

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.



These students (under the direction of Mr. McEvoy) were selected to be a part of the Ohio State Honor Band.



Dr. Merry's senior students on their field trip to the Rock and Roll Hall of fame in Cleveland.

5 Qualities all Hard Workers Possess

By Katy James

It doesn't take a genius to figure out that amongst a group of hard-working people there are going to be a series of hard-working people there are going to be a series of common qualities that they share. And the same goes for slackers – they are likely to share similar qualities too. I suppose that's what makes us able to differentiate between hard workers and non, hard workers.

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High School in Building 101

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Career Center Highlight:

CTE Showcase



The Columbus City Schools recently hosted a successful Career Technical Education (CTE) Showcase, drawing a large crowd of students and families eager to explore the district's diverse range of CTE programs. The event highlighted the many opportunities available to students interested in pursuing hands-on, career-focused education.

The showcase featured interactive exhibits, demonstrations, and presentations from various CTE programs, including programs in our comprehensive high schools.

A key highlight of the event was the participation of numerous industry partners. These organizations showcased the various career paths available to CTE students, both during high school and after graduation.

Industry representatives discussed apprenticeship programs, internships, and job shadowing opportunities, providing students with valuable insights into real-world work experiences.

By collaborating with industry partners, CCS aims to create a seamless transition for students from the classroom to the workforce. The CTE Showcase provided an excellent platform for students to connect with potential employers and explore future career possibilities.



...Hard Workers Possess

Here are five qualities all hard workers possess:

PUNCTUALITY

It may not seem like a big deal if you are a few minutes late to work or coming back from lunch, but you can guarantee one or more colleagues will be taking notice of this. Not only does it not look good on you if you're regularly late but it's unfair on coworkers and you can bet it hardly makes you look like a hardworking, dedicated team member. It looks more like you cannot be bothered.

INITIATIVE

Hard workers do not usually have to be told to do something. If they see something that needs doing, they do it. If they're not sure about how to do something that needs doing, they'll ask for help. They will also be looking for new opportunities to make improvements, etc.

PERSEVERANCE

There is nothing worse than working with somebody who gives up on tasks they find demanding in the hopes that somebody else will pick up their slack. Hard working people don't do this. They will stick with something until it's done to the best of their abilities and if they are struggling they will ask for assistance rather than fob it off on somebody who knows how to do it.

MOTIVATION

Hard working people are likely to have this quality since they are likely to want to do a good job of their work. They are motivated to learn or to get something finished and are able to motivate themselves to do it. They don't need to be made to do something just because the boss is about or because there is something in it for them if they do.

TEAM PLAYER

It is likely that someone who is hard working is also a team player. They can never not be bothered to help someone who is struggling and are happy to help somebody pick up new skills or train if they are new to the job.

There are of course an abundance of other qualities possessed by your average hard-working person, but these are just a little taster of what can be deemed as a desirable characteristic by colleagues and employers.

Hardworking:
adjective
(of a person) tending to work with energy and commitment; diligent

Tips for being a Successful Student:

One essential characteristic of a successful student is one take the initiative to seek out support when needed and to incorporate academic different academic strategies to enhance the learning process.

The following is a list of what a hard-working student does and what a teacher likes to see:

Successful Students:

- Attend classes regularly and they are on time
- They get all of the missed notes and assignments from other students or from the professor
- Turn in assignments complete and on time
- Are attentive in class. They ask questions and participate in class discussions.
- Take advantage of extra credit opportunities
- Take the initiative to meet with the instructor and the teaching assistant and engage in meaningful conversation outside of class
- Are active participants in the learning process
- Study outside of regular class hours to learn and reinforce material covered in lectures and recitations

Here are a few more tips to consider to increase your motivation towards becoming a more successful student:

- Set realistic goals
- Set learning goals
- See the value in the task
- Have a positive attitude
- Break down tasks
- Monitor your learning
- Create an interest in the task
- Learn from your mistakes



Teacher of the Month: Mr. Browning

What inspired me to become a Theatre and Acting teacher was a mix of practicality and passion. After my acting career hit a lull and I needed steady work, I turned to teaching, encouraged by friends who had joined the New York City Teaching Fellows program. I decided to give it a try for a few years, and 22 years later, I've found that my work as an actor and a teacher are inseparable. What I love most about teaching theatre is watching students' confidence blossom. Some students, whose parents claim they can't even speak to a waiter, end up performing scenes and participating in school plays, and it's a tremendous gift to witness their transformation in a supportive, creative environment. In my classroom, I foster a positive learning atmosphere by valuing the questions students ask more than the answers they give. I treat my students as fellow artists, traveling the same journey, and we maintain a sense of humor while being serious about our work. I encourage students to be strict with themselves but gentle with others, teaching that there is strength in vulnerability. My teaching philosophy centers on the idea that storytelling is part of everything we do in life. Theatre is about teamwork and communication, and even if students never perform on stage after high school, the lessons learned and the friendships made in theatre are lasting and valuable. I hope my students leave my class not only as better actors but as more compassionate individuals who understand the value in others. I want them to be present, engage deeply with the people around them, and occasionally return to the theatre as adults. Fort Hayes High School is especially meaningful to me because of the incredible staff and the artistic community we've built. The educators here are immensely talented and dedicated, and if students knew just how much their teachers are involved in the arts, they'd be in awe. The school is a cultural hub, with amazing visual artists, musicians, dancers, and even the Shot gallery and WCBE radio station right on our campus. I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of this vibrant community, and the students here are the best – curious, kind, talented, and passionate about justice. Every day, I'm reminded how lucky I am to be teaching at Fort Hayes.

