

# 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.*

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School Counselors:

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380-997-6186

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

380-997-5395

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

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Our Special Olympics Basketball team went *undefeated* in their season and finished **SECOND PLACE** overall after the playoffs at West High School.

Division A Final Standings were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place:  
Northland

2<sup>nd</sup> Place:  
**Fort Hayes**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place:  
West

## 9 Ways to Keep Learning Over Break

by Jackie Sugrue

Are you looking to provide enrichment activities for your students over break? In need of ways to support remediation? Here are ten ways to support your students' families and keep learning going over a school break.

**Learn About Programs at Your School:** Many schools now have the opportunity to create additional programming or enrich current programs. This may look like extended after-school programming, additional or expanded summer programming, and added extracurricular activities and clubs. Learn about the programs offered at your school, or nearby schools, so that you can keep your students' families up to date. They are much more likely to take advantage of these opportunities if they hear about them from more than a newsletter or flyer sent home in their child's backpack. An added benefit of participating in school-sponsored programming is the opportunity to interact socially with students who attend the same school.

**Take Advantage of Museums, Parks, etc:** Institutions across the country have eased up on number restrictions, which provides more opportunities for exploration. Not all learning is done inside the classroom. The enrichment that students can gain from visiting museums, parks, aquariums, zoos and historical sights in their own town can be extremely beneficial. Encourage your students' families to take a few days and go somewhere new and continue learning...

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## School Calendar

# *Career Center Highlight: SkillsUSA Regional Competition*

excerpt taken from the CTE [Newsletter](#)

Fort Hayes Career Center and Columbus Downtown High School students competed in the SkillsUSA South Central Ohio Regional Competition held at Delaware Area Career Center on March 1, 2023. 2 students from Fort Hayes are advancing to the State SkillsUSA Ohio Competition in April:

Harmony Snyder  
Customer Serve Silver Winner

Karla Rendon-Sanchez  
Advertising Design Gold Winner



**Tuesday, March 26**

Career Center Honor Roll Incentive (PA)

**Wednesday, March 27**

Black History Assembly (PA)

**Thursday, March 28**

Principal's Show (PA)

30-minute early release to begin Spring Break

**Friday, March 29 – Tuesday, April 2**

Spring Break

All CCS Offices closed

**Wednesday, April 3 – Friday, April 5**

Spring Break

**Monday, April 8**

Remote Professional Development for Staff

No school for students

**Tuesday, April 9**

Career Center Behavior Incentive (PA)

**Wednesday, April 10**

Career Center Class Meetings (PA)

**Saturday, April 13**

Saturday School

8:00 – 12:00 pm

**Monday, April 15**

Green Team Spring Garden Kickoff + beginning of Campus Clean Up Week

**Saturday, April 20**

Saturday School

8:00 – 12:00 pm

Driving Simulator Lab

8:00 – 12:00 pm

## “...Keep Learning...” concluded

**Read, Read, Read!** It doesn't matter if they're outside enjoying the beautiful sun or cozied up inside on a rainy day. They could be visiting the local library to borrow books, reading ones that were bought at a store, or sitting on a shelf at home. The key is just to *read*, no matter what that looks like. A tried and true strategy is to assign a reading challenge to your class and provide prizes for the top readers when they return to school. Getting families involved in the competition can bode well for student buy-in as well.

**Set Aside Time for Learning:** Encourage families to support their students continued learning by getting a workbook or activity book at their level and setting aside a certain amount of time each day for them to work on it. You can also provide these activities and packets if you'd like. Just a small amount of practice each day – 10 or 15 minutes – will allow students to reinforce learned skills from the year and set them up for success.

**Encourage Creative Writing:** We ask students to write every day in school, and yet it is the least favorite activity of many school-aged children. Encourage children to write creatively over break. This can look like writing a story that is of interest to them, keeping a journal or writing about trips or activities they got to do each day. The more students have chances and reasons to write, the more comfortable they become with putting their thoughts on paper.

**Engage in Authentic Learning Opportunities:** While not necessarily skill-related, encourage parents never to pass up a chance to engage students in authentic learning tasks. Whether it's planting a garden, building something, fixing something that's broken, cooking a meal, or a simple trip to the grocery store, learning can occur anywhere. The more students can expand their horizons, the more excited about learning they become. It is also a great opportunity for students to learn real-world skills that will benefit them long after graduation.

