



CHILDREN OF CHRISTMAS BY ERMA BOMBECK

There is nothing sadder than to awake on Christmas morning and not be a child. Not to feel the cold on your bare feet as you rush to the tree. Not to have your eyes sparkle with the wonderment of discovery. Not to rip the ribbon off the shiny boxes with abandon.

What happened? When did bare feet give way to sensible slippers? When did a shiny box with ribbon mean an item on a charge account?

If the Christmases you loved so well are gone, maybe they diminished the year you got too busy to sign your own name and decided to have your holiday cards printed. Maybe it was the year your discovered the traditional tree was a fire hazard and the needles had to be vacuumed every three hours and you traded it in for a silver one that revolved and changed colors. Possibly you lost your childhood the year you solved your gift problems neatly and coldly with a checkbook. Or the year it got to be too much trouble to string popcorn and cranberries.

CHILDREN OF CHRISTMAS ARE GIVERS. THEY GIVE THANKS, LOVE, GRATITUDE, JOY AND THEMSELVES. It doesn't necessarily mean you have children around a tree. The magic is in lighting a candle you've been saving, caroling, lighting a fire, grinding tinsel into the rug, licking frosting off a beater, giving something you made yourself. It's laughter, being with people you like, and at some time, falling to your knees and saying "Thank You."

How sad indeed to awaken on Christmas morning and not be a child. Time, self-pity, apathy, bitterness, and exhaustion can take the Christmas out of the child, but you cannot take the child out of Christmas.

Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.



HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

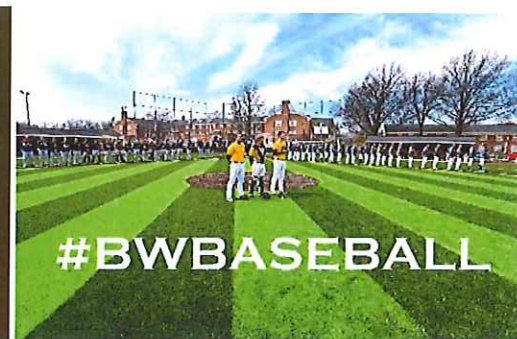
FACTS

- ! **More than a third** of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ! **Forty-two percent** of decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



HOLIDAY BASEBALL SKILLS CAMP

DESCRIPTION

The 3-Day BW Baseball Holiday Skills Camp is the *"perfect holiday gift for the young ballplayer"*. The camp is designed to **enhance the overall development** of youth baseball players of any skill level. Campers will learn **fundamental techniques, approaches, and drills** from **college coaches and players** in a fun, energetic atmosphere. Then, they will be able to put what they learn into action during live game play!!

The typical day will look as follows:

- Intro & Warm Up
- Small-group drill stations
- Snack / Water Break
- Team Competitions with prizes
- Simulated Games

***WHAT TO BRING / WEAR:

- Baseball hat, pants, cup, tennis shoes (no spikes)
- Equipment: Glove, bat, helmet, catchers gear, etc.
- Water bottle & snack (granola bars, banana, etc.)

REGISTRATION / CONTACT: For more information, head to www.bwbaseballcamps.com. All Registration will be complete online at above website.

Any questions can be directed to Coach DeAngelis at tdeangel@bw.edu

- Wed, Thu, Fri ; December 27th – 29th
- Grades 2 – 5 (9am-11:30am)
- Grades 6 – 8 (12:30pm-3:00pm)
- Lou Higgins Center at Baldwin Wallace University (136 E. Bagley Rd, Berea OH, 44017)

PRICE: \$95 / camper

****Sibling discount: \$75 / each sibling**

SKILL TOPICS COVERED:

➤ **Infield & Outfield Defense**

Fielding technique, footwork, glove work, double plays, throwing, cut-offs & relays, positional responsibilities, etc.

➤ **Hitting/Bunting/Baserunning**

Swing mechanics, bat speed, mental approach, lead-offs, stealing bases, etc.

➤ **Pitching & Catching**

Building arm strength & health, delivery mechanics, throwing strikes, pitch development, catching mechanics, etc.

➤ **Speed & Agility**

CAMP STAFF

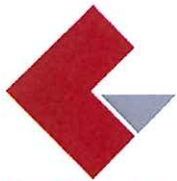
- BW Baseball Coaches and Players

For more info/ to register:

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EXPERTS WILL SHARE PRACTICAL TIPS FOR PARENTS AND TEENS
TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:



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- ◆ Developing an independent student
- ◆ Identifying a career path
- ◆ Learning what colleges are looking for
- ◆ Earning college credit while in high school

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ACT Test Prep Boot Camp

Tuesdays and Thursdays

January 8, 2018 — February 5, 2018

6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Instructor: **College Now of Greater Cleveland**

Cost: **\$195 In-District Students**

\$205 Out-of-District Students

Class size is limited to 25 students.

