

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.



Some of our living museum participants during Black History Month:
Frederick Douglass (Dr. Will), George Washington Carver (Dr. Tony), Tabitha Brown (Ms. Spalding),
and Phillis Wheatley (Ms. Cole).

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High School Office

7:00 am – 3:30 pm

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7:00 am – 3:30 pm

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Main Offices

High School in Building 101

Career Center in CAATC & Health

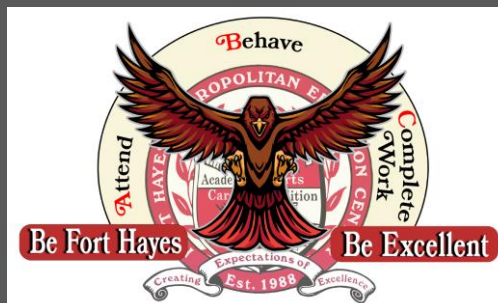
Career Center Highlight:

STNA Program

Future Healthcare Heroes: STNA Students in Action

Fort Hayes Career Center's STNA students, under the guidance of Mrs. Julie Clark, are mastering essential PPE protocols, as seen in the photo. The students are now transitioning to real-world clinical experience, providing vital care to seniors in Columbus long-term care facilities.

Beginning in March 2025 and following the successful completion of their clinical work, STNA students will sit for the examination portion of the program. Best of luck, STNA students, on your upcoming experiences!



The Benefits of taking Arts in High School

by: Kate Oczypok

Studying the Arts Can...

Touch on Creativity for Career Prep

In today's world, employers look for employees who have a lot of creativity. By studying disciplines in the arts field, students can develop creative skills that help them when they're searching for work postcollege. "Beyond offering a glimpse of what a career in music, dance or other creative disciplines might look like, studying the arts presents opportunities for students to be exposed to new perspectives and to discover who they are — and who they want to be," said Trey Devey, president of the Interlochen Center for the Arts (Interlochen, Michigan). "Art forms, such as creative writing and theater encourage introspection and empathy as students reflect on their own lived experiences, craft realistic characters and examine how they relate to their role."

Devey said students also learn to process and communicate their emotions as they interpret musical phrases, inhabit characters in theater and dance productions and create films, visual artwork, poems and personal essays. "Most importantly, the arts build confidence, foster friendships and provide a lifelong source of enjoyment and creative fulfillment," he said.

Help Find Success in Careers

Learning a musical instrument (or continuing to study one) in high school can be a huge benefit for success in a career as an adult. When studying an instrument, it's essential to have discipline, patience and be consistent with practicing. Cultivating that same discipline and patience as a teen can result in success as an adult in your chosen career. You'll be better at making deadlines, staying focused and other crucial qualities for succeeding as a working adult.

Result in Successful College Outcomes

Most high schools have an arts program, whether big or small. If you'd like to focus more deeply on the arts, attending an arts-specific high school that is also academically challenging can be helpful. College admissions departments recognize the amount of work and commitment it takes to achieve at a school for the arts. Interlochen Center for the Arts reported that 96% of their graduates were accepted into one of their top three colleges.

...Benefits of taking Arts...

Make for Great Communications Skills

These days, with the ubiquity of phones and how easy texting can be, learning to communicate face-to-face or over the phone is crucial to success for a teen's future. The communications skills developed through artistic means by high school students can ultimately help them express their feelings in a creative way. Also, students with learning disabilities or those who aren't as extroverted can communicate with others using an arts discipline — they could paint a picture, write a song or perhaps write a poem.

Provide Collaborative Skill-Building

The arts, such as planning for and performing in a school musical or creating a mural for a school hallway, create opportunities for collaborative skill-building. In collaborative learning, students can learn how to successfully work together on a project that many have contributed. There's no better feeling than being a part of a piece of artistic expression.

Help Develop Empathy, Create Changemakers and Create Enjoyment

Buzzy programs of late are all about STEM. Studying the arts can only enhance skills in those fields — for example, students can take a look at technological developments, like AI, and ask whether they're right or wrong to pursue on an ethical level. Not to mention, when art is shared, it often tells a story. High school students are better inclined to be empathetic toward a fellow student when they learn about their story through art. Students can go on to become changemakers in their communities through highlighting social issues, encouraging diversity and inclusion and encouraging a better sense of community.

In Summary

Nicholas Roux, co-chair of the humanities department at the Chicago Academy for the Arts, spoke about the importance of studying the arts. "The creative process teaches resilience," he said. "Art-making is iterative, often collaborative and workshop-based. Students learn the ability to receive feedback, work with others and revise their work multiple times."

Art also develops skills needed to navigate an uncertain world. "Because art uses form to convey meaning, studying art-making is learning how to create forms that bring cohesion to experiences that haven't happened yet," Roux said. "This is a powerful tool for a young person — they're able to bring creative coherence to their inner experiences and reconcile them with the outside world."



Teacher of the Month: Mr. McEvoy

With five years at Fort Hayes and eight years of teaching experience, he has made a lasting impact on his students and the community. Inspired by a Band Director to pursue music education, Mr.

