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Boulevard Church Takes Students See The Movie Selma

by Robin Craig

"This is the best field trip we've had all year!" Those were the words of one of the bus drivers who transported 120 students and teachers from Euclid and John Hay High Schools to Lakeshore Cinema to see the profoundly moving film Selma on January 22, 2015, and then took them on to Boulevard Presbyterian Church for a Happy's pizza lunch and a panel discussion.

The church building buzzed with energy as the students arrived. During the panel discussion, teachers Mr. Jason Cleaver (Euclid) and Mrs. Sherlynn Allen-Harris (John Hay and Tri-C) offered their observations on the film's accuracy. Pastor John Lentz reflected on the ways in which his youthful participation in protest marches and in the beginnings of de-segregation have influenced his ministry. And Boulevard Elder Fran Hunter shared stories of her own rich and varied life experiences. All of the panelists urged the young people to get out and vote, and to work for change and justice in our society.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) has a long tradition of engagement in education and social justice. Boulevard Church was able to offer this opportunity to the students thanks to an education grant from the Synod of the Covenant and to the many members of the church who contributed funding, time, and energy. It was an exciting day for all ages!

Boulevard Elder Fran Hunter

Boulevard Church Volunteers

Hilltop Village Wins 2015 Best of Senior Living Award from SeniorAdvisor.com

Hilltop Village staff accepts the SeniorAdvisor.com 2015 Best of Senior Living Award. Pictured (l-r) Evanne Mihas, Jessica Lovejoy, and Dana Johnson.

by Evanne Mihas

Hilltop Village in Euclid, OH was presented with a 2015 Best of Senior Living Award for receiving consistently high ratings from residents and their families in the past year on SeniorAdvisor.com, the premier ratings and reviews site for senior care and services nationwide.

Now in its second year, the SeniorAdvisor.com Best of 2015 Awards celebrate the best of the best in senior living and home care across the United States. The award is only given to communities and agencies that have received outstanding online feedback from their families through the SeniorAdvisor.com site. Of the nearly 100,000 providers currently listed on SeniorAdvisor.com, only 879 were recognized with this award.

Winners of the SeniorAdvisor.com Best of 2015 Awards are located all over the country and represent the top tier of in-home care, assisted living, and other senior living providers in the country. This exclusive designation places the winners in the top one percent of senior care providers nationwide according to those who matter most - their families.

"It's quite an honor! We had no idea we were in consideration for an award to be recognized as one of Cleveland's best senior living communities. We work hard to provide a comfortable environment with countless amenities, which allow our residents to really enjoy "gracious senior living".

Dale Giffin, Business Manager

"SeniorAdvisor.com aims to help families research and locate reliable, first-hand feedback on senior care options from other families who have gone through the same experience," said Eric Seifert, President of SeniorAdvisor.com. "We are proud to celebrate the exceptional businesses who care for our greatest generation and older loved ones, and provide these organizations with the recognition they deserve. These businesses are committed to providing the best care possible to their residents, and they've set a high bar of quality for other senior care providers to follow."

Selection criteria for the award winners included having received an average overall rating of at least 4.5 stars and having a minimum number of reviews. Additional details and a complete list of award winners can be found on SeniorAdvisor.com. To see the full list of award winners in Cleveland, please visit https://www.senioradvisor.com/Cleveland-OH/assisted-living

About SeniorAdvisor.com LLC

SeniorAdvisor.com is the premier consumer ratings and reviews site for senior living communities and home care providers nationwide. The innovative website

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Euclid Chamber of Commerce Annual "Taste of Euclid" Awards Event

by Cheryl Cameron

Anyone that works with volunteers knows The Euclid Chamber of Commerce will again be hosting and recognizing it's most successful local businesses, organizations and leaders at the annual upcoming "Taste of Euclid" Awards Event on Thursday, March 26th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Irish American Club East Side on Lakeshore Blvd. The "taste" has become a tradition over the past several years with the "best Culinary Treats and beverages" from restaurants in the Euclid area but the Chamber has been recognizing area leaders for over 30 years. All of the recipients this year have earned honors for their contributions, and collectively they speak to the strong business climate and positive outlook for Euclid.

Registration may be done online at euclidchamber.com or contact Sheila Gibbons at (216) 731-9322 or sheila@euclidchamber.com. Cost is $50/person or $375 for a table of eight.

Chamber members and non-members are welcome to attend as we honor "Euclid's Best"!

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From the desk of Mayor Bill Cervenik

It doesn't look like the cold of winter will be letting up soon. Although the snow and chilly temperatures are keeping us indoors more, there are some great activities here in Euclid you can enjoy during winter months. The C.E. Orr Ice Arena has several public sessions throughout the week to skate. Whether you are old, young or somewhere in between, ice skating is a fun way to not only get exercise, but an enjoyable activity. The sledding hill on the corner of East 222 Street and Euclid Avenue, behind McDonald's, is open as well. And for those of us who prefer to stay indoors, there are some terrific movies out this season. The Atlas Cinema Lakeshore 7 has all of the latest movies shown during the day and evening. And don't forget, the Euclid Public Library has a vast inventory of movies, both new and the old classics as well.

Every winter I get phone calls and emails about clearing snow covered streets. The Streets Department does an outstanding job when it comes to snow removal and salting. During a snow event, the crews will plow as frequently as possible but only salt main roads, intersections, hills, curves, bridges and school zones. Remember, after 2" of new snow has fallen, a Parking Ban goes into effect until the street is cleared.

When the snow flies, you can be certain our crews are working hard to keep up with clearing roads. You can do your part by also removing the snow around fire hydrants located on tree lawns. And please, be certain to help out the elderly: Clear their steps, take in and out garbage cans, and drop in on them to see if they need anything.

Wishing you warmth and good health.

Your Mayor,
Bill Cervenik

The East 185th Street Transportation for Livable Communities Public Meeting

by John Boksansky, Commercial Project Coordinator, Northeast Shores Development Corporation

If you are interested in the future of East 185th Street and discussing how it can be a more livable community, and designed for the future, you are invited to the public meeting to be held:

Date: Tuesday February 24, 2015
Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Place: Villa Angela St Joseph Gymnasium
Enter North West door entrance, rear parking lot off of East 185th Street.

"Everyone has a vision for what East 185 or a downtown can be," stated Councilman Polensek, Ward 8 Councilman City of Cleveland. "I am extremely excited about the prospects for the future of the East 185th Street Corridor. The district is a priority for our community. We are counting on valued input from the public regarding the TLCI plan and our efforts to improve the area to serve the neighborhood and the region as well. East 185 is a great place to live, work and visit. Can we improve what we currently have?" "I believe we can by working together, and we look forward to the process and public input"

Mayor Cervenik, from the City of Euclid added, "The collaboration of the Cuyahoga Planning Commission, City of Cleveland, City of Euclid and Northeast Shores will result in a unified approach to revitalizing this important street."

The TLCI grant is being used to develop specific recommendations for pedestrian and bicycle-friendly transportation improvements, land use and zoning, redevelopment scenarios (or opportunities), and design guidelines for public and private improvements that will promote mixed-use and transit-oriented development (TOD) along the corridor.

URS Corporation (AECOM), the consultants, as well as the City of Cleveland, Euclid and the Northeast Ohio Area Coordinating Agency (NOACA), Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, and Northeast Shores are counting on public input to plan for making East 185th Street a move vibrant and livable community.

"The project grant was awarded recently, and the resulting plan will be completed by the end of 2015. The resulting plan depends on citizen and stakeholder input." said Brian Friedman, Executive Director of Northeast Shores. Brain Friedman further added, "The plan comes to us because together with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, and the Cities of Euclid, and Cleveland, together, we submitted a compelling application. The $110,000 funding for this initiative comes to us from NOACA, as well as the required local match investment by: The City of Euclid, City of Cleveland, Hospice of the Western Reserve, University Hospitals, Euclid Hospital: Cleveland Clinic as well as various merchants and Institutions."

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provides easy access to the information families need when making a senior care decision, and features trusted reviews and advice from local residents and their loved ones. For more information, please visit www.SeniorAdvisor.com or call 1-800-805-3621.

