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Cooking with Cops Finals





We got the camera crews in the kitchen and on the main stage, TV20 reporting, and 5 excited teams of youth, officers and Tri-C cullinary students. Teams have 45 minutes to create their creations from a host of ingredients. This is legit ... Chopped Kids

Cleveland style!!

Program started with a small grant in Collinwood from Cleveland Neighborhood Progress and goes citywide with support from the Cleveland Police Foundation, Tri-C, Cleveland Metropolitan Schools and others. Proud we launched

this program at Collinwood Nottingham Villages Development and the Five Pointes Community Center. Congrats to everyone but rooting for Hannah Gibbons School in Nottingham and Wade Park School.

Inquiry-Based Learning at Oliver H. Perry



by Brittani Irvin

Oliver H. Perry is so excited about our shift towards inquiry-based learning. Our fourth and fifth grade classes participate in weekly mini-courses with our community partners, Center for Arts-Inspired Learning and GigaLearn. Students had the option of photography, screenprinting or Gamebot for a ten week mini-course during the school day. In addition to mini-

courses, students in all grades are creating questions about what makes them curious and teachers are utilizing those questions to guide instruction. We are looking forward to our move into a new building in January. In our new building, we have a project lab on the third floor and collaborative learning spaces on each floor to take our inquires to the next level. Enroll your child today!





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Speaking of libraries, work has begun on

the historic Carnegie inspired Collinwood

Branch Library of the Cleveland Library

System located on East 152 Street. The

building is undergoing complete renova-

tion to include work on the adjacent park-

ing lot area. We are still waiting on word as

to what enhancements and improvements

will be done on the Memorial Nottingham

Branch Library and Annex on Lakeshore

Boulevard and when this work will start.

My sincere appreciation to my colleagues

in Council and the Administration and

Public Utilities for the support and passage

of legislation totaling approximately \$14.0

million to install a new storm sewer down

East 185th from Pawnee Avenue to Mar-

cella Road and then down this roadway to

Lakeshore Boulevard. This project will get

started in the spring and is critical to ad-

dressing the ongoing basement flooding in

the East 185th Street corridor and adjacent

streets. This project must be completed

before we begin Phase I of the East185th

Cuyahoga County Landbank of riding our

community of vacant, abandoned, and

foreclosed properties which are an eyesore

and a safety hazard. This work will con-

tinue throughout 2019 while at the same

time we will be working with our develop-

ment corporation and private individuals

on saving those structures which can be

placed back into productive use. Our goal

is to make major dent in the backlog of de-

molitions and to see more homes rehabbed

than ever before. If you are interested in

a specific property, call the Development

Public Safety remains a major con-

cern city-wide as we move into 2019. I am

pleased to report that Ward 8 continues to

have the lowest crime rate in the 5th Dis-

trict despite some incidents over this past

year. We continue to look to the CPD Ad-

ministration as to when additional officers

Corporation for possible help.

We are continuing to work with the

Street streetscape project.

Watch for future announcements.

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The Collinwood Recreation Center



by New Praise Ministries A Christmas Eve Celebration with New Praise Ministries Monday, December 24, 2018 6pm until 9pm. 18100 Canterbury Rd, Cleveland, Ohio 44119.







will be deployed in the 5th District and throughout the city. We have a good District Commander in Sammy Morris and the rest of the "Men and Women in Blue" who work hard everyday on our behalf. However, they need additional help. We the citizens of Cleveland were promised in

2016 with the passage of Issue 32 that there would be a significant ramp-up of patrol officers. That has not taken place to date. We are hoping in 2019 to hear and see a real game plan coming out of the Administration as how they are going to address these shortcomings in critical police personnel.

