

Dear Bulldog Community,

Students throughout the district continue to be in a test-taking mode and I encourage all families who have sons or daughters taking tests over the next several weeks to persevere through this process. There are many things that parents can do to help ensure success on tests. Some of those are:

- Keep a positive attitude about tests at home.
- Ensure proper sleep patterns during testing week.
- Help with well-rounded breakfasts on the days of tests.
- Simply encourage your students to do the best that he or she can.

These items may sound simple, but they are significant to helping ensure a positive approach to taking our state-mandated tests. Secondly, I want to share with the Board that this past week, the Garfield Heights City Schools hosted the Chamber of Commerce, the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center and Trinity High School in delivering a State of the Schools presentation about the good news taking place in the district, in the Center for Performing Arts complex. The community can listen to the State of the Schools presentation by clicking on the Home Page of the school district, and looking at the right hand side. Next, I want to thank the nearly 50 senior citizens who visited the High School's Center for Performing Arts the last few weeks to see a sneak-preview of the Theater Department's Spring Production of Shrek. Great work to Mr. Benjamin and Mr. Keshock and all those involved. Those interested in purchasing tickets should contact the High School main office.

And finally, I want to congratulate the High School's Academic Top Ten. Your hard work and commitment to your educational careers will pay dividends in the future. The teachers who are being honored here tonight deserve recognition as well, since they have invested their time to ensure success not only for these Academic Top Ten students but for all students as well. And finally, to the families of our Academic Top Ten, congratulations as well. Setting high standards on the home-front only helps to bolster what is being done in the classroom. One way or another, you helped to create an environment for success, and you are to be commended as well. The Garfield Heights City Schools is about opportunities... opportunities to learn, grow, achieve and succeed. You all, have taken advantage of those opportunities. I wish all the best to students who are being honored here tonight. You truly represent what it means to be a Bulldog.

GO BULLDOGS!

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