



Fort Hayes OPUS

“...to create expectations of excellence within students through challenging and collaborative learning by blending the arts, academics and career programs.”

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Why It's Important to Work Hard

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There are some people who choose minimalism as a means to escape work. While I understand the appeal, I am not one of them. I enjoy hard work. I find happiness and joy in it. And I believe, without a doubt in my mind, those who feel the most fulfilled at the end of their lives are those who have chosen to work hard during it.

Work forces personal development.

Work, by its very nature, presents challenges and growth opportunities. It requires us to improve and develop and become better versions of ourselves. The more we grow, the better at work we get...and the greater the challenges become.

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Our work brings benefit to society.

Our work contributes to the good of society. It serves others, it enriches peoples' lives, and it moves everyone forward. Whether we are bagging groceries, delivering mail, analyzing stocks, curing cancer, or managing other workers, we can view our work as an act of love to the people we serve.

Hard work is an example to our kids.

When we strive to do our best work each day, our kids take notice. And among the greatest character traits I hope to pass on to my children is the importance of working hard on things that matter.

Metro Choir performing with Ohio Superintendent Paolo DeMaria



Fort Hayes Diversity Club representing CCS downtown at the Leadership Conference

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

**Focused
Organized
Resourceful
Teachable**

**Hard-working
Artistic
Yearlong
Engaged
Scholarly**

Work hard at work to work hard at life.
We learn important life lessons when we give ourselves over to hard work: determination, attentiveness, responsibility, problem-solving, and self-control all come to mind. These lessons, in turn, serve us in other areas (health, relationships, hobbies, etc.)

Work hard to make the most of your hours.
They will pass anyway.
Each new day brings with it an important choice: either we fill it with our best or we allow it to slip away. There is no other option – the hours are going to pass anyway. Choosing to work hard makes the most of them. Please note: I am not discounting the importance of rest of balance.

Cast and Crew of Chicago



“Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard.”

Kevin Durant, NBA player for the Brooklyn Nets



“No matter how hard you work, someone else is working harder.”
- Elon Musk, engineer and technology entrepreneur



“A dream does not become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work.”
- Colin Powell, politician and retired four-star Army General



“Sometimes there’s not a better way. Sometimes there’s only the hard way.”
- Mary Pearson, young adult fiction author



“Be humble. Be hungry. And always be the hardest worker in the room.”
- Dwayne Johnson, actor, producer and retired professional wrestler



“All wealth is the product of labor.”
- John Locke, English philosopher and physician

Work is fulfilling, in and of itself.

In my opinion, there are few joys in life more satisfying than laying down at night with tired legs attached to a tired body. To know I gave my full energy to something important is an amazing feeling and fulfilling in itself.

Working hard keeps our lives occupied with important matters.

Living an unoccupied life is a recipe for disaster. Choosing to fill our time and energy with things that bring value to others helps keep us from selfish and foolish decisions with idle time. There is value in hard work and minimalism does not remove the inherent value of it. In my opinion, it brings its inherent value in sharper focus.

January Events

January 7

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony 8:00 am

January 8

Early Release (at 1:00pm)

January 14

End of Second Quarter

Snow Tubing Trip to Mad River Mountain

January 15

Records Day (no students)

Third Quarter begins (through March 24)

January 16 & 17

The Tempest (PA Auditorium) 7:00 pm

January 20

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (no school)

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20th Annual ROY G BIV IMAGE OHIO in the Shot Tower Gallery (through February 21); reception January 24 7:00 pm

January 23

Parent Teacher Conferences 2:34-9:45 pm

January 31

Pre Professional Dance Concert 7:00 pm