As we all know, though, Police alone are only a part of the solution to crime on the streets. We need citizens and concerned residents setting the tone on their own street and in the neighborhood. Let's continue to look out for one another, report incidents of crime, and be the "eyes and ears" for our 5th District Officers. If we do our part, our community will remain a low

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COMMUNITY MEETINGS

COLLINWOOD HOMEOWNERS MEETING 1st Wednesday of the month 7:00 PM St Mary Church 15519 Holmes Avenue

MyCOM MEETING 1st Thursday of the Month 5:30 PM Salvation Army Temple Corp 17625 Grovewood Avenue

EAST 185th STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 2nd Tuesday of the Month 6.00 PM Lithuanian Hall 877 East 185th Street - next to Post Office

DEMOCRATIC WARD CLUB 2nd Wednesday of the Month (September to June) 6:30 PM Collinwood Slovenian Home

15810 Holmes Avenue PRESIDENT: Councilman Polensek FRIENDS OF COLLINWOOD RECREATION

2nd Thursday of the Month 6:15 PM **Collinwood Recreation Center** 16300 Lakeshore Boulevard

5th DISTRICT COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETING 3rd Wednesday of the month

6:00 PM **Collinwood Five Points Community Center** Fast 152 Street except for: May (Murtis Taylor) July (St Clair Superior Dev Corp), October (Cleveland Job Corps Annual Dinner), November (Glenville Rec Ctr.)

EAST 156th STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 3rd Thursday of the month 6:00 PM **Collinwood Recreation Center** 16300 Lakeshore Boulevard

EAST 140TH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 4TH Wednesday of the Month (March to November)

6:00 PM Collinwood Five Points Community Center East 152 Street

CLEVELAND CITY COUNCIL Monday night at 7:00 PM Please note – this is a public and an open meeting but does not take public commentary

Any questions about these meetings please feel free to call Mary Louise Jesek Daley, Councilman Polensek's office, (216) 664-4236

crime area as compared to others sections of the east side. This is my hope for the New Year. Concerned citizens can and will make a difference

As always, I may be reached at my office at (216) 664-4236 or via email at mpole nek@clevelandcitycouncil.org.

On behalf of myself and my family, I wish all our residents, and those who work with our businesses and institutions in the community, a Happy Holiday Season; Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, a Joyous Kwanzaa and a prosperous New Year, to all. Sincerely,

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past year. It goes without saying that the community is only as good as the people and organizations in it. As we approach 2019, it is more important than ever before to get involved in our community or the

We all know that there have been major changes in our local development corporations this past year. We are moving forward, though, and doing our best to overcome bad decisions that were made by former Executive Staff members. Justice will be served on those individuals who took advantage of our neighborhood support and trust. Regardless of the actions of these individuals, our community is resilient and we must collectively refuse to allow their actions to define our community. Again, I urge, anyone who would like to become a stakeholder in our community and to get involved, to contact the Greater Collinwood Development Corporation, which now encompasses our entire Ward and part of Ward 10. They may be reached at (216) 383-9772. This past year, we are thankful for many

passionately about this school and special

by Michael D.

Councilman's Corner



worked on behalf of the community this clubs that encompasses your street.

projects and initiatives that have either been completed or are in progress. The historic Euclid Beach Pier project, Phase I, is now complete and I will be working with our partners, Cleveland MetroParks on Phase II and beyond. If you haven't been to the park lately, you need to see what a great addition this is to our community and the new arches which have been erected at the entrance and over the pier that have been designed to showcase the significance of the pier, the historic Euclid Beach Park and the park as it is now. My sincere thanks to the non-profit organization, Euclid Beach NOW and their President, Mr. John Frato, for helping to design these wonderful new arches.

Work will begin shortly on a new Mark Tromba Playground at Pomeroy Road in the Collinwood Village neighborhood, which will include a new water feature, additional parking and public art for the first time. The lights are already on at the new O.H. Perry Elementary School being constructed between Schenely and Harland Roads, just off East 185th Street. This project was a longtime coming and I want to thank the New Building Advisory Team members who played a critical role in the design of the building. We are also proud of the fact that the Library & Media Center will be named for George & Janet Voinovich, true community friends who felt so

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Santa is Coming to Collinwood!

