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Summer field trips

Making decisions about education after high school is easy when youth are aware of their career possibilities. Career direction can help youth and parents formulate good questions on college tours, as well, so our summer field trips will also explore careers in Northeast Ohio. Career tours take youth inside businesses and industries and connect them to people who do the work. Field trips offered this summer will give opportunities to see the connections many career specialties have with each other and how workplaces are interdependent on many different types of careers.

Youth entering 7th-12th grade are encouraged to attend as many or as few as they want. Although different destinations every time, trips always start

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Students win world championship with West Park youth

Cleveland is finally a championship city, in robotics; and three West Park teens played a role.

A team of 25 high school students were assembled on the Cuyahoga Community College Youth Technology Academy/Team 120 with students from 8 schools to St. Louis, Missouri for the FIRST Robotics World Championship and won the world championship on Saturday, April 30th. The competition included 640 US and international teams, from as far away as the China. The team's long name is the result of a merger with a team at East Tech Academy.

Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) organizes the Youth Technology Academy (YTA), which enrolls mostly Cleveland public school students, from 18 schools and YTA serves about 1000 students in STEM-focused (science, technology, engineering, and math) work with the benefit of curriculum from Carnegie Mellon University in addition to engineering and manufacturing coursework at

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Critics rave over our dining options

The press is eating up the many offerings of fine food and ethnic cuisine offered in the heart of West Park. Recently, Lorain neighbors, Der Braumeister and Cuisine du Cambodge, were both recognized for delicious ethnic food as well as their northern neighbor on Lakewood Heights Boulevard, La Plaza Supermarket, for its eat-in offerings tucked away in a café in the rear of the store. AMP 150 stands for American Modern Palate and is located inside the Cleveland Marriott on W. 150th St.

Cleveland Magazine said of AMP 150's beet salad: "Tangy goat cheese from Lake Erie Creamery



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Major PPG investment in science in schools



PPG Industries is already a partner with the John Marshall School of Engineering (JMSOE) and has established many experiences with the staff and the student body there, even helping to design the academic themes of the three school format of the new campus. At the JMSOE Project Inspire, State of the School address and showcase in May, Keith Schneider, plant manager, and Veronica Levoy, senior administrative assistant & community outreach, both of PPG Industries, Inc. (on the far left and left, respectively, above) presented Principal Timothy Primus and Assistant Principal Clotman (right and far right, respectively, above) a check for \$20,000, the sixth recent science-related corporate investment from the PPG Foundation to schools in our neighborhood.

The \$20,000 check was for a proposal to build a mobile makerspace for the special education program of the school. The makerspace will enable students to work with 3-D images, "prototype, and build items in the classroom conducive to their individual learning needs," according to Primus's proposal. Three-dimensional images will enhance visualization of DNA molecules and plant and animal cells, for example.

Five Innovative Classroom grants were awarded earlier this year to Karen Greenway's science classes at Garfield K-8, also in the West Park Education Corridor on W. 140th St., as is the John Marshall Campus, a short walk from the PPG plant on W. 143rd St. The Innovative Classroom grants are offered by the PPG Industries Foundation to invest "in science, technology, engineering and math education programs that help communities develop a skilled workforce for today and a generation of innovators for tomorrow. This mini-grant program is designed to support projects related to science, technology, engineering or math championed by employees in partnership with local public schools and spark student interest and achievement in these areas," according to Levoy.

The grant included microscopes, printers, laptops, and a field trip to the Smithsonian for Garfield.

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Teens meet employers & learn financial skills

Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation, as lead for the West Park neighborhood's youth development initiatives for the MyCom network, organized a Summer Job JumpStart event for youth 14-19 on Saturday, April 9th. Investing in youth at this critical age is necessary to ensure that the next generation develops the proper skills that will prepare them for college, work and life. Caring adults are vital in this work and helped with interviews, résumés, registration, lunch, and staffing community organization tables.

Even with the rather unusual April snowstorm, this year's event had a great turnout from both youth and volunteers.

- 72 youth interviewed with an adult volunteer
- 30 youth created a resume that they were able to give to employers and community organizations later in the day
- 42 youth received practical information on what to expect from their first job experience, and what supervisors will be expecting of them.

2nd Annual Rock Around the Park Classic Car Show

August 16, 2016 in Jefferson Park (13200 Lorain Ave.)

12-5pm

Come show off your ride!

Live Music



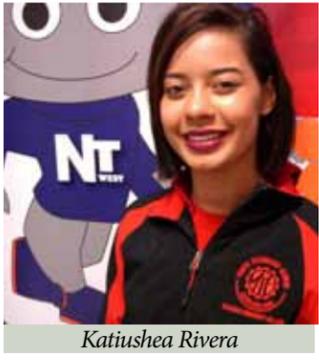
Free admission for rock n' roll entertainment with bands Swamps of Jersey and Haywire, classic cars on display, activities for the kids, and Barrio Tacos, JT's Barbecue & Curby Custard food trucks.

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Katushea Rivera

Tri-C. FIRST stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology."

The competition encourages collaboration and competition and the Cleveland team won with an alliance of youth from three other teams. Jonathon Ortiz, a freshman at the John Marshall School of Engineering (JM-SOE), recalls one of the most exciting memories he has is when the Cleveland team that he participated on was chosen in the last round before the finals by the team ranked number 2 for an alliance in the final. The Cleveland team was ranked number 62 and they were picked for their unique strat-

egy of having their 114 pound robot send off as many "boulder" volleys as quickly as possible to score points on the Monty Python-themed course, which best complimented the strategy of the other team. Teamwork proved to be an important theme for all three West Park members of the Cleveland team.

