

New Tech East

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Upcoming Events

- September 21st Debate Competition
- October 11th Homecoming Pep Rally
- October 12th Homecoming Dance
- October 22nd HBCU College Fair
- October 25th Engineering Fair
- October 26th Debate Championship Banquet

Message from Principal Mrs. Nickerson

I'd like to welcome New Tech East students and parents to the 2019-20 school year. I'm excited about all the new programs that will be offered and the courses that will be taught this year. Our juniors and seniors will be taking Surface Mount Soldering. In this course students will develop skills using surface mount soldering equipment and different techniques to facilitate design, construction and rework circuit boards. We are also offering our Computer software students year 2 of TEALS.

There are so many wonderful things afoot for this academic year and we are delighted to have been selected in the first cohort of Say Yes schools. Say Yes to Education is going to be a beneficial addition to our school and will be a good support for our students, our social, emotional initiatives, and for our continued support of the higher education aspirations of our students.

New Tech East Welcome's a New Staff Member

We're extending a hearty welcome to the new staff additions to our New Tech East family. Ms. Patricia Fantone is our new Special Education Intervention Specialist. She has taught for 18 years in CMSD schools. A former social worker, Ms. Fantone worked as the Program Director for residential facilities for MRDD clients. She has several hobbies which include gardening and photography.





Welcome to Say Yes to Education

New Tech East..... Selected as a Say Yes to Education CMSD School

What does the Say Yes program mean to our school?

We added a family support specialist, Mrs. Rose, our second staff addition, to the student support team. Our students will receive several services--after-school and summer learning. Mental health and legal services will also be available.

Does Say Yes pay for tuition?

This program will help prepare our students to take advantage of

scholarship opportunities when they graduate from high school. (All CMSD students who meet the residency and enrollment requirements can receive a Say Yes Cleveland scholarship. The scholarships are for tuition at participating colleges and certificate programs.)

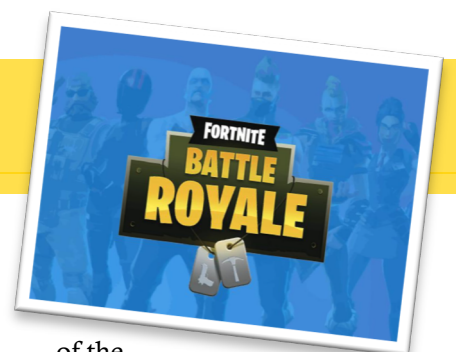
Tuition scholarships are available to eligible students attending a two-year, four year or Pell-eligible certificate program at an Ohio public college or university. The scholarship is awarded to address

the difference between the total cost of tuition minus federal and state grants. Eligible students in families earning at or below \$75,000 annually will have the full tuition difference paid up to eight school semesters. Eligible students in families over \$75,000 annually will receive up to \$5,000 annually, covering up to eight semesters. Scholarships are made possible through the generosity of individuals, business, foundations, higher education partners and others in the community.

Bootcamp..Fortnite Battle Royale

Our students spent the first week of school in New Teach East's annual bootcamp. The theme of this year's camp was centered around the video game Fortnite Battle Royale. This game has become a worldwide phenomenon. Fortnite is a survival game where 100 players fight against each other to be the last one standing. It is a fast-paced game, action packed

where strategic thinking is a must in order to survive. This was a perfect theme for our students, many of whom play the game. In our version, students in each grade level were asked to compete against each other in different challenges. In addition, each grade was asked to develop a glider, avatar, create a video, a dance and a motto. Students were judged on the completion



of the task. These activities helped build trust, agency, collaboration, responsibility as well as critical thinking skills. The last group standing in the bootcamp challenges was the victorious 10th graders.



New Tech East Students of the Month

Reauna Walker (9th grade)
&
De'Vanter Warner (10th grader)

Reauna is a new 9th grader here at New Tech East. She attended Euclid Park Middle School. Reauna plays volleyball and basketball. She is enjoying herself and adjusting to being a high school student. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Robb and her favorite class is graphic design with Mrs. Maurer. When asked why Reauna chose New Tech East, her response was, "I like New Tech East because I can earn college credits as a high school student and all of the work is on the computer." If she had \$1 million dollars, she would help her

mother and her family, and also assist the homeless.

De'Vante Warner is our 10th grade student of the month. He is a member of the East Tech football team. As a 10th grader he said he is happy to be the student of the month. De'Vante feels that he is unique and special and it is paying off. His favorite teachers are Mr. Bennett and Ms. Richard. He loves playing video games. De'Vante loves everything about New Tech East.



"If I had \$1 million dollars I would buy more video games, a house, and a car for my mom."

Welcome to our new Family Support Specialist,

Mrs. Shauna Scott-Rose

My name is Shauna Scott-Rose, I am your Say Yes Family Support (FSS) Specialist assigned to New Tech East High School. I was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. I am a proud graduate of John F. Kennedy High School (CMSD). I am a wife and mother of two wonderful sons. I hold a Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in Social Work and a Master of Social Work from Cleveland State University. I have extensive experience in social services and child welfare.

Say Yes to Education is more than scholarships. Say Yes is also about aligning students and their families with community services. New Tech East is one of 16 schools chosen to have an FSS within the school to address student and family needs. Beginning in October, the FSS will assist with: Social Service Agency Referrals, Mental Health Referrals, Legal Services Referrals, Tutoring programs, Additional Referrals as needed, Support the culture for a post-secondary mind set

Say Yes will foster partnerships with resources currently in the school, to build a community of supports for the students and families we serve here at New Tech East.

If there are any students that you know in need of services, please send me an email at the email address listed below:

sscott-rose@sayyestoeducation.org



CMSD attendance campaign inspires statewide effort

The Cleveland Browns Foundation has launched a statewide attendance initiative that was inspired by CMSD's Get 2 School, You Can Make It! campaign.