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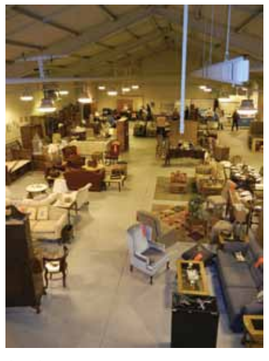

by John Copic

You won't believe the items that are available at the Hospice of the Western Reserve Warehouse Sale! Whether it's sprucing up a home, changing decor, locating a "gently used sofa" for a college student, or finding a dining room table large enough for gatherings, Hospice of the Western Reserve's Warehouse Sale is the place to be!
In addition to furniture, framed artwork and lamps, the selection often includes matching sets of fine china, glassware, antiques, collectibles and one-of-a-kind treasures. The proceeds not only support seriously ill patients and their families, but veterans in need of specialized care, grief and trauma counseling in schools and other community-based programs provided by the nonprofit agency.

Cash and major credit cards (VISA, MasterCard, and Discover)
are accepted for payment (no checks).

Friday, February 20, 2015
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 21, 2015
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Hospice of the Western Reserve Headquarters
17876 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44110

Donations of furniture and household goods are still actively being sought.
Furniture items will be previewed by volunteers prior to acceptance for donation; tax receipts will be provided. Arrangements can be made to pick up large furniture or fragile donations from anywhere in Northeast Ohio. Furniture pick up is provided free of charge. (Donations to help defray the cost of movers are greatly appreciated.)

NOTE: The agency is unable to accept bedding, books, clothing, cribs and car seats,
small electronics, small and major appliances, medical supplies, sporting goods,
children's toys and games, computers and related hardware, mattresses and
box springs, televisions and stuffed animals.

To donate, please call 216.486.6881 or email mailto:warehousesale@hospicewr.org?subject=Donate.

All items are previewed prior to acceptance for donation. Tax receipts provided.

Community

Ask an Officer

by Kate McLaughlin

Answers have been provided by Officer Jennifer Kroczak, Community Policing Unit.

Q: I would like to take a self-defense class. Do I have to be experienced in martial arts?
A: No experience is necessary. Most women who enroll are first-timers to self-defense class, and have no experience in martial arts. Many have never even been in a gym. We welcome those women.

Q: Why do you refer only to women?
A: The class offered by Euclid Police Officer, Jennifer Kroczak, is part of the RAD Systems of Self Defense, licensed by The National Academy of Defense Education, and is designed solely for women.

Q: Why is RAD for women only?
A: Assaults against women are generally very different than assaults against men. RAD training recognizes and accommodates for this difference.

Q: I want to sign up! How can I?
A: It's easy! Keep an eye out for the next issue of Library Lines magazine, the free publication of The Euclid Public Library, delivered to Euclid residents, and available at many Euclid businesses. Information for sessions offered in May and June of 2015 will be in the next Library Lines.

Q: When I sign up for RAD, I want to bring my daughter. I'd feel safer if I knew she could defend herself against an attack. Are girls allowed to enroll in RAD?
A: We welcome minor children who attend RAD with their mother, grandmother, or guardian. Girls should be at least twelve years of age and mature enough to handle sensitive subject matter.

Q: You said grandmother. My granny is 84. Isn't she too old for RAD?
A: If your granny is 84, she's too young not to sign up for RAD. The RAD student engages at a level they are physically comfortable with. Every woman needs to know she CAN defend herself against an attack, no matter her level of physical fitness, her age, or her physical ability.

Q: I want to learn more about RAD! Who do I contact?
A: Call Euclid Police Officer Jennifer Kroczak, (216)289-8533, or email her @ jkroczak@cityofeuclid.com

If you would like to submit a question to Ask an Officer, contact Community Policing at the Euclid Police Department: email kmclaughlin@cityofeuclid.com or call 216-289-8449.

Sunday Polka Dances

by Pat Nevar

The Polka Dances at the Waterloo Ballroom of the Slovenian Workmen's Home are held every Sunday October through May from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. For $12 per person you receive a ticket for a sandwich and a fountain soft drink. The coffee pot is always on and it is complimentary. A different sandwich is served every Sunday. Some of the types of sandwiches that are served are Slovenian sausage (from R & D Meats), Italian sausage, sloppy Joe's, roast pork, hamburgers, etc. There are always a selection of pastries to purchase at reasonable prices.

The up-coming bands that will be performing are:
February 1st - Polka Magic
February 8th - Joe Novak
February 15th - Eddie Rodick
February 22nd - Frank Moravcek
March 8th - Mike Wojtila
March 15th - Bob Kravos
March 22 - Eddie Rodick
The Slovenian Workmen's Home is located at 15335 Waterloo Road. For additional information, please call 216/481-5378.

Fish Fry

by Pat Nevar

The Lenten season for Fish Frys begins Friday, February 20, 2015 although the Auxiliary at the Slovenian Workmen's Home serves dinners every Friday throughout the year. They are rated as one of the best in the Cleveland area.

On the menu is breaded (hand breaded by the auxiliary) and deep fried fish, baked fish, breaded and deep fried shrimp, breaded pork chops and goulash. The side dishes are Slovenian home fries, French fries, polenta, cabbage & noodles and macaroni & cheese. All dinners include their cole slaw that is mixed with their house oil & vinegar dressing. On the children's menu is chicken fingers or hot dog served with one of the above side dishes.

Dinners are served at the Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road, Cleveland 44110 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. every friday. For reservations or take out orders, please call 216/481-5378.

The Auxiliary (aka "The Kitchen Angels") hope to see you soon at the Fish Fry.

Kiwanis Club of Euclid hosting the 6th annual Sweetheart Bowl-A-Thon

by Kathy Lorber

The Bowl -A- Thon will be Saturday, February 21th, 2015, from 2:30-5:30pm.

It will be held at Wickliffe Lanes located at 30315 Euclid Ave. in Wickliffe.

We are also looking for Lane Sponsors ($50) and donations for the Chinese raffle.

Tickets are $7 for each bowler.

Please help us to continue to maintain our dedication the community and especially Euclid's children, through our sponsored projects: Euclid HS Key Club, preschools Terrific Kids, Robotics for Girls Scouts in Euclid, and the Kids in Safety Seats program partnership with Euclid Police Department.

So grab your shoes, your bowling balls, and your family and friends come have fun at the, Kiwanis 6th annual Sweetheart Bowl-A-Thon on Saturday, February 21th, 2015, from 2:30-5:30pm

Please contact Kathy Lorber for tickets or donation for raffle at euclidkiwanis@gmail.com or phone 216-731-7994. Please respond by February 14th, for donations or lane sponsor. Pre sales tickets are available and encouraged, and will also be available at the door.

Check Out the Euclid Y

by Courtney Nicolai

We have added NEW classes (TRX, POWER YOGA, INSANITY, ZUMBA, BALLROOM DANCING) renovated our locker rooms, host before and after school child care at Bluestone and Shoreview Elementary here in Euclid and much more!

For questions on Membership, please contact Amanda Smith, Membership Coordinator at the Branch at (216) 731-7454.

We are also working with several companies and businesses on Corporate Memberships. Corporate Memberships not only have access to the Euclid branch, but other facilities in the Cleveland Association. If you are interested in obtaining more information about that program, please feel free to contact me here at the Branch.

And finally, we have partnered with several local businesses to conduct lunch time/day time fitness classes. If you have staff that would like to sweat away their lunch, please give us a class on how the Y WITHOUT WALLS program works!

Euclid Art Association Meeting

by Nancy Daly

East Shore Methodist Church in Fellowship Hall | 23002 Lake Shore Blvd.
Euclid, Ohio 44123

Mary Urbas will talk about marketing art.

Euclid Symphony Orchestra Presents Spring Concert

by Ellen Ivory

The Euclid Symphony Orchestra will be presenting its Spring Concert on Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 3:00 p.m., in the auditorium of Shore Cultural Centre.

Under the direction of J.D. Goddard, the program will feature "Great Overtures," including Iphigenius in Aulis by Wilhelm Gluck, The Egmont Overture by Beethoven, Fierabras by Franz Schubert, and the Nabucco Overture by Verdi.
Tickets are $8 pre-sale and $10 at the door (cash only); children under 12 are free when accompanied by a paying adult. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased at Shore Cultural Centre, which is located at 291 E. 222nd Street and Babbitt Road, Euclid. For additional information, please call (216) 289-8578 or go to www.euclidsymphony-orchestra.com.

Founded in 1961, the Euclid Symphony Orchestra is a non-profit organization which features local volunteer musicians. Annually, the Orchestra performs two classical, a holiday, a youth, and a pops concert.

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Community

Euclid Girl Scouts Annual World Friendship Fair

by Jamie Zagar

From 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on February 28, 2015, the Euclid Girl Scout Troops of Service Unit 760 will celebrate World Friendship Day at Sts. Robert and William School Gymnasium. During this annual event, each troop chose a country to research and will sell food, crafts and host games from that country. The event begins with a flag ceremony at 1:05 p.m.