The robot stands as high as 6 foot 4 inches and rests on a base measuring slightly more than 2 feet. Katushea Rivera, a junior at New Tech West, said in response to how much she learned about teamwork through this competition, "We gave our all, especially to the robot. We saw we needed to work harder at it, add more things, but there's a limit. It can't be too heavy or too light."

The competition also built up her confidence. She started about two years ago with Ms. Lynch, the technology ambassador and physics and chemistry teacher at New Tech West, in a freshman VEX robotics after-



Ryan Werner

school program that is broadcasted to the school as Tri-C distance learning. It gave her opportunities to gain college credits at Tri-C. In 10th grade she heard about a varsity team at YTA, interviewed, and became her school's only varsity member. Through competition and meeting engineers, she learned, "you can build things out of anything!"

She now plans on aiming for a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering or computer engineering. It was an intense sacrifice to not have time for a job

because of her afternoon commitments at Tri-C most school nights and all summer, but "it's my future. Why work on something else when this will help me be somebody in life?" she says. She also participated in Police Explorers leadership most Saturdays with Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, so she has work ethic in spades.



Jonathon Ortiz

Ryan Werner, a senior at John Marshall on the team, was impressed with his multiple mentors from NASA and Rockwell Automa-

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Youth voice: Kevin Gramajo's Stop the Hate® essay

A senior at John Marshall High School, Kevin Gramajo won a **Youth Speak Out** honorable mention and \$500 cash prize for the Stop the Hate essay contest organized by the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage (www.maltzmuseum.org).

The contest is offered to 6-12th graders and is intended to celebrate youth who take action to create a more accepting and inclusive society. According to the The Maltz Museum's website, "the initiative challenges young people to consider the impact of intolerance and the role of the individual in effecting change...Stop the Hate® reflects the Jewish values of responsible citizenship and respect for all humanity."

"Go back to your country!" he says. I stand there completely dumbfounded by what this other boy has just ignorantly exclaimed. How could I possibly return to my country? Was I not already living in it? I did not know it at the time, but this was my first encounter with bullying and furthermore, prejudice. Bullying is a rising epidemic; nearly one-third of high school students report being bullied (CDC, 2013). Bullying is mainly a result of disparities and a lack of appreciation for these disparities. Bullying is an issue I strive to address and diminish.

There seems to be a growing trend where adolescents of different nationalities assimilate into western culture, leading to a loss of heritage. Bullying acts as a catalyst for when students coerce their peers into thinking heritage is "lame" or "uncool". This causes

some students to lose a part of their identity. Amongst youth in our society, expressing culture is social suicide and yielding to this misguided belief is cultural suicide. I aim to alter this.

Throughout middle school, I was a victim of racial slurs from my peers and misguided beliefs that I could never achieve anything because of my race. My father had dropped out of school in the sixth grade to support his family in their hometown of Sibilia, Guatemala. Once he immigrated to the United States and started a family, he was forced to work 70-80 hours a week for menial pay at a factory because of his lack of education. I felt I would suffer the same fate because of my ethnicity. It was not until I acquired a passion for learning that I realized how much others with similar backgrounds were able to achieve.

I believe the best way to overcome racism and prejudice is through education. Instilling values of cultural competence and respect has always been something I have worked towards. As president of my school's Multicultural Club and Anti-Bullying Committee, I work to show my peers through exposure and education that diversity is essential to the success of any organization. Simply taking students on trip to see museums full of cultural artifacts exposes them to other societies, which can have a tremendous impact on how they interact with others.

In order to cease bullying and halt cultural decay, I have worked on posting an online blog, speaking at school as-

semblies, and even testified before the State Senate in favor of an anti-cyber bullying bill. Although each individual aspect may seem insignificant, they all play a role in the domino effect that is change.

The thought that culture in our society could one day diminish is terrifying. Our economy, education system, and workforce thrive because of diversity. Diversity is a value I fight for, and will continue to fight for. Without diversity, there are no new ideas, no room for growth, and no path to improvement. When people of different ethnicities, genders, cultures, and backgrounds come together, amazing things are possible.

Kevin Gramajo plans to first pursue a business degree and a minor in Spanish at The Ohio State University and is now interested in receiving an educational administration degree and working as a principal or superintendent for Cleveland schools. He explains, "the number one way to overcome adversity is education and civic involvement. I went from allowing negative thoughts and words to affect my life, to being in charge of a number of different groups and spreading positive thoughts and words to others lives." He is the co-editor of *The Interpreter*, the school newspaper, served on the committee to re-

search and choose new John Marshall schools for the new building, and a number of extra-curriculars like swim team, soccer, and multi-cultural club. His anti-bullying committee just put together a 40 minute video with testimonies, skits, and poetry by John Marshall students to address the issues of teen dating violence, suicide, bullying, and depression, which they showed at assemblies for the student body.

As the only Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) student that was a top ten finalist this year, and he believes only the second CMSD student to be an overall finalist in the history of the contest he stresses, "Last year a girl from Gilmour Academy won first and this year there were four finalists from Gilmour, one of which who also won first...where tuition begins at around \$30,000 dollars. I want Cleveland students to know that they have the same abilities as these private school student." He continues, "they can achieve just as much if not more. A leader is someone who does the things no one else wants to, and goes to the extents no one else can."

Speaking as a CMSD student, he encourages other CSMD students to "know that you have been, are, and always will be good enough to be great; so don't be afraid to challenge the stereotypes and exceed expectations."

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at 9am, departing from Robinson G. Jones (4550 W. 150th St.). Afternoon return times vary based on the destination.

