



PARENT NEWS

Parents, you make the difference!

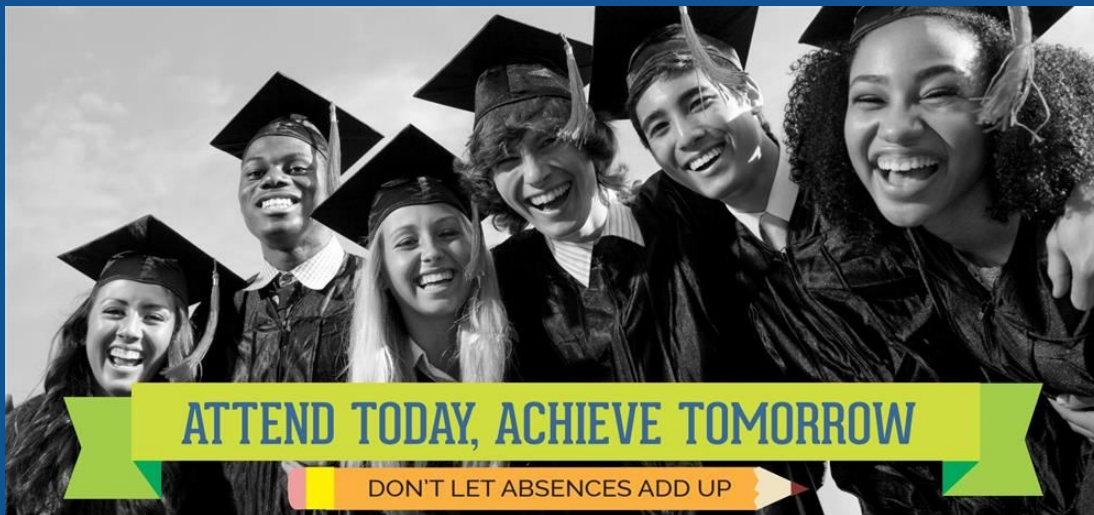


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Our Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies (PBIS)

Covenant House Academy is proud to be a “PBIS School.” PBIS facilitates best practices, which is an evidence-based program used in schools nationwide. PBIS is used as a framework for supporting universal teaching for responses to expected behaviors throughout the school in all areas of the day. Fostering students to extend to their highest potential is reinforced by best teaching practices across the school, creating a sense of community, and raising school spirit. Classroom PBIS strategies are important tools to decrease disruptions, increase instructional time, and improve student social behavior and academic outcomes. This is critical as schools are held to greater accountability for student outcomes and teacher effectiveness. PBIS fosters the optimal environment for learning, growth, independence, and success. At Covenant House Academy PBIS will better allow the majority of our students to best access our interventions and supports in their daily environment. PBIS allows a school to grow as a community and establishes positive cultural through school spirit and identity. Staff and students are proud that Covenant House Academy is the home of the Chargers, our mascot, and believe in the school’s core values of respect, responsibility, and safety throughout the school environment.



Pay Attention to Attendance : Keep Your Teen on Track in High School

Even as teens grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure teens participate or get to school safely every day

DID YOU KNOW?

- Absences can be a sign that a teen is losing interest, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a teen may drop out of high school.
- Missing 10% (just 2 days each month) can drastically affect a teen's academic success.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your teen keep a job and graduate from college.

WHAT YOU CAN DO?

Communicate with the school

- Contact your teen's teachers and let them know how to reach you.
- Request a schedule of classes and log in information for your teen.
- Ask for help from school officials, after-school program providers, other parents or community agencies if you're having trouble getting online or need help with food, housing or some other challenge.
- Know the school's attendance policy and the consequences for absences. • Check on your teen's attendance to make sure they are attending all of their classes.
- Consider asking the school for a change to in-person learning if remote learning doesn't engage your teen.

Make School Attendance a Priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day so your teen knows this is your expectation.
- Encourage your teen to maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework or getting a good night's sleep.
- Avoid scheduling non-urgent dental and medical appointments when classes are in session.
- Post your teen's class schedule and log in information in a visible location, such as on the refrigerator or teen desk.
- Identify a quiet place for your teen to participate in class and do school work. Or ask your school or community agencies if they have created places for distance learning. If you have more than one child, make a schedule.

Help Your Child Stay Healthy and Engaged

- Make sure your teen gets the flu vaccine and other required shots.
- Find out if your teen feels safe. Make sure that school discipline policies don't lead to your teen becoming disengaged or pushed out of school. If there are problems, work with your school to find a solution.
- Check in weekly about your teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors.
- Stay on top of your teen's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping class. Teens who have a hard time making friends can feel isolated.

CHA CAREER PATHWAYS

SAVE THE DATE!

GROUNDHOG SHADOW DAY 2022 WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022.

THIS VIRTUAL EVENT WILL HAVE THREE ONE-HOUR SESSIONS AT 7:30AM, 9:30AM AND 12:30PM.

STAY TUNED FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION LATER THIS YEAR!



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.

TALK & TOUR CAREER SERIES
VIRTUAL

UPCOMING SESSIONS:

HEALTH SCIENCE CAREERS: ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATES OF MICHIGAN - SURGERY CENTER (REGISTER HERE)
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14 - 6:00PM - 7:00PM

HEALTH SCIENCE CAREERS:
MARY FREE BED (REGISTER HERE)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Career Videos



RECORDED CAREER VIDEOS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR STUDENT, PARENT AND EDUCATOR USE!

KENT ISD CAREER READINESS PIVOTED EARLY IN THE PANDEMIC AND STARTED HOSTING LIVE VIRTUAL CAREER CONVERSATIONS WITH LOCAL EMPLOYERS.

- THESE EVENTS WERE RECORDED AND ARE ACCESSIBLE VIA A SEARCH ENGINE TOOL ON OUR WEBSITE.
- THESE 30-60-MINUTE CAREER CONVERSATIONS WILL HELP EDUCATE STUDENTS, PARENTS AND EDUCATORS ABOUT IN-DEMAND CAREERS AND ALSO EXPAND THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF OPPORTUNITIES WITH LOCAL EMPLOYERS.
- SEARCH BY A VARIETY OF CRITERIA INCLUDING CAREER PATHWAY, PROGRAM, AGE GROUP AND MORE.

CHECK THEM OUT AT [KENTISD.ORG/CAREERVIDEOS](https://kentisd.org/careervideos)

FOR MORE DETAILED PROGRAM INFORMATION, VISIT OUR [STUDENT & PARENT EVENTS](#) MAIN PAGE.

Scholarships/Community Events

Spark Success

- The goal of Spark Success is to help parents understand the many paths students can take to a rewarding career.
- The organizers of Spark Success recognize the value of all career pathways and the demand for skilled workers across a wide variety of emerging industries.
- Over the first half of 2021, an average of 49,000 jobs were posted online per month across West Michigan – more openings than qualified people to fill them!
- [Click here](#) to find the resources you need to help guide your students toward success!

Skill Pointe Foundation Scholarships

- Multiple \$1,000 scholarships every month for individuals pursuing technical/vocational training in construction, healthcare, energy, manufacturing, transportation and other fields
- Application deadline is the last day of every month and a minimum of 2 winners will be notified approximately 6 weeks from entry.
- Exclusively for individuals wishing to gain a certificate, credential or 2 year degree.
- [For more information and to apply, click here](#)

(MI) Code Experience (Formerly Hour of Code)

- Hosted by West Michigan Tech Talent
- Part of the global Hour of Code movement to introduce tens of millions of students to Computer Science
- December 6-17
- Students grades 3-5
- [For more information and to sign up, click here](#)

Scholarship Database:

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