This event is open to the public and admission is only $0.50. All proceeds will be donated to the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace in Savannah, GA and Euclid Scouts Scholarship Fund. We invite the community to come and spend the afternoon traveling the world with us.

If you are interested in joining a local Girl Scout Troop, please contact Euclid Service Unit Leader Joyce Tucceri at jtucceri@aol.com or online at Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio gsneo.org.

Show Love for the Euclid Hunger Center

by Kim Fry

The Euclid Hunger Center will hold a Valentine's Day-themed fundraiser on Thursday, February 12, 2015 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Paradise Island, 830 Babbitt Road, Euclid. Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and a raffle with prizes ranging from a night at Westin Cleveland Downtown to Valentine and other themed gift baskets. Win a special gift for your sweetie while supporting an important local cause. Tickets are $15, available from any board member or call (216)731-3329 for information.

The Center is located in Room 17 of Shore Cultural Centre. Clients may receive assistance once a month by providing proof of Euclid residency and proof of family size. While the food distributed to clients is provided through grants and local food drives, the operating costs for keeping the doors open exceed $40,000 per year. The Center must rely on the generosity of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" to help it remain a valuable resource to those in our community who find themselves in need. Visit our website to learn how to donate online: www.euclidhungercenter.com. And we hope to see you at the February event at Paradise!

Free Tax Preparation Services

by Kathy Augustine

Cuyahoga County and the Cuyahoga Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Coalition will be hosting free tax preparation services as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. Last year in Cuyahoga County, the VITA Program served 11,950 people and brought back more than $14.8 million to the community. County VITA sites are at the County's Westshore Neighborhood Family Service Center (NFSC) and at the Southgate NFSC. Westshore NFSC is located at 9830 Lorain Ave, Cleveland Ohio 44102; the tax site will be open Monday evenings and Saturdays. Southgate NFSC is located at 5398 ½ Northfield Rd, Maple Heights Ohio 44137; the tax site will be open Wednesdays and Saturdays. To schedule an appointment go online to www.211oh.org or call 211/United Way First Call for Help.

Returns will be prepared and filed by IRS certified tax-preparers and completed while the tax-payer waits. All returns will be screened for eligibility for the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit. To qualify, tax-payers must have a 2014 earned income less than $52,427, and must be filing a simple return.

Tax-payers should remember to bring: Current photo I.D., Social Security cards for each adult and child on the return, W2 and 1099 income statements, child care expense statement and provider's Tax I.D. Number, Form 1099-INT for any checking or savings accounts as well as bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit. If the taxpayer purchased health insurance under the Affordable Care Act, bring 1099 tax credit from health insurance company

Community members who want to volunteer to prepare taxes can register online at www.refundohio.org. Free training is available to become an IRS certified tax preparer.

For more information, please visit www.refundohio.org or www.cjfs.cuyahogacounty.us.

Community Meal Collaboration

by Robin Craig

On the third Sunday of each month, a diverse cross-section of our community gathers to serve a free meal hosted by Boulevard Presbyterian Church. January volunteers included folks from the congregations of Our Lady of the Lake, Sts. Robert and William, East Shore United Methodist, Beachland Presbyterian and, of course, Boulevard Presbyterian! Volunteers are always welcome after 11:00 a.m., and dinner is served at 1:00 p.m.

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Community

Aikido, the "Peaceful Martial Art," Comes to Euclid

A matter of balance: O'Donnell shows how it's done

by Dennis Dooley

You wonder if you heard Betsy O'Donnell right. Or whether she is pulling your leg (maybe to knock you off balance, as any martial artist might want to do). But no, she's serious.

"The secret to Aikido," she says, "is non-resistance. That doesn't mean letting somebody hurt you. The mistake many people make is thinking of non-resistance as something passive. In Aikido it's about refusing to be a victim. Confidently. Because you're so balanced and centered you know you can defuse the violence of an attack."

One of the first things you learn in Aikido, says O'Donnell, is that a person who is violent is out of balance. By practicing Aikido, you create a strong sense of balance in yourself, so you can defuse a potentially violent situation by bringing balance back to it.

"Fighting will never get you what you really want, which is to be safe and respected," says O'Donnell, who has a 4th degree black belt and 25 years of experience in Aikido, and has also studied Seido karate. She believes Aikido offers a better way.

Watching the students enrolled in her newly opened Lake Shore Aikido dojo at Euclid's Shore Cultural Centre, you begin to see how it works. The strikes and kicks associated with other martial arts have no place here. O'Donnell's students meet their "attackers" instead with circular, flowing movements that come from a center of unearthly calm.

"Instead of trying to break your attacker's arm," explains Euclid resident Kirste Carlson, a regular at the new dojo, "you learn to move in harmony with them, using the force of their attack to redirect them to the ground, where they're pinned and immobilized."

O'Donnell demonstrates with a husky male student. One minute he is moving belligerently toward her; a split second later she's behind him, using his own forward momentum (and twisted arm) to guide him safely to the ground. "Attacking Betsy Sensei is like attacking air," says Cedric Melton, who has been doing Aikido for 8 years (Sensei means teacher). "There's nothing to hit. Suddenly you're on your back."

Learning how to fall in a gentle roll without injuring yourself, he notes, is a side benefit of Aikido.

O'Donnell next proceeds to fend off multiple attackers in a dazzling display of calm self assurance and seemingly effortless moves. "Aikido techniques don't depend on physical strength," she says, "but on relaxation and serenity of mind."

Practice is usually done in pairs, so students get instant feedback on their progress. "But you also know it in your gut," says Carlson, an advanced practice psychiatric nurse at the Cleveland Clinic who's been doing Aikido for 13 years. "You can't fake balance or a sense of harmony.

"We take turns being the aggressor," she explains, "not to learn how to hurt people, but so we can help one another practice being peaceful in stressful situations. And once you've learned how to do that," she says, "you find yourself applying it to other situations in your daily life. By creating a strong sense of balance and harmony in yourself, you can influence a potentially violent situation by bringing balance back into it."

Betsy O'Donnell puts it this way. "It's easy to talk about peace and harmony when you're sitting with friends in a comfortable setting sharing good food and conversation; it's a much bigger challenge to create a peaceful situation when somebody wants to hurt you, either verbally or physically. I think you can see where Aikido has implications for daily life. I've had many students tell me they find themselves acting more positively, and confidently, in business and school situations.

"Aikido is also a great physical workout, of course, that keeps you fit. And a way to build some discipline into your life."

Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:30-11:00 a.m., in Room 217 of Shore Centre (291 E. 222nd Street). New students can start anytime. Call 216-310-2147 or visit lakeshoreaikidocleveland.com for more information.

Confidence springs from a center of calm

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VISUAL ARTS

Cartooning
Instructor: Josh Usmani
When: Saturdays - Ongoing (excluding Feb. 7 through Mar. 28); 10:00am-Noon
This course will cover a wide range of cartooning practices including character creation/development (people, animals, fictional creatures, inanimate objects, etc.), backgrounds/scenery, narrative storytelling, caricatures, observational drawing from life, various demos, group critiques and more!
Ages 10+
Fee: $15 per class, $135 for 10 classes
Room 254

Pottery Open Studio
Instructor: Eileen Sheehan and Jayson Hayes
When: Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:00-9:00pm with Jayson Hayes; Tuesdays 11:00am-2:00pm with Eileen Sheehan
For all levels, from beginner through advanced. Learn a variety of ceramic techniques, including hand-building, throwing on a potter's wheel and glazing methods. You may work on projects of your choice. Glazes, tools and firing are provided. Two types of clay are available for purchase.
All ages welcome (Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult)
Studio Fee: $8/hour per person ($6/hour if you prepay for a punch card of 10 hours)
Clay Fee: $25 for 15lb. bag of clay (includes glazes)
Room 43

Kate Uhlir Artists
Instructor: Kate Uhlir
When: Thursdays 10:00am-2:00pm (lunch during the summer at Wendy's or other locale.)
Learn pastel drawing and watercolor techniques, as well as painting with oils and/or acrylics on canvas. There will also be opportunities for pleine aire painting. Materials are provided for the first class.
Ages: Adults
Fee: $15 per session
Call (216) 932-6714 for more information and to register.
Room 152

Kids Open Art Studio
Instructor: Rozenia Cunningham
When: Saturdays 10:00-11:30am
Fee: $10.00. 2nd Saturdays are FREE with RSVP
Students will learn and have fun painting, drawing, sculpting, making ceramics, journals, jewelry, and so much more! Children think, create, problem-solve, and communicate using their imagination. Art improves cognitive and motor skills along with sensory integration. Materials will be provided.
Ages: 3-15
For fee and more information, call (216) 395-4ART (4278) or email create@artityourself.com

Private Art Classes
Instructor: Rozenia Cunningham
When: By appointment
Do you have interest in drawing, painting, or crafts? Learn art techniques that will help you expand your creativity. Flexible time for one hour classes.
Ages: Children or adults (including special needs)
Fee: $15/hour for children, $20/hour for adults
Call (216) 395-4ART (4278) to register.