Tentative Thursday field trips so far are:

- **Hyland Software** (learn about careers in software development and computer programming, and discover what makes Hyland Northeast Ohio's top workplace)
- **Cleveland Institute of Art and MOCA** (tour CIA's new campus and learn about careers in art and museum operations)

- **Arcelor Mittal** (tour the Arcelor Mittal factory and learn about careers in manufacturing)
- and more!

The trips are organized Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association's 21st Century Program and the Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation, the lead agency for the West Park MyCom network of high-quality youth development. For more information, call Vanessa Lange, BPDC youth development director at 216-671-2710 ext. 218.

August 16, 2016 - FREE

Jumpin' at Jefferson

Youth Basketball Clinics & Teen 3 on 3 Tournament



Register by August 6th. Email questions to: friendsofjeffersonpark@gmail.com

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Basketball with Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) for 9-12 year olds for instruction and a pick-up game. Register at <https://goo.gl/ITj0vR>

12 p.m.-1p.m. Health snacks and water break

1-4 p.m. 3 on 3 for youth ages 13-17. Winning team plays the Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) Register at www.https://goo.gl/9pQ6eB

Teens meet employers *cont. from p 1*

- 27 volunteers made the day possible by helping with resumes, interviews, registration, lunch.
- 13 employers and organizations met with youth during the job and community service fair.



Starting the event with professional mingling with the interviewers, with the woman on the left, Barb Buser, hails from PPG Industries, Inc's Strongsville location

The youth participants gave great feedback on the event. When asked "What did you like best about this year's Summer Job JumpStart?," the youth replied:

"It helped me know what to expect."

"I gained information and learned more about jobs."

"I liked talking to all the employers."

"Getting more comfortable with talking to adults."

"I liked how they helped us with our interviews."



Youth Opportunities Unlimited, (Y.O.U.) provided laptops with a built-in resume software to guide teens through creating a professional resume.



Hope Young, a teen job club member, trying her hand at painting silk with a professional artist at the Art Craft field trip.



Students interviewed with caring adults in the Gunning Recreation Center gym, rotating through different interviewers and receiving written and verbal feedback.

The Summer Job Jumpstart was bookended with weekly Teen Job Club meetings for 8th-12th graders at John Marshall that have involved an average monthly attendance of 45, most from the John Marshall Campus.

Job club members worked on resumes earlier in the year, went on field trips to worksites like the Art Craft building downtown and the Ohio City Bike Co-op in the Flats, and had guest speakers from various careers and from different youth employment programs like the Centers for Arts-Inspired Learning.

After the April 9th Jumpstart, club members learned some financial literacy with the Ohio State University Cuyahoga County Extension office in a program called *Real Money, Real World*. The workshops were led by Robin Stone from OSU-Cuyahoga Ext., herself a John Marshall alumna.

Over the course of three workshops, youth explored life at 25, complete with assigned careers and educational backgrounds, various salaries, pay-check deductions, insurance, credit, the



Robin Stone, Lawyer alumna, from OSU

effects of unemployment, and children. During the experience of paying the food, clothing, and childcare bills, one teen exclaimed, "Now I know what my mother feels like every month!"

West Park Youth Resources

Art & Performance

America Scores-poetry & spoken word	216-881-7988
Art House, Inc.	216-398-8556
Bellaire Puritas Development Corp./ West Park MyCom	216-671-2710
Brady Campbell Irish Dance School	216-926-4423
Center for Families and Children-RapArt	216-252-5800
Joyful Noise Music School	216-952-4398
Rockport Teen Center	216-623-7053
Schools As Neighborhood Resources	216-658-1360

Academic

America Scores-writing enrichment	216-881-7988
Building Hope in the City	216-281-4673
College Now	216-870-8611
Learning Together Tutoring Program for Artemus Ward	216-920-7055
Riverside Park After-School program	216-476-4172
Rockport Branch Library and Teen Center	216-623-7053
Schools As Neighborhood Resources	216-658-1360
The EDGE at RG Jones After-School program	216-920-7143
West Park Salvation Army	216-252-3593

Religious

Blessed Trinity Youth Ministry	216-671-5890
Second Calvary Baptist Church Youth Ministry	216-252-1050
St. Paul AME-Youth Ministry Programs	216-941-6767
U-Turn Ministries of Gateway West Community Church	440-941-4238
West Park Salvation Army	216-252-3593
West Park United Church of Christ Youth Group	216-671-7228
West Park Evangelical Friends	216-251-6976

Employment

Bellaire Puritas Development Corp./ West Park MyCom	216-671-2710
Youth Opportunities Unlimited	216-566-5445

Youth Leadership

AmazinnMe Bridge Program for Girls	216-209-0760
Bellaire Puritas Development Corp./ West Park MyCom	216-671-2710
Boy Scouts	216-861-6060
Girl Scouts of NEO	440-233-6112
Operation StandUP	216-282-5822
West Park YMCA & Teen Center	216-941-5410

Sports

All American Karate	440-331-0009
America Scores-soccer	216-881-7988
Cleveland Bombers	216-800-1823
Gunning Recreation Center	216-420-7910
Halloran Recreation Center	216-664-4187
Schools as Neighborhood Resources at John Marshall	216-838-6000
Valley Riding Inc.	216-267-2525
W. 130th Tri-League	216-476-8456
West Park YMCA & Teen Center	216-941-5410

Other Offerings

Center for Families and Children-counseling	216-252-5800
Cleveland Metroparks	440-734-6660
Neighborhood Education Committee	216-671-2710
Rockport Teen Center	216-623-7053
West Park Coalition Community Lab	216-941-5050
West Park Kiwanis school-based programs	216-252-1364
West Park Branch Library	216-623-7102
Hasani Management gardening program	216-245-5167

Tuition-free High School Choice Guide for West Park Families

John Marshall High School Campus

JMH School of Engineering

JMH School of Civic & Business Leadership

JMH School of Information Technology

Enrollment & Eligibility

Please call the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) office of student assignments to enroll rising 9th & 10th graders at 216.838.3675 or enroll online at www.clevelandmetroschools.org and click on the "Parents" tab at the top to see the link to registration and enrollment information.

This school has no GPA requirements. An enrollment form must be completed.

The following documents are required for registration:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Record (Baby Shots)
- Proof of Address
- Withdraw Form, Most Recent Report Card, or Transcript
- Guardian's State ID
- Guardianship/Custody Documents (if applicable)

Special Features

John Marshall School of Engineering focuses students to obtain industry-recognized credentialing, college readiness, and college credit while in high school. Math, science and engineering courses offer hands-on experiences through Fab Lab and Makerspace Lab, designing and building robots, constructing energy efficient cars, and exploring green technology. Three pathways offered to 9th & 10th grade students to choose from are: 1.) Aerospace Engineering 2.) Environmental Engineering 3.) Civil Engineering & Architecture. In 11th and 12th grade, they begin to focus on one pathway to obtain an industry-recognized credential and the opportunity to receive college credit.

- College credit courses • Algebra I with Robotics • Biology with Bio-Engineering • English I with Professional Communications Course • Geometry with AutoCAD/Solidworks School

Relevant Extracurricular Activities: • NASA Engineering Club • Principal Leadership Council • ACE Program • National Technical Honor Society

Preparing scholars who are ready to be the leaders of tomorrow, they receive a rigorous education and opportunities to work at one of our onsite businesses and are actively involved in community projects. Students will receive hands-on training in entrepreneurship, sales/marketing, finance/operations and non-profit management. The school grooms 21st Century leaders for college or immediate career by stressing seven community touchstones: • Kindness – treating ourselves and others with compassion • Stewardship – recognizing that we are guardians of our community and must protect those things placed in our trust • Responsibility – holding ourselves accountable, striving to meet our obligations and asking for help when necessary • Integrity – seeking to do the right thing • Inquiry – actively questioning the world around us instead of passively accepting things as they are • Reflection – taking time to explore our own thoughts, make our own connections and create our own ideas • Social Impact – inspiring a new generation of leaders to promote equitable and sustainable development in Greater Cleveland.

This is the first school in Cleveland to focus on Computer Science. Students can build robots, creating video games, design websites and produce models on 3D printers. Students can explore careers in IT focusing on one of three pathways: Healthcare IT, Cyber Security, and Software Development in class and through mentorship by IT professionals and can earn an industry-recognized credential.

- College credit courses • Computer Science Principles • Algebra 1 with Robotics • Algebra 1 with Video Game Design • Geometry with AutoCAD/Solidworks • Bioinformatics

Relevant Extracurricular Activities

- NASA Club - NASA mentors teach computer programming
- Hyland Web Corps - Hyland mentors help students learn website development
- a beautification projects soldering & building circuits with Profressive Arts Alliance

College Credits

Students may apply to take courses for free at local, public colleges like Tri-C and Cleveland State University and receive both high school and college credit for the courses through Ohio's College Credit Plus program, formerly known as PSEOP. College Credit Plus covers the costs of tuition, books, and fees and enables students to take course in-person or online.

Career Readiness

The new John Marshall High School Campus will strive to provide opportunities to connect all of the schools' student populations with real world experiences to gain skills and work experience either in the classroom speakers, extra-curricular offerings, field trips, job shadowing, summer jobs, or internships. It will build on the wealth of employment and professionals in the West Park community and providing opportunities for adults in the community to take a stake in the youth in our community. The John Marshall Campus has community partnerships with: PPG Industries, Rising Star Roasters, NASA, Hyland Software, Turner Construction, Alcoa, College Now, Cuyahoga Community College, John Carroll University, St. Edward High School, and Cleveland State University.

Sports

Baseball, Softball, Basketball, Golf, Track and Field, Football, Volleyball, Wrestling, Cross-country, Cheerleading, Weightlifting

Clubs/activities

- Choir
- Yearbook
- Drill Team
- Academic Challenge
- Chess Club
- Drama Club
- School Newspaper Club
- Green Team
- Robotics
- Air Force JROTC
- Student Advisory Council
- Photography Club
- Anime Club
- Band
- Multicultural Club

Guiding Principles

- **SMALL SCHOOL CAMPUS** to enable the personalized attention and relationship-building that has been so successful on the John Hay campus
- **FOCUS ON HIGH-QUALITY COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS** for success in college or technical schools
- **SAFE CLIMATE** built on inclusiveness and pride
- **A VIBRANT LEARNING COMMUNITY** where all students find their passion and feel they have a place in the school
- **RIGOROUS CURRICULUM** that sets high expectations and graduates all students ready to be successful in college and careers
- **RELEVANT AND DIFFERENTIATED TEACHING** that engages students in ways that ensure mastery of minimum standards and that ensures a personalized approach to helping students learn
- **SCHOOL-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS** to support the design for an open and accessible school building after hours to engage the neighborhood and make the school the center of community strength
- **COMMUNITY LEARNING/VOLUNTEERISM** with opportunities to connect young people to real world experiences to gain skills and work experience

