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### Modern building to welcome students from O.H. Perry



Every classroom in the new school is equipped with a 75-inch interactive touch screen. Furniture is comfortable and easily rearranged.

by CMSD News Bureau

After waiting through more than a year of construction, students who attend Oliver H. Perry PreK-8 School will move to a new building in late January.

The distance between the old and new buildings is short – the structures occupy parts of the same property on Schenely Avenue near East 185th St. But the students will shift from a school built in 1927 to one filled with 21st Century technology and other features.

The modern surroundings are well suited for a new instructional model adopted by Oliver H. Perry – inquiry-based learning. In this model, students take the lead in their own learning by posing, investigating and answering questions. They present their findings.

The building features three community, or "extended," learning areas, open spaces where students will work together in teams.

Every classroom has a 75-inch interactive touch screen equipped with apps and software. A project lab will serve as a traditional science lab, but students also will use it for computer coding and robotics and have access to "maker space" materials.

The new building also has a sensory room, for students with special needs, and a large gymnasium. Furniture is comfortable and can be easily rearranged for individual or group work.

"Our staff is thrilled to be transitioning to new technology. And our students received a sneak peek at the gym – they cannot wait to host our first basketball game," Principal Brittani Irvin said. "Our

current building has limited technology, blackboards and a small gym. It does not promote 21st Century learning."

With room for 470 students, the new building spans three floors, one for kindergarten to second grade, one for third through fifth grades and one for sixth through eighth grades.

The existing building will be demolished, but stone features will be preserved and become part of walls surrounding student playgrounds.

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade will report to the new building on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Preschool students will report on Thursday, Jan. 24.

K-8 students will have no classes on Tuesday, Jan. 22, and preschool students will have no classes on Tuesday, Jan. 22 and Wednesday, Jan. 23. All students are off for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 21

The new building is among six that CMSD will open in 2019. The buildings are part of a modernization program that the District is carrying out with state and local funds.

(more photos on page 5)

### Santa Came to Collinwood!!





Holiday cheer was in the air when Santa and his helpers came to Collinwood! Over 200 people attended this year's Breakfast with Santa held on Saturday, December 15th at the Slovenian Home on Holmes Avenue. Breakfast was donated by Gus's Diner 185 and everyone enjoyed free pictures with Santa and crafts. All the children that attended the event received and hat and scarf distributed by Project Warm and donated

by the Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries Crochet Group. The free event was sponsored by Greater Collinwood Development Corporation (GCDC), Councilman Polensek, and Councilman Hairston. Stay tuned for more events from Greater Collinwood Development Corporation and its partners! A lot of exciting things are coming in 2019!

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### Community

grand opening will be planned. I will keep

Let me remind you that as of December

21st, WINTER is here. You wouldn't know

that but the weather we have experienced so

far. However, the "white cold stuff" is com-

ing. Be careful when bad weather hits. Snow

related street condition calls should go to

Operation Snowbird at (216) 664-2510 as well

as chuckholes and road repair issues which

goes hand-in-hand with winter conditions.

Unmoved cars and other vehicles left on your

street may be turned into the Commander

I hope all of you are aware by now that

the Greater Collinwood Development Cor-

poration has taken over responsibilities for

development activities for the entire Ward 8

community. Any resident and /or business

interested in learning more about GCDC

should call Mr. Jamar Doyle, the Executive

Director. He may be reached at (216) 383-

lion rebuild of the Mark Tromba Pool and

Playground in the Collinwood Village com-

munity. Work should be completed by July

2019. This project has been a long time in the

making and I am really glad to see it finally

happen. I want our parks and playground to

be on the same par as suburban facilities and

Speaking of new development opportu-

nities, we continue to be in discussion with

developers and potential new businesses on a

whole host of properties throughout the Ward

8 community. One that is very near and dear

to me is the former Longfellow Elementary

School site at Darley and East 140th Street. In

fact, this is the street my grandparents lived

on. Longfellow School is an historic land-

mark and should never have been closed by

CMSD; having said that, this took place long

before it became a part of Ward 8 through the

last ward redistricting. My goal is to see this

beautiful building re-envisioned and put back

into productive use. I will keep the commu-

We all know the importance of a college

education; that is a given. However, I hear

from more and more manufacturing busi-

nesses in the neighborhood that they cannot

find talented individuals with skill levels for

manufacturing careers. That brings me to the

Cleveland Job Corps Center located in our

ward at 13421 Coit Road. This center instructs

students in a whole host of skills, whether it

be in the trades or other professions. Best of

all, it is free of charge and supported by the Federal government. If you know of a young

person who would like to establish a mean-

ingful career path, please contact the Job

Corps at (216) 541-2500 to learn more about

You all know, I am a longtime dog owner,

and my "Collinwood Coyote," Lady Girl, was

a rescue dog from the Cleveland Kennel. As

everyone knows she goes with me to many

events and places in the neighborhood. There

is a group that I am very much in support of

and that is, the Friends of the Cleveland Ken-

nel, which is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organiza-

tion, whose mission is to provide necessary

medical and general care to dogs and cats in

need at the Cleveland Animal Care and Con-

trol Center. Ward 8 is full of pet owners and

animal lovers and I would encourage anyone

who would like to help out or make a dona-

tion to learn more about the Friends Group.