Thankful for Art Gathering (adults only)
Instructor: Rozenia Cunningham
When: Monthly, dates TBD
Come paint, meet other artists, learn techniques, and critique. Bring a painting(s) and paints to work on and share. Some materials may be provided. Snacks provided. RSVP for months of September through November.
Fee: $15 per month.
Call (216) 395-4ART (4278) for more info.

Pre Camp Kids Open Art Studio
Instructor: Rozenia Cunningham
When: Saturday March, 10 - 11:30am
Introduction to a fun camp art that will be done during "Art it Yourself" Summer Camp for ages 5 through 14. Kids will make camp crafts and enjoy free camp snacks.
FREE Must RSVP
Call (216) 395-4ART (4278) to register.

Valentine's Open Art Studio
Instructor: Rozenia Cunningham
When: Saturday February 14, 10 - 11:30am
Come create, meet friends, and enjoy making art together.
Must RSVP
Fee: $5
Call (216) 395-4ART (4278) to register.

Easter Kids Open Art Studio
Instructor: Rozenia Cunningham
When: April 4, 10 - 11:30 am
Have fun making art and enjoy treats.
Must RSVP
Fee: $5
Call (216) 395-4ART (4278) to register.

MUSIC & THEATER & MAGIC

Lift Every Voice…
Instructor: Rhonda Harrell
Saturdays March 14 – April 11 1:00 – 1:50 pm
Class Description: "Lift Every Voice … Learn vocal techniques and music theory. Classes end in a public performance.
Ages 6 and up (Families welcome)
Fee: Only $30 per student for all five weeks

Tiny Tot Musicians
Instructor: Rhonda Harrell
When: Saturdays, April 25, May 23, June 20, 10:30am-11:00am
Music and movement designed for ages 1-3 (must be accompanied by parent/guardian).
Ages 1-3
Fee: $10
Room 158

Tiny Musicians
Instructor: Rhonda Harrell
When: April 25, May. 23, June 20, 11:30-12:00pm
Music and movement designed for ages 4-5 (must be accompanied by parent/guardian).
Ages 4-5
Fee: $10
Room 158

Sticks
Instructor: Rhonda Harrell
When: Saturdays, March 14- April 11, 11:30am-12:30pm
Got rhythm? Come explore the world of percussion and learn theory. Classes end in a public performance.
Ages 6+
Fee: $30 for 5 weeks
Room 158

Soul Train: Get on Board!
Instructor: Rhonda Harrell
When: February 21, 3:00pm-6:00pm A journey of black history through the arts. Don't hesitate... get your ticket today and GET ON BOARD!
Fee: $10 per person, family of 4 or more $5.00 per member.
All ages.
Room 152 & 150

Musical Development
Instructor: Julie Wesolek, M. M. Perf.
When: By appointment.
Flute - Piano - Sax lessons. Always wanted to play on instrument? Why wait? Private one-on-one lessons for any level or age of player. Must supply your own instrument.

Music Theory and Ear Training Lesson
Want to write your own songs but don't know where to start? Confused when others talk about music? Come to learn the basics of music theory and hear music in a new way/ Private one-on-one sessions for the beginner or intermediate music enthusiast of any age.
Fee: $22 for 30 minute session. Books and music extra. Will use Alfred's Essentials of Music Theory. Access to a piano or keyboard highly recommended.
Call 440-554-2997 to register or for info.
All ages.
Room 115

Youth Theater - Bullies Anonymous Musical
Fri.'s April 10—May 8, 4pm-6pm, Sat. May 9 TBD, Fri. May 15, 4pm-6pm, Rehearsal/performance Sat. May 16, 12pm-4:30pm **Ages 9-13**
Instructor: Darryl Lewis,
Fee $90
Learn the basics of stage performance in this fun and educational musical. Class will culminate with a performance in the auditorium on Saturday, May 16th. This class is supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture.
Visit our Shore Tenants page at www.shoreculturalcentre.com/shoretenants for more opportunities in music, including DML Music & Theater Studio with instructor Darryl Lewis, BM, AEA in Room 115, 216-406-1699

MAGIC WORKSHOP for Youth
Instructor: The Great Brad, Tues. Feb. 24 - March 24, 6pm-7pm
Do you believe in magic? If so, join professional magician "The Great Brad" as he helps students ecplore the wonderful world of magic. *Call 440-442-5933 for info or to register.*

BALLOON TWISTING classes coming soon, *contact The Twister Girl at 216-673-7508.*

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DANCE

Creative Movement and Dance Training
Instructor: Tom Evert
When: Mondays Feb. 9 - Apr. 20th (no class on Feb. 16th), 5:00-6:00pm
With the joy of moving through space, students will engage the creative process while building the fundamentals of dance technique through attention to body awareness, strength, flexibility, coordination and musicality. Students will also have an opportunity to create movement studies of their own and with others.
Ages 5-12
Fee: $9/class or $75/10 classes
Room 241

The Art of Movement: Adult Dance
Instructor: Tom Evert
When: Wednesdays Feb. 18th - Apr. 22, 10 weeks, 6:00-7:00pm
This friendly class serves wellness, conditioning, creativity and fun. Movement activities will emphasize greater body awareness, strength, flexibility and creative expression.
Ages 18+
Fee: $9/class or $75/10 classes
Room 258

Lakeshore Dance and Gymnastics:
Creative Dance - $58.00 a month.
Sat. 11:00 - 11:45 am
3 - 5 yrs old
ballet & tap
Attire: any color leotard and tights, pink ballet shoes and caramel colored tap shoes. Purchase at Capezio, tell them you are from Lakeshore Dance.

Hip Hop - $58.00 a month
Sat. 12:00 - 12:45 pm
5 - 7 yrs old
Attire - any comfortable clothes, no jeans, and indoor only tennis shoes.

Hip Hop - $62.00 a month
Sat. 1:00 - 2:00 pm
8 yrs old and up
Attire - any comfortable clothes, no jeans, and indoor only tennis shoes.
Lakeshore Dance is under the direction of Jen Serwatka at Shore.
Dance recital will be June 7, 2015.

$37.00 annual registration free. Tuition is due monthly before the 7th each month. You may set up automatic payment from your credit cad. *Call 440-461-0015 to register with credit card over the phone.MentionShoreClasses when you call.*

Chicago Steppin' Dance Class
Instructor: Marvin Menifee
When: Wednesdays, 7:00-8:45pm
This class will teach the basic dance steps for the dance style called Chicago Steppin'. What to bring: Ladies should wear leather bottom 2-inch heels. Men should wear leather soled shoes.
Ages 10+
Fee: $5
To register: (216) 376-2858 or mmenifee1@hotmail.com
Room 241

Traditional West African Dance
Instructor: Tam Tam Magic (Tanya Robinson)
When: Tuesdays Jan. 13 - May 5; Beginners: 6:00-7:30pm; Advanced: 7:00-7:45pm (pre-registration required for Advanced)
Classes are designed to help students increase physical activity by learning traditional West African Dance movements and choreography. No experience required for beginners' class.
What to bring: Comfortable work out clothes, water bottle.
Fee: $5/class
Room 258
Pre-registration required. For more information call (216) 337-5606 or email robinson2mbaye@roadrunner.com

Zumba
Instructor: Bea Parker
When: Ongoing, Monday 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Friday 11:30 - 12:30 pm
The Latin-inspired easy to follow calorie burning, dance fitness-party. Feel the music and let loose. Call (216) 926-4189 for further information.
Fee:$5.00
Room 239

Visit our Shore Tenants page at www.shoreculturalcentre.com/shoretenants for more opportunities in Dance, including Leneghan Academy of Irish Dance.