It's that time of the year again! Snow has started to fall, and Santa and his helpers are in full force spreading holiday cheer. This year's Breakfast with Santa is going to be EXTRA special because we will be serving both north and south as ONE Collinwood. Breakfast, holiday crafts, and photos with Santa will be on Saturday, December 15, 2018 from 9am-12pm at Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Avenue,

& Nottingham Development Corporation) Councilman Polensek, and Councilman Hairston. The food will be donated by Gus's Diner 185 and volunteers will be from local area schools. We are excited to continue to build our relationships in the neighborhood and can't wait to come together as one community to celebrate the holidays! The event is FREE but space is limited. Registration is required, please visit: santacomestocollinwood.eventbrite.com

For more information, please contact Kristian Hunter at 216-268-2138.

Come join the Seniors of Collinwood at the Collinwood Recreation Center. Collinwood Seniors (ages 50 and up) have a structured program Mon, Wed, and Friday (7am - 12noon). This program includes various exercise classes, a walking club, computer classes, line dancing, arts and craft, and more. Additionally, these seniors do an annual overnight trip to awesome locations. This year our seniors went to Washington DC to visit the NEW Smithsonian African American Museum. The next upcoming trip is for July 18-21st 2019 to New York City. Registration for this

trip began October 15th 2018; interested patrons must register as a member of the Collinwood Recreation Center to attend this spectacular trip to the "BIG APPLE." See flyer for more details, open registration for the New York trip is at the Collinwood Recreation Center on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (9:00am - 12noon); call to schedule appointments for other times. Please review our Senior Program calendar for December/2018 for special activities and events. Note: There will be a Rummage Sale on December 17th 2018 (4pm-7pm). Vendor table are available for this event.

Take a break prior to Christmas! Come

join us and enjoy fresh baked cookies, hot

chocolate, movie, carolling, and an ugly

sweater contest. There will be fellowship

and stockings for children.

Cleveland Monsters donate STEM curriculum to Hannah Gibbons



Ryan Collins of the Cleveland Monsters demonstrates a hockey-related STEM activity for students at Hannah Gibbons School.

by CMSD News Bureau

Three Cleveland Monsters players visited Hannah Gibbons School on Nov. 20 - to help give students a lesson in STEM education.

The Monsters are providing a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) curriculum that will be used by second-graders at Hannah Gibbons, George Washington Carver, Michael R. White, Mound and Orchard schools.

The Great Lakes Science Center designed the curriculum for the Monsters.

Lessons use elements of hockey to teach concepts like force, motion and friction, while also working in math, literacy and physical education, all based on state standards. Students will work in small groups, sharpening their communication and teamwork skills.

"The best part is it all relates to hockey,"

Karyn Torigoe, STEM learning products manager at the museum, said during the announcement at Hannah Gibbons. "It introduces them to hockey."

Monsters Vice President of Marketing and Communications Pam Frasco said in a news release: "We are thrilled to partner with Great Lakes Science Center and their staff of experts to create the new Monsters STEM learning program. We believe this initiative will provide an engaging and fun classroom experience for all participating students.

The Great Lakes Science Center's Jon Darr Kradshaw walked some students through activities included in the curriculum, which will also be used in four suburban school districts. Monsters Ryan Collins, Justin Scott and Sam Vigneault answered questions about themselves and assisted students in the activities.



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You're invited to Family Math Game Public Input Needed for Euclid Creek Watershed Plan Night

by Sharon Kidd-Lewis

You are cordially invited to attend New Tech Collinwood's Family Math Game Night on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 from 3:00-5:00pm. The event will be held in the multi-purpose room.

Family Math Game Night will promote interest and mastery math, as well as, aid in building strong family-school partnerships. Students and families will participate in fun and educational math games that will reinforce what is taught in the class room. This event will highlight our school math curriculum and standards. Parents will have an opportunity to learn first-hand more about the school's current math curriculum and how they can be of support to their child throughout this learning process.

Families will participate in games that

will focus on multi-step equations. Math standard a.rei.1 explains Explain each step in solving a simple equation as following from the equality of numbers asserted at the previous step, starting from the assumption that the original equation has a solution. Construct a viable argument to justify a solution method.

We will also solve "real world: math problems, practice linear equations and complete math riddles. Families will also learn math techniques that can be used during out-of-school time to help scholars improve their overall math understanding.