Visit their website at www.FriendsofCleve-

landkennel.com. Please support this group

who is working to protect God's four-legged

the programs available for career training.

nity informed as we move forward.

I will accept nothing less.

Work has begun in earnest on the \$1.5 mil-

Morris' office at (216) 623-5505.

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O, wind, if winter comes, can spring be far behind? Percy Bysshe Shelley

### Councilman's Corner



by Michael D.

CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE AGAIN Since my last message to the community, a lot has transpired. On November 13th I met with staff of the Cleveland MetroParks at their

ments to Euclid Beach, Villa Angela and Wildwood Parks. Phase One reconstruction of the historic Euclid Beach pier is done and what a great addition to park. Not only does it look good but it is handicapped accessible which is a blessing especially for the disabled and seniors who live adjacent to Euclid Beach. In Phase Two we are talking about additional enhancements to the bluff, an additional picnic pavilion and a splash pad for small children. We also discussed the Wildwood Marina and enhancements that could take place there as well. At the end of the day, my goal, working with our partners, the Cleveland MetroParks, is to make our lakefront a true destination place not only for Ward 8 but also for the greater community.

headquarters to discuss Phase Two improve-

As I have been reporting, we are working with the Cuyahoga County Landbank and the City's Demolition Bureau to target and remove those structures which are beyond repair or rehabilitation. My goal is to rid our neighborhood of the evesores and to preserve the structures worth saving. As I mentioned before, if you are interested in a vacant property, start by calling Peggy Kearsey at the Greater Collinwood Development Corporation at (216) 383-9772. You can also call the Cleveland Housing Network (CHN) at (216) 574-7100 or visit their website at www. CHNHousingPartners.org.

The majority of residents should have received by now, from the Division of Waste Collection the "Do's and Don'ts" of what is recyclable and what is not, pertaining to the black waste cart and the blue recycling cart. Please pay attention to what you are placing in your carts. Waste collection is citing residents who contaminate the recyclables with garbage and other non-recyclable items. If our curbside recycling program is to be successful, we must all pay attention to the regulations. Thanking you in advance.

Unfortunately, I am still being confronted with homeowners who have fallen upon hard times and are facing foreclosure issues. Please do not ignore any legal notices from your Mortgage Lender. If you have a problem or have fallen behind on your mortgage you can call CHN, once again, at (216) 881-8443, their Foreclosure Prevention Hotline. If you fall behind on your property taxes, do not ignore those notices, either. You can establish a payment plan with Cuyahoga County. Property owners who fail to pay their taxes run the risk of their home being put up for Sheriff's Sale. Please be proactive, for ignoring any legal notice will only make the situation far

As I have reported, the new O.H. Perry Elementary School is on schedule and is planning on opening at the end of January. The demolition of the old school will commence sometime thereafter and then the new parking lot, playground and play area will be finished off. Those of us who grew up in the neighborhood hate to see the old school building come down; however, the new Perry School will be a state-of-the-art k-8 elementary school which our children are certainly disserving of. A

1st Wednesday of the month

15519 Holmes Avenue

1st Thursday of the Month 5:30 PM Salvation Army Temple Corp

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**EAST 185th STREET NEIGHBORHOOD** 

2nd Tuesday of the Month

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(September to June) Collinwood Slovenian Home

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6:15 PM

5th DISTRICT COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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### ASSOCIATION

3rd Thursday of the month

Collinwood Recreation Center 16300 Lakeshore Boulevard

#### **EAST 140TH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

(March to November) Collinwood Five Points Community Center

Monday night at 7:00 PM Please note – this is a public and an open

Any questions about these meetings please feel free to call Mary Louise Jesek Daley,

or a blessed Christmas season; and to those who celebrate Kwanzaa, a joyous experience. Our ward is culturally, ethnically and racially diverse. Many of you have heard me say many times over the years that this is something to be very proud of, to embrace and to rejoice in. There are few neighborhoods like ours left in the City of Cleveland. That being said, in 2019, let's all recommit to make our community the best it can be.

8 community, may you all have a safe, prosperous and healthy New Year. God bless all.

As always, I may be reached at my office at (216) 664-4236 or via email at mpolensek@

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January 2019

**COLLINWOOD HOMEOWNERS MEETING** 

7:00 PM St Mary Church

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### ASSOCIATION

6:00 PM Lithuanian Hall

**DEMOCRATIC WARD CLUB** 2nd Wednesday of the Month 6:30 PM

15810 Holmes Avenue PRESIDENT: Councilman Polensek

### 2nd Thursday of the Month

**Collinwood Recreation Center** 16300 Lakeshore Boulevard

### MEETING

3rd Wednesday of the month

### **EAST 156th STREET NEIGHBORHOOD**

4TH Wednesday of the Month

East 152 Street

#### **CLEVELAND CITY COUNCIL**

meeting but does not take public commentary

Councilman Polensek's office. (216) 664-4236

I hope all of you had a joyous Chanukah

On behalf of my family and the Greater Ward

clevelandcitycouncil.org.

