



# TOM Talks

A Message from Superintendent Tom Evans



## Wednesday - December 19, 2018

I want to begin by wishing everyone at Cuyahoga Heights Schools a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all! As we reach the halfway point of the school year, we have much to be proud of as a district. Our state mandated testing scores place us in the top 10% of every metric associated with the state testing. The thanks for those results goes to our students, their families, and our outstanding staff who continually finds ways to challenge our students to "Reach New Heights".

Congratulations to our middle school students that presented some of their Project Lead the Way work at the Ohio School Boards Association conference in Columbus in early November. Congratulations to Alice Tyna, Alumni Association and long-time Athletic Boosters officer, for being recognized by OSBA for all of her volunteer contributions to the Cuyahoga Heights School District throughout the years.

Outside of the classroom, we have much to be proud of as well. We have just made our way through the holiday concerts. Hats off to Mr. Bertolone, Mr. Sokol, and Mr. Michaels for the outstanding performances that have taken place this month, and the many activities our students have participated in away from school-such as performing at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens and for the three villages at various functions. Thanks as well to Mrs. Seitz and the Family and Consumer Science classes that have assisted in the luncheons for the three villages.

Our winter athletic teams are well into their seasons as well, as Swimming, Bowling, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Wrestling and Indoor Track are all working and competing hard. Please take time out to come and support one of our many winter sports teams.

On the community engagement front, Cuyahoga Heights High School would like the opportunity to partner with parents, community members, grandparents, family members, and friends to provide real life opportunities to our junior and senior class students. We are looking for business professionals for help with our mock interview day on January 15th, as well as junior and senior site observations. For more information, and to get involved in your school community, click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/cuyhts-mockinterview>

The school district's strategic planning committee, otherwise known as the BEST committee, has been hard at work as well planning for the Community Open House scheduled for Sunday, January 27, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. We hope you can join us to see some of the many activities taking place in the school district. The Elementary School will be taking Pre-K and Kindergarten registrations at the Open House and a multitude of

activities will be taking place, ranging from open swimming in the pool, performances by the music department and presentations throughout the day. Our sports teams, clubs and many curricular activities will be on display as well.

As a district, we have begun the process of conducting a capital improvement project to update the district's facilities. The high school building core will be 80 years old this year and the elementary school building core is well over 60 years of age. We are looking to upgrade the heating and air conditioning systems in the buildings as well as evaluating the lighting and technical upgrades to insure that we make the best use of the buildings long into the future. This is just the beginning of that process as we have solicited architects to submit proposals to the district for the Board of Education to evaluate. We will provide more information on this process as we move forward.

**Go Redskins!!!!!!!!!!**

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