This is a family friendly event and open to all families in the Collinwood community! Follow us on Instagram @NewTech-Collinwood for event updates and school

information We look forward to learning with you!

"The holiday season is a time for storytelling, and whether you are hearing the story of a candelabra staying lit for more than a week, or a baby born in a barn without proper medical supervision, these stories often feature miracles." – Lemony Snicket

by Elizabeth Hiser

Public input is needed to help update a watershed plan for the Euclid Creek watershed. A watershed plan is a comprehensive plan for achieving water resource goals for a geographically defined watershed. The Euclid Creek Watershed encompasses 23.3 square miles in northeastern Cuyahoga County and a part of Lake County. It covers portions of 12 communities including Beachwood, Cleveland, Euclid, Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Mayfield, Mayfield Heights, Pepper Pike, Richmond Heights, Shaker Heights, South Euclid, and Willoughby Hills. Euclid Creek watershed includes 40+ miles of stream, 30 miles of which is open channel and 10 miles of which is culverted or buried, as far as 8 miles away from the Creek's confluence with Lake Erie, our source of drinking water, at Wildwood Park in Cleveland. The watershed is nearly 85 percent developed. Non-point source pollution challenges include stream sedimentation / siltation, habitat alterations, stream ditching or channelizing, and other flow regime alterations stemming from high levels of impervious cover such as roads, driveways, and rooftops. Updates to this plan are led by Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District with funding from Euclid Creek Watershed Council and Friends of Euclid Creek through a Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District grant.

We are seeking input on the following: • Eroding sections of streams •Areas for improved management of

stormwater and flooding • Areas to protect for public greenspace and

wildlife habitat • Anyone can provide feedback by attending an open house or emailing input to ehiser@cuyahogaswcd.org.

Open houses are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with a short presentation at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, December 6, 2018 Mayfield Library 500 SOM Center Rd Mayfield, Oh 44143

Monday, December 10, 2018 Beachwood Community Center 25325 Fairmount Blvd Beachwood, Ohio 44122

Please RSVP by calling Elizabeth Hiser at 216-524-6580 x1002 or emailing ehiser@ cuyahogaswcd.org

As part of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's nonpoint source pollution control program, plans are being developed at the subwatershed level. These plans are called nine-element nonpoint source implementation strategy plans (NPS-IS Plans). Projects addressing erosion and water quality concerns need to be included in these plans to be eligible for some sources of federal funding such as grants awarded under the Clean Water Act S and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Major benefits of creating NPS-IS plans include 1) improved planning for watershed restoration and protection, 2) building consensus by collecting and analyzing data and information together, 3) identifying the most needed projects, and 4) developing granteligible projects with the components necessary for the greatest long-term benefits.

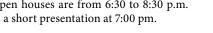
More info about the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program is available here: https://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/nps/index. This page includes a list of all subwatersheds that currently have plans. For more information, contact: Elizabeth Hiser

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CLEVELAND SCHOOLS PROGRESS The Cleveland Metropolitan School District is improving under The Cleveland Plan **A** new state report card and other data show **Increased Enrollment K-3 Literacy Improvement Third Grade Reading Guarantee** in High-Quality Preschool that the Cleveland Ranked higher than 113 Ohio districts Metropolitan School District is making 83.9% progress under The of students were promoted 4th grade this year 4.3% increase blueprint for education Increased reform in the city. We Graduation Rate 22.4% 74.3% 75.2% 74.6% are performing well in 72.1% graduation rate **69.1**% graduation rate 64.4% 66.1% for Hispanic for African-American growth and progress 56% 59.3% Students Students CMSD Hispanic students CMSD African-American students compared with districts 52.2% outpace their peers outpace their peers 10-11 11-12 12-13 13-14 14-15 15-16 16-17 17-18 statewide by 0.7% statewide by 6.8% statewide, enrollment in Fastest growing graduation rate among Ohio's urban districts and fourth fastest among all Ohio districts high-quality preschool is climbing, attendance is **Reduction in Off-Track Attendance** Active Parent improving and parents Engagement Report Card **22%** fewer students missing more than are actively engaged. Gains 10 days in a school year over the last 3 years 86.6% Increased on of CMSD parents **19** of **21** met with their test score children's teache indicators last year CLEVELANI 6.7% average gain on test score METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRIC Follow our progress 🔰 @EricGordon_CEO ClevelandMetroSchools.org A CMSD Communications Publication – 9/27/18

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misdemeanors, rather than felonies. doses.

Addiction is a problem, nationwide: and it is especially a problem at home. Solving that problem requires more than just a punitive approach; it requires a humane one. For years criminalization, both at the state and federal level, has been the primary response mode for drug-related issues. Labels, such as "felon" are used on many non-violent offenders, placing them into the same category as rapists and murderers. While this may be a temporary measure to solve a public crisis, it ends up doing more harm, ultimately, than protection. Rather than focusing on rehabilitation, it





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Why the Defeat of Issue #1 is Especially Troubling in Ohio

by Alexander Chavers Ohio voters decided the fate of Issue #1 this November, with 63.4% voting "No". A "Yes" would have radically shifted Ohio drug law by reclassifying many drug-related offenses (such as obtaining, possession, and use) as

The defeat of this measure is significant for one primary reason in Ohio: off all states, ours has the second highest rate of opioid-related deaths. According to a state report, that number had reached 4,854 by 2017. Montgomery was the county that topped the list, with a record of 521 over-

merely places a criminal label on those who are often struggling with addiction problems. Rehabilitation is what Issue #1 stood for: a more treatment, rather than punitivefocused approach to the drug crisis.

In addition to the misdemeanor clause, its provisions included prohibiting jail time for drug offenses until the third offense in 24 months, and allowed individuals previously convicted of drug "felonies" to petition the court to reduce them to misdemeanor. Another one of the law's provisions would have requiring any projected savings to be re-allocated to state rehabilitation programs and crime victim funds.

Other states that have "defelonized" drug possession include California, Connecticut, Utah, Alaska, and Oklahoma, according to the Urban Institute Justice Policy Center.

Issue #1 was very divisive among party lines. Many prominent Ohio Republicans, including now-governor Mike DeWine, opposed Issue #1, while most Democrats, including gubernatorial candidate Richard Cordray, came out in support of it. The measure also drew considerable support from many social justice organizations and out-of-state philanthropy groups, including the Facebook-owned Chan Zuckerberg Initiative

As predicted, much of the opposition played up the "too soft on crime" narrative. While certain prominent Republicans like Newt Gingrich surprisingly broke with ranks to support Issue #1, others, such as Ohio Chief Justice Maureen O' Connor, stuck to partisan lines. According to O' Connor, the measure would weaken the drug courts, and their power to use incarceration as a coercive method to get offenders into treatment

Another one of the overarching fears was that Issue #1, if passed, would embolden local drug traffickers in Ohio. With more leniency, they would be more likely to come and set up businesses in Ohio. The only problem there is that much of this "business" occurs not only on the streets but in offices by local prescribers as well.

Some of it is even through Medicaid: according to a report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, between June 2016 and May 2017 alone, "nearly onein-six", or sixteen percent of Medicaid beneficiaries were given opioid prescriptions. Of these, 21,146 either had cancer or were in hospice care at the time; 40,500 of the recipients were 18 or younger.

Another startling number, by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, echoes the pharmaceutical "business" of prescribing in Ohio: in 2015, Ohio providers gave 85.8 opioid prescriptions per 100 persons (9.96 million in total). This number superseded the national U.S. rate that same year, of 70 opioid prescriptions per 100 persons.

If the fear of "drug business" was a governing factor in the opposition to Issue #1, then it should also take into count where the business occurs behind closed doors. However, contrary to this fear, Issue #1 WOULD NOT have reduced penalties for people found trafficking. Instead, it would kept in place the "felony" classification for those convicted of sale and distribution.

For lower-level offenders, though, the label "felony" comes with many long-term consequences. Among these obstacles are finding a job, receiving welfare assistance, voting in elections, or being eligible to take out loans.