FITNESS & WELL-BEING

Teen Yoga
Instructor: Maria D'Amico
When: Mondays 6:15 - 7:15 pm
March 2 - March 30
In this class, pre-teens ages 13-15 learn basic yoga poses and breathing that help strengthen their bodies and relieve stress.
Ages 13-15
Fee: $45 all sessions // $10 drop in
Room 239

Hatha Yoga
Instructor: Maria D'Amico
When: Mondays 7:30 - 8:30 pm
March 2 - March 30
Join in the 5 week series that explores the "Ha" through energetic postures, and "tha" with relaxing poses. What to bring: yoga mat and workout clothes, and bring a pair of socks because yoga is practiced barefoot.
Ages 18+
Fee: $45 all sessions // $10 drop in
Room 239

Zumba
Instructor: Bea Parker
When: Ongoing, Monday 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Friday 11:30am - 12:30 pm
The Latin-inspired easy to follow calorie burning, dance fitness-party. Feel the music and let loose. *Call (216) 926-4189 for further information.*
Fee:$5.00
Room 239

Karate
Instructor: Dontrelle Callahan
When: Ongoing, Monday & Wednesday or Tuesday & Thursday 6:00-7:00pm
Black Dragon Kenpo Karate is a hybrid martial art containing both the beauty of Chinese Kung Fu and the fierce power of Japanese Karate.
Ages 4+
Fee: $45/month OR $135/month (3-5 people)
Room 29

Jazzercise
Instructor: Sun OkJackson
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:15-7:15pm;
Saturdays 9:00-10:00am
When you love your workout, results come easy. Jazzercise blends aerobics, yoga, pilates, and kickboxing movements into fun dance routines set to fresh music. All fitness levels are welcome.
Auditorium Gym
To register/pricing: (216) 261-6178 or email sunokjazz@yahoo.com

Body Sculpting ™
Instructor: Certified Body Sculpting Instructor
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, call for dates.
Build and sculpt your lean muscles, strengthen your core, and improve strength and flexibility while burning fat and calories. Beginner to advanced fitness levels welcome. Work out at your own pace.
What to bring: 5-pound dumbbells, exercise mat, water bottle, and stretch band.
Community Room 125
Fee: $55 per 8-class term or $130 for three 8-class terms
To register: (440) 729-3463 or www.flexcity.com

Pilates at Shore
Instructor: Michelle Stachnik
When: Thursdays 6:00-7:00pm; Saturdays 9:00-10:00am
Come experience the Power of Pilates. Join us for core strengthening, muscle toning, stretching, resistance, and flexibility training. This class incorporates the techniques of Joseph Pilates plus new concepts and techniques including Barre work and the use of small apparatus equipment. No enrollment needed, ongoing drop-in class. What to bring: comfortable clothing, yoga mat, weights (optional, no more than 5 lbs.)
Ages 15+, all fitness levels
Fee: First trial class is free. Drop-in for $7/class or purchase a pass $49/8 classes
Call (216) 780-0183 to register or for info.
Room 239

Visit our Shore Tenants page at www.shoreculturalcentre.com/shoretenants for more opportunities in Fitness & Well-being, including Lake Shore Aikido, at 216-310-2147 and One Tree Yoga at 440-725-3872 for nformation.

REGISTRATION
Unless stated otherwise, registration is online at www.shoreculturalcentre.com/programs or call the business office at 216-289-8578. New classes in Culinary Arts will be announced soon! Visit our website often for new class additions and events. Shore Cultural Centre is located at 291 E. 222nd Street, Euclid, OH, 44123, website www.shoreculturalcentre.com.

EUCLID CITY SCHOOLS

Annual Cuyahoga County Regional Scholastic Art Awards 2015

Hosted and sponsored by Cleveland Institute of Art, the Regional Scholastic Art Competition identifies creativity among junior high and high school students in the Cuyahoga County region.

Ten Euclid High School students are represented in this exhibition. They were selected from more than 3,000 entrants from approximately 100 area schools. A jury of 16 noted art educators and professional artists selected these works on the basis of their quality and artistic promise. Each student whose work has been selected for display received a certificate of merit indicating his or her rank as Honorable Mention, Silver Key, or Gold Key Finalist Exhibitor.

From the key-winning work, the jury designated 75 Gold key finalists whose pieces will compete with 15,000 national entries for awards, cash prizes, and scholarships. The Jury also selected 15 Portfolio Award nominees that will compete in the nationals for larger scholarships and recognition. A national exhibition of the winning work will be held in New York City, during the summer of 2015.

The exhibition is open until January 30, 2015 at the Reinberger Galleries at the Cleveland Institute of Art (11141 East Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106).

Gallery Hours*
Sundays: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Mondays through Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday Evenings: until 9:00 p.m.
*excluding ceremonies and receptions

This years winning from Euclid High School are:

Emily Brougher
Orchid
Drawing and Illustration
Educator: Edith Mellen
Gold Key

Anna Schulz
Mirror Of My Reality
Art Portfolio
Educator: Edith Mellen
Gold Key

Isabella Roberts
School Of Fish
Ceramics & Glass
Educator: Meg Garbincus
Gold Key

Anna Schulz
Smoke
Painting
Educator: Edith Mellen
Silver Key

Anna Schulz
Pizza Shrine
Painting
Educator: Edith Mellen
Silver Key

Anna Schulz
Untitled
Drawing and Illustration
Educator: Edith Mellen
Silver Key

Elisha Scott
Reading
Drawing and Illustration
Educator: Edith Mellen
Silver Key

Sierra Thompson
Meet Your Meat
Drawing and Illustration
Educator: Edith Mellen
Silver Key

Leroy Wilson-Lynch
Leroy
Drawing and Illustration
Educator: Edith Mellen
Silver Key

Savannah Quesenberry
Self-portrait
Drawing and Illustration
Educator: Edith Mellen
Honorable Mention

Savannah Quesenberry
Melting Pot
Painting
Educator: Edith Mellen
Honorable Mention

Savannah Quesenberry
Up In Flames
Painting
Educator: Edith Mellen
Honorable Mention

Anna Schulz
No Place I Would Rather Be
Painting
Educator: Edith Mellen
Honorable Mention

Anna Schulz
Friend
Drawing and Illustration
Educator: Edith Mellen
Honorable Mention

Anna Schulz
Car Ride
Painting
Educator: Edith Mellen
Honorable Mention

Skylar Smith
Precious Gems
Ceramics & Glass
Educator: Meg Garbincus
Honorable Mention

Tahjya Smith
Magazine Sisters
Photography
Educator: Mary Miceli
Honorable Mention

Sierra Thompson
Sierra von Deutschland
Mixed Media
Educator: Edith Mellen
Honorable Mention

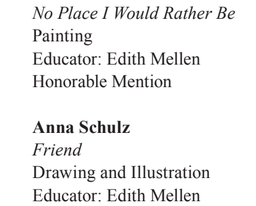
Alexander Wadley
Weeping Angel
Photography
Educator: Mary Miceli
Honorable Mention

Alexander Wadley
Path to the Underground
Photography
Educator: Mary Miceli
Mention

Scholastic Art Awards/ Art Department Winners

ELISHA SCOTT

SIERRA THOMPSON



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Since 1923, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have recognized the vision, ingenuity, and talent of our nation's youth, and provided opportunities for creative teens to be celebrated. Each year, increasing numbers of teens participate in the program, and become a part of our community—young artists and writers, filmmakers and photographers, poets, and sculptors, along with countless educators who support and encourage the creative process.

EUCLID CITY SCHOOLS

Euclid Panthers Swim Team Wins Lake Erie League

Bedford, OH--The Bedford High School natatorium was filled with Panther Pride on Saturday, January 24, 2015 as the Euclid Panthers Swim Team won the Lake Erie League. This is the third consecutive year bringing home the LEL championship for the girls team. Nine girls and seven boys earned all-conference by placing first or second.

Placing 1st: 200 Medley Relay - Lorelei Brochetti, Emma Hastings, Jessica List and Jane D'Arcy. **200 Free** - Jessica Lisy. **200IM** - Jane D'Arcy. **50 Free** - Emma Hastings. **Diving** - Nicole Hughes. **100 Fly** - Jessica Lisy. **100 Free** - Lorelei Brochetti. **500 Free** - Jane D'Arcy. **100 Back** - Lorelei Brochetti. **400 Free Relay** - Jane D'Arcy, Lorelei Brochetti, Jessica List, Emma Hastings.
200 Medley Relay - Mike D'Arcy, Andrius Kijauskas,Joe Sudar, and Josh Ritchey. **200 Free** - Joe Sudar. **200 IM** - Andrius Kijauskas. **100 Fly** - Mike D'Arcy. **500 Free** - Joe Sudar. **100 Back** - Mike D'Arcy. **400 Free Relay** - Joe Sudar, Josh Ritchey, Eddie Conger and Mike D'Arcy.

