

# 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

The high school Green Team attended the teen echo summit and received a grant from the Columbus Zoo!! See their Columbus Zoo [video submission](#) and look for more info on page 2.

## Why Should I Work Hard?

**Learning adds quality to our lives.** The development of the mind is a joy and benefit in and of itself. Learning is interesting and fun, and it should feel good. When kids work hard in school, they learn knowledge and develop skills. That builds confidence and self-esteem.

**Working hard prepares kids for higher levels of education.** Doing well in elementary school generally leads to good grades in middle and high school. It also opens the door to honors classes and other important opportunities. In addition, consistent academic success increases the likelihood of earning admission into selective colleges and universities.

**Working hard in school helps children develop lasting habits.** In my classroom I emphasize two important sets: habits of mind that predispose us to think and act in certain ways and habits of character that focus on study habits, social skills, and attitudes about our work. In *Horace's Hope*, educator TheodoreSizer once said that, "Knowing stuff is nice. Being able to use that stuff makes sense. Being disposed to use it always, as a matter of habit, is the brass ring, the ultimate standard."

**Working hard can help children find their passion.** Many well-known individuals discovered their future careers and areas of intense interest in school. Books, videos, and other curricular material can expose kids to people, music, languages, endeavors, and ideas that they might not have come across any other way.

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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)

380-997-5395

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

380-997-3410

**Career Center Office 7am–3:30pm**

<https://www.ccsch.us/FortHayesCC>

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Attendance 380-977-6139

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## ***Career Center Highlight: Auto Collision Program Awarded Benchmark Grant***

excerpt taken from the CTE monthly newsletter

The Auto Collision Repair Program at Fort Hayes Career Center, under the direction of instructor Mr. Robert Parker, has been awarded a \$10,000 Collision Repair Education Foundation's (CREF) Benchmark Grant. The funding for the grant received by Fort Hayes was donated by Nationwide Insurance.

Nationwide also funded a total of \$25,000 in grants: \$10,000 to Fort Hayes and \$5,000 each to 3 other community college programs and high school.

In total, over 100 collision schools received \$668,500 in Benchmark Grants last year. The funding was provided by industry supporters and facilitated by CREF. More information about these grants can be found [here](#).



You can find the full copy of the January Career Technical Education Newsletter [here](#)

The Fort Hayes Green Team attended the Teen Echo Summit at the Columbus Zoo and received a Grant for the School Garden Project!

The Green Team meets every Monday during lunches and will be hosting a Spring Garden Kickoff the week of April 15.

## **School Calendar**

### **Wednesday, January 31**

Shot Tower Gallery: Thematic Art Portfolio Work (via appointments on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays through February 6)

Shot Tower Gallery Open House  
6:15 – 7:15 pm

### **Thursday, February 1**

Parent Teacher Conference Night  
(Spring part 1 of 2) 2:45 – 6:15 pm

FAFSA Workshops  
2:45 – 6:15 pm

### **Friday, February 2**

Career Center Dance Concert  
(PA Auditorium) 7:30 pm

### **Saturday, February 2**

Saturday School  
8:00 – 12:00 pm

Driving Simulator Lab  
8:00 – 12:00 pm

Career Center Dance Concert  
(PA Auditorium) 7:30 pm

### **Tuesday, February 6**

Parent Teacher Conference Night  
(Spring part 2 of 2) 2:45 – 6:15 pm

### **Wednesday, February 7**

Professional Development Day  
No school for students

### **Thursday, February 8**

High School Music Concert  
(PA Auditorium) 7:00 pm

### **Friday, February 9**

Career Center Skills USA Award Ceremony



## “Why Should I...” concluded

**Doing well in school helps people establish themselves as individuals.** The classroom is one of the primary places in which we determine our personal standards of quality. Students who work hard and do well in school learn to establish a high expectation level and expect great things from themselves. They decide that they want to strive to become the best of the best and will settle for nothing less. They will carry these standards with them as they get older. Children need teachers and parents who hold high expectations, but ultimately, what matters most is whether they make the personal commitment to aim high.

**Education helps us get the jobs we want.** It is a simple fact that people who graduate high school earn more money than people who don't, and people who graduate college earn even more. Over the course of a lifetime, this difference in earning power is significant. Making money is certainly not the only reason to do well in school, but it is an important one.