Who do these consequences affect the most: poor people. Ohio, in case you did not know, covers part of Northern Appalachia, one of the poorest regions in the country, and also one of the regions most affected by the opioid crisis, as noted by the NIH.

Overall, four times as many people are arrested for possessing, rather than selling opioids, according to Human Rights Watch. Even in cases where the possession is only a small amount, offenders will still receive a felony conviction.

In many cases, the "criminal" targets have been African-American. Unfortunately, while the framing of substance abuse as a human rights issue is long overdue, it is one that was absent when most of the victims were black. As a result, black communities have and will continue to bear the brunt of "suspicion" by any measures aimed against criminal justice reform.

This age-old drug policy is dangerous, especially for those it has targeted in the past. Now it is dangerous in the face of a new, national epidemic. Ohio's rejection of Issue #1 is a decision that will only end up harming those who fall into communities most affected by substance abuse: lowerincome and people of color.

Is incarceration the answer? 11% of inmates with substance use problems find adequate treatment at federal, state prisons and local prisons, according to a 2014 report by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University.

Additionally, an analysis by the Pew Charitable Trusts, comparing data from all 50 states, found no relationship between drug offender imprisonment rates by state and three key areas: rates of drug use, arrests, and overdoses.

The failure of Issue #1 should be a rallying call for us to reframe the narrative of substance abuse: especially in Ohio. This requires pointing to the failure of the War on Drugs policy, not just now, but back to the 1980s, during its weaponization against communities of color.

Treatment over penalization needs to be the solution. In November 2018, a majority of Ohio voters said "No" to a measure supporting that: a measure reducing drug penalties that would have reallocated eventual savings towards the goal of rehabilitation, rather than incarceration. Our collective "No" rebukes that effectively. It continues a policy and a mindset that is dangerous for those struggling with substance abuse. It paints them more as a human threat, than a person in need of help.

"Just Say No" is not an answer in 2018. Neither is imprisonment.

December 2018



OLL School Gives Back With Food Drive OLL Produces Christmas CD



The theme at Our Lady of the Lake School is "We Are Called" -- and the students put it into action every day. Recently, they planned and organized a food drive, to help provide meals for hungry people in the community

who might otherwise go without during the holiday season. By living their faith and answering the call, OLL students learn to be thoughtul and caring citizens.

Elf Jr a Big Success for OLL Parish Players





Every year, Our Lady of the Lake produces a show featuring the talents of students and parishioners, and each year their production draws big crowds. Their recent presentation of Elf Jr! was no exception, bringing in record audiences and raising nearly \$10,000 to support the theater program.



Under the guidance of Youth Minister Rita Testa, and a dedicated team of volunteers, more than 40 cast members really had a chance to shine onstage at Shore Cultural Centre. Director Bonnie Frye did a wonderful job cultivating the talents of the full ensemble, and audiences gave rave reviews.



lembers of the OLL choir rehearsed for months to create their first Christmas CD



Music Minister Melissa Gali-Bird was the guiding spirit behind the CD project.

Our Lady of the Lake has produced its first CD of classic Christmas music, and for a limited time you can order copies for only \$5. Great as Christmas gifts for the music lovers in your life, or as a special treat for your holiday season, this album brings you all the Christmas classics you love, performed with love and beautifully recorded.

The recording process was a labor of love for the adults and children who make up the OLL Choir, and another way for them to give something special to the community. Each year, the music ministry performs at community events and gives special outreach concerts throughout the parish. They hope the CD will be a chance for more

people to share in the gift of music, and the very special message of Christmas.

To buy your copy, or learn more about music ministry at Our Lady of the Lake, visit www.OLLEuclid.org or email Melissa Gali-Bird, Music Minister: Melissa@OL-LEuclid.org.