To register or for more information:

Call: **440-746-8230**

Visit: www.cvccworks.edu/CollegePrepCourses.aspx



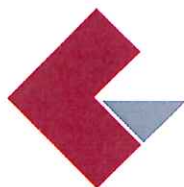
ACT TEST SCORES MATTER!

Top Scholarship Opportunities for
Schools in Northeast Ohio...

SCHOOL	NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP/AMOUNT	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
<i>The University of Akron</i>	Honor's Scholarships (amounts vary)	ACT 27+ / GPA 3.5+
<i>Cleveland State University</i>	President's Award (\$6,000 a year)	ACT 28 / GPA 3.7
<i>Kent State University</i>	Founder's Scholarship (up to full tuition)	ACT 29+ / GPA 3.8
<i>Miami University</i>	University Merit Scholarships (half of full tuition)	ACT 33+ / GPA 3.5+
<i>The Ohio State University</i>	Maximus Award (\$5,000 a year)	Top 3%, ACT 33+

Reference- Avalon Center for Student Success: College/Financial Aid Resources

Go to <http://www.cvccworks.edu/CollegePrepCourses.aspx>
for a full list of Top Scholarships in Ohio 2017-18!



**CUYAHOGA VALLEY
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Student & Parent Information Night

Visit the Career Center and explore the programs first-hand.
Meet the teachers, ask questions!

Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Programs Offered:

ARTS & COMMUNICATION

Digital Design
Graphic Imaging Technology
Media Technology

BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Medical Administrative Specialist

CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGIES

Building & Property Maintenance*
Construction Trades
Electrical & Alternative Energy Systems
Heating & Air Conditioning

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Teaching Professions

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES

Engineering Technology

HEALTH SCIENCE

Dental Assisting
Health Careers
Sports Medicine Exercise Science

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Hotels & Resorts*

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Machine Technology

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Auto Service Technology
Power Equipment Technology

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Job Training
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*Special Admissions Program-Counselor recommendation required

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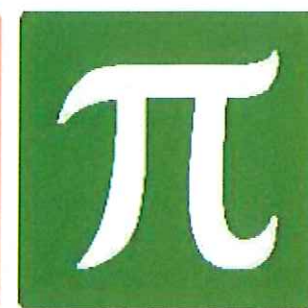
SCIENCE



TECHNOLOGY



ENGINEERING



MATHEMATICS



CAREER SHOWCASE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018 ♦ 9:30-11:30 A.M.

For students in grades 7-12 and their parents

Presentations

**10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and
10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.**

- ◆ Learn about STEM career fields and why companies seek STEM knowledge and skills.

Demonstrations and Activities

- ◆ Observe demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities sponsored by leading companies.
- ◆ Talk to professionals one-on-one about career options.

Experience Virtual Reality by...

- ◆ Discovering places you've never been with VR Headsets.
- ◆ Participate in building challenges with full body VR.
- ◆ Dissecting a beluga whale with our 3D AVRover.
- ◆ Learning how the human body works with our state-of-the-art manikin Annie.
- ◆ Flying an airplane with Discover Aviation Flight Simulators.

And More!

- ◆ Test your skills controlling Vex Robots.
- ◆ Observe water quality monitoring techniques used by Cuyahoga Valley National Park.
- ◆ Try STEM invention and entrepreneurship with Invention League.
- ◆ Learn STEM skills to use in the wilderness or your own backyard from Cleveland Metroparks.

College Corner

- ◆ Meet college representatives.
- ◆ Receive information on college majors and advice on high school classes to take now.
- ◆ Learn what colleges are looking for.

Career Assessments

- ◆ Take a brief online assessment to help identify your skills and interests.



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Cuyahoga Heights Bus & Activities Calendar ~ January 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	Village Hall/Service Department Closed	2 GARBAGE PICK UP	3 SPECIAL PICK UP	4 CHARITY PICK UP	5 GROCERY SHOPPING	6 INAUGURATION 1:00 P.M.
7	8 GARBAGE PICK UP	9 SPECIAL PICK UP	10	11	12 GROCERY SHOPPING	13 WEST SIDE MARKET 7:00 A.M.
14	15 GARBAGE PICK UP	16 SPECIAL PICK UP	17 GREAT NORTHERN MALL 9:30 AM	18	19 GROCERY SHOPPING	20
21	22 GARBAGE PICK UP	23 SPECIAL PICK UP	24	25	26 GROCERY SHOPPING	27
28	29 GARBAGE PICK UP	30 SPECIAL PICK UP	31			