



The Royal Chronicles

CASTLE High School

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Learning Moments at CASTLE High School

TESTING! TESTING!

Over the next several months, students will be completing various assessments that are required of students across the state. These range from benchmark testing, end of course exams, and the ACT. Watch our social media pages on Facebook and Instagram for more updates!

- ◆ Star Testing (Reading & Math) ongoing
- ◆ ACT (11th graders) mid-March
- ◆ End of Course Exams (all students) April
- ◆ WebXams (FCS program) May



What sets CASTLE High School apart from the others? At CASTLE High School, we look at each student as a unique individual and work to mold our scholars. Whether it

is teacher-led traditional classes, self-paced learning online, or a combination of both. Stop by our wall-size Periodic



Table for a Physical Science refresher! CASTLE High School provides this to all of our students! Missing credits for graduation? Each one of our online classes can be finished within a month and gives a half-credit.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 2/1-2/29 | Black History Month Celebrations |
| Thursday 2/8 | No School-Staff In-Service |
| Wednesday 2/14 | Valentine's Day Celebration |
| Friday 2/16 | No School-Staff In-Service |
| Monday 2/19 | Presidents Day (No School) |

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MS. GIBBS



Ms. Gibbs is our Credit Recovery Teacher here at CASTLE Main. This is her second year on our staff. Ms. Gibbs is one of the first friendly faces students see every morning during Breakfast. She is very diligent with making sure our scholars start their day on a positive note.

Ms. Gibbs approaches every task placed in front of her with the same diligence and enthusiasm. Ms. Gibbs' classroom is known throughout the building for its calming environment and structured routines. She is eager to nurture our students' spirits.

She is a special jewel in CASTLE's crown!

OMJ Readiness Seal



Did you know that 85% of career success comes from well-developed soft skills (such as punctuality, work ethic, professionalism, global fluency, and communication)?

Demonstration of these skills is a large part of earning the OMJ Readiness Seal. By earning this seal, students have demonstrated proficiency in 14 different professional skills as identified by potential employers.

In April, students at CASTLE will have the chance to compete in the school-wide Amazing Shake to see who has the best soft skills. The winner will move on to a state-wide competition.

Mentors within the school, workplace, and community attest to these skills.

What about the remaining 15% of career success? That comes from technical training (known as hard skills).

"I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept."

-- Angela Davis

From the Desk of Principal Dowd

One of the best ways to demonstrate being ready for the day is to be on time for school. Breakfast is served at 7:45am and school starts at 8:00am. Any student who arrives after 8:15am is marked "tardy". Why does this matter? Chronic absenteeism, regardless of reason, is measured in hours. After so many hours, students need to be put on an Attendance Intervention Plan as a step to prevent filing for truancy. The [Ohio Department of Education and Workforce](#) has more information on their website.