Address, school colors, mascot

3952 W. 140th St. is location of the 21st Century John Marshall High School Campus, 216-838-6000

clevelandmetroschools.org/JohnMarshallENG

clevelandmetroschools.org/JohnMarshallCBL

clevelandmetroschools.org/JohnMarshallIT

Lawyer mascot, red & black colors

Bard High School Early College (BHSEC)	New Tech West	Max S. Hayes Career & Technical High School
Enrollment & Eligibility		
<p>Contact Sarah Schneider at sschneider@bhsec.bard.edu or (216) 838-9707. Admission is pending an interview with the student. Open house attendance is encouraged and the June 16th open house at 5pm is for those entering 11th grade in August who may want to transfer to Bard. There is not a GPA requirement, but the school seeks to admit students with academic ambition, maturity, and intellectual curiosity.</p>	<p>Please call the CMSD office of student assignments to enroll your child: 216-838-3675 or enroll online at www.clevelandmetroschools.org and click on the “Parents” tab at the top to see the link to registration and enrolment information.</p> <p>This school has no GPA requirements.</p> <p>The same documents are needed as for any CMSD school and an enrollment form must be completed.</p>	<p>Please call the CMSD office of student assignments to enroll your child: 216-838-3675 or enroll online at www.clevelandmetroschools.org and click on the “Parents” tab at the top to see the link to registration and enrolment information.</p> <p>This school has no GPA requirements.</p> <p>The same documents are needed as for JMH. An enrollment form must be completed.</p>
Special Features		
<p>Many of the classes taught on-site, by professors, are transferrable college credits. The school is a partnership with the district and Bard College, New York. Many classes are taught in a seminar-style. This alternative to traditional high school believes many young people are ready and eager to do college work starting at age 16.</p> <p>College-level Chinese and Spanish are offered in addition to social science topical course of Chinese culture. Literature focuses on the whole of the Americas, including Latin America and the Caribbean.</p> <p>Seminars are core to the curriculum, stressing critical reading and interpretation.</p> <p>There is an August summer bridge program for new students.</p>	<p>In addition to traditional high school courses, special emphasis is placed on using technology and workforce preparation. Classes at New Tech are project based, so students are always working in groups rather than a lecture-based class structure. This is designated as a new and innovative school in the CMSD portfolio and the New Tech Network is a nation-wide nonprofit network that is a subsidiary of KnowledgeWorks, a social enterprise.</p> <p>Spanish, pre-calculus, and digital media are offered.</p> <p>Community partners include: Cleveland Indians, Hyland Software, and Progressive Insurance.</p>	<p>The focus at this school is excellent preparation for immediate work in manufacturing and technical fields. Students can choose from programs in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auto Collision Repair • Automotive Technology • Building Maintenance and Construction • CNC Precision Machining • Computer Aided Drafting and Design • Computer Networking • Program Software and Development • Welding and Cutting
College Credits		
<p>While attending this new and innovative high school students are able to complete two years of college courses (during grades 11 and 12) and may graduate with both a high school diploma and an Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree from Bard College.</p>	<p>Juniors and seniors participate in Post-Secondary coursework and may apply to take courses for free at local, public colleges like Tri-C and Cleveland State University and receive both high school and college credit for the courses through Ohio’s College Credit Plus program, formerly known as PSEOP.</p>	<p>Students may apply to take courses for free at local, public colleges like Tri-C and Cleveland State University and receive both high school and college credit for the courses through Ohio’s College Credit Plus program, formerly known as PSEOP.</p>
Career Readiness		
<p>Provides opportunities for internships, leadership opportunities, and summer camps through one-on-one meetings to explore career interests for each student.</p>	<p>Project-based work fosters critical thinking, creativity, and communication. Learning is made relevant as students are asked to answer challenging questions and solve complex problems just like in the workplace. Juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply for internships in the community to explore career options.</p>	<p>Besides eight (8) career training programs, it has partnerships with ArcelorMittal, Cleveland State University, Cuyahoga Community College, E.C. Kitzel & Sons, Inc., Ernst & Young, Greater Cleveland Partnership, HGR Manufacturing, Hyland Software, Jergens, Great Lakes Towing Co., WIRE-Net and more.</p>
Sports		
<p>Basketball is returning. Rowing on a crew team is starting and maybe more sports for 2016-2017.</p>	<p>All New Tech West students may continue to participate in all the sports offerings at Max Hayes for the 2015-2016 seasons.</p>	<p>Baseball, Softball, Basketball, Golf, Track and field, Cross-country, Soccer, Volleyball, Swimming and Bowling.</p>
Clubs/activities		
<p>BHSEC Cleveland Student Activities Center supports student-led groups and connects students to outside service opportunities and activities like;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • debate team, • social justice club, student council, and • National Honor Society. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Advisory Council • ACE- Architecture Construction and Engineering • Robotics Club • Chess Club • Photography Club • National Honor Society • Art Competition • Science Fair • Yearbook 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art competition • Cabin building • Canoe competition • Student Council • Career Fair • Robotics Team • Science Fair • Ski trip • Book Club
Guiding Principles		
<p>BHSEC provides a rigorous course of study that emphasizes critical thinking through writing, discussion, and inquiry. The school seeks to intellectually engage a diverse group of motivated high school students and prepare them for success in college and beyond. The curriculum is composed of a two-year college preparatory sequence in the 9th and 10th grades that segues directly into a two-year college course of study in place of the traditional 11th and 12th grades. BHSEC faculty members are experienced college professors who teach grades 9-12, all in one building.</p>	<p>Our Project-Based Learning approach engages students with dynamic, rigorous curriculum. Students work in collaborative groups to build strong communication skills. Courses are frequently integrated and team taught to provide students with deeper learning opportunities.</p> <p>“Our goal is to truly know your child well and use this knowledge to guide, support and motivate him or her.</p> <p>We believe that good teaching requires continual professional development, personal reflection and collaboration.</p> <p>We utilize technology as a tool to provide instruction, but believe that caring teachers are the best mediators for learning.”</p>	<p>Max Hayes will develop the whole young person, not just a competent worker, but also a lifelong learner and engaged citizen, healthy in mind and body.</p> <p>Max Hayes will accommodate students of all abilities.</p> <p>Max Hayes students will have a voice and a choice regarding their education.</p> <p>Max Hayes graduates will be prepared for success in the workplace and in postsecondary learning.</p>
Address, school colors, mascot		
<p>13501 Terminal Avenue, www.bhsec.bard.edu/cleveland No mascot, red is the color</p>	<p>11801 Worthington Ave., 216-838-8700 www.clevelandmetroschools.org/newtechwest Robbie & Roberta Robot mascot, blue & white colors</p>	<p>2211 W 65th St., 216-631-1528 www.clevelandmetroschools.org/maxshayes Lakers mascot, blue</p>

