

Wolfpack Weekly Howl

Week of April 25, 2021



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Monday April 26, 2021	
Tuesday April 27, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 2:30 PM: Tornado Drill● After - School Programs:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Soccer Practice with Mr. G (Exterior Field, until 6 PM)
Wednesday April 28, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● After - School Programs:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ AP Review Session with Mr. Rall (Room 2038, until 5:30 PM)○ Brain Bowl Practice with Mr. G and Ms. McDonald (¾ ELA Space, until 5:15 PM)● 6 PM: Districtwide LSDMC Meeting (meet.google.com/ktl-yobr-spu)
Thursday April 29, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● After - School Programs:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Soccer Practice with Mr. G (Exterior Field, until 6 PM)○ Chess Club (Virtual)
Friday April 30, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Final day of the Out of Area (west side) Application window

COMING UP

○ **STATE TESTING AND EOC's! See below for the full schedule and more information.**

- Saturday, 5/1: Open Enrollment Application window opens!
- Monday, 5/3:

- 7:45 AM: ILT Meeting ([meet.google.com/ ror-ercc-frk](https://meet.google.com/ror-ercc-frk))
- 6 PM: LSDMC Meeting ([meet.google.com/ gru-qmhz-kjw](https://meet.google.com/gru-qmhz-kjw))

THIS WEEK'S
TOP STORIES

● TESTING UPDATES:

All Spencer Students and Families - Remote and In Person!

Here are the directions to find practice test materials for students and families. While teachers will be using online practice tests in class, students can also practice at home with the released questions from previous testing years.

1) Go to

[https://oh.portal.cambiumast.com/users/students - and- families.stml](https://oh.portal.cambiumast.com/users/students-and-families.stml)

2) **The Student Practice Site is for teachers to use to set up online sessions to use during the school hours.

3) Rather- Scroll down and use the "Released Item Scoring Guides" for the grade level/ subject you'd like to practice.

Note: Using these items are a bit cumbersome because the questions and scoring guides are mixed together. Take it one question at a time!

Ohio State Tests (gr. 3 - 8) and End-of- Course Tests (EOC's- high school)

Fully In - Person Students

Students who have returned to the building full time will be testing in the building on the remaining dates below. Make sure to arrive at 9:30 to ensure a good start to the day! You can bring an extra snack if you'd like! Lunches will be served as normal on testing days.

In Person Testing Dates:

Lower School

- 4/27 Grade 5 Science part 1
- 4/28 Grade 5 Science part 2

Upper School

- 4/29 Grade 8 Science parts 1 and 2
- 4/29 Grade 9 Biology parts 1 and 2
- 5/3 AP U.S. Government

- 5/ 4 AP Human Geography
- 5/ 5 Grade 10 American History parts 1 and 2
- 5/ 5 Grade 11 American Government parts 1 and 2
- 5/ 6AP U.S. History
- 5/ 11 AP Psychology
- 5/ 12 Grade 7 Math parts 1 and 2
- 5/ 12 Grade 8 Math parts 1 and 2
- 5/ 12 Grade 9 Algebra (may include 7th/ 8th graders) parts 1 and 2
- 5/ 12 Grade 10 Geometry parts 1 and 2
- 5/ 14 AP Environmental Science

Grades 5-6 Remote Learners Only

Fully Remote Learners who would like to take the Ohio State Test in grades five and six ONLY will need to report to the building with a mask, a fully charged school - issued computer, a few pencils and a packed lunch (a small snack too) on the following days. Drop off and pick up times are below also.

Each test consists of two parts and fully remote learners will test together in the same room with as much separation between desks as possible. Both parts will be given on the same day. Students will have a break for lunch in between testing parts. Again this is for 5th and 6th grade students only. Students can be dropped off/picked up near the front of the building.

English Language Arts (ELA): April 28th

Student drop off 9:45; student pick up 2:00

Math: April 29th

Student drop off 9:45; student pick up 1:30

Science: April 30th

Student drop off 9:45; student pick up 1:00

Grades 7 to 11 Fully Remote Learners Only

Remote Learners who would like to take the Ohio State Test/ End -of- Course exams (high school) in grades 7 to 11 have the option of coming into the building to take the tests. There is not an online option and students in grades 3-8 will not be penalized in any way for missing the state test if they do not feel comfortable coming to the building.

However, high school students (9 - 11 or 8th grade Algebra I students) can not earn graduation points if they do not take the End -of- Course exams. Remote learners in grades 9- 11 (and 8th grade Algebra I) students are

encouraged to come to the building to take their EOC's. There will not be another opportunity to earn graduation points this school year.

Report to the building with a mask, a fully charged school-issued computer, a few pencils and a packed lunch (and a small snack too) on the following days.