### Community

### **Annual Shareholders Meeting for** The Slovenian Society Home

by Debbie Galasky Annual Shareholders Meeting for The Slovenian Society Home 201713 Recher Ave. Euclid, Ohio

Will be held on Sunday February 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the upper hall. There will be refreshments in the clubroom immediately after the meeting. The Board would like to see a good turnout at the meeting.

### Make a difference: "Big Clean" looks for volunteers in 2019



Help plan the Big Clean on Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019 at 6pm at Euclid City Hall.

by Allison Lukacsy-Love

The snow has fallen, trapping wrappers, bottles and other litter until the spring melt when the trash reappears along city streets. It is not a pretty visual, but YOU can help make a difference in the appearance of a cleaner, more beautiful Collinwood.

Save-the-date for the third annual Euclid v. Collinwood "Big Clean" Great American Cleanup on Saturday, April 6th, 2019. Let's try to sweep the "competition" this year we came so close last year to beating the City of Euclid!

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Want to help plan the "Big Clean"? The first meeting of the new year will take place during the 'Keep Euclid Beautiful' meeting on Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019 at 6pm at Euclid City Hall (585 East 222nd Street). For more information or questions on

how to get involved, contact Stephen Love at stephen.love20@gmail.com . For information on other clean-up activities and the Cleveland Plogging Club, check out Euclid Beach Adopt-A-Beach's Facebook page for regular updates.

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gramming has been created to span over three days (Celebrate, Educate and Create). Our kickoff event "Celebrate," will take place on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, at St. Mary's Church, located at 15510 Holmes

Greater Collinwood Development Corpo-

ration (formerly Collinwood and Notting-

ham Villages Development Corporation)

is partnering with the Collinwood Reads

Movement to host a Non-Violence Week in

celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.. Pro-

Ave., Cleveland, Oh 44110. Doors will open

at 5:30pm and the program will start at

Non-Violence Week

6:00pm until 8:00pm. The evening will be filled with performances from local schools to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. and a pledge of non-violence will be taken to close the night.

The second event "Educate," is on Thursday, January 24th at Five Pointe Community Center, located at 813 E. 156th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44110. From 5:30pm to 7:00pm we will hold a community discussion on how to decrease violence in the neighborhood. This is a great opportunity for residents to voice their ideas and opin-

Our final event "Create," will be held on Friday, January 25th, at Gamerhaven, located at 818 E. 185th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44119. The event will be held from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. The Time Is NOW: Open Mic Night will go from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Any poetry, music, and/or dance performances for the open mic night must have the theme of social justice, equality, and non-violence.

We have carefully crafted the week to allow voices to be heard and to achieve positive opportunities and outcomes for the neighborhood. Should you have any questions, please contact Kristian Hunter at 216-268-2138.

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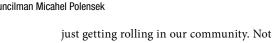
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### E 185th Neighborhood Association Launches Collinwood Reads







by Elva Brodnick

It was a grand old time, at the E 185th Neighborhood Association's (the "Block Watch") December 11th meeting. Good food, good neighbors - & books! Lots of books!

Each December meeting, our group traditionally holds its annual Holiday Potluck & Get Together, where we share favorite dishes, while also sharing good times with our neighbors. Conversation is lively, the food is great . . . & it's always a great way to start off the holidays.

This year though, we decided to add something a bit different: collecting books, for the new Collinwood Reads!project,

only that . . . to help introduce Collinwood Reads!to everyone in Collinwood, we also decided to have even more fun, & read 'Twas the Night Before Christmas (A Visit from St Nicholas) as a group. And we did it, while being taped by Cleveland's TV20.

We had a ball, tossing the lines from one end of the room to another, listening as this old beloved poem was read aloud, by many voices, with the Lithuanian Hall's Christmas trees a perfect backdrop to our read-

Meanwhile, all kinds of books were stacking up on the counter: kids' & adults' reads, all different authors & categories - we actually ended up with 159 books. A very good start for Collinwood Reads! (Check out the attached photos - thank you, Caro-

As we always do every month, we also welcomed Councilman Polensek, our own Police Fifth District's Community Engagement officers (& Fifth District Commander Sammy Morris), who reported on things happening around the Collinwood community. We were also pleased to have Ebony Donley - who created Collinwood Reads!- there to not only accept all these books, but tell us about Collinwood Reads!

Watch for TV20's airing of our meeting. And stay tuned, for more news coming

about Collinwood Reads! - big things will be happening, connected to this great project, come 2019!