Placing 2nd: 50 Free - Sierra Allen. **200 Free Relay** - Brianna Moriarty, Sierra Allen, Jenny Miller, Dayna Shirer. **100 Back** - Brianna Moriarty. **100 Breast** - Emma Hastings. **200 Free** - Eddie Conger. **50 Free** - Josh Ritchey. **100 Free** - Josh Ritchey. **200 Free Relay** - Andrius Kijauskas, Deshaun Jackson, Chris Munz, Eddie Conger. **100 Breast** - Andrius Kijauskas.

Results:
Boys - Euclid 122 Cleveland Heights 103 Bedford 77
Girls - Euclid 162 Cleveland Heights 113 Bedford 35

STEM Connections: Forces of Flight

The fifth graders from Arbor participated in a "Forces of flight- Engineering a plane" activity with the Engineering Connections students at the High School. Mrs. Simenc and Mrs. McGarry coordinated this STEM event (and several others) as an attempt to foster an early curiosity and participation in the sciences and to help students understand how STEM applies to their daily lives.

Academic Challenge

Nicole Hughes, Grace Holzheimer, Kameron Lavette Murray and Jordan Washington represented Euclid High School on News Channel 5's Academic Challenge television show.

Winner of 12 Emmy Awards, Academic Challenge is one of the longest running locally produced shows in television history. It's hosted by meteorologist Jason Nicholas. The mission of Academic Challenge, where students are the stars of each show, is to shine the spotlight on academic excellence and the importance of education in all of our communities.

Each week, students representing schools from all around Northern Ohio use their brains to battle toward the season championship. Three teams compete for points by answering questions covering such topics as math, science, history and current events. At the end of each program, the points are totaled and at seasons' end, the three highest scoring teams return for the Championship match.

Westfield Insurance has been the proud sponsor of Academic Challenge since 2003. Each season, Westfield Insurance awards over $20,000 in grant money to the top 10 scoring teams. This money must be specifically used by the winning schools for the benefit of, and to assist with, the educational needs of all students.

We are incredibly proud of the Euclid Panthers who competed against Cleveland Heights- University Heights and Berea-Midpark High Schools.

Phase II Meeting

Join us to learn more about the Euclid City Schools Phase II Project.

You're Invited

Please join Superintendent Keith Bell to learn more about about the middle school/ high school component of the facility project to transform Euclid Schools.

Tuesday, February 24, 2015
6:30 p.m.

Euclid High School
711 E. 222nd Street
Euclid, Ohio 44123

IMAGINE SCHOOLS BELLA ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE

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House Meetings

There is always a special energy in the air as students walk into the school to the beat of lively music, smiling staff at the front entrance, and the greeting of their teacher at their classroom. Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence felt that energy get an extra boost on Friday, January 23, 2015. Students and teachers dressed down in their house colors and held house meetings at the end of the day. During house meetings, students engaged in team building, ice breakers, and learned more about the meanings behind each of their houses. Students from the houses of Adkeysega, Igboya, Self-Ulwazi, Ujima, and Unhu are in a competition to earn the most points for their house. It is a close competition and the students are over halfway to when the winners will be revealed!

Students from Adkeysega meet with Ms. Billingsley in one of .their stations

Students from Igboya met in the art room.

Students from Self Ulwazi make a plan for earning more house points with Mrs. Gamble.

Upcoming Dates

February 2nd-6th | Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday, February 5th | Family Night (4:30-6 p.m.)

Friday, February 13th | No School for Students (Staff Professional Development Day)

Monday, February 16th | No School (President's Day)

Friday, March 20th | 3rd Quarter Ends

Monday, March 23rd | 4th Quarter Begins

March 30th - April 6th | No School (Spring Break)

Students in Ujima met with other students in their house from all grade levels.

Students from Unhu in the Cafeteria.

February Family Night

Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence hosted an Open House in October, a Winter Art Walk in December and of course has something special for February! Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence will kick off February with a Scholastic Book Fair. The book fair will be open starting Monday, February 2, 2015. The February Family Night will be on Thursday, February 5, 2015 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. with a spotlight on math strategies. The book fair will be open for families to shop together this evening. It's the perfect chance to find that "just right" book before the Scholastic Book Fair ends on Friday, February 6, 2015.

Technology Connection

Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence is using technology to enhance student learning, provide online resources available outside of school hours, and improve the home to school connection. Below is a list of some websites used by many grade levels. Additional electronic tools or websites may be recommended by teachers outside of this short list.

MyMath Online
MyMath Online matches our current math curriculum. Students can access their workbook as an e-book. There are additional tutor videos and games available. Teachers can provide the school specific web address and student log-in information.

TenMarks
http://www.tenmarks.com
Teachers will provide student log-in information to activities that support classroom math instruction and improve mathematics fluency.

Accelerated Reader
Students take quizzes about books they have read. Points are earned for each reading comprehension quiz you pass. More points are earned for more difficult texts.

GetWaggle (Grades 3-5)
GetWaggle is a program that allows students to challenge themselves with reading and math activities assigned by classroom teachers. The program adapts to support students based on their responses. The perfect opportunity to review skills learned this year. Teachers can provide the school specific web address and student log-in information.

ProgressBook
ProgressBook is the program Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence uses to manage student grades, create progress reports, and print student report cards. This program allows parent access to view grades of their student and any comments from teachers. Teachers or administrative staff can provide access to parents.

Class Dojo
http://www.classdojo.com
Class Dojo allows teachers to encourage students and also keep parents updated about their student's behavior. Classrooms that use this program can provide parent access information.

Ss. Robert and William

www.srweuclid.cc or www.srwschool.cc

Life Learning Love

Ss. Robert & William Catholic Parish Kicks Off Its Fifth Anniversary

Mayor Cervenik and Kirsten-Holzheimer-Gail present proclamation to Fr. John

by Ellen Ivory
On Saturday, January 10, 2015, over 225 parishioners gathered for Mass (which was celebrated by Bishop Richard Lennon) and dinner, to celebrate the parish's fifth anniversary.

"At the opening Mass of the parish on January 3, 2010, I invited everyone to find a home under our star," proclaimed Betters. "Our parish and school have grown substantially and we have become a vibrant house of worship," he states.

Adding to the merriment was a proclamation given by Mayor Bill Cervenik. It acknowledged and applauded Fr. Betters for his commitment to his parish, his community and for his recent award from Cleveland Magazine.

Special events have been planned throughout 2015 in honor of this anniversary. A parish pictorial is being produced to capture the parish's history and a Star Project has been initiated to reflect parishioners' thoughts on why they love the parish.

Euclid Girl Scouts Deliver a Record Number of "Socks of Love" for Homeless

Pictured are girls from Troops: Brownies 71022 Juniors 70493 Cadettes 70987 & 71570

by Jamie Zagar
The Girl Scout Troops from Ss. Robert and William School collected enough donations from family and businesses to fill a record 152 "Socks of Love." These sock bundles included a new pair of socks, one stuffed into the other, and filled with toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, a toothbrush and toothpaste. These 152 Socks of Love will be donated to the Shower Program at St. Malachi Center in Cleveland. All the excess toiletries were donated to Forbes House in Lake County.

A big thank-you to our business donors, Drs. Richard and Elizabeth Kozan DDS on E. 185th, Dr. Joseph Chrzanowski DDS on E. 185th, UpStage Players, L'Oreal USA and Eastlake Walmart.

Fr. John Betters Named A "Hero Behind the Scene," in Cleveland Magazine

by Ellen Ivory
In its January 2015 issue, The Cleveland Magazine selected and recognized members of the community who "work diligently to create a kind and productive workplace and community" in its "Heroes Behind the Scenes," feature. Rev. John D. Betters, Pastor of Ss. Robert & William Catholic Parish was selected as one of its Top Ten Heroes out of a field of over fifty nominees.

"I feel so honored to receive this award," states Betters. He continues, "As we begin to celebrate our fifth anniversary as a merged parish, I contemplate how far we have come together. I share this achievement with my parishioners and those in the community who have supported our mission."

Sponsored by the Values-in-Action Foundation, members sought to have Northeast Ohio make history by being the first community in the U.S. to nominate and recognize our "Heroes Behind the Scenes".

Betters was recognized for his outreach efforts to the community, his commitment to Catholic education, being compassionate and a visionary, and for the incredible success he has experienced in the merging of two parishes.

Donations to the sock, hat and mittern tree.

SRW Recipient of Three Grants

by Maureen Frydl
Through the generosity of many donors throughout the Cleveland Diocese, the Rooted in Faith, Forward in Hope campaign has raised $170 million in pledges for the Catholic Community of Northeast Ohio. One of the components of the campaign was to strengthen Catholic Education and to provide facility upgrades.