April 26th:

- 9:30 - 12:30 ELA (grades 7, 8 and 10)
- 12:30- 1:00 Lunch/ Break
- 1:00 -4:00 Social Studies (grades 10 and 11)
- 4:30 Pick up

May 7th:

- 9:30 - 12:00 Math (grades 7, 8, Algebra I (mostly 9th grade), Geometry (10th grade)
- 12:00- 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 4:30 Science (grades 8 and 9 Biology)
- **Reminder to Parents about Teacher Communication and Response Times** : As a reminder, although virtual learning has led to more learning and communication happening virtually, teacher response times to student and parent emails remain the same.
 - As noted in the Spencer Center Family Handbook:
"For calls, e - mails, or notes regarding the child's physical or emotional state, you can expect the teacher to reply within one business day. For calls, e- mails, or notes regarding the child's work or miscellaneous concerns, you can expect the teacher to reply within two business days."
 - Please feel free to email our office staff at Spencer@cpsboe.k12.oh.us or call the main office at 513 - 363- 5800. We will make every effort to assist you as quickly as possible.
- **Parent Reminders from the Nurse:**

Dear Parents,

As we prepare to bring our awesome students back 5 days a week I wanted to send a few friendly reminders:

1. Please do NOT send your child to school if they are sick.
2. If your child becomes ill during the school day with any of the following - fever, headache, muscle aches, chills, sore throat, cough, nasal congestion, runny nose, vomiting, nausea, diarrhea, fatigue, difficulty breathing, rash, loss of taste or smell, due to current COVID protocol, students must be sent home.

3. If you feel as though your child has a specific condition which would mimic COVID symptoms, you must still pick up your child from school should these symptoms present during the school day. Further discussion can take place at that time but a physician's note with very specific information will be one of the requirements for each encounter.

4. If your child is a bus rider and they become ill during the school day, they will not be allowed to ride home from school on the bus. Alternative transportation arrangements must be made.

5. Did you know you can get COVID testing and results within 24 hours at Spencer? CPS has partnered with Cincinnati Children's Hospital and the Cincinnati Health Department to provide on-site COVID testing at your child's school.

With this being said, please ensure that the school has the most up to date contact information available should the school need to get in touch with you during the day. [Here is](#) a copy of the COVID consent form. Please fill out the consent form, sign it and return it to the school **even if you do not wish for your child to be COVID tested** at school should the need arise. Thank you everyone for your cooperation and understanding, I know these times are trying.

Thank you,
Kristen Jordan MSN, RN

- **CRC Before and After School Care** : The CRC is providing before and after school care for families in need of these services!
 - Before School: 7:30-9:30 AM, \$120/ month
 - After School: 4:30-6:00 PM, \$100/ month
 - Located at 2640 Kemper Ln, Cincinnati, 45206
 - 513-281-1286
 - Mr. Steve's cell phone number: 513-817-7930

- **Request for clear, plastic two-liter bottles!** If you have any empty, clear two-liter bottles, Ms. Berardi is requesting that you please bring them in for students to make terrariums.

- **SUMMER CAMP RESOURCES (for all ages):** Are you interested in a summer experience for your child? Please click the link below to access a variety of summer camps for students this summer! Those that are marked with an * are open for all students to participate.
https://docs.google.com/document/d/12NN2XnWF9zTvlyEUNnsO79FZAESmzeVr_KXd17kLpKA/edit?usp=sharing



Summer Xcel Enrichment Camp 2021

What is the Summer Xcel Enrichment Camp?

The camp will be taught in a project based learning format, where students will engage in hands-on activities related to real world STEM careers. This year's theme will be Breakthroughs and Barriers with a special focus on SPACE!

Due to COVID-19, all lessons will be taught **in person but with special restrictions. See the [COVID Safety Guide](#) for additional info.*

Camp Information:

Who: Students entering 4th - 6th grade in the 2021-22 school year who are passionate about science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics.

When: June 21, 2021 - July 25, 2021

Morning Session: Monday – Friday 8:30 am - 11:30 am
OR

Afternoon Session: Monday - Friday 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Where: Xavier University A. B. Cohen Center
1658 Herald Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45212

NOTE: Transportation is not provided by the camp. Parents/Guardians will need to arrange for their child to be dropped off and picked up from camp each day at their designated time.

Cost:

\$100 per child

**Financial aid may be granted based on need.*

See [Camp FAQs](#) for further information!

How to Apply?

The application window is open and will close on May 15, 2021 or when spots are full. Registration is considered complete when the application is received AND payment is made.

Go to https://commerce.cashnet.com/SPECED_pay to Apply!

Contact prughl@xavier.edu with any camp related questions!