January 2019

As always, we invite you to check out your local Neighborhood Association - the meetings are always listed in the Community Meetings calendar, here in the Collinwood Observer. This is your regular monthly chance, to talk to both the Councilman & our local Police District, keep up to date on neighborhood issues - & it's a great way to be active in this community of ours. Look forward to seeing you! (And bring a



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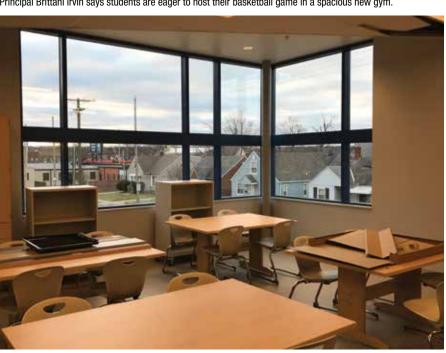


### Community

### Modern building to welcome students from O.H. Perry (continued from front page)



Principal Brittani Irvin says students are eager to host their basketball game in a spacious new gym



Large windows provide a view of the surrounding neighborhood.



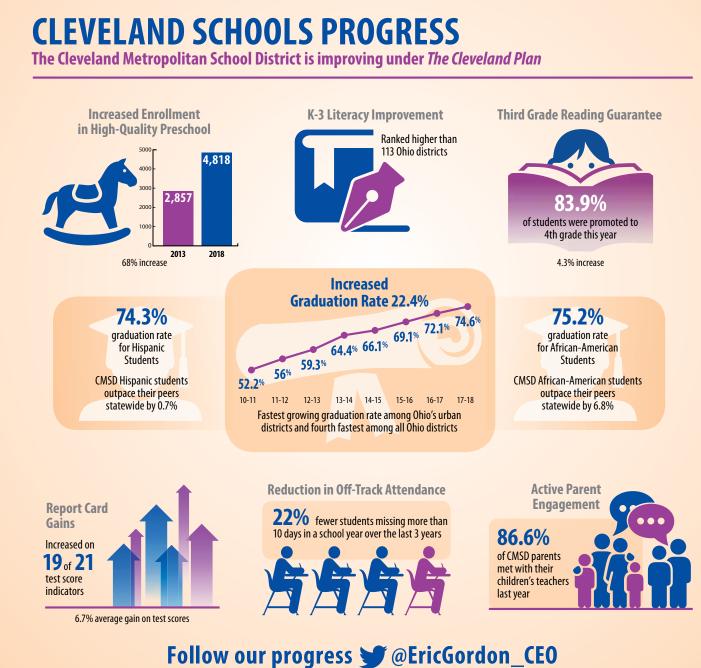
The building has three floors, one for kindergarten to second grade, one for third through fifth grades and one



card and other data show that the Cleveland Metropolitan School District is making progress under The Cleveland Plan, a blueprint for education reform in the city. We are performing well in growth and progress compared with districts statewide, enrollment in high-quality preschool is climbing, attendance is improving and parents are actively engaged.



ClevelandMetroSchools.org



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### **Cleveland's Tale of Two Economies**

by Catherine Dronet and Danielle Dronet Driving from South Collinwood over to the East 185th area I thought about the dichotomy of economics in Cleveland. The quick shift from burned down apartment buildings to quaint houses and welcoming bars and cafes on East 185th Street is jarring. Cleveland has been listed in several articles across the United States as a member of economically segregated cities. A new publication by Kate Wallis at Center for Community Solutions blamed the color of one's skin as the primary factor for Cleveland's segregation problems; however, there are many other contributing factors that cause the socioeconomic segregation. Cleveland neighborhood residents can each provide a story about why they think Cleveland's dichotomous economic state of affairs exist. There are deep, emotional stories that speak deeper than race and live among our communities to help understand a person's individual socio-economic struggles. We lose the opportunity to understand human relationships when we hang our hat on race and call it a day.

The University of Toronto's Martin Prosperity Project provided a detailed explanation about income, segregation, and occupation to help understand what is happening between the "Haves and the Have Nots". There is more happening in our communities that create division than race alone. According to the University, "Segregation of the Wealthy, the top 1 percent of American earners take home 25 percent of the nation's annual income and control 35 percent of its wealth. Increasingly, they live in their own exclusive enclaves as well."

Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz scathingly put it, they (the rich) "have the best houses, the best educations, the best doctors, and the best lifestyles, but there is one thing that money doesn't seem to have bought: an understanding that their fate is bound up with how the other 99 percent live."

What shall Cleveland do? Continue focusing on the race card or expand our thought process and develop an understanding about how we operate and contribute to our current socio economic structure? Stiglitz' comment that the wealthy fate is tied to the daily operation of others speaks to Cleveland. Businesses, neighborhoods, and bureaucratic services (public transportation, utilities, social security, food stamps, welfare to work programs, and education to name a few) operate at their best potential when residents, regardless of income, have consistent access to the demand of proof of eligibility. Employers, employees, home owners, consumers, renters, recipient of anything are required to prove who we are, earnings, household economic status; the list is endless. The manner in which Cleveland and the rest of Cuyahoga County engages in this data collection and distribution/redistribution of goods and services participates in the socio-economic divide.