West Park Family Calendar

June 10th Friday Night Movie Series at 6:30pm at Crossburn Park, on Crossburn Ave. off W. 130th St. Questions? Call Councilman Kazy at 664-2942.

June 11th, June 25th, July 9th, July 23rd, August 9th, and August 27th (Second Saturdays) Melodies, Memories & Stories in the Park. 3 p.m.-3:30 p.m. in Jefferson Park with Friends of Jefferson Park in conjunction with Joyful Noise Neighborhood Music School. Ages 2-10. Register <https://goo.gl/Ojh520>.

June 17th Asphalt Cinema; Third Friday of June, July, & August. Movies after dusk. Family fun starts at 6:30pm. *Norm of the North*. Details: 216-252-6559

July 4th, Independence Day Parade, organized by the West Park Kiwanis. Steps off at Kamm's Plaza at Rocky River Drive and Lorain Avenue at 9:30 a.m. and travels down Lorain Avenue, West Park Blvd. and Rocky River Drive. A 25+ year tradition.

July 8th Friday Night Movie Series at 6:30pm at Mohican Park between Triskett Ave. with a Bike Rodeo for kids beforehand! Bring your bike, take home skills! Questions? Call Councilman Kazy at 664-2942.

July 18th Asphalt Cinema; Third Friday of June, July, & August. Movies after dusk. Family fun starts at 6:30pm. *Inside Out*. Details: 216-252-6559

July 30th Classic Clean & Green Clean-up & Picnic Lunch 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. CONTACT INFO: friendsofjeffersonpark@gmail.com at Jefferson Park, Lorain Ave. & West 133rd St.

August 2nd Ice Crime Social: Free ice cream social, a movie under the

stars at dusk, and a strong community. Gather safety resources, meet safety forces, and enjoy a fabulous park at 6:30 p.m. before a family-friendly movie is shown with free popcorn.

NEW location this year: at Ralph Schumitsh Park, also known as McGowan Park, at McGowan Ave. and W. 123rd St.

August 6th Jumpin' at Jefferson: youth basketball clinic from the Police Athletic League (PAL) & a 3-on-3 teen tournament in Jefferson Park at Lorain Ave. and W. 133rd from noon-5p.m.. www.facebook.com/groups/FriendsofJeffersonPark for more info.

August 12th Friday Night Movie Series at 6:30pm at Gilmore Park between Gilmore Ave. and "Old" Puritas Ave. Questions? Call Councilman Kazy at 664-2942.

August 19th Asphalt Cinema; Third Friday of June, July, & August. Movies after dusk. Family fun starts at 6:30pm. *Zootopia*. Details: 216-252-6559

August 20th West Park Community Coalition Family Fun and Concert from noon to 8 p.m. in Emery Park on W. 130th St. and Emery Ave. Games, face paint, music, dancing, food and crafts for sale: www.facebook.com/WestParkCC/ for more info.

September 9th Friday Night Movie Series at 6:30pm at Terminal Park On W. 145th St. at Highlandview and St. James Ave. Questions? Call Councilman Kazy at 664-2942.

October 28th 2nd Annual Haunted Hollow in Jefferson Park at W. 133rd and Lorain Ave.; 6-8pm. Slightly spooky Halloween fun with a trick or treating path sponsored by local businesses.

Top destinations for family fun all summer long

Parks & recreation

Gunning Recreation Center, Pool, Playground, and Fields: 16700 Puritas Ave., 216-420-7900, free admission, sports lessons & leagues

Halloran Rink, Pool & Gazebo: 3550 West 117th St., 216-664-4187, free activities like sports lessons & leagues, \$1 skate rental and admission, 25¢ to skate with your own skates

Impett Park, Pool, Playground & Fields: W. 155th St. & Montrose Ave., 216-664-2570 tennis courts & walking paths, summer youth recreation staff, M-F, 9-5:30pm, June 15th through Aug. 7th with free lunch

Jefferson Park, Playground, Courts & Fields: Lorain Ave. & W. 132nd St., 216-664-2570, walking paths, pavilion, tennis and basketball courts, summer youth recreation staff, M-F, 9-5:30pm, June 15th through Aug. 7th with free lunch for school-aged youth up to 18.