FROM OUR
COUNSELING OFFICE

Counselor Contact Information:

Hannah Held, School Counselor 7 - 11th grade

heldhan@cpsboe.k12.oh.us

513-363-5836

[Link](#) to Virtual Office

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Support Group for Students Experiencing a Loss

After a significant death in the family, grief can be a difficult task for children to cope with alone. Fernside Supporting Children & Families Through Grief is offering a peer support group in collaboration with the Spencer Center. Fernside's mission is to offer support and advocacy to grieving children and their families and to increase community awareness of children's grief issues.

The Fernside grief support group is a six -week, structured group that uses expressive arts activities to help children and adolescents understand the intense emotions they are feeling and develop skills to help them cope with these feelings. A short description of each theme is included so you'll have an idea of what is covered each session.

If you are interested in your child participating, or if you would like to learn more about the group, please contact Ms. Held.

1N5 Kindness Through Covid PSA

Please click [this link](#) to learn more about the benefits of peer support during COVID -19 diagnoses and struggles.

MindPeace Room Resources:

[Lower School Virtual MindPeace Room](#)

[Upper School Virtual MindPeace Room](#)

UPPER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mount St. Joseph Summit on Teaching Videos - Students Interested in the Teaching Profession

Mount St. Joseph University holds a Summit on Teaching professions, where they host over 200 area high school students who are considering careers in education, annually. MSJU could not hold the Summit in person this year (due to COVID), and has decided to release a series of Summit - themed videos so that students who are interested in the field can still gain perspective on the profession.

Topics include: What to Expect in Your First Year, Positive Student - Teacher Relationships, Learning Styles, Special Education, and more! Students may use the following link to access videos: [Summit on Teaching Professions Virtual Collection](#). The average length of each video is about 10 minutes.

College Ambassadors Application

The 2021-22 application opened Tuesday March 30, 2021 for eligible, interested students in their junior year. The ideal candidates will have a minimum 2.5 GPA, be personable, highly - motivated, and have an interest in educating peers regarding the college -going process. Incentives for this program include a \$2,000 scholarship and personal laptop (if the student chooses to enroll at UC), as well as up to \$1,000 in compensation for programs created during their senior year. Top candidates will be selected for a follow up interview. Please contact Ms. Held if interested in applying.

NKU Virtual Academic Session - 4/27

Connecting with faculty and staff from your intended major is the best way to learn what it is truly like inside your future classrooms at NKU. Make this connection easier through our Virtual Academic Sessions. Select your major of interest and a date that works best for you, and get ready for an in - depth look at your major from the folks that know it best! [Register here!](#)

STEM Events

BmE Program

The UC Biology meets Engineering (UC BmE) Program provides a summer program in which students and teachers immerse themselves in a long - term, meaningful trans -disciplinary learning experience which integrates the sensory guidance of animal behavior with robotics. The program aims to increase awareness and participation of underrepresented groups in STEM. Please click [this](#) video link to learn more!

The BmE program is available to apply for current 10th and 11th graders. Our students will learn more about the program and where to apply during their Advisory time this upcoming Monday, where they will meet the program director and professors leading the summer program. **Application Reviews begin March 15th.**

The I.N.S.P.I.R.E Program

Inspiring the Next Scholars to Practice Innovation Research and Engineering Program (I.N.S.P.I.R.E) is a pre- college initiative to engage and develop an ethnically, gender, and economically diverse group of scholars from Cincinnati Public Schools and surrounding areas to enter the College of Engineering and Applied Science.

9th – 12th grade students who have an interest in Engineering and Applied Science can join the INSPIRE scholars for monthly meetings, activities, Engineering summer camps, networking with current CEAS Students and Faculty, College Preparation, and fun Engineering/Science activities and competitions.

If you are interested in the next session, please register [here](#) or contact Dr. Gajjar.

UC Summer High School Physics Course

The University of Cincinnati College of Engineering and Applied Science will again be offering a [Algebra-based] Summer High School Physics course. This FREE course is intended for students who have an interest in a STEM or Engineering field, and are unable to take physics during their academic plan. For more information, or to apply, students can [use this link](#). **Students are encouraged to apply before the May 1st deadline, as space is limited.**

UC Early IT Summer Camp

The University of Cincinnati School of Information Technology (SoIT) will be hosting a FREE 2 -week virtual IT Camp this summer. The camp is open to students currently in grades 8 – 11 who have an interest in the IT field. Areas of interest include Cybersecurity, Networking, Software Development, Game Development, and Data Technologies. **The deadline to apply is May 7th, and space is limited.** For more information, please see the attached flier, or visit [this website](#).

High School Programs - Cincinnati Children's Hospital

Children's offers a variety of experiential learning for high school students interested in medical related fields, including shadowing and volunteer opportunities. To learn more about Children's programs for students, please visit [this link](#) for more details.