How neighborhoods reach other to employ and spend individual earnings is stifled by the limitation of access and sharing of data. As different neighborhood's crumble the link between communities is cut off and other neighborhoods become economically strangled islands. The race card is an enticing option as there is nothing any one individual can do about that. We can continue to shy away from what our eyes clearly can see as a hot mess of burnt buildings, poverty, and drug deals at the convenience store parking lots. Yet, the University of Toronto is providing a multilayered analysis of the human interaction with themselves and their world. Small Cleveland businesses and corporate service businesses assume employees and potential employees will accept earnings that do not necessarily equate with the ability to live above poverty. "Service Class Segregation with sixty million plus members, the service class is the largest occupational class, encompassing 46 percent of the U.S. workforce. Its members toil in the fastest growing, but lowest paid job categories in the United States, such as food preparation and service, retail sales, and personal care,

earning an average of \$30,000 per year."

With this economic factor in place, Cleveland neighborhoods continue to plummet into despair for many reasons, including the inability to travel. When our employees cannot get to work due to higher bus fares, shorter lines, and reduced available times, we all suffer economically together.

Yes, Cleveland's racial community divide

is a profound issue, though just telling each other about it does not solve anything. According to NYU sociologist, Patrick Sharkey "Race remains a key marker of stratification in American society. Two-thirds of black children who were raised in the poorest quarter of U.S. neighborhoods a generation ago now raise their own children in similarly poor neighborhoods. About half of all black families have lived in the poorest American neighborhoods over the last two generations, compared to just 7 percent of white families." The issue of racial divide that contributes to intergenerational poverty requires an infusion of technological advancement. This form of equal access to share and distribute personal information to create and economically stabilize is not the cure. Yet, it is a factor that can possibly provide solutions. Additionally, it can aid in reducing the shadow of race as the catchall to explain how we engage economically together as communities.

DOOR PRIZE TO THE FIRST 5 WHO REGISTER ONLINE

What shall we do together? Economic stability relies on proof of financial status- regardless of income. To qualify for anything including employment, buying a house, renting an apartment, attending school, or the cost of utilities, we must prove ourselves: credit scores, credit history, and income earnings. Continuous electronic access to demonstrate who we are and our financial digital footprint is not available or accessible to everyone in Cleveland. The lack of access to personal information is not continuously available with speed and efficiency. The lack of access to and ability to share personal information and financial records when attempting to create a steady economic platform is part of our struggling neighborhood's demise.

January 2019

CAMHP Foundation's mission is to research, analysis and develop citizen's initiatives for the purpose of creating neighborhood relative economic stability.

We look forward to your comments and suggestions at camhpfoundation@gmail.com

Danielle J. Dronet is completing her PhD at the Institute of Clinical Social Work and Catherine A. Dronet is graduating with a degree in political science and economics from Bishop's University in Canada. Reference Articles

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### Community

### Tech Power to the People: A Citizens' Initiative for 2020



CAMHP Foundation: Citizens' Initiative, 2020

by Joshua Silvia

Collinwood,OH- CAMHP Foundation and local university students from schools of economics, political science, psychology, and sociology will work with high school seniors, including Collinwood High School to collaborate on Tech Power To the People: A Citizens' Initiative. The initiative's purpose is to bring to the 2020 ballot the use of Blockchain as an app tool for Ohio residents to upload identifying information and other pertinent financial information to apply, attest, and reattest for social services and benefits.

The initiative will serve as a capstone project to provide a lived experience of civic action. The capstone will move through the Ohio legislative process to present to the public the use of Blockchain to aid in the reduction of economic inequality, poverty, and neighborhood segregation.

Currently, residents in Ohio apply online and/or in person for Medicare/Medicaid, SNAP (food stamps), child care vouchers, and government housing. The importance

Clean up

of addressing this through a citizens' initiative is to bring to light the economic struggles caused by this format. The demands upon residents to comply with this application process is time consuming, ineffective, and contributes to the overall inability to stabilize economically. Social goods and services provide for a large percentage of Clevelanders' basic needs that aid in getting to work, paying rent, purchasing goods and services that supports Cleveland.

A Blockchain app offers a secure uploading of documents that can allow approval and reattesting of information without the need to leave work, miss work, spending money on transportation, and avoid loss of documents.

The capstone project will begin January 20th, 2019; the university students will canvas the neighborhoods to collect data about residents' experiences and knowledge of social service goods and services. All students will engage in the research process of providing information to our communities. The information collected will be used to provide student debates for the community to attend.

Anyone interested in joining our capstone as a volunteer or would like more information about the initiative please contact at us at (216)370-3250 or email us at camhpfoundation@gmail.com

Josh Silva is a graduate of Miami University in English. He researches and analysis data for CAMHP Foundation.

