

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

January 2023



#### PHOTOS FROM CASTLE EAST EVENTS DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

# A message from Principal Kolb

Let me begin by wishing you all a Happy New Year filled with many successes and continued progress. During winter break, I hope you had the chance to catch up with friends and family. I spent some time reflecting on 2022 and thinking about the work and opportunities that lie ahead in 2023.

My name is Alexandra Kolb and I am thrilled to introduce myself as the incoming principal of Castle East for the 2022-2023 school year. I come in with fifteen years of leadership experience in education I have been at our location for eleven years. I stand united with our dedicated team at Castle East to continue fostering strong relationships, and continue to grow each day socially, emotionally, and academically with our students. In closing, I look forward to being a partner with you in your child's education, and am available to speak over the phone about how to best support your scholar this year.



### New Year, New Look!

Castle -East recently received an exterior facelift with new outdoor signage. Last summer the school received major interior renovations. Progress will continue this year with additional exterior improvements including flowerbeds students will construct in partnership with Rid-All Green Partnership..

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Jan. 18th. Student Career **Compass Workshop** 

Jan. 27th - First Annual Winter Ball

Feb. 1st - Life After High School Workshop

Feb. 10th. Financial Literacy Workshop

Feb. 14th Financial Aid/FASFA workshop for Parents.

Feb. 15th Real World/Social **Media Workshop** 

#### Royals Build Gingerbread Houses!



Castle Royals competed against each's other Houses in December in the Holiday Gingerbread House contest. House Isibindi won the contest!



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### **Castle Sponsors Community Coat Giveaway**



On Saturday, January 7th, Castle-East hosted a Community Coat Giveaway with community partners. Castle-East actively participates in serving the community. Castle Royals distributed more than 250 coats into the community!



Students were welcomed back from Winter Break with a current student from Jackson State University offering personal his testimony about attending an HBCU and discussing the college experience with students.

#### TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: DARRYL DARBY



Our teacher of the Month is Darryl Darby. Mr. Darby grew up in Detroit, Michigan. He proudly served in the United States Air Force as an officer. He earned his Bachelors degree from Kent State University. He has worked in corporate America for more than twenty years and fourteen years at the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. He is also Pastor of a local church in Greater Cleveland. In his spare time he enjoys learning about technology and designing luxury fashions which have showcased both locally and nationally.

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