

Columbus Scioto Times

JAN/FEB 2020

Columbus Scioto 6-12
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Columbus, OH 43207
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District Mission:
Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

The Columbus Scioto 6-12 Mission:
“The Columbus Scioto family will collaborate effectively among students, staff, families and stakeholders to implement specific strategies that impact the personal and professional development of 21st century citizens.”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

1/20	Martin Luther King Day No School
1/23	Parent/Teacher Conference Night 2:45 – 6:15pm
1/24	Report Cards Mailed Home
1/30	Parent/Teacher Conference Night 2:45 – 6:15pm
2/12	90 Minute Early Release
2/17	No School
3/11	90 Minute Early Release
3/25	Records Day – No School
4/3	Report Cards Mailed Home
4/9	30 Minute Early Release
4/10	Spring Break Begins No School
4/20	School Resumes
5/25	Memorial Day No School
5/28	Last Day for Students
6/2	Report Cards Mailed Home

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Greetings Parents, Staff and Students let's start off the new year with 2020 **VISION**...

Our schools **VISION** is still focusing on the priority goal of Disagreeing Appropriately, Following Instructions, and Accepting “No”. Parents, as your students are at home and engaging others in the community ask them if they are applying these skills appropriately.

Parent and Guardians! We still need and appreciate your support in ensuring that students are not using cell phones inside the school. Remind your student that cell phone turn-in may be an inconvenience, but it is to help ensure that every student's eyes are on the teacher and everyone has a distraction free learning environment.

As cabin fever sets in and students are home on social media and their eyes are on their phone more than we would like, I have listed a few tips for Social media safety:

Don't...

- Don't share anything you would not feel comfortable having your family see.
- Don't share inappropriate photos.
- Don't make offensive comments or use foul language.
- Don't share personal information including your birthday, home address, vacation plans, or any information that could be used to answer security questions.

Do...

- Enable the privacy settings on your account.
- Parents: do monitor your child's activities!
- Parents: do have the passwords to each one of your child's accounts.
- Parents: do know your child's online friends.
- Parents: do establish rules about what your child can and cannot share.
- And lastly do COMMUNICATE!

Sincerely,

Mr. Sephan Frazier

Assistant Principal

BUY YOUR Yearbook

PAST YEARBOOKS FOR SALE!!

2017-2018 9 BOOKS AVAILABLE

2016-2017 7 BOOKS AVAILABLE

2014-2015 1 BOOK AVAILABLE

2019-2020 Yearbooks

Yearbooks are available ONLINE!

1. Visit <http://www.memorybook.com/online-pay/parent-pay/>
2. Enter your school code 124385 then click "Go to your school account log in"
3. Click on the link below your school name
4. Login if you are a returning user or create an account
5. Buy a yearbook for \$25.00



After reading the book: "The Hate You Give" Ms. Wyatt's students made sweatshirts describing their thoughts on the book project.



We dressed alike today!



Even though its Picture Day, our student is showing Mr. Wafford, Columbus Scioto's new Safety & Security Officer, who is stronger!



Middle School Physical Education – Ms. McGrew

In Middle School Physical Education, we have completed the 1st semester of classes. We finished the year with a basketball unit. Students participated in skill stations, small sided games and hotshot. The 6th grade students did an excellent job of completing their testing for the Ohio Department of Education.

On January 16th, the 2nd semester classes began. It is important that students have athletic shoes for class participation. If your child must wear boots to school because of inclement weather, please have him/her bring athletic shoes for class. Safety is very important while moving around the gym. Following the rules of the activity and using the equipment properly will be key to keeping everyone safe. Good sportsmanship and being a socially responsible participant will be emphasized every day. I look forward to the second half of the school year!

The 7th grade will also have a health component with the physical education class. They will learn about nutrition, alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse, the opioid crisis and sexual health.

ALEKS - HS Math I and II

So What is ALEKS?

Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces is a Web-based, artificially intelligent assessment and learning system. **ALEKS** uses adaptive questioning to quickly and accurately determine exactly what a student knows and doesn't know in a course. **ALEKS** then instructs the student on the topics he/she is most ready to learn. As a student works through a course, **ALEKS** periodically reassesses the student to ensure that topics learned are also retained. **ALEKS** courses are very complete in their topic coverage and **ALEKS** avoids multiple-choice questions. A student who shows a high level of mastery of an **ALEKS** course will be successful in the actual course he/she is taking.

ALEKS is available to almost all of **CCS** students and can be used at home or on any device that has internet access. Each student has an individual login name and password so topics can be done outside of school using cell phones, ipads or computers. If you would like your child's login information, please contact their math teacher.





STUDENT FEE PAYMENT

EASY
PAYMENT
METHODS

PAY ONLINE WITH A CREDIT CARD

Student fee payments can be conveniently made online with a credit card.

Log on to **Columbus City Schools Parent Portal** to view fees assessed to your student(s) name and pay online.

If you don't currently have access to the **Parent Portal**, please visit your student's school and the secretary can provide the activation code.



OTHER PAYMENT METHODS MUST BE MADE AT THE CENTRAL ENROLLMENT CENTER

Payment forms accepted at Central Enrollment are: Credit Card, Cash, Check and Money Order. The address and hours of operation are as follows:



COLUMBUS
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CENTRAL ENROLLMENT CENTER

430 Cleveland Avenue (Room 108)
Columbus, OH 43215

Hours: 8:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., and
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

You may also mail a check or money order to the above address along with the **Student Name, Student ID#, School Name, and Type of Fee.**

Questions? Call Customer Relations: 614.365.8888

Middle Years

Working Together for School Success



Short Stops

Waiting Patiently

Does your child expect Everything to happen *now*? If a friend doesn't call back immediately or his teacher hasn't graded his project yet, encourage him to come up with possible explanations. Maybe his friend is at a movie or the teacher has 100 assignments to grade. Thinking reasonably can help him be patient.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Research shows that tweens would like to talk more with their parents about schoolwork. Ask your middle grader to share what she's learning in her classes. Be specific: "What did you work on in Math today?" or "Tell me about the Science experiment you did in lab today."