### **Master Mechanical Saves Christmas**



by Liz Copic

The average car has around 30,000 parts, and I only know what like 10 of them actually do. I have many skills but mechanics was never one of them, that's why I take my car to Rich, my car doctor, saying "she's not sounding too good, so let's see Rich for a checkup", and he never let's me down.

Rich Ziegler has been the owner of Master Mechanical on East 200th St. for as long as I can remember, and has taken care of every car I've had from 16yrs old to my now 37yrs old, including getting my old car ready to drive across the country to Seattle.

A few weeks ago (during the busiest time of the year for my family business) my car wouldn't start. Since I was on the westside I found a shop nearby with towing, and had it taken there. They charged the battery, and replaced the old cables connecting to it, thus getting it running again. The price wasn't too bad, but then they tried to talk me into spending \$400+ more for a new alternator. I passed on the alternator, saying

I would rather have my usual guy do it. A week later, I took it to Rich at Master and after looking, he tells me "it doesn't need an alternator, it's fine, and do you really need back wiper blades? Cause the new motor for those is almost \$300". Luckily it just needed some fluids, and tightening up of the muffler that was rumbling.

I'm thankful to have a trusted friend that asks good questions like "Do you need to drive it on the freeway?", "Would you like the inexpensive get it running fix, and do the expensive stuff next month?", "When was the last time you \_\_\_\_\_?", and "Do you really need back wiper blades". The answer is no, no I did not want to spend an extra \$300 on a motor for back wipers, or \$400+ on an alternator I didn't need, especially right before Christmas.

Thanks and Happy New Year to everyone at Master Mechanical! Master Mechanical is located at 718 East 200th street, 216.481.9090. Tell Rich the Observer sent you!

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**Academics Community** 

Other teachers give credit to the culture

January 2019

### A Lifelong Commitment to Catholic Education



All of these teachers were once students in the very same building, and their own experience here inspired them to dedicate their careers to Catholic education. From left to right: Katy Butauski, Jenny Millett, Meghan McGarry, Pete Dautovic, Korie Rossman, Lauren Zbiegien and Rita Testa

All of the teachers at Our Lady of the Lake are dedicated, caring professionals. Some of them are so dedicated that they returned to the school they attended as children, so they could pass along the gift of Catholic education to the next generation. In fact, nearly a third of today's teaching team at OLL School were once students in the very same building, a rare level of commitment and continuity that helps reinforce the school's strong culture. What about this place is so special, it made all these teachers into "lifers"?

Jenny Millett has taught a number of different grades at OLL, and gotten to know all aspects of the school. Now the Principal, she can tell you exactly what drives her love for this place: "This is home for me," she says. "I am also a member of the community, and it's important to me that this area continue to thrive. I am so excited to have had the chance to experience the past here, and I am looking forward to all of the great things that Our Lady of the Lake will con-

Other teachers, like Lauren Zbiegien, Assistant Principal and Second Grade Teacher, also speak to past experiences and a sense of community. "I knew since I was in grade school that I wanted to teach second grade (here)", Zbiegien says. "My closest friendships were formed here. So many visitors leave our school stating they can't believe how welcoming and comfortable our school is. I want all of our students to feel that sense of community that I remember feeling when I was a student." Katy Butauski, OLL's art teacher, seconds that thought, saying "I have been a member of Holy Cross/

Our Lady of the Lake since I was Baptized

of inclusion and care that Catholic Schools, and particularly Our Lady of the Lake, support. Pete Dautovic talks about the ways in which that culture is not only good for students, but good for teachers, as well. "I love the catholic school environment. I think teaching in a Catholic School gives teachers and students a unique opportunity to infuse faith into all academic subjects and all areas of the school. The interaction with the kids is by-far the highlight of the job. The students have so much energy and positivity. They help keep you young." And indeed, all of these teachers have stayed "young" in their energy for their teaching. They continue to come into the classroom with enthusiasm and joy every day. What makes this possible? It seems there is something special about

a faith-filled environment, grounded in the Catholic mission of education, that lets both teachers and students experience something more, and supports and renews them. Korie Rossman, a 25-year veteran at OLL School, talks about this when she says "My favorite subject to teach this year has been religion. It's a great opportunity to see the true child. They love to share their stories with each other." Rossman goes on to share how a strong teacher was an influence for her as a child, and motivated her decision to return to Catholic education. "My sixth grade teacher, Sr Jeanette, was a true example of a Christian role model," she says. "She was very sincere, fair, and caring toward her students. I strive to be as good a role model as she was."

Meghan McGarry, OLL's Pre-K Teacher, gives another example of what makes this faith-based environment special for her and her students when she says "I think it's spe-

cial that I can see some of my students at Mass on Sunday's. It's so exciting to watch their faces light up when they see you. I am proud that I can be a model of the Catholic faith for our children who continue to grow in their faith." It's this extra level of caring that makes the school experience so valuable for students.