**Doing well in school maximizes our options in life.** Education opens doors. Not only does it help us obtain higher-paying jobs, but also it enables us to access a wider variety of jobs that offer challenge, interest, and the opportunity to contribute to our communities. Education also opens doors that are unrelated to our careers. A track record of school success, for example, can help us earn worthwhile volunteer opportunities.

**Working hard in school empowers us to become more effective consumers.** In school, of course, we learn the arithmetic skills that help us make correct change, balance our checkbooks, and manage a household budget. Beyond that, we also learn the higher-level thinking skills that empower us to be consumers in the larger sense – consumers of news and information who have the ability to analyze issues critically and make intelligent judgements.

**Education empowers us to make a difference in the world.** The more we know the more we can contribute to the lives of others. Working hard in school enables us to help people, both through our formal roles, such as doctors and nurses, and through informal roles, such as when we tutor a neighbor or assist a younger sibling with reading.

**Education empowers people to participate fully in civic life.** Healthy communities need involved citizens. Voting, attending city council meetings, writing letters to the editor, and taking action on important issues are necessary to preserve and strengthen our democracy. By working hard in school, we learn the history of our country and the responsibilities that we all have as citizens.

from your Family Ambassadors



### STUDENTS ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF THE MONTH

Alisson Linares has been caught being Fort Hayes. Alisson is the founder of Fort Hayes Hispanic Community Club and is looking forward to spreading information throughout the student body about the beauty of mix culture at Fort Hayes. She participates in the Fort Hayes Small Instrumental Ensemble and has successfully finished a Summer Nurses Institution Program and the Cardiovascular Program through The Ohio State University. Alisson maintains a 4.2 GPA taking advance placement (AP) classes and college prep courses at Ashland University. Alisson aspires to become a medical doctor. Congratulations Alisson, you are doing an amazing job!



*Caught  
being  
Fort Hayes!!*



### TEACHER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE MONTH

Mr. Mario Calhoun is an example of how to Be Fort Hayes. He teaches advanced math classes and is consistently working to ensure his students learn the mathematical principles needed to succeed. Mr. Calhoun is engaging and is often seen moving around his class giving his students one on one or small group attention, pushing his students to perform at their best while nurturing their creativity. Mr. Calhoun is regularly found standing outside his classroom during class change to welcome students into his room conducive for interactive learning. Thank you for all you do!



# 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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## Fort Hayes High School Spirit Wear Sale



**\$15**

available in red or grey  
sizes XS through 2XL

please have your receipt ready and call the  
main high school office for pick up options



CCS School Spirit Wear  
(click [here](#) or scan the QR  
code on the left)

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BE THE EXCEPTION.  
**BE FORT HAYES.**

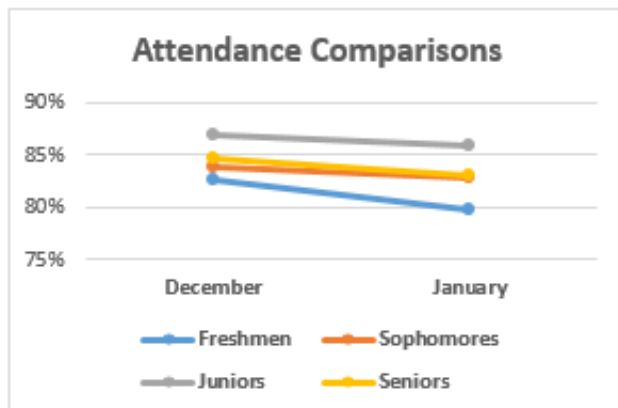
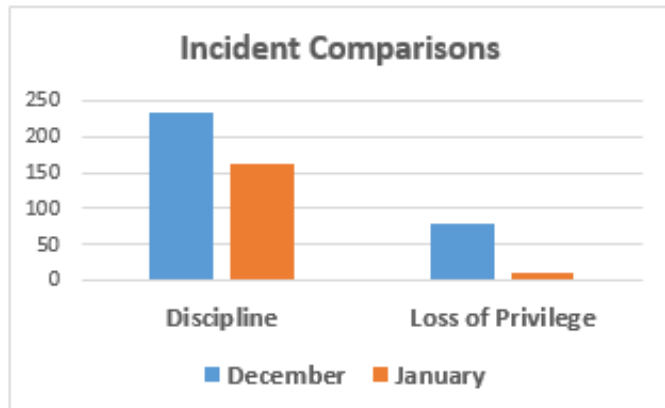
Focused  
Organized  
Resourceful  
Teachable

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](mailto: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.*



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](https://www.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.