Student of the Month: Yanijah Colts

As a student at Fort Hayes High School, my drive to become a Labor and Delivery (L&D) nurse has shaped my journey, and I understand that the path ahead will not always be easy. In this career, the combination of focus, patience, kindness, empathy, and understanding is essential to success, and achieving these qualities can be challenging for many. However, I've found that developing these traits has made my experience so much more rewarding. It's not just about medical skills; it's about truly connecting with others, making a difference in their lives, and being part of something much larger than yourself.

The Fort Hayes High School and Career Center has played a pivotal role in preparing me for my future. It has given me a head start in my career goals, while also showing me the many ways I can help others. I am grateful for the amazing classmates who make learning fun and the excellent teachers who challenge and inspire me. The work can be tough, but I know that with my hard work and dedication, I can reach my goals. More importantly, I'm excited about the journey and the chance to do meaningful work that I'm passionate about. My dream is to help others and witness the growth of families, and I'm confident that, with the foundation I've built here at Fort Hayes, I will be able to achieve this. Thank you to everyone who has supported me along the way.



School Calendar

Tuesday, January 28

HS Honor Roll Assembly – Defenders of the Crest

Parent Teacher Conferences (Winter part 1)
2:45 – 6:15 pm

Saturday, February 1

Saturday School
8:00 – 12:00 pm

Tuesday, February 4

Parent Teacher Conferences (Winter part 2)
2:45 – 6:15 pm

Wednesday, February 5

Professional Development Day
(no students)

Saturday, February 15

Shot Tower Gallery Scholastic Honorable
Mention Show Opening
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Monday, February 17

Presidents Day
(no school for students)

Parent Teacher Conference Comp Day for staff

Shot Tower Gallery Scholastic Honorable
Mention Show through March 8

Thursday, February 20

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

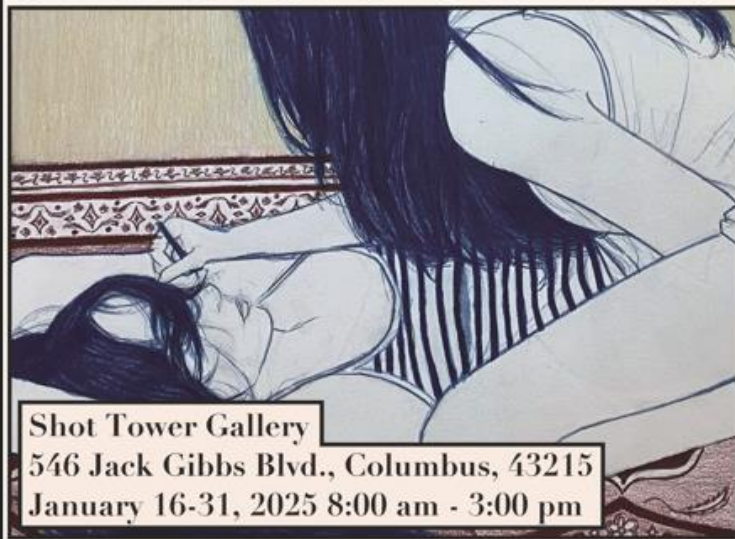

Saturday, February 22

Saturday School
8:00 – 12:00 pm

Thursday, February 27

High School Orchestra Concert
Performing Arts Auditorium 7:00 pm

ART PORTFOLIO SENIOR SHOW



Shot Tower Gallery
546 Jack Gibbs Blvd., Columbus, 43215
January 16-31, 2025 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Opening Night
Wednesday, January 15 6:00-8:00 pm

BE EXCELLENT.
BE THE EXCEPTION.
BE FORT HAYES.

Focused
Organized
Resourceful
Teachable

Hardworking
Artistic
Yearlong
Engaged
Scholarly



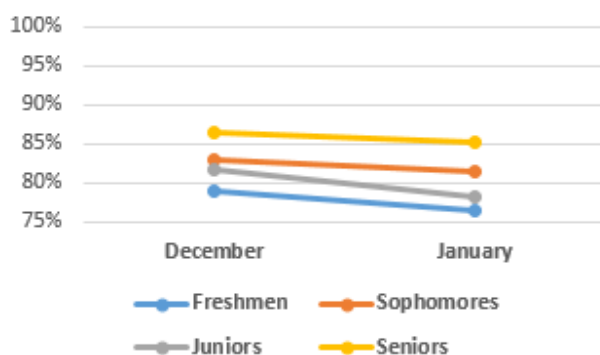
Parent Page

PBIS Trending Data

Incident Comparisons



Attendance Comparisons



News you Need to Know:

Columbus City Schools is ready for the return of winter and those days when inclement weather can have a major impact on your child's school day...and on your busy day. Make sure to plan ahead.

Stay Connected: News about school cancellations, extracurricular activities, field trips, and/or student-athletic events are shared in several ways:

- **Confirm:** the contact information on file at your child's school is accurate. If you need to update this information, contact the main office in your child's school or log on to the **Parent Portal** (this includes emergency contacts, phone numbers and email addresses)
- **Follow:** **Columbus City Schools** on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram or check our website. We'll share news about snow days and other cancellations with an instant message to your phone or tablet.
- **Answer Your Phone:** All families and staff will be alerted through an automated call from the District's phone system
- **Monitor:** the local news stations will broadcast updates on television and radio

For answers to **Frequently Asked Questions**, visit www.ccsch.us/weather



SPEAK UP
SAVE LIVES

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.



Anonymous Report Safety Concerns 24/7

The Safer Ohio School Tip Line is a free safety resource available to all Ohio schools. The tip line is an anonymous reporting system that accepts tips via call, text, webform, and mobile app 24 hours a day. Anyone can download the Safer Ohio School Tip Line app or use the webform.

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/>