Lauren Zbiegien reinforces the importance of caring when she shares a lesson taught to her in her early years as a teacher, by a wise and experienced colleague at Our Lady of the Lake. "She said, "Lauren, teachers can have all the best technology and teaching tools, but what students want is to feel loved. If they know you love them, then they will be on the path to success." It's true that Our Lady of the Lake School prides itself on having advanced technology in every classroom, as well as nationally recognized curriculum. But maybe its greatest gift is the depth of commitment and caring seen in its teaching team. And that teaching extends beyond the classroom.

As youth minister, Rita Testa gets to both teach electives in the classroom and spend time with the students in ministry group. That means fun outings, service projects, parties and activities. You'll often hear her saying, "I love these kids!" and it's clear that she means it. She can tell you all about the students who have come through her ministry group, about their interests and their passions, where they're working or going to college today - and many of them keep in touch, years later, stopping by to visit or to volunteer. That seems to be the connection - the connection that keeps teachers and students coming back to Our Lady of the Lake, that has made so many teachers dedicate their lives to Catholic education, and that continues to make Our Lady of the Lake School a very special place.

### Races and Raffles and Fun!



Every year, Our Lady of the Lake School hosts a fundraising bash that has become a high point of the season for the hundreds who attend. Known as Life on the Lake, this annual event has raised more than \$450,000 to support quality Catholic education at OLL School, supporting technology in every classroom and a whole range of enrichment programs such as languages and arts.

This year the theme for Life on the Lake is Races and Raffles -- and it promises to be



a lot of fun! Entertainment includes races, betting booths, dozens of high end raffle baskets, and sideboards, as well as dinner, full bar, music, and dancing. It's sure to be a great night, and to support a great cause.

If you're interested in buying tickets to Life on the Lake, or making a donation to support Our Lady of the Lake School, please email kilroy2012@roadrunner.com

### **OLL Open House**



Our Lady of the Lake School invites everyone to stop in for Open House on Sunday, January 27 from 11:00am-1:00pm. Open House is a great time to learn more about Our Lady of the Lake School, the advantages of a quality Catholic education, and opportunities that could be available for

Along with classroom exhibits and demonstrations, guided tours and information packets, the school will also be offering some fun entertainment. The PTO will have refreshments available for all, and will be

displaying some really exciting raffle baskets. Open House is a perfect opportunity for interested families to learn more, but it's also a great chance for neighbors to come and get acquainted. Our Lady of the Lake School is invested in the community, and always welcomes visitors who want to find out more about the good things happening

For more information on Open House, please call Jennifer Millett, Principal, at (216) 481-6824, or email Jenny@OLLEuclid.



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### **Christmas Joy!**



Little Casey thought the Manger scene was so wonderful she wanted to be part of it!

by Adele Markert

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.

### **Coming Events**





Jim and Marybeth stand ready to mark off the numbers as they are called. Con't miss the fun February 1st at

bv Adele Markert

We invite all graduates of St. Jerome School from 2000-2018 to join us for a reunion on Sunday, January, 27th beginning with 10am Mass. Light Refreshments and School and Convent tours will follow. Catch up with old friends, see what has changed, and it's Catholic Schools Week so you will get a look at what our current students are doing. February 1st we will hold our Annual

Reverse Raffle at Tizzano's Party Center. There will be sideboards, a Chinese Auction with wonderful prizes, music, friends, and of course the main board with a top prize of \$2,000. Call the school or church office for ticket information. See you there!



The ladies of Altar and Rosary Society met for a lovely Christmas Luncheon at the beautiful Shoreby Club.

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### **Season of Service**





Sweet! Hot Cocoa with Santa!

Before winter break, classroomsshared out about Service Learning projects as part of our "Season of Service". Check out below for some images of how the students helped to spread holiday cheer or support a need in

### **Giving Tree**

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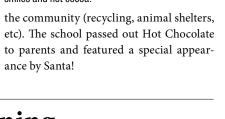


Imagine Bella featured our annual giving tree. What's a giving tree? The giving tree gives families and staff the opportunity to give back to families that could use a little extra support during the holiday season. The tree was located on the first floor in the hallway directly across from the office. There were paper snowman ornaments on the tree that list items that students need. The process is completely anonymous and we had many helpful "elves" this season! We sincerely appreciate your support. The PTO helped out with wrapping too during their December meeting. Thank you for all you do to help the Imagine Bella community!

### **Guest Reader**



Thank you for reading and bringing the books from Santa!



### **Project Based Learning**



### **Merry Mischief**



Elves were busy in several classrooms during the month of December. Check out some silly photos of some of their hiding spots this month!



Rainforest ecosystems by 5th graders in Mrs. Akers



**Guest Reader** 



Thank you Mr. Streeter for visiting as a guest reader! Third grade students at Imagine Bella had the pleasure of having Mr. Jake Streeter Sr. come to our classes and read his book.

What an inspiration! Thank you Mr. Streeter! Shout out to Ms. and Mr. Smith for serving hot chocolate and goodies. Thank you!