Rocky River Nature Center: 24000 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, OH 44070, 440-734-6660, free admission, classes and workshops, some activities have nominal fees

Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Reservation: entrance at Puritas Avenue and Grayton Road, 440-734-6660, fields, trails, golf, nature center, natural features, pavilions and picnic tables, playgrounds, splash pools, fishing, outdoor exercise equipment, special events, boating, free except for golf & specialized classes/workshops/showings/rentals

Cleveland Public Libraries, West Park,

Rockport, and Eastman branches are convenient to West Park residents, with books, digital media, workshops, classes, and special programs for all ages. READ Up! RISE Up! is the theme of this year's summer reading club. There will also be after lunch fun like: badminton, flower pot decorating, Friday Flicks, science crafts, no bake class and more at Rockport, 4421 W. 140th St., 216-623-7053.

Emery Park: W. 130th and Emery Ave., 216-664-2570, spray basin, basketball courts, baseball courts.

Crossburn Park: Crossburn Ave. and W. 130th, 216-664-2570, spray basin, basketball, and tennis courts, baseball. Free lunch for school-aged youth through 18. summer youth recreation staff, M-F, 9-5:30pm.

Valley Riding, Inc. (nonprofit AKA Rocky River or Puritas Stables): 19901 Puritas Ave., 216-267-2525, group lessons, group tours, therapeutic riding, camp, prices vary

Brookpark Skateland: 13445 Brookpark Rd, Brook Park, OH 44142, 216-267-3966, paid lessons & party rental, competitions, inexpensive skate rental, \$5-\$8 rink admission

Freeway Lanes Bowling: 12859 Brookpark Rd; 216-267-2150, adult with child summer team league, kids bowl free available with online registration, \$3.75 shoe rental, \$3.25-\$4.50 regular per game/per person charge.

West Park YMCA: 15501 Lorain Road, 216-941-5410. Weekly summer sports camps, summer overnight camps, classes, and an indoor pool.

True2U launched with 8th graders, expanding mentors

True2U is expanding its reach to 46 Cleveland Metropolitan Schools this fall! Garfield in the W. 140th Education Corridor, Douglas MacArthur Girls Leadership Academy just north of Puritas Avenue, and Riverside off of Warren Road were in the pilot program this year. What is True2U?

According to the CMSD News Bureau, "True2U, a collaborative effort involving the Cleveland Foundation, the District, the Greater Cleveland Partnership and the Neighborhood Leadership Institute," as part of the MyCom network that Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation (BPDC) organizes

in West Park, "guides the students as they prepare for what can be a make-or-break transition to high school, post-secondary education or training and careers.

Each month, mentors from corporations and the community fan out for three hours to participating schools, helping students to envision their future and work on skills required to make that future a reality.

Shana Marbury, general counsel and vice president for the Greater Cleveland Partnership, a metropolitan area chamber of commerce, mentored girls

at MacArthur and told the CMSD News Bureau, "Mentors have undergone training led by Stedman Graham, a leadership consultant and author, and follow a curriculum based on his book, 'Teens Can Make It Happen, Nine Steps to Success.'" Mentors like Shana help the students assess and develop their decision-making skills, self-image, strengths and values and more are needed to double the 180 active this year to reach twice the number

of schools.

Clara E. Westropp on Puritas and McKinley north of Lorain Avenue both are schools added to the program's reach this fall.

The Neighborhood Leadership Institute is in charge of recruiting the mentors and is the lead agency for the MyCom network. For more information, call 216-812-8700.

Want a rain barrel this summer?

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Friday Night Movie Series

What is it?

Fun, family movies shown at dusk on **Second Fridays** in parks around Ward 16. Bring your lawnchair or blankets!



June 10 at Crossburn Park, on Crossburn Ave. off W. 130th St.

July 8 at Mohican Park between Triskett Ave.

...with a Bike Rodeo for kids beforehand! Bring your bike, take home skills!

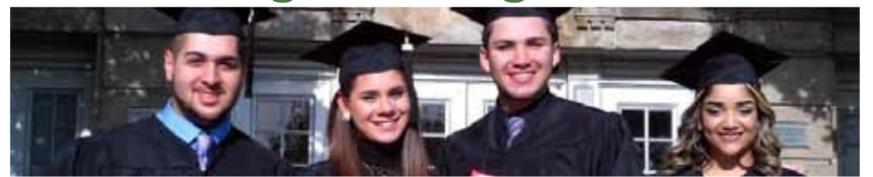
August 12 at Gilmore Park between Gilmore Ave. and "Old" Puritas Ave.

September 9 at Terminal Park bordered by W. 145th St. at Highlandview and St. James Ave.

- Arrive at 6:30 p.m. to enjoy the park and a safety fair before each film.
- Questions? Call Councilman Kazy at 216-664-2942.

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First Bard graduating class



On Monday, May 16, 2016, 15 students became the first high school graduating class of Bard High School Early College (Cleveland) (BHSEC) at the commencement exercises held at Severance Hall. Twelve graduates concurrently earned an Associate of Arts degree from Bard College in New York.

First graduating class: Jehiel Eli Barreto, Natalia E. Cordero, Na'Shelle Monique Evans, Fabiola Nicole Feliciano, Dayna Saijaonna-Dauniece Foster, Althea Lichvarcik, Alyssa Lichvarcik, Angelique Tyquonna Jasha McGuire, Bryan Daniel Rodriguez, Frankie Yazel Santiago, Layla J. Suleiman, Michela S. Thomson, Anastasia Vasenda, Julius I. Warren Jr., and Cali A.G. Wright.

BHSEC opened in 2014 with only 9th and 11th graders on Brooklawn Avenue and it moved into a permanent location with all four grades at 13501 Terminal Ave. for the entire 2015-2016 academic calendar. Bard provides a rigorous academic culture for intellectually curious students who want to pursue college credits in high school (www.bhsec.bard.edu/cleveland.)