Keep electronics in check

Encourage face-to-face interaction by putting away devices (including yours) at set times, such as during meals, family outings, or game night. If you're using a device and your child interrupts, switch your attention to him. You'll help him see that the person in front of him is more important than what's on the screen.

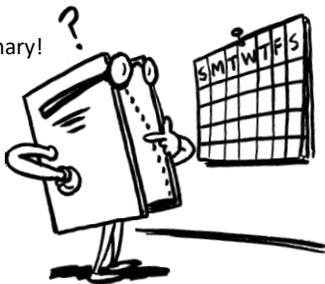
VISION Worth Quoting

"The time is always right to do what is right"
Martin Luther King Jr.

Just for fun

Q: When does Friday come before Thursday?

A: In the dictionary!



HOMESCHOOL HINTS VISION THIS:

Maddy has her evening planned. She'll do her math homework before dinner, then follow up dessert with English and science. Afterward, she can unwind from a busy day.

Sound impossible? It's not. Help your middle grader make homework go like clockwork with these strategies.

Think it through

Before your youngster begins, have her make a to-do list. *Example:* Write a poem, read history chapter, solve 10 math problems.

Then, suggest that she number the tasks, from toughest to easiest, and start with the hard stuff. This "save the easiest for last" strategy will help her finish on a high note, perhaps inspiring her to get in some extra studying.

Think about time

Ask your child to consider different time slots she can use to get work done. For instance, maybe she could set aside a weekend morning or Sunday night.



Also, some middle graders have time during study period or after lunch to tackle homework. Encourage your child to complete one assignment at school each day. The more she does then, the more time she'll have for fun later.

Think positive

Help your middle grader see home-work as a chance to prove her independence by getting her work done on time and doing it by herself.

Boost her confidence by telling her, "Homework gives you a chance to show all that you know." And give her a thumbs-up when she does just that.

BE THERE!

Vision - Being in school all day, every day, helps your child get the most out of middle school. Encourage good attendance with these ideas:

- Point out that there is no substitute for being in class. Your youngster needs to be present to hear teachers explain concepts, to participate in group projects and class discussions, and to ask questions.
- Schedule doctor, dentist, and counseling appointments for before or after school hours whenever possible. If you can't, try to arrange
- It will be easier for your child to get up on time for school if he has had at least nine hours of sleep. Set a reasonable bedtime, and make sure he puts away electronic devices so he isn't tempted to stay awake to read messages or play games.



High School YEARS

Working Together for Lifelong Success



Short Clips

Safety First

Your teenager may want to make plans without having to clear them with you first. But to keep her safe, you still need to know where she's going and who she'll be with. Insist on details, and give her a curfew. She may scoff, but deep down she'll know you love her.

Kindness is easy

Being kind in small ways shows others that you care – and it's simple. Encourage your high schooler to exhibit kindness throughout the day. For instance, he could carry the lunch tray for a classmate on crutches. Or he might give a quarter to a cashier if the person in front of him comes up short.

Dangers of vaping

Although e-cigarettes, or "vapes" may be marketed as a safer way to smoke, they're not. Vaping is simply a different way to put nicotine into the bloodstream. It's addictive – and it's illegal for anyone under 18 years old. Let your teen know these facts, especially if you suspect that her friends might be vaping.

VISION Worth quoting:

"The things that make me different are the things that make me."

A. A. Milne

Just for fun

Q: Why did the computer cross the road?

A: Because it was programmed by the chicken!



Time to talk VISION THIS:

Fifteen minutes may not seem like much. But research shows spending that amount of time each day talking with your teen can keep your lines of communication open. Try these four ways to make the minutes count.

1. Chat with your teenager when he's relaxed and in a good mood.

Knock on his door before he goes to bed, or greet him when he comes home from an evening out with friends. Start a conversation about your night and his, rather than asking him a lot of questions.

2. Watch for cues that your teen wants to talk.

If he has something on his mind – or just feels like talking – he may linger nearby while you cook or offer to go along to the grocery store with you. Encourage him to open up by casually asking how things are going.

3. Do an activity together. Your high schooler may feel more comfortable discussing his life while you're



taking a walk or driving to the mall. Be ready to listen extra closely if he mentions a serious topic like a new relationship or a friend who is in trouble.

4. Reconnect after interruptions. If you have to stop a conversation to take a younger child to soccer practice, for instance, let your teen know you still want to talk. ("I'll be back in 30 minutes. Can we talk more then?") Be sure to follow through when you get home.

I wouldn't miss it!

Vision – Teens who attend school regularly are more likely to graduate. Good attendance also creates a habit that can carry over into work later. Consider these tips.

Set expectations

Being out for even a day or two a month means losing valuable learning time. Tell your child that the **only** acceptable excuses are **illness, family emergencies, or pre-approved college visits.**

Discuss results

Point out that missing school means he'll have to make up coursework. If he falls far behind, he may have to retake courses

Note: Call the attendance line or write notes for excused absences so the school knows your teen is not skipping. **If he does skip, contact her school counselor so you can create a plan together to get him back on track.**