McEvoy has dedicated his life to sharing his passion for music with students. His teaching philosophy focuses on developing independent musicians who can critically analyze and perform at a high level, while also fostering life skills like problem-solving, focus, and discipline. He emphasizes the importance of the learning process, celebrating small wins that lead to major achievements.

Through ensemble-based classes, Mr. McEvoy builds a sense of community and teamwork, encouraging collaboration and personal growth. Watching students improve and experience breakthrough moments is one of the most rewarding parts of his job. The Fort Hayes Instrumental Music Program, which includes a wide range of classes from beginning guitar to jazz ensemble, thrives under his leadership, contributing to the success of students in Ohio Music Educators Association events.

Student of the Month: Sahr Rashid-Noah

This month, we are excited to celebrate Sahr Rashid-Noah as our Student of the Month at Fort Hayes Arts and Academic High School. Sahr's exceptional talent in the arts has earned him scholarships to two prestigious design schools, Parsons and Pratt. He attributes his success to countless late nights, self-doubt, and growth, pouring his heart into a portfolio that reflects his passions in graphic design, illustration, fashion, and storytelling. Fort Hayes played a key role in his development, offering an environment to experiment and refine his work with support from his teachers, particularly Ms. Evan, who challenged him to think deeply about his art and use it to connect with others. Sahr encourages his peers to stay true to themselves, embrace experimentation, and understand that authenticity leads to the most impactful work. Looking ahead, he hopes to create spaces that amplify marginalized voices in the design world, inspiring others through art, fashion, and design. We are confident that Sahr will continue to make a lasting impact, and we congratulate him on his incredible achievements!



You can find the Family Ambassador Newsletter [here](#)

School Calendar

Wednesday, March 5

Professional Development Day
(no students)

Thursday, March 6

High School Band Concert
Performing Arts Auditorium 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 8

Saturday School
8:00 – 12:00 pm

Driving Simulator Lab
8:00 – 12:00 pm

Wednesday, March 12

SAT testing Day for Juniors
PSAT testing Day for Freshmen

Thursday, March 20

Shot Tower Gallery City Council Show: My
Columbus – Professional Work and Student
Show through April 15

Campus Tour after school
(please call the main office to RSVP)

Shot Tower Gallery Show Opening:
City Council Show: My Columbus – Professional
Work and Student
6:00 – 8:00 pm

Friday, March 21

High School Dance Performance
Performing Arts Auditorium 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 22

High School Dance Performance
Performing Arts Auditorium 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 26

Records Day
(no students)



MISHAPS & MAYHEM AT THE MYSTERY MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE BALL

Join us at Fort Hayes
for a Classic Whodunnit

CAN YOU SOLVE THE MYSTERY?

Friday, March 7, 2025
6-8



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Dinner is
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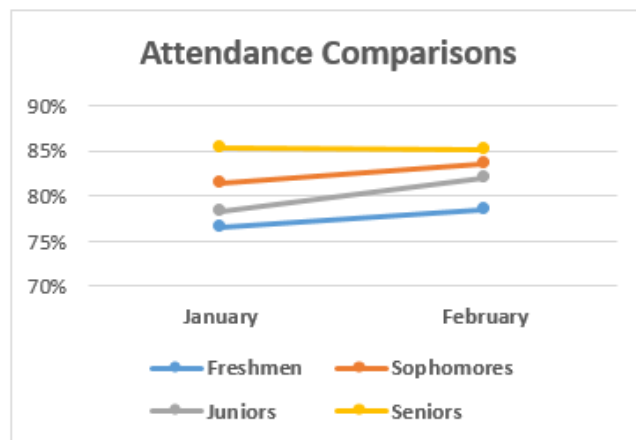
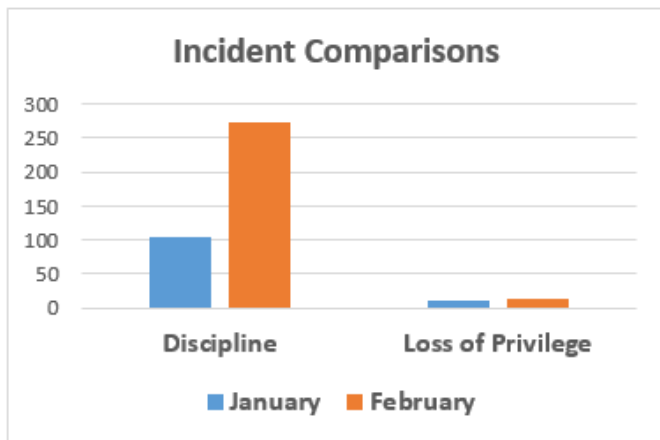
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Organized
Resourceful
Teachable

Hardworking
Artistic
Yearlong
Engaged
Scholarly



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PBIS Trending Data



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By calling or texting the statewide tip line at **844-723-3764** you can anonymously report anything that is suspicious or endangering you, your friends, or your school.

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

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This tip line allows students and adults to anonymously share information with school officials and law enforcement about threats to student safety. Learn more at <https://ohioschoolsafetycenter.ohio.gov/>

The Parent Portal Access email address has changed and is now:

Parentportal@columbus.k12.oh.us

Please email this address if you need to change your password, if you need your activation code when setting up your parent portal access, or if you have forgotten your user name and password.