In December, SRW received word that we were awarded $25,000 which will be used to renovate a restroom in the school building. This will complement the facilities upgrades that have recently taken place.

In addition, and with much gratitude, the SRW community became recipients of two philanthropic grants. Throughout the years, trustees of The Michael Talty and Helen Talty Charitable Trust have generously awarded funding for various projects.

In December, $6,700 was donated and will be used toward the cost of the new Elin Cooke Playground project which will break ground in the spring.

Also in December, SRW was granted $8,500 from the St. Mary Seminary Outreach Trust Fund. These dollars are designated for the SRW Parish Outreach Program and will provide necessary funds for our food pantry program and "The Banquet," our free community meal which is served on the last Tuesday of each month. All are invited to join us for our next meal which is being served on February 24, 2015, at 5:15 p.m. The funds also will allow for a minor upgrade to the kitchen facility.

Ss. Robert & William Catholic Parish is indebted to these funders who so generously support our programs and assist us in fulfilling our mission of serving the community of Euclid.

$5,000 in Scholarships are Awarded to SRW Top Students

SRW Scholarship winners and families

by Maureen Frydl
Annually, Ss. Robert and William Catholic School awards scholarships to outstanding students in recognition of their deeds and accomplishments. To kick-off our Catholic Schools Week celebration this year, ten students were presented with scholarships for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year, during the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 25, 2015.

The Edward J. Czyzycki Annual Service award was gifted to 7th grade student, Jillian DiDona, for outstanding practice of the Catholic Faith through charitable deeds.

The Sr. Dorothy Kazel High School Scholarship award was gifted to 8th grader, Hallie Paus, for being a registered and active parishioner of Ss. Robert and William Catholic Parish. This scholarship is renewable each year of high school, provided the students remains in good standing with his/her high school and participates in the SRW Life Teen Ministry.

The St. William Parish Endowment Benefactors Scholarship award was gifted to 7th grader, Fatiha Ali, for making a significant contribution to her class and/or school community. This scholarship is given in honor of Margaret & Frank Kearns, Russell E. Seibert, Edward Paulis, John McGroarty & Carl Baricelli who were memorialized by significant donations to the St. William Parish Endowment that was inherited by Ss. Robert and William parish in 2010.

The St. William Parish Endowment Founders Scholarship award was gifted to 4th grader, Victoria Baioni, for doing something unique to show herself as someone willing to take a stand and who does not always follow the pack.

St. William Pastor/Principal Scholarship award was gifted to 1st grader, McKenna Murphy, for showing potential leadership skills.

In addition and new this year, the Sr. Helen Marie Davidson, OSU Scholarship award was gifted to four students, two boys and two girls, entering 7th or 8th grade, for regularly attending Mass and who are involved in extra-curricular activities. The following students were awarded this honor: Sophie Sito, Julianne Wallenhorst, Nathan Grubach, and Jack Szmania.

We congratulate all of our students who reflect Christian values and who put their faith in action, that are strongly incorporated at Ss. Robert and William Catholic School.

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Unity in the Community

On Sunday, January 19, 2015 the Lake Shore Ministry Group celebrated their 4th Annual "Unity in the Community" event in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Lake Shore Christian Church.

The Lake Shore Ministry Group consists of Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Church of the Epiphany Episcopal Church, East Shore United Methodist Church, Lake Shore Christian Church and Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church. In addition to the MLK Event, these churches also collaborate on monthly prayer walks, National Day of Prayer, Community Stations of the Cross and a Thanksgiving Prayer service.

The Unity in the Community Event was filled with prayer, litanies, songs and celebration of the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is a blessing each year to have the attendees participate in marching to the protest songs "Keep Your Eyes on the Prize", "I Woke This Morning with Mind Stayed on Freedom".

The afternoon was very moving to many in attendance. Especially poignant was a reading of the "Ballad of Birmingham" by Pastor Denise Cunningham-Doggett and an excerpt of one of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speeches recited by Pastor Jeffrey Doggett from Providence Baptist Church. It was encouraging to hear and see people join in singing, "Let There Be Peace On Earth and Let It Begin with Me."

Bishop Pilla to Help Our Lady of the Lake Celebrate 5 Years

by Dana Heil, Pastoral Minister

Beginning in February 2015, Our Lady of the Lake will be celebrating its fifth year as a parish community. It has been a period of change and growth, and we are looking forward to more good years ahead. To help us kick off our anniversary year, please join us for Mass on February 22 at 12:00 p.m. Bishop Pilla will be in attendance as our Honored Guest, and we will gather for a reception afterward to greet friends new and old. All are welcome.

Our Lady of the Lake will be celebrating with activities throughout this 5th anniversary year, and we welcome friends, neighbors and alumni to join us. Monthly events will be announced in the Observer, on facebook and online at ourladyofthelake-oh.org.

Retreat Focuses on Families

Our Lady of the Lake is offering a Pre-Lenten Retreat in February that has special appeal for parents. Families in the community are invited to attend the noon Mass on Sunday, February 15, 2015 and stay for a meal afterward. Activities will be provided for kids, while parents and other adults will have time for thoughtful discussion, prayer and reflection. Participants in past retreats have found them to be powerful and uplifting. All are welcome at this special gathering; while the focus is on parents of school-age children, anyone interested is encouraged to take part. Those not attending Mass can come to the church hall at 1:15 p.m. to take part in the rest of the activities. There is no charge, although goodwill offerings will be accepted.

For more information and to register, call (216) 486-0850.

Buddy Days at Our Lady of the Lake School

If you're thinking about registering for Preschool or Kindergarten, call Our Lady of the Lake School first, to schedule a Buddy Day visit. Buddy Day is a great way to let your child experience a real classroom, and meet students already in school. Sign up for either February 20, 2015 or March 13, 2015 by calling (216) 481-6824.

Power of the Pen Winners

Students at Our Lady of the Lake School have been learning the power of the written word. Their Power of the Pen team has been meeting and practicing since September, working with their crack team of coaches, Mrs. Millet, Mrs. Kish, and Mrs. Zigman. They meet weekly after school to write, share, and discuss different writing pieces, and prepare for regional competitions.

Their first competition this year was at Monticello Middle School on January 10, 2015. Fifteen different schools came out, with students writing for three different rounds and prompts. Of the 76 seventh graders participating, Our Lady of the Lake's Jacob Smith placed 10th and Catherine Doley placed 14th. Of 82 eighth graders, Monika Hocever placed 10th, and Khalid Mitcham placed 14th.

The seventh grade stories were scored with high points, which put them in 2nd place overall! Seventh grader Catherine Doley received the Best of the Best Trophy for one of her rounds of writing.

Our Lady of the Lake's eighth grade team includes Khalid Mitcham, Monika Hocevar, Emily Kovacic, Lauren Hahn, Will Cartwright, and Jeri Huggins. The seventh grade team includes Catherine Doley, Caitlin McGarry, Liam Walsh, Lilly Schmidt, Shannon Gron, and Jacob Smith with three dedicated alternates: Carrie Petters, Deavan Trumble, and Darby Smith. In the next few weeks, the coaches and students will find out who made it to regionals. Good luck, Falcons! Not only are they Power of the Pen champions, but the skills they're learning at Our Lady of the Lake School will last a lifetime.

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Euclid Chamber Launches "Advance Downtown Euclid Initiative"

As a long-time anchor of Downtown Euclid, the Atlas Theater is one of the many attractions that the Euclid Chamber of Commerce seeks to promote through the Advance Downtown Euclid Initiative.

by Edward Chenock

Downtown Euclid has traditionally been a hub of commercial and civic activity in the City of Euclid. Stretching along Lakeshore Boulevard between East 217th Street and East 232nd Street, the area is home to many long-time businesses, non-profit organizations, and even a few churches.

This year, the culinary scene in Downtown Euclid is set to grow with the addition of Great Scott Tavern and Chipotle on Lakeshore Boulevard. The Irish American Club installed a patio and Beach Club Bistro added a new awning to their building. These and other improvements confirm that Downtown Euclid will have new breath of vibrancy.

Although Downtown Euclid is experiencing a transformation, there is still work that can be done to ensure the long-term and shared success of the area. That is why the City has partnered with the Euclid Chamber of Commerce on the Advance Downtown Euclid Initiative. Through the effort, the Chamber will be organizing meetings with property and business owners over the next few months to identify ways to continue the momentum of growth and development of the Downtown area.

