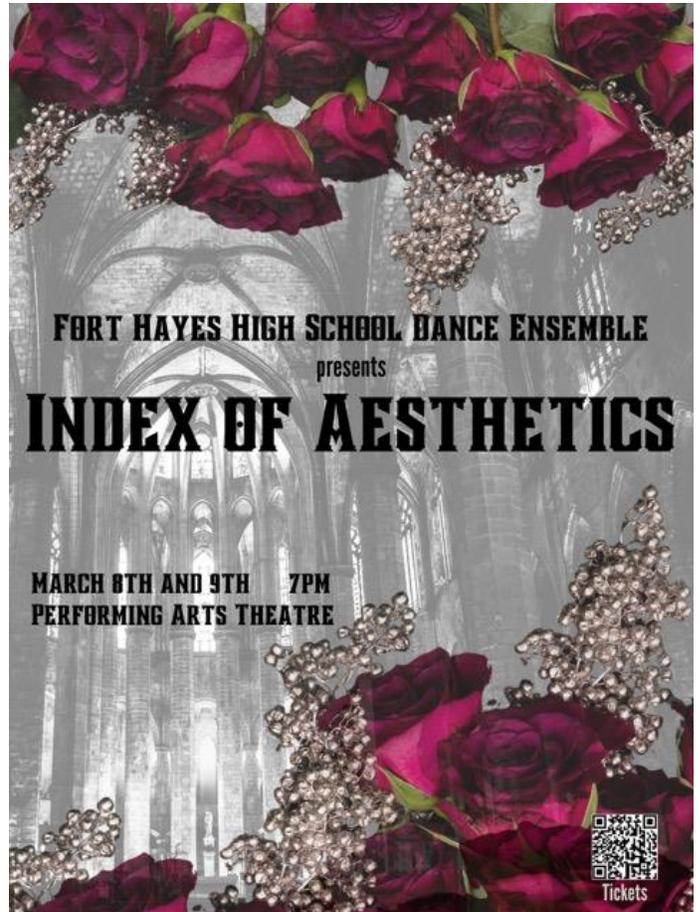


Columbus City Schools 2023-2024 School Calendar

Dates to Remember

4-Sep	Labor Day (schools closed)
20-Sep	Professional Development Day (no students)
20-Oct	Professional Development Day (no students)
24-Oct	End of Q1
25-Oct	Records Day (no students)
7-Nov	Professional Development Day (no students)
Nov 20-24	Wellness Week/Thanksgiving Recess (schools closed)
22-Nov	Parent Teacher Conf. Comp Day (no students)
19-Dec	30 Min Early Release (Holiday)
Dec 20-Jan 2	Winter Break (no students)
12-Jan	End of Q2
15-Jan	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (schools closed)
16-Jan	Professional Development Day (no students)
17-Jan	Records Day (no students)
7-Feb	Professional Development Day (no students)
19-Feb	Parent Teacher Conf. Comp Day (no students)
6-Mar	Professional Development Day (no students)
15-Mar	End of Q3
20-Mar	Records Day (no students)
28-Mar	30 Min Early Release (Holiday)
Mar 29-Apr 5	Spring Break
8-Apr	Professional Development Day (no students)
27-May	Memorial Day (schools closed)
30-May	Last Day for Students

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BE THE EXCEPTION.
BE FORT HAYES.

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Teachable

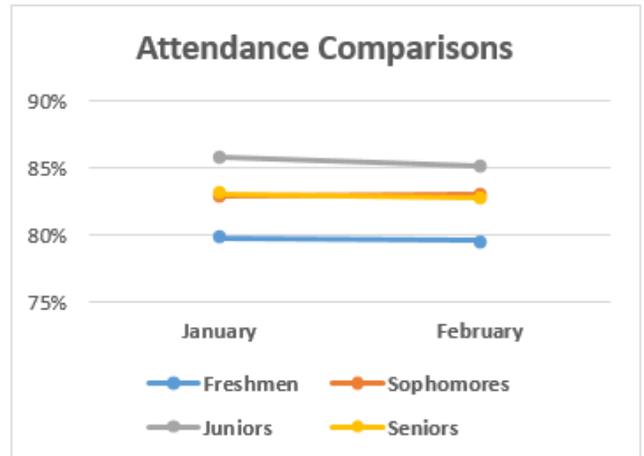
Hardworking
Artistic
Yearlong
Engaged
Scholarly





Parent Page

PBIS Trending Data



News you Need to Know:

Your **Parent Portal** account allows you to access the following information on your student(s) teacher contacts, grades and course schedules, daily attendance, missed assignments, fees and how to pay them, paperless applications (for school choice, summer school and career tech). Please, update and verify your:

Contact Email & Contact Phone number

The link to the Parent Portal is: <https://www.ccsch.us/ParentPortal.aspx>

Forgot Your Password? Email: parentportalaccess@columbus.k12.oh.us

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION

Please remind your students that they are supposed to bring their Chromebooks to school (fully charged) to use in their classes throughout the day.



Beginning this school year, students should keep the same device. When repairs are needed, we will repair and return that same device to the assigned student unless that device is deemed unrepairable by an IT Technician.

Please note - any requests submitted will require the student's name and student ID.



Did you know?
You can see the
eye doctor at
school.

Nationwide Children's Hospital now offers school-based vision services to students in need of eye care. Hospital experts can provide comprehensive exams, glasses adjustments and more—right at school. For more information, visit NationwideChildrens.org/Care-Connection. See the school nurse or call (614) 355-2590, option 7 to schedule an appointment.



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When your child needs a hospital, everything matters.