



PARENT NEWS

Parents, you make the difference!

Safe and Successful 2022

Dear Covenant House Academy Students & Parents,

For most of us, 2021 will be remembered as a particularly hard year. And 2021 did not go quietly, as we saw in December with a mass shooting at Oxford High School, growing violence in Detroit and Grand Rapids, and rapidly rising COVID cases and hospitalizations due to the Omicron variant.

The four campuses of Covenant House Academy exist to provide teens and young adults an opportunity to better their lives through education. We work hard every day to keep our students and staff safe, for students that do not feel safe cannot focus on their studies. As we head into the new year, I hope we can work together to protect our students from both the violence that plagues our communities and the pandemic that has already cost our state nearly 30,000 lives.

COVID

We will continue to follow special precautions, including:

- Masks required for all students and staff
- Students separated by at least 5' in classes at all times
- A water cooler for each classroom
- Temperature checks and symptom screeners upon entry to the building
- Extra air filters in each classroom
- Extra cleaning procedures

We ask students and families to:

- **Get vaccinated against COVID.** Unvaccinated individuals are 12 times more likely to die from COVID and 4.4 times more likely to contract COVID. Vaccination is the single best way to keep you and your family safe.
- Keep students at home if they have been exposed to someone with COVID or have COVID symptoms, including sore throat, congestion, fever, aches, fatigue, shortness of breath or loss of taste or smell
- Limit interactions at large or crowded indoor gatherings

Violence

- Our security staff will continue to monitor all entrants into the building, including use of a metal-detecting wand
- CHA administration and staff will conduct multiple lockdown drills as required by state law
- We are currently reviewing all our safety protocols to determine where improvements can be made
- If students or families hear of potential threats to school or student safety through conversation or social media (even if you don't know if it is a "real" threat), it is essential that you let us know in one of two ways:
- Tell the school principal or a staff member what you heard or saw

Report your concerns through Michigan's OK2Say program:

- **Call** 855-565-2729 (8-555-OK2SAY)
- **Text** 652729 (OK2SAY)
- **Email** ok2say@mi.gov
- **Enter at website** <https://ok2say.state.mi.us/>

Academics

We believe that a high school diploma is essential for pursuing a good career or advanced training. These, in turn, provide opportunities for our graduates to build the life they want for themselves. We also know that the pandemic has interrupted the studies for many of our students, and we want to do everything possible to help them complete coursework and earn their diploma.

It is our plan, therefore, to remain open so students can work on a school computer and get assistance from their teachers. We have done a great job of keeping students and staff safe and healthy throughout the pandemic, and we encourage all students to attend in-person every day.

If students cannot come to school in-person, we encourage them to work on their classes from the nearest available computer. Teachers and staff will be available to help with both academic and non-academic needs.

No matter what happens this year, we want to see all our students move forward in their studies and set a path for the future. If we all work together, we can help them make 2022 a safe and successful year.

Sincerely,



Terrence M. George
Superintendent



COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS



NEED A RIDE?

If you or someone you know may need a ride to your vaccine clinic appointment, **CALL 2-1-1**. They will assist you in finding the best option for you to get to and from your vaccine appointment.

For More Info:

For more information on vaccine clinic locations, please call 616-888-8411 or visit www.bicgr.com

BICGR.COM

Location:

New Hope Baptist Church
130 Delaware St SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Dates:

January 9th from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
January 30th from 12:00 om - 4:00 pm

All three vaccines are available:
Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson, and Moderna

Vaccines will be available for ages 12+
Those under the age of 18 need to be accompanied by an adult.

TO REGISTER FOR A CLINIC
Call 616-888-8411



STUDENT COUNT DAY
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
CHA #209 ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Our local schools are greatly impacted in terms of funding by the numbers of students in classrooms or online on this date.

Support our schools by making sure your child is counted in class or online on
Wednesday 1/9/2022

GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS

**Every Minute
in School Counts**



Follow us on Facebook  for important updates between newsletters!



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.

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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

For more detailed program information, visit our [Student & Parent Events](#) main page.