Teens use voice in Columbus

Paradise Black, Hope Rivera, and Devon Hauser represented West Park MyCom at the State Lobby Day with MyCom's advocacy partner, Voices for Ohio's Children. The teens stand in front of a stained glass state seal in the picture to the right. In addition to a tour and a luncheon at the statehouse in Columbus, they visited representatives's



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gets spread on a bowl as a base for this Amp 150 beet salad (\$9). The creamy cheese complements the salad's acidic yuzu fruit vinaigrette and beets, which are seasoned with oil, salt and pepper," in their April edition.

Cleveland Scene posted "11 Restaurants in Cleveland to Get Your Taco Fix" and listed La Plaza first in the slideshow! It wrote: "Home to some of the best tacos in the city and a market chockfull of Latin flavors, La Plaza Supermarket is an oasis for good bites. Here, you can get a taco stuffed with carnitas, chorizo, al pastor or barbacoa for \$2."

Cleveland.com published a review in January entitled, "Cuisine Du Cam-

bodge: Many-splendored Cambodian dishes on Cleveland's west side." Swooning over many dishes, she wrote: "Its food is similar to Thai, but more subtle - and there's a lot of commonality with Vietnam, with some Indian overtones. China, Portugal and Spain weigh in as well, plus the cuisine of France. Cambodian food is more complicated and fraught with geographic and historical imperatives than we have space for here. For now, it's best to just enjoy the dishes on their own merits."

Der Braumeister's recognition in Cleveland Magazine's April edition was cited as the best "German or Other Central European" in the Silver Spoon contest.

8th grader takes the cake at NEOSEF

Jocelyn Lewis, an 8th grader at Robinson G. Jones competed in the Northeast Ohio Science Engineering Festival (NEOSEF) competition at Cleveland State and was selected as one of the most outstanding in March. She won a \$100 Cash Merit Award. On May 19th at the City Club she will showcase her project "Cooking with Oils." She wanted to find out if differ-

ent oils effect the taste and texture of a cupcake. Grape seed oil worked the best, according to Jocelyn, after making 90 cupcakes.

Congratulations to Jocelyn! This summary was submitted by her very proud science intervention specialist, Kerri Johnson.

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tion. They did not just come down and talk once, they worked with them for six months, according to Ryan.

He was introduced to robotics through YTA thanks to a referral from retired Marshall teacher, Dan McMillan, three or four years ago. Now Werner believes he has earned 15 college credits over those years.

His greatest sacrifice, as well, was not being able to get a job. He went to Tri-C most everyday in the summer, "but I enjoyed what they were doing and I believed it would help me in a career." He plans on studying computer, electrical, and mechanical engineering in college and hopes to get a job at Tri-C while he studying at Cleveland State University.

He said he learned so much, but in addition to design, programming, and manufacturing robots of this caliber, "I learned how to work on a team, not just with men of the same race as me but all genders, all races. I'm proud as a team that we were able to accomplish this."

Regarding his own contributions, Werner said, "I am proud that I was able to plan the final robot and worked on the prototypes." He especially focused on the shooting mechanism and hanging mechanism or "climber." (The robot crossed moats and scaled

walled defenses.)

Amazingly, he also worked on creating a scouting robot for the Cleveland Police to be small, easy to handle, and quick to deploy to explore potential bomb threats. It has a headlight, GPS, telemetry, six independently-driven wheels, and a camera. Ryan, who attended Newton D. Baker before finishing elementary at Garfield, designed the controller, which is stored in a suitcase with a display screen and is all powered by a wall outlet!

Ortiz, as a freshman, started the YTA in December after JMSOE's Mr. Armin encouraged him to apply after having one of the best Arduino robots in the John Marshall robot competition. He worked on the robot and built obstacles for the course and spent every Saturday at Tri-C from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 2-3 afternoons a week there. He took a soldering class there this spring afterschool. Besides technical skills he said, "Before, I hated working with other people! Now I can work with other people." This is the first team Ortiz has ever participated on and he learned it takes a lot of work.

His best memory of the competition is in the "Einstein" finals. "One of our alliance bots fell over from being pushed over, and it got back up, then it went to go climb and it fell and got back up and drove onto the ramp with one second left and we ended up winning." Ortiz wants a career in engineering in technology.

Ohio Means Jobs and the National Science Foundation provide major funding for the YTA and NASA and Rockwell Automation lead funding for the FIRST Robotics team. Get more details about YTA by calling Mary Kay Bitterman at 987-6302.

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Run Puritas breaks record

Nearly 400 runners and walkers took to the streets of the heart of West Park on Saturday, April 30, 2016 to break the attendance record for the Run Puritas 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk, sponsored by PPG Industries, Inc. and local businesses.

For the first time, the course reached the historic John West homestead on W. 138th Street before turning around and passing the San Diego Garden of Eatin' community garden and the future home of a community center on the corner of Lyric Avenue and W. 140th St. that Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation will be creating. Over 30 volunteers and the Cleveland police kept the participants safe and on the course, and of course, well-hydrated.

The YMCA of Greater Cleveland also increased the number of youth that they had participate in the race from last year by about 100 youth, the majority of whom ran the 1 mile race. The YMCA has running clubs at public schools and some charters as

part of its We Run This City Marathon program. The youth who ran the Run Puritas were training to run the last 1.2 miles of the Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon or 10K distance in May. Our beautiful neighborhood with our friendly residents and volunteers should have given those children a warm memory of West Park. Of course, Garfield, Riverside, Douglas MacArthur Girls Leadership Academy, Artemus Ward, and McKinley students were on their home turf!

PPG Industries, West Park Academy, Blessed Trinity Church, Blaser Mericle, and the Cleveland Marriott all also fielded teams.



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