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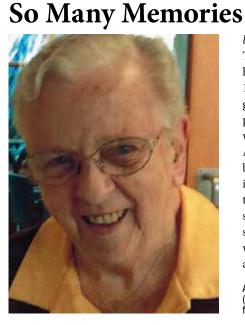
Join us for Christmas at Our Lady of the Lake. All are welcome! Evening Prayer Sundays 6:30pm beginning Dec. 2 Dec 7: Vigil Mass 6:00pm Dec 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception 10:00am Dec 24: 4:00pm, 7:00pm and Midnight Dec 25: 10:00am Dec 31: Vigil Mass 6:00pm Jan 1: 10:00am

Our Lady of the Lake | 19951 Lakeshore Blvd | (216) 486-0850 www.OLLEuclid.org





by Adele Markert





bv Katie Coan turkey, chicken, macaroni and cheese, sweet

St. Jerome Church

The Beacon on the Boulevard Collinwood's Catholic School 15000 Lake Shore Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44110



Classes of 2000 to 2018 Reunion

Calling all 2000-2017 gratuates of St. Jreome School. We hope you will attend a centennial reunion on Sunday, January 27, 2019. Help spread the word!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 27, 2019 when the St. Jerome School classes of 2000 to 2017 will gather for a reunion

as part of Catholic Schools Week. The Reunion will begin with 10am Mass followed by an Open House at both the convent and school. Light refreshments will be served.



by Adele Markert

The first of the Centennial reunions was held November 4th for the classes of 1922-1959. Memorabilia ranging from Monsignor Hammer's vestments to pictures pamphlets and articles throughout the years were on display in the convent. Nearly 100 Alumni attended with their family members and enjoyed refreshments while catching up with old friends. Two members of the Class of 1940 were present, and while she was unable to attend Sister Joann (Josephine) Kessler, OSU sent her regards. It was determined that she is the oldest living alumni that we have heard from.

A 1940 graduate of St. Jerome School, Sister Joann (Josephine) Kessler, OSU also taught at St. Jerome from 1962-1964.

Joy to the World!



"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord" Luke 2:11

Magic Winds

by Adele Markert We invite you to join us as we prepare for and celebrate the joyous coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ **Immaculate Conception** Vigil: Friday, December 7th 7pm Saturday, December 8th 8:30am **Christmas Eve** Monday, December 24th 4pm & 10 pm

Christmas Tuesday, December 25th, 10am Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Vigil: Monday, December 31st 4pm Tuesday, January 1st 10am



Frank Rosenwein, principal oboist for the Cleveland Orchestra will perform with City Music Cleveland at St. Jerome Church on December 12th at 7:30pm.

by Adele Markert We are delighted to host another fabulous concert on Wednesday, December 12th featuring Frank Rosenwein, principal oboist for the Cleveland Orchestra, who will perform Richard Strauss' Oboe Concerto in D *Major*, a lyrical work that sprung from the hopeful time just after WWII. Stefan Willich returns to conduct.

Rossini's L'italiana in Algeri Overture and Mozart's Symphony No. 39 in E Major frame the program. Doors open at 7pm with the concert beginning at 7:30pm. There is no admission, a free will offering will be taken up. This and all City Music Cleveland concerts are family friendly.

Class Friendsgiving

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, the St. Jerome first graders had a feast of their own. The feast was organized by the first grade families. Some of the foods we feasted on were

potatoes and mashed potatoes. Before we feasted, we all went around the room and shared one thing we were thankful for. In the eyes of a first grader here are some of what they are thankful for are: Family

Friends Teachers Candy Toys Cousins



Brothers and sisters

Thanksgiving is a time to remember all that we have and all that we are thankful for. By doing this, we hope to be reminded of all that we have.

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Fall Festival

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Time to get those costumes for the Fall Festival! Did you dare enter the haunted house?

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Stuff the Turkey

Here is our chart for tracking our progress. We beat

Our Stuff the Turkey final count was 1,019

nonperishables! Thank you to all the fami-

lies who were able to donate. Our class with

the most donations was Ms. Biederman's

class! Congrats to the third graders in Ms.

Biederman's room for bringing in the most

Costume Parade

our goal!

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COLLECTIVENESS

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Thank you families! Time to deliver our items just in

items. All the items donated weighed iin

at 1,035 pounds! Thank you to everyone

who helped us in reaching our school wide

goal!#WorldChangers #GivingBack #Rip-

time for Thanksgiving season!