The foundation, lead partner in CMSD's drive to improve attendance, has teamed with the Ohio Department of Education and researchers at Proving Ground at Harvard University to start the Get 2 School, Stay in the Game! network.

Public schools in Canton, Maple Heights, East Cleveland and nine rural districts will receive support and resources to address chronic absenteeism, a nationwide problem. Ohio, like many other states, defines chronic absenteeism as missing at least 10 percent of the school year, or 18 days.

Campaign strategies that prove to be effective in those schools will serve as models for other network members. Districts can join the network for free.

CMSD kicked off Get 2 School, You Can Make It! in 2015, promoting the importance of attendance with billboards, yard signs and radio ads. The Browns have provided incentives for students and schools that improved attendance, including visits from players.

A lack of clean or appropriate clothing is among barriers that can cause students to miss school. "Special Teams Packages," uniforms and other clothing supplied by the Browns Foundation and Shoes and Clothes for Kids, have helped boost attendance. Visit ClevelandMetroSchools.org/BrownsBoostAttendance to watch a video story about Special Teams Packages.

The Browns announced the creation of the attendance network Aug. 3 at FirstEnergy Stadium before the team's annual Orange and Brown Scrimmage. Renee Harvey, vice president of the foundation, praised CMSD officials, saying: "We have become so passionate about this cause, and it's entirely because of them."

Browns owner Dee Haslam said the team approached District CEO Eric Gordon about how it could assist the schools, and he recommended helping to spread the word about the importance of good attendance. She said the goal of the network is to make Ohio a national leader not only in attendance, but also in achievement and graduation.

"We've got a tremendous amount of work to do, and this is just the beginning," she said.

CMSD worries not just about chronic absenteeism, but what it calls "off-track" attendance. That is why the Cleveland campaign works to reduce the percentage of kids who miss more than 10 days in a year.

District data shows that students who are absent more than 10 days score an average of 15 points lower on state math tests and 12 points lower on reading tests. They are 34 percent less likely to graduate from high school and 9 percent less likely to meet Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

CMSD's rate of chronic absenteeism has decreased from 35.2 percent to 30.2 percent since the District began its campaign.

Say Yes students, mentors begin their journey

Up to 1,300 people paired off Aug. 6 to get acquainted and begin a journey, side by side, through higher education.

The occasion was the annual kickoff of College Now of Greater Cleveland's mentoring program, which brought together volunteers and the new college freshmen they will guide. Most of the students were from the first CMSD graduating class to receive Say Yes to Education scholarships.

Say Yes Cleveland and College Now have matched each recipient with a mentor of like interests who will help the student persist and graduate from a college, university or post-secondary training program. Many of the students are the first in their families to go to college and can use a seasoned perspective.

"It's an incredible sight to see the commitment of this community to work with the students and make everyone successful," College Now board Chair Mark Ross told the audience at the Huntington Convention Center.

Mentor Tom Huck is art curator for University Hospitals, overseeing 2,800 pieces from Conneaut to Sandusky. He and mentee Cullen Williams-Freeman, who just graduated from the Cleveland School of the Arts, quickly hit it off.

"It's amazing how close he is to what I do," Huck said. "I'm in such a narrow field."

Huck, a sculptor, volunteered for the four-year commitment because others supported him when he entered a field in which it can be tough to make a living.

Williams-Freeman will study at the Cleveland Institute of Art, Huck's alma mater. He said he paints and draws portraits of people engaged in everyday life, using his subjects' body language to make a statement about their character.

The young artist has an interest in curating and hopes, ultimately, to open a studio where he can employ local artists. He said he is "100 percent" certain Huck will be an asset.

"The big reason why is how we complement each other," Williams-Freeman said. "We understand each other. I believe he can give me a lot of advice."

The mentoring requires only a small investment time. Mentors check in twice a month by email, using prompts supplied by College Now to see how things are going. The mentors and students can attend three organized gatherings a year.

"Two emails, three meetings, two lives changed forever," District CEO Eric Gordon told the crowd.

Say Yes to Education founder George Weiss announced in January that Cleveland had been named the fourth U.S. chapter of Say Yes. Local leaders say the program will be a game changer for a city with the nation's highest rate of child poverty and the region.

From an endowment funded with local contributions, Say Yes Cleveland will provide scholarships for up to the full value of tuition, minus federal and state aid, at all public college, universities and Pell-eligible industry certificate programs in Ohio. The scholarships also may be used at more than 100 private colleges and universities across the country.

Say Yes Cleveland also will align support services such as after-school programs and mental health counseling to help families overcome barriers to success and keep students on track to high school graduation. Services are being rolled out at 16 CMSD schools this year and will expand to remaining schools within four years.

To be eligible for a Say Yes scholarship, students must live in the District or city of Cleveland and be continuously enrolled in a CMSD or partnering charter high school from ninth grade until graduation.

For more information on Say Yes, go to SayYesCleveland.org



Tri-C series offers parents free courses

CMSD parents and caregivers can take courses and earn college credit, tuition free, with classes offered at two District schools.

The courses, which are also open to parents and caregivers of students who attend partnering charter schools, are being offered through Cuyahoga Community College.

Classes in the Tri-C Parent University Learning Series will meet from 4 to 6:50 p.m. on Tuesdays from Sept. 10 through Dec. 17.

Strategies for Success, which will teach planning, time management and other skills that will help a student succeed in college, will be presented at Almira School, 3375 W. 99th St.

Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication will be taught at Harvey Rice School, 2730 E. 116th St.

Activities for children 5 years and older, snacks and RTA bus tickets will be provided.

Call **216.838.3223**
for more information.
To register, go to
ClevelandMetroSchools.org/TriC-LearningSeries



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