**Create Games:** Encourage students to create their own games this summer. Many valuable lessons are associated with playing games – following rules, critical thinking, strategy, cooperation, teamwork and humility in winning and losing. Students will not realize they are practicing necessary school skills and learning along the way, but they will be better for it.

**Don't Forget About Art:** The benefits of art are undeniable – encouraging imagination, honing problem-solving skills and stress reduction. No matter which medium kids are engaging in, whether it be painting, sculpture or music, art is an important activity to incorporate into students' breaks. Taking time to create can provide kids with

**Fuel Passion:** Holiday breaks are a time for a *break* from the prescribed curriculum, content maps and grades. It allows students time to explore the things they are passionate about that core requirements can sometimes ignore. Do what you can to encourage this. A student who is passionate about something can find meaning throughout their school journey. Activities one is passionate about can turn into a career further down the road or provide a healthy outlet to cope with stress in life. Giving kids the opportunity to explore the things they like also makes them more likely to read, research and experiment with things that excite them.

**Just because school stops does not mean learning has to stop.**



To celebrate National Women's Month, Fort Hayes hosted a conversation with Barbara Brandon-Croft, an American Cartoonist known for being the first nationally syndicated African-American female cartoonist.

Her comic strip, *Where I'm Coming From* was featured in more than sixty newspapers nationwide.

# 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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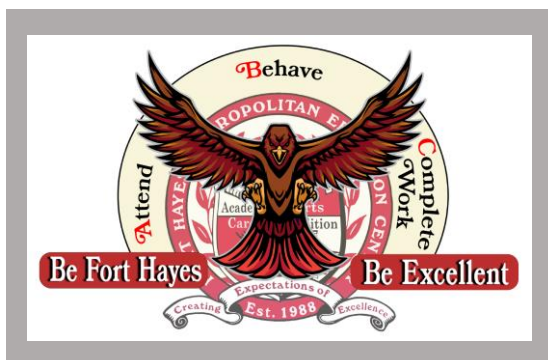


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BE THE EXCEPTION.  
**BE FORT HAYES.**

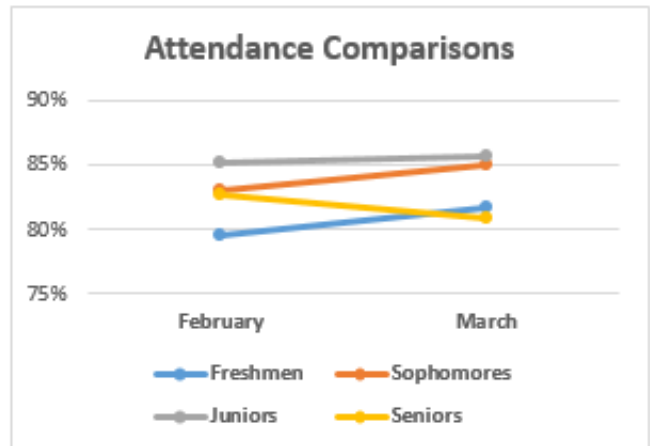
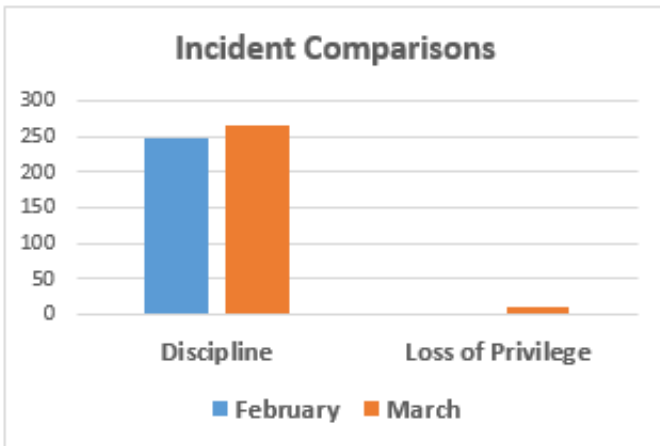
- Focused
- Organized
- Resourceful
- Teachable
- Hardworking
- Artistic
- Yearlong
- Engaged
- Scholarly





# 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.*



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](http://NationwideChildrens.org/Care-Connection). See the school nurse or call (614) 355-2590, option 7 to schedule an appointment.



**NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S**  
When your child needs a hospital, everything matters.