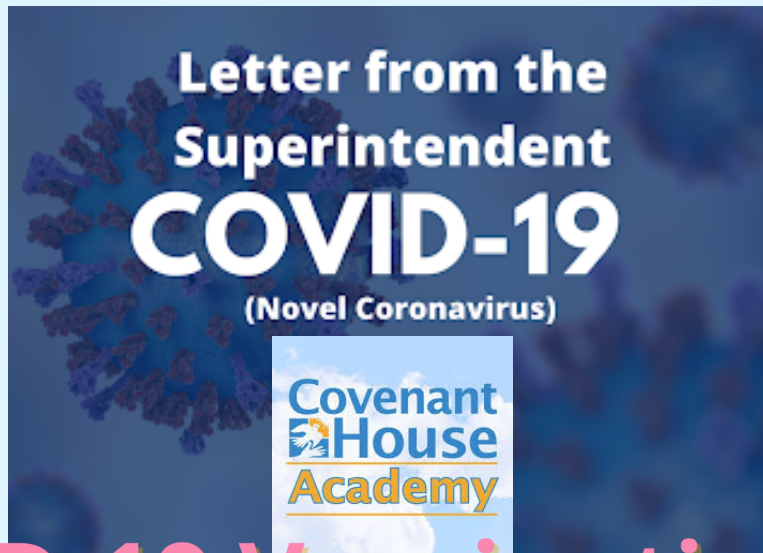


# COVENANT HOUSE ACADEMY PARENT NEWS

## PARENTS, YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!



## COVID-19 Vaccinations

Dear Covenant House Academy Students and Families,

When the Titanic sank in the North Atlantic in 1912, nearly 1,500 people died. While some perished immediately or were trapped below, most people had enough time to get into a lifeboat. Strangely enough, though, many of the lifeboats had empty seats. It was one of the most vivid recollections of many survivors. Those empty seats were lives that could have been saved. We are facing a disaster in this country that has already claimed as many lives as 378 Titanic disasters, 12 in Michigan alone. The COVID disaster is not over. In our state, the rates of new cases, hospitalizations and fatalities are all rising rapidly. This is even true for younger, healthy adults. But there are seats in the lifeboat. Michigan will now vaccinate any individual 16 years old or above. These vaccines will make you **20 times less likely to catch COVID**. With more than 65 million vaccine shots administered in the United States so far, there have been no known fatalities due to the vaccine. In extremely rare cases (less than 1 in a million), there have been serious side effects. Many people experience aches and mild fever for 24-36 hours, much like a flu.

This is the bottom line: we are far more likely to become ill (or worse) from COVID than from the vaccine. We understand that some of you are reluctant to receive the vaccine. Some of us waited until very recently to get it, but nearly 80% of our staff is now fully vaccinated. While we still wear masks and follow safety protocols, it makes us feel safer and enables us to see our loved ones. We are not requiring CHA students to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to attend school and have no immediate plans to do so. **But we strongly encourage every CHA student, parent and family member 16 or older to get vaccinated unless a doctor advises against it.** Please call your local health department to make an appointment if you are not already vaccinated. If you do not know who to call, call us and we will help you. Let's make sure that we fill every seat in the lifeboat -- and save every life possible.

*Terrence M. George*

*Superintendent*



# NEW!

## Adult Education @ CHA

Click for details!



**This program is ideal for adult students ages 23 and up who need only 5 credits or fewer to earn their diploma. Click the link below to get eligibility requirements and enrollment details.**

**<https://www.kentisd.org/students/adult-education/high-school-diploma/>**

# Career Readiness

## Summer Camp Opportunities

Summer camps are BACK! We've assembled a comprehensive list of academic camps to help your student explore an area of interest, or try a have fun learning about a new one. Camps serving PreK – 12th grade in a wide variety of subject areas is available. **Check out our list of local summer programs here in the link below**



<https://www.kentisd.org/educators/career-readiness/students/programs/summer-learning-opportunities/>



## Girls In Non-Traditional Occupations

May 12th, 2021 - 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Help young women discover high-wage, in-demand careers they might otherwise not consider! During this virtual career exploration experience, just for girls, students will take a virtual tour of Kent Career Tech Center's Welding, IT, Construction and Engineering-related programs to explore careers in these fields.