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Prayer.

















attendance.



said. leaders.









smoothly with costume changes before the parade and to pass out candy at stations to students. It was chilly outside so the parade went through the building. Check out some of the costumes in these photos.





Muffins for Moms



Thank you Moms! We appreciate you! On November 16th, Imagine Bella celebrated all the Moms with a special "Muffins for Moms" coordinated by the Imagine Bella

and support your scholars!

to wrap up the month. Also, much appreciation to the families who helped things go

PTO. Thank you Moms for all you do to love

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Time for the parade to begin!

On October 31st, students participated in a

schoolwide costume parade. Thank you to

all the families who donated candy to make

this event possible! What a SWEET way

un and Games at the Fall Festival! Face Painting too!

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VASJ honors veterans with all-school assembly

"We're here today to honor our service members and to remember the sacrifices they have made and the courage it takes to defend honor, duty, and country," VASJ President Bill Cervenik '72 said at the all-school assembly in honor of Veterans Day.

Student Council President Harrison McCreight '19 led all in attendance in the Pledge of

Mr. Jim Tobin recognized all military members, past and present, within the VASJ family and identified the veterans who were in

"Take a moment to think about Veterans and their families, and what they have sacrificed in their lives to give us freedom," Tobin

Memorial candles representing the various wars and conflicts in which our veterans have served, were lit by our student government

Senior Class President Janessa White recited the Remembrance

LTC Brian A. Ferguson served as the guest speaker. Ferguson has been active duty in the military for 19 ¹/₂ years and has deployed overseas three times.

"Tradition is about honoring



VASJ President Bill Cervenik '72 welcomes all in attendance at the school's 2018 Veterans Day Assembly. LTC Brian A. Ferguson who has served active duty in the military for 19 ½ years deployed overseas three times, served as the keynote speaker.

and remembering," Ferguson said. "I jumped at the opportunity to come here today and speak about this tradition."

For Ferguson, serving in the military is a family tradition that dates back several generations, including his grandfather and his grandfather's grandfather.

You could hear a pin drop, and a few sniffles from those who were

overcome with emotion, during the them and tell them 'thank you,' playing of Taps.

VASJ President Cervenik asked for a show of hands from anyone who has family who has or is currently serving in the military. A

majority of hands went up. "Call them this weekend," he said. "Send them a note. Tell them, 'thank you.' And if you see a Veteran this weekend, go up to too.

All students, faculty, and staff, remained silent while exiting the gym to show respect and honor to those who have served.

Many students stopped to shake the hands of the veterans who were sitting in the first row of the gym and quietly thanked them for their service.

VASJ to spread Christmas Cheer with collection drive



Each year, the VASJ community comes together for a 12 Days of Christmas collection to help people in the community who are in need of assistance.

This Christmas season, VASJ's Peer Ministers chose to support women and children in crisis and have selected five agencies that will receive the items collected.

The collection will take place from Thursday, November 29, through Friday, December 14, for the following agencies: Hitchcock

Center for Women, Family Promise of Greater Cleveland, WomenSafe, Laura's Home -Cleveland City Mission Women's Shelter, and Providence House.

The following products will be collected for the agencies: personal hygiene and hair care products, household cleaning products, baby wipes, diapers, paper products (toilet paper, tissue, paper towels), and disinfectant wipes.

For students, teachers, and

staff, there will be collection containers in each of the homeroom classrooms as well as in the faculty lounge.

For those in the community who would like to participate, there will also be a collection container outside of the main office.

If you are looking for ways to give back and do good this Christmas, please consider joining VASJ students and contribute to the collection drive.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT VASJ

VASJ Movie Night Founders Day Liturgy Scholarship Day Continue the Dream Benefit St. Joseph Day Mass Admissions Open House 7th Grade Future Viking Day

December 15 January 22 February 1 February 23 March 19 March 21 March 28 Drama Club Spring Play Ladies Night Out Awards Ceremony **Baccalaureate Mass** Class of 2019 Graduation Alumni 2019 Golf Open Escape on the Lake 5K

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