Strategies to be explored by the Chamber include re-establishing a merchant's association, creating a Special Improvement District, and designating the downtown area as an Entertainment District.

"We want to help the businesses determine ways they wish to improve Downtown Euclid" says Euclid Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Sheila Gibbons. "Many of these tools have been used successfully in other vibrant commercial districts in Northeast Ohio, such as Downtown Cleveland, Gordon Square, and Coventry Road" says Gibbons.

The end result could yield more joint marketing, coordinated events, or shared services such as sidewalk clearing or litter removal. Physical improvements like shared parking or park improvements may also be considered.

City officials are optimistic about the initiative, which they say could be replicated in other parts of the City. "By its very nature, the Chamber of Commerce seeks to bring the business community together, identify commons issues, and create solutions" says Euclid Planning and Development Director Jonathan Holody. "They are a perfect partner for this type of effort."

For more information on the Advance Downtown Euclid Initiative or the Euclid Chamber of Commerce, please contact Sheila Gibbons at (216) 731-9322 or visit www.euclidchamber.com.

Consider a Cooperative Preschool Experience at Euclid Cooperative Preschool

Michelle the turtle visits Euclid Cooperative Preschool
by Donna Sudar

It is that time of year when parents begin their search for the perfect preschool. As a parent of four, I found the best way to determine which school best meets the needs of both the parent and child is to visit. Euclid Coopeative Preschool will hold an Open House on Saturday February 7, 2015 from 10:00 to 12:00 and Tuesday, February 10, 2015 from 9:30 to 11:30. Open Houses give parents an opportunity to visit and get a sense of how the educational program fits.

Cooperative Preschools began in 1916 when mothers needed help with child care so they could contribute toward the war effort. Today Euclid Cooperative Preschool and the thousands of other cooperative preschools throughtout the country, offers a unique experience for the entire family. A Cooperative Preschool allows parents to play a very active role in their child's first formal education. Parents are responsible for the running of the school. Some parents choose to be board members. Other parents actively participate in their child's classroom as well as on a committee. Some parents who work choose to pay a staff member to participate in the classroom and focus on being a member of a school committee. No matter how you participate you are guaranteed to build relationships with your child's teacher, classmates and their families.

For 66 years Euclid Cooperative Preschool has educated children in the city of Euclid. The preschool is located at 21000 Lakeshore Blvd. Euclid Cooperative Preschool . The preschool is a Four Star Step-up-to-Quality rated center that follows the Ohio Early Learning Content Standards and prepares children for kindergarten as they play. Classes are offered for 3, 4 and 5 year old children.

If you woulld like more information about Euclid Cooperative Preschool visit www.euclidcoop.org for more information or visit us at our Open House.

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UpStage Players to Perform Once On This Island Jr.

by Matthew Orgovan

North Collinwood's UpStage Players, one of Northeast Ohio's hardest working children's theatre companies, celebrates its 21st season in 2015 with the beloved musical Once On This Island, Jr. Tickets to all three performances can now be purchased online.

Performance Dates
Friday, March 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Performance Venue
Cleveland Public Library Auditorium, 17109 Lakeshore Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44119

Ticket Prices
$8 in advance; $12 at the door

Online Ticket Ordering
Tickets may be purchased through WWW.SHOWTIX4U.COM.

The site will walk customers through the process so that they will be able to choose specific seats.

Once on the site, click "Buy Tickets" and then search "UpStage Players."

All advance tickets must be purchased before March 16th through the site.

After March 16, 2015 tickets will only be available at the door prior to performances for $12.

Questions regarding ShowTix4U can be answered by e-mailing Kris at KrisUpStage@aol.com.

An added bonus event this year is a special Luau on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. prior to that evening's musical performance. The Luau will take place at East Shore Park Club and will offer a Chinese Auction, a full course dinner, beverage and dessert in true luau style, a hula contest and fun! Luau tickets include the price of admission into the show, Once On This Island, Jr. with VIP seating, and are $25 per person.

Seating is limited, so patrons interested in this event are encouraged to purchase early. For Luau questions, e-mail Kris Carroll or Joelle Barath at info@upstage-players.com. Cash and checks are accepted, as are all major credit cards.

The mission of UpStage Players is the dedication to the child performer, instilling a love of theatre while building leadership and community. The nonprofit group was founded in 1994–1995 with 30 children and a vision to create love and respect for the performing arts. Beyond evolving into a strong "teaching theatre" organization of nearly three times as many children today, two keys to the success of UpStage over the years have been its unwavering no-cut policy and its army of committed volunteers.

The children of UpStage Players come from varied backgrounds and neighborhoods throughout Northeast Ohio, yet they all enjoy a demonstrable transformation from everyday kids into accomplished artists. For more information, or to get involved with UpStage Players, visit www.upstage-players.com.

Harvest for Hunger

by Yolanda Castro

Harvest for Hunger began in 1992 and was organized by the Greater Cleveland Committee on Hunger. In 2003, the organization merged with the Cleveland Foodbank to fulfill its mission of working together to feed those at risk of hunger.

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank Harvest for Hunger Campaign started.

Harvest for Hunger – one of the largest annual, community-wide food and funds drives in the nation – provides critical resources to local hunger relief organizations in 21 counties in Northeast and North Central Ohio. Thanks to Our Community, businesses, supermarkets, schools and individuals across the region comes together every year and contributed enough resources to provide more than 16.5 million nutritious meals.

Unfortunately, the number of people turning to hunger centers for emergency food continues to rise. Harvest for Hunger is an important source of support for these hunger centers and the hundreds of thousands of people turning to them for help. The need is great, but with your support we will make a difference!

HOW WE CAN HELP YOU? The Cleveland Food Bank SNAP PROGRAM can help you apply for the SNAP program (formerly FOOD STAMPS) and also find your nearest pantry, Hot Meal or produce distribution in your area. If you or someone you know is interested in our Food Assistance programs please call 216-738-2067.

Single moms like Michelle are thankful for you.

Michelle used to take as many shifts as she could at her waitressing job to provide for her son Jayden.

"Sometimes I need help feeding my son," Michelle says, looking down at 8-year-old Jayden.

After months of unemployment, now is one of those times. Unfortunately, she hasn't been able to work at all since she suffered a serious heart attack in January. She now has a stint in her heart and takes blood thinners daily.

This year has been tremendously hard on Michelle, but she says she's fortunate to have some really good friends who are helping her through this difficult time, including friends like you, who give to help stock the shelves at Catholic Charities, a Greater Cleveland Food Bank partner in Mansfield, Ohio.

Michelle visits the food pantry, which is also a beneficiary of the Harvest for Hunger campaign to pick up healthy groceries, including fresh fruits and vegetables, to get her through the month. Jayden is an adventurous eater and loves peaches, tuna and even red cabbage. The food Michelle receives keeps Jayden growing strong.

He's really into baseball and he loves to read he can't wait for this summer and hopes to spend long days at the park. His mom is greatly relieved to know she'll be able to fuel his energy with plenty of nutritious food.

"This means more to me than anyone could ever express."

Michelle admits it's not easy to ask for help, but she's so grateful for friends like you, who are there when she needs a hand up.

"Thank you," she says. "This means more to me than anyone could ever express."

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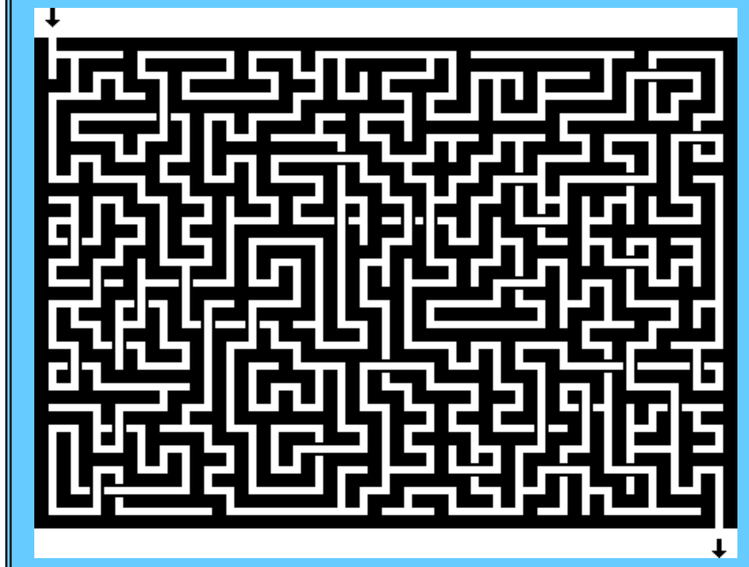

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