

# Oliver Hazard Perry School

The Oliver H. Perry team is focused on ensuring our scholars are the future innovators, caring citizens, creative thinkers, and problem-solvers of their communities. O.H. Perry students ask questions, investigate problems and make connections through inquiry, arts integrated learning, mini-courses, and technology.

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www.ClevelandMetroSchools.org/OHPerry





August 16 First Day for Kindergarten

August 20 First Day for Preschool

September 2 Labor Day – No School

September 11 Early Dismissal-All Students

(11am)

PreK-8 Open House (6pm-

8pm)

**Interim Progress Reports** 

September 13 No Kindergarten & Preschool,

Professional Development

September 18 Mini-Courses, Grades 5 & 6

True2U Kickoff, Grade 8, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

(9am-3:30pm)

September 19 Father's Walk

Mini-Courses, Grades 7 & 8



#### Message from Principal Mrs. Britt Irvin

Welcome back to the 2019-2020 school year! We had a successful first week and we are excited about the growth and new students at Oliver H. Perry. Parents and families, we look forward to seeing you at Open House on September 11<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in touring the new building, please stop by the main office to schedule an after-school tour. We appreciate your patience during the new arrival and dismissal procedures. We have a dismissal map to aid in any confusion.

We are welcoming new staff this school year. Mr. Brown is our Dean of Engagement, Mr. Gauder is our Preschool Intervention Specialist, Ms. Eaton is our Media Specialist, Mrs. Matthews is our art teacher, and Ms. Brately is our fourth-grade teacher. Mrs. Sharpnack is also out of maternity leave and Mrs. Reynolds will serve as the interim second grade teacher.







### OHP Traffic Pattern

Please review the map to understand the updated drop-off and pick-up locations for our OHP Eagle Scholars.











Many of our OHP staff will be using this feature to connect with families. Check your OHP Eagle Scholar teacher for more information.





## Meet your Dean of Engagement Anthony H. Brown

Mr. Brown's story begins as a child growing up to the temptations of the urban streets. However, due to a mother and grandmother's prayers, their sacrifices kept him grounded. When so many youth that could have fallen victim to society's woes; Anthony, like the phoenix from the fire, rose above life's challenges to walk bold in greatness.

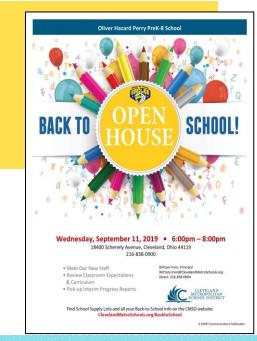
Mr. Brown is a certified educator with more than 23 years of service. For many years, he taught speech and drama. He recently served as the Dean of Admissions & Student Success at the Cleveland School of the Arts before joining the O.H. Perry community.

A true mentor, artist, motivator and friend; some of his fondest moments on stage have been at the historic and famed Karamu House Theatre in Cleveland, Ohio.

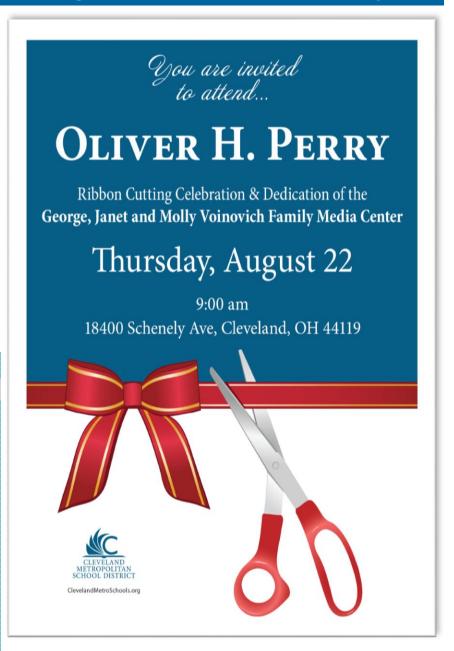
He also has had the opportunity to travel throughout the country performing and speaking at various concert halls, theaters, schools and churches.

Anthony's greatest success that brings him the most joy is being a father to his one and only son Anthony, II who also has a love for the performing arts. But this is not how the story ends, as he furthers his quest to serve as an agent of change in his community. Even more, Anthony is now sharing his personal testimony through motivational speaking, video blogs, and an upcoming book, "There Is A. Better Way!"

To learn more about him, visit www.AHarrisBrown.com







#### O.H. Perry ATTENDANCE Matters!!!



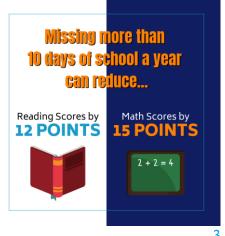
Even at a young age, getting to school on time each and every day is important!

We encourage all families to support your Eagle Scholar to GET TO SCHOOL daily. If you have to miss school for any reason, please call or text the Attendance Hotline!

216-282-6304

Leave the following information: Student Name and Grade Parent/Guardian Name & Number Date of Absence Reason of Absence

Written documentation is required upon the return to school





#### 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 afterschool 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. 116<sup>th</sup> 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





#### Oliver Hazard Perry PreK-8 School

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