Member Claire Powell visited to read to

students and Mrs. Jenkins mom came by to

read to her class too!

### Community

### The New Euclid Beach Park Pier





Postcards of the original pier

January 2019









Brinsley Tyrrell

by William McCulloch After having read about the completion of the rebuilding of Euclid Beach Park pier, in a free moment I finally made my way down to see it for myself. Though the official ribbon cutting of the 2.5 million dollar project is planned for the week of May 20th, after remaining landscaping is finished, it is currently open and accessible to visitors. The original pier, which was built to receive ferries shuttling passengers to the former amusement park, now has been rebuilt in a

shortened version allowing for access onto the lake for sightseeing and fishing.

Access to the pier is accented by a series of three arches channeling visitors to its end. The metal work depicts various silhouette scenes of Euclid Beach Park in its glory days. They are the creation of regional artist Brinsley Tyrrell.

Tyrrell, 77, Kent State University art professor emeritus, had taught sculpture there from 1968 till 1996. Born in Godstone, county of Surrey, England in 1941,

he would later attend the Camberwell School of Art & Crafts at the University of London. The pier arches are only the latest of his local public art commissions. He is also responsible for "59 Stories (Coventry Road)", a series of wrought iron plant railing sculptures in Cleveland Heights. He has also done and number of ornamental gating and fencing installations including Slavic Villiage's Mill Creek Park, University Circle's Botanical Garden, and Ohio City's Orchard School Park. Other works

include RTA's West 117th & Madison Stop of large enameled corridor panels and the sculpture "Waywood Walls" on the on the campus ground of Case Western Reserve University off Cornell Road.

The coalition of Cleveland Metroparks, local political and civic groups can be proud of what they've accomplished in the reviving of a local landmark and public access to our water front with a whimsical nod to Collinwood's past.

### 2018 - 2019 Local High School Basketball

by William McCulloch **COLLINWOOD RAILROADERS:** 12/01 @ GlenOak (L) 76 - 42 12/04 @ John Hay (L) 70 - 53 12/07 @ Lincoln West (W) 57 - 52 12/14 @ Glenville (L) 91 - 45 12/18 John Adams (W) 75 - 73 12/28 @ Madison 6:30p 01/11 Martin Luther King Jr. 6:00p 01/15 John Marshall 6:00p 01/18 John F. Kennedy 6:00p 01/22 @ John Ford Rhodes 6:00p 01/24 @ Western Reserve Academy 7:00p 01/25 East Tech 6:00p 01/29 @ Max Hayes 6:00p 02/12 New Day Academy 6:30p 02/19 @ Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin 7:00p

**VILLA ANGELA - ST. JOSEPH VIKINGS:** 12/01 @ Pickerington North (L) 89 - 58 12/06 Cleveland Heights (W) 53 - 52 12/14 Archbishop Hoban (W) 80 -78 12/21 @ Cleveland Central Catholic (W) 75 - 71 01/04 @ Walsh Jesuit 7:00p 01/05 Warren John F. Kennedy 7:30p 01/08 @ Cornerstone Christian 7:30p 01/11 Benedictine 7:00p 01/18 Gilmour 7:00p 01/21 St. Ignatius 7:00p 01/25 @ Archbishop Hoban 7:00p 02/01 Cleveland Central Catholic 7:00p 02/08 Padua Franciscan 7:00p 02/09 @ Euclid 7:00p

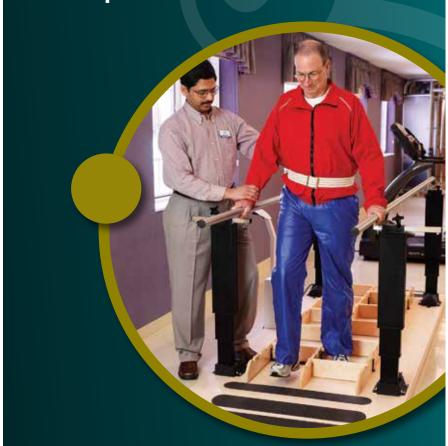
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**EUCLID PANTHERS** 12/01 Lorain (L) 82 - 65 12/07 Medina (L) 74 - 61 12/11 Garfield Heights (L) 57 - 49 12/14 @ Solon (W) 62 - 57 12/21 Shaker Heights (L) 57 - 52 12/27 Shaw 12:45p 12/29 Beachwood 7:30p 01/04 Strongsville 7:30p 01/08 @ Mentor 7:30p 01/11 Elyria 7:30 pm 01/15 Eastlake North 7:30p 01/18 @ Brunswick 7:30p 01/22 @ Willoughby South 7:30p 01/25 @ Medina 7:30p 01/29 Solon 7:30p 02/01 @ Shaker Heights 7:30p 02/05 Kirtland 7:30p 02/08 @ Strongsville 7:30p 02/09 Villa Angela - St. Joseph 7:00p 02/12 Mentor 7:30p 02/15 @ Elyria 7:30p 02/22 Brunswick 7:30p



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