

Youngstown City Schools

# News Release

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## **BACK- 2- SCHOOL ORIENTATIONS AND EVENTS**

*First day of school is Monday, August 29, 2011*

*August 17, 2011:* Youngstown City Schools welcomes students and parents back to school by opening its school doors early for student orientations and events. The first day of school for Youngstown City Schools' students is August 29, 2011, with the exception of East High School which will open with a staggered schedule.

Student and parent orientations and events are as follows:

**East High School:** Parents and students are invited on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 from 6 – 8 p.m. for an orientation meeting which includes the introduction of East High staff, fall sports teams and cheerleaders. The building will remain open for tours until 8 p.m.

East will have a staggered start for students during opening week of school as follows:

**Monday, August 29:** only new students who have not previously attended East High School and their parents will attend. Parents and students will attend together for a one hour meeting from 8-9 a.m. Parents will leave and students will stay the remainder of the day and attend school all week.

**Tuesday, August 30:** first day for sophomores and attend rest of week

**Wednesday, August 31:** first day for juniors and attend rest of week

**Thursday, September 1:** first day for seniors

**Friday, September 2:** All students will be in school

**Chaney Campus of VPA & STEM:** Orientation dates for Chaney Campus of Visual Performing Arts and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2011. Student and parent orientation for grades 9-12 will be held from 3-4:30 p.m. The orientation meeting for grades 6-8 will be held from 5-6:30 p.m.

**Rayen Early College Middle School:** A parent/student orientation will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2011, from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Chaney cafeteria. There will be an informational meeting followed by a quick tour of the building. Michele Dotson (Dean), Monica Jones and Marc Ellis (Academic Coordinators) from Youngstown Early College will be featured speakers. Call Principal Debbie DiFrancesco, Ed.S. at 330-744-7602 for more information.

**Volney Rogers 6/7<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy:** On Wednesday, August 24, 2011, the 6th grade orientation will be held at 10 a.m. and 7th grade orientation will be at 1 p.m. Parents are welcome. Call Principal Diane E. Hunsbarger for more information at 330-744-7996.

**Wilson 6/7<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy:** A staff retreat will be held on Wