



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

JANUARY 2024



PHOTOS FROM AROUND CAMPUS

A Message from Principal Kolb

Dear Families,

Happy New Year, Everyone! Welcome back. I hope everyone was able to have some quality downtime with family and friends over the break.

As we enter 2024, we turn towards the last part of the second semester of the year, which ends this week. This milestone will mean our seniors are entering the final semester of their high school careers. Many of them will be working on their senior pathways and others will be starting to process what it means that their public school experience is actually coming to a close. While we're almost halfway through the year, there is still a lot of school and extracurricular activity to go. It's a good time to be planful about how your family will manage and balance the work with personal care for each of our kids. We always want to remind you we are here to help you. Please reach out if we can help support your child or your family.

Innovation House Launches!



Our Royals recently began construction of an indoor house in our Science classroom. This technical education helps our students because it's challenging, introduces students to alternative careers and teaches them life skills. Both students and teachers have grown to love the project. Stay tuned for updates on our progress.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN - CAREER WEEK/TBA

JAN . 12TH - LAST DAY OF FALL SEMESTER

JAN. 15TH - OBSERVANCE OF MLK DAY - NO SCHOOL

JAN. 16TH - FIRST DAY OF SPRING SEMESTER

Did you say Gingerbread?



Our Royals competed in a Gingerbread House Contest during our holiday celebration before Winter Break.



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Science Class Acquires Aquarium!



Our Science Department recently acquired an aquarium to expand students hands-on learning of science. Aquariums are great for teaching about the nitrogen cycle, water chemistry, how fish eat, life, death, accountability, and health, and there are different geography and history lessons that can be incorporated as well. We're excited for this addition in our school.

Royals Become Farmers



During the fall semester our Royals attended bi-weekly workshops with school partner Rid-All Green Partnership where students learned the basics of urban farming.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: DARRYL DARBY



Our featured educator of the month is Science Teacher Mr. Darryl Darby. Mr. Darby grew up in Detroit, Michigan. After high school, he proudly served in the United States Air Force. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kent State University. He worked in corporate America for more than twenty years before joining Castle High School. He also serves as Pastor of a local church in Greater Cleveland. In his spare time, he enjoys learning about technology and designing luxury clothing which has showcased in fashion shows locally and nationally.

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