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Gamble Montessori Marches Into History

Gamble Montessori High School is making school history with the debut of its first marching band. Under the direction of music teacher **Greg Thatcher,** students are building a new musical tradition while developing teamwork, confidence and school pride. The students' enthusiasm and dedication were recently highlighted in news reports by Local 12 and WCPO, showcasing the excitement surrounding this new chapter in Gamble Montessori's history. The band performed at their first football game Thursday night — the homecoming game.



CPS Blood Drive Could Save 36 Lives

Cincinnati Public Schools employees and volunteers rolled up their sleeves for a Hoxworth Blood Center drive Oct. 6 at the Education Center. Sixteen people attempted to donate, including three first-time donors, and Hoxworth collected 12 units of blood. According to the agency, those donations could help save up to 36 lives. The next CPS blood drive is tentatively scheduled for May 4, 2027.

Walnut Hills Counselor Among Ohio's Best

William Harris, a school counselor at Walnut Hills High School, was named a finalist for Ohio School Counselor of the Year. Although he did not receive the top honor Thursday, Harris took the news in stride, reflecting on what his students mean to him and how much he values his work. FOX19 and the CPS website featured his story, including heartfelt reflections from Harris and the parent who nominated him about the difference he has made in her children's lives.

Shroder Students Tackle Real Cincinnati Challenges

Students at Shroder High School put their problem-solving skills to work during the school's Community Vision Expo Thursday morning, presenting creative solutions to real challenges facing Cincinnati. Community leaders, including Cincinnati City Councilman **Scotty Johnson**, listened to student presentations, evaluated their proposals and offered feedback. The event gave students a chance to apply classroom learning to real-world issues while building their communication and critical-thinking skills. Both WLWT and WCPO covered the event, highlighting the students' innovative ideas. Read about it on the CPS website.



Hughes Educators Go Above and Beyond

Educators at Hughes STEM High School are demonstrating what it means to be "Here for Kids." Despite district budget challenges and changes to supplemental compensation, dedicated staff members have continued leading extracurricular activities without additional pay. Their commitment ensures students can continue exploring their interests, building friendships and participating in meaningful experiences beyond the classroom. Spectrum News 1 and reporter **Travis Hicks** are highlighting these educators and their dedication to students on its “Feel Good Friday” segment, which is expected to air across Ohio today.

Superintendent Murphy Joins Enquirer Podcast

Superintendent **Shauna Murphy** joined Cincinnati Enquirer Editor **Beryl Love** and education reporter **Grace Tucker** on the news outlet's popular local "That's So Cincinnati" podcast for a lively, engaging conversation about Cincinnati Public Schools, her leadership and the experiences that have shaped her. The discussion gave listeners a chance to get to know Superintendent Murphy while learning more about the district, its students and its future. The conversation comes amid increased attention to CPS from the Enquirer's editorial page, which we encourage you to search for on your own time. Maybe have a listen to the podcast on your drive home today: https://bit.ly/4yVisOG

Cincinnatus Education Awards Nominations Open Through Nov. 13

Nominations are open for the Cincinnatus Association's Education Awards. The deadline is Nov. 13. Information about the awards, prior-year recipients and the nomination form is available on their website. CPS employees are encouraged to consider outstanding ***educators and education supporters*** for recognition. Nominate someone here: https://bit.ly/4h8kD9F

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