While traditionally male-dominated, many women excel in these fields – if they know about them.

Make sure your students do! Contact

Please Contact **Dollineller Michelle Large** for more information

Email: [michellelarge@kentisd.org](mailto:michellelarge@kentisd.org)

## Talk & Tour Career Series - Virtual!

Our Talk and Tours provide a virtual panel of professionals in select industries that share their own career path, the inside scoop on what their jobs are really like, along with their perspective on what you can do to prepare for a career that interests you.



### Upcoming Dates:

Health Science Careers: Orthopedic Associates of Michigan. **Click the link below to register**  
Tuesday, May 4: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYtcOGqqTotE9E1db4MeMFkAbFFLYmvscX5>

# COUNSELORS CORNER

MEET OUR COUNSELOR INTERN!

## Ms. Welsh

Ms. Welsh has served students and families as a classroom teacher for over 20 years. Currently she is in her last semester at Grand Valley State University. She is currently working with CHAGR Counselor Mr. VanTassel and students in the areas of career and college readiness, academic success, and social and emotional skills. Ms. Welsh's main priority is to work with fidelity and dedication to provide all students at Covenant House Academy a respectful and empowering experience with school counseling services to ensure students are successful academically.

**StudentServices@chayvs.org**  
**616-426-3584**



# GRAND RAPIDS AREA COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

## COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA)

**If you fell behind on rent and/or utilities during the pandemic and need assistance, you can apply online today.**

The COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) program is designed to keep Michigan residents who fell behind on their rent and/or utilities during COVID-19 in their homes. This program provides COVID Emergency Relief Assistance (CERA) for housing (rent), utility, and internet assistance to qualifying individuals or families.

**Please Click the link below for details.**

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## **Earn while you learn this summer!**

This summer young people ages 15 to 24 will have the opportunity to explore a career and obtain valuable work experience while earning money. Program participants will be matched with employers for a 6-week, 120-hour, paid work experience. Through this experience, area businesses and organizations will introduce youth to real-world work environments, provide mentorship and create pathways to future careers. The GRow1000 summer employment program for local teens and young adults provides meaningful jobs in a variety of area businesses, colleges, and nonprofit and government organizations. If you are 15 to 24 years old, don't miss this opportunity!

**Click the link below and apply today!**

<https://grow1000.euzenconnect.ai/candidate/registration>

For additional questions, contact Our Community's Children at [occyouth@grcity.us](mailto:occyouth@grcity.us) or call 616-456-3558.

# PBIS

Students and Families, the PBIS team needs your input! Covenant House Academy Grand Rapids will be naming a new mascot this year and we want your suggestions. Please email [rchico@chayvs.org](mailto:rchico@chayvs.org) or [shaggadone@chayvs.org](mailto:shaggadone@chayvs.org) with your idea for our new mascot. Once we receive input from students, staff and parents on suggestions for the new mascot we will be sending out a survey for everyone to pick their favorite. We thank you for participating in our search for a new mascot!

Thank you,  
CHAGR PBIS Team

<https://www.pbis.org/topics/school-wide>





Dear CHA families, We want to meet with parents/guardians and adult support of Covenant House Students. Our goal is to get a better understanding of our students needs, skills, and personalities to help them reach academic success. Research has proven that the parent - teacher connection truly helps the teacher- student connection. Parents, you make the difference! We're looking forward to meeting with you to encourage and guide our students to success. Our teaching staff is available for ***virtual conferences Mon-Fri from 12pm to 7pm.***

There are three ways to participate in PTC: Conference by email, Conference by phone, and Conference by (Video Chat) Zoom. To request a conference please send an email to our Student Services office at [StudentServices@chayvs.org](mailto:StudentServices@chayvs.org) or call 616-426-3584. Please include the following in your email:

- First and last name of parent/guardian
- Student's first and last name
- Phone #
- Date and time for the requested for conference: ***Please note all meetings must be scheduled a least 24 hours in advance.***