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A Message from our Lead Learner

Look for a special message from Dr. Doherty next week on our last day of the school year.

A Conversation with the Incoming Superintendent

In the next episode of our video series featuring Clayton's incoming superintendent, Dr. Nisha Patel discusses the power of relationships and how building strong relationships is key to helping everyone around you be successful.



Click on the image above to watch the full video.

The Class of 2021 Celebrates at the CHS Senior Parade

On Friday, May 21, the Class of 2021 celebrated the end of another great school year at the CHS Senior parade. CHS teachers, administrators, staff, and members of the Clayton community cheered on the students as they traveled in vehicles decorated with balloons, posters, and more. Congratulations to the Class of 2021! View the video below [and view photos from the parade here](#).



Click on the image above to watch the full video.

Honoring Dr. Sean Doherty's Contributions to the School District of Clayton



Since becoming superintendent in 2015, Dr. Sean Doherty worked tirelessly as our community's "lead learner." The Clayton Education Foundation has launched a campaign to honor and commemorate his contributions to the District.

Because he began his career as an elementary teacher and served as

principal at Captain Elementary School, this campaign will fund a book collection for each of the District's three elementary school libraries. Books for the Dr. Sean Doherty Collection will be selected by each school's librarian and identified by a custom bookplate picturing Dr. Doherty and his rescue dog, Gryff.

Dr. Doherty advocates unapologetically for students, always working to make decisions to empower them in their learning. This library collection lets him continue making a positive impact on student learning long after he retires from the District.

The campaign will run from April 30 - May 31. Donate [online](#) or by mailing a check (made payable to the Clayton Education Foundation with "Doherty" written on the memo line) to the Clayton Education Foundation, #2 Mark Twain Circle, Clayton, Missouri, 63105.

Help us honor Dr. Doherty, and enhance our elementary libraries, by donating today.

CHS Choir 2021 Spring Performance



CHS Choir filmed their virtual spring performance on May 6, 7, and 10. Since the beginning of the semester, choir students worked tirelessly rehearsing music and choreography to prepare for their virtual spring performance. Students performed solos, in duets, and as a group. Two concert choir members, Santana Bolden and Taj Elliot, even created an

original rap for the performance. One of the choir's favorite parts of the performance was leading an acapella version of "I See Stars" from the musical "Mean Girls".

"It was wonderful to see them apply the tools and techniques that they have learned throughout the year and conduct their own rehearsal of the piece," said Tai Oney, CHS Choir Director.

The district also wants to extend congratulations to the Class of 2021 seniors that performed: Jaxon Beeler, Art Franko, and Gen Hoelscher.

Due to copyright restrictions we can't share the video of the performance. However, [you can view photos from the performance here](#).

CPT Student is a Finalist for National Speech Competition



Andrew Fei, a Captain Elementary fourth grade student, has made it into the top 20 students for the National Kindness Speech Contest. This contest was created by the non profit organization, ThinkKindness. ThinkKindness is a nonprofit organization that visits schools across

the country to inspire acts of kindness in the communities of the schools with the help from motivational speakers. [Learn more about the contest here](#).

Each contestant had to film themselves answering the question: "If you had a megaphone that could reach the entire planet, what would you say to inspire everyone to make our world a kinder place?"

The contest was open to children ages 5 to 18 years old and each speech had to be two minutes long. Each speech was judged by a panel of motivational speakers, nonprofit leaders, previous winners, and more. The first place winner will receive \$500, a trophy, and a homepage feature on the ThinkKindness website. The second place winner will receive \$250, and the third place winner will receive \$100. Fei plans to donate his prize if he wins.

[Voting is open until June 6. Watch Andrew's video and vote here.](#)

WMS Theatre Company Takes Flight in the "Mirror of Most Value: A Ms. Marvel Play"



Wydown students performed in the spring play, "Mirror of Most Value: A Ms. Marvel Play," filmed on April 30 and released online in May. This show was chosen for the Marvel fans at WMS by Carla Miller, teacher at WMS and director at Wydown Theatre Company. Although there was no audience, students were able to add extra flair to the show through

camerawork and editing in post-production.

"They loved having an opportunity to create theatre together after being separated for so long. For our veteran actors it likely felt like a little bit of normal life," said Miller.

Miller hopes that viewers can take away from this play the value of "the resiliency of kids to create art even in the most challenging of times."

[Read more and view photos at the link here.](#)

MYAC Applications are Open



The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) has opened applications for CHS students who will be juniors or seniors next year. MYAC was created by the City of Clayton and the Clayton School District to create an opportunity for students to participate in local government. Eleven students are chosen each year to participate in this council by attending city commission meetings,

collaborating on a community project, and even meeting with the mayor. [The application and more information can be found here](#). The application deadline has been extended to August 31. For questions, contact Cheryl Redohl at claytonmyac@gmail.com.

Remaining Grab n' Go Meal Dates - Summer 2021



The School District of Clayton's Grab n' Go Meal Service will be available to **all families** of Clayton students this summer. Meals will be distributed from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. on Mondays at the front entrance of Clayton High School. Grab n' Go meal bags are free and include five breakfast and lunch meals for the week. Please note the 2021 Summer meal service dates below.

- Monday, June 7
- Monday, June 14
- Monday, June 21
- Monday, June 28
- Tuesday, July 6 (due to Independence Day)
- Monday, July 12
- Monday, July 19
- Monday, July 26
- Monday, August 2
- Monday, August 9
- Monday, August 16

Staff and Student Achievements

Congratulations to **Jennifer Adams**, a CHS science teacher, on being nominated for the St Louis Science Center/Carol and Jerome Loeb Prize for excellence in teaching. [Learn more in Featured News here](#).

Congratulations to **Audrey Roth** from WMS who is runner-up and won \$200 for the "Vaping's Not My Thing Contest." Contestants had to create an ad based on the negative effects of vaping.

Board Brief

Review the latest edition of [The Board Brief](#) from the May 19 Board of Education meeting. The Board reviewed the draft 2021-2022 budget and received an update on the District's

strategic plan with a focus on the work that is helping students and staff grow “in head and heart.”

Following each meeting of the Board of Education, The Board Brief is your source for details on Board discussions, actions and items of interest to Clayton students, staff and residents.

The Board's next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m. The tentative agenda includes approval of the 2021-2022 budget, approval of the 2022-2023 calendar and review of the District's recent Wellness Survey.

Nutritional Notes

From Chartwells Director of Dining Services Michelle Fohey.



Everyone is always looking for alternatives to the typical high calorie staples we may have in our home. Sometimes that means weighing our food or spending hours reading labels and adding up the calories. Here are some simple food swaps to help save calories and time!

- Regular regular tortillas with low carb tortillas
- Replace your noodles with spaghetti squash
- Swap out those buns or bread slices with lettuce to enjoy a crunchy lettuce wrap
- Use cauliflower rice instead of regular rice
- Sour cream can be swapped out with greek yogurt, look for the non-flavored greek to get similar tang of the sour cream
- Using oil sprays instead of the olive oil bottles when sauteing can save on fat and calories

Focus On: Summer Learning

Summer is quickly approaching, leaving parents to wonder how to keep their students learning. There are many local in-person and online resources available to continue educating students during summer break.

Libraries are one of the most valuable and cost-free assets for learning and entertainment. Both the [St. Louis County](#) and [St. Louis Public Library](#) are hosting summer reading programs. Although the school libraries will be closed over the summer, online learning resources can be found on their respective websites. Captain Elementary and Meramec Elementary have a list of resources for summer reading. Glenridge Elementary and Wydown Middle School

have an online catalog for digital materials for students to read. Clayton High School has a summer reading challenge. You can find their sites below:

[Captain Elementary Library](#)

[Glenridge Elementary Library](#)

[Meramec Elementary Library](#)

[Wydown Middle School Library](#)

[Clayton High School Library Information Center](#)

If parents are looking for ways to keep their children healthy and active, students can sign up for summer classes through the [Clayton Parks & Recreation website](#). Activities include swimming, basketball, summer camps, and more!

This [St. Louis Magazine article](#) highlights local St. Louis attractions with online and in-person educational activities including Wildlife & Outdoor; Education & Science; Planes, Trains & Automobiles; and Arts & Culture.

Calendar

May 31 - Memorial Day - District Closed

June 2 - **BOE Meeting (6:30 p.m.)**

June 3 - Last Day of Finals and End of Second Semester

June 4 - Grading Day Teachers

June 8 - **BOE Meeting (6 p.m.)**

June 11 - Next issue of eNews

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