Information for our College Bound Students

College Engagement Events & Opportunities (CEEEO)

A calendar has been created for all CPS students to have quick access to a variety of college engagement events: www.tinyurl.com/CPSCo_legeCalendar. Please take a moment to add the calendar and view all of the college engagement opportunities our Juniors have for this school year!

CAMPUS TOURS & INFO SESSIONS SPRING 2021

- Virtual Opportunities
 - [UC Main Campus](#)
 - [UC Blue Ash](#):
 - [NKU](#)
 - [Cincinnati State](#):
 - [OSU](#)
 - [Miami](#)
- In Person Opportunities (Please refer to the Institutions COVID-19 Guidelines)
 - [UC Main Campus](#)
 - UC Blue Ash: University of Cincinnati Blue Ash is now allowing socially-distanced campus visits. Space is limited, and students must pre-register for visits. See the CEEEO calendar (linked above) for information on open tour dates, as well as links to register.
 - [Xavier](#)

College Links Application

College Links is recruiting Cincinnati Public School students to support in their college and career dreams. [Apply here!](#)

[CCP Website](#)

[Scholarship Website](#)

[College Resources Website](#)

Student/ Family College Knowledge Schoology group-- JOIN CODE: TSFZ-GXKG-4D5DX

NOTES FROM OUR
AMAZING PTSO AND LSDMC

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PTSO Board Member Elections!



PTSO Board Member Elections will be held at our last regularly scheduled meeting of the year (**Tuesday, May 11, 2021**).

Please consider running for a position. Our PTSO is only as strong as our parent/guardian involvement.

The following positions will be available for election:

- Vice President (2 year commitment, rolls into President)
- Recording Secretary
- Business Manager
- Assistant Business Manager (2 year commitment, rolls into Business Manager)
- Parliamentarian
- Communications & Technologies
- Parent & Volunteer Coordinator
- Fundraising & Marketing
- Boosters
- Student Enrichment
- Community Outreach, Engagement, & Diversity

Submit a Nomination Here: [Nomination Form](#)

For a complete **description of the available positions and the election process** please see our complete bylaws (Article V): [BYLAWS](#)

Questions? Contact Michelle Counts (spencercentercincinnati@gmail.com) or Erin Kelley (ebavougian@yahoo.com, 513-256-7940)



Soccer Uniform Recycle

If you have an old SPENCER CENTER soccer uniform that your student has outgrown, or that you no longer need, please consider donating it back to the PTSO. We would love for current families to be able to use them. **Your student can drop them off in the main office, in the orange bin, located under the desk/counter looking into the school.**



WHO: All Spencer Center Friends & Families

WHAT: HVAC spring cleaning

WHEN: For the entire month of April

WHY: Summer will come! Get your HVAC system ready for it!

CALL: 513-252-2747 or **VISIT THEM AT:** 6809 Montgomery Rd.,
<https://heatingandcoolingcincinnati.com/>

Riverview HVAC will donate \$10 back to the Spencer Center PTSO for every HVAC system cleaning during the month of April, when you mention "Spencer Center."

Spencer Fundraising Partnership: Do you own or work for a small or local business? If so, we have just the thing for you! We are expanding our "Restaurant Night" fundraising to include businesses that our Spencer Center families are involved in. Please see the flier or information below for more details on how to get involved:

1. If you are interested in participating contact us at spencercenterfundraising@gmail.com.
2. We will work with you to determine a date, time, and donation schedule that will work for you.
3. We will advertise for you and direct Spencer Center Families to your business at that time.

4. **We all benefit** – you see increased business/ revenue, the PTSO raises funds for the school, and Spencer Center Families get to help both causes while purchasing quality services and products.

**Contact Erin Kelley with questions (513-256-7940)*

**Please be on the lookout for future communications from PTSO
regarding how to participate and support teacher and staff appreciation
week (5/3/21 - 5/7/21)!**

Please Let Us Help You

The PTSO is here to help Spencer Center families in many ways.

We currently have **Kroger gift cards** available for those who need food assistance and we may be able to help with holiday food items as well. Given the recent frigid temperatures, please reach out to us if you are in need of a **winter coat, boots, hats, or scarves**. Additionally, CPS has compiled a list of community resources: <https://www.cps-k12.org/community/community-resources>.

If you need any assistance, we would love to help you! Please contact spencercentercommunications@gmail.com or spencer@cpsboe.k12.oh.us

WolfPack WearHouse

The PTSO is proud to announce that we have begun preparations for a WolfPack WearHouse! The WolfPack WearHouse will be open to all Spencer Center students. It will provide clothing assistance to students in an anonymous and dignified way. Due to COVID - 19 many of our previously secured supplies for clothing are no longer a viable option. Please consider donating any new or gently used items to the WearHouse.

We need your help to make this happen. DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED NOW.

If you have questions or clothing needs please contact Erin Kelley (513-256-7940,
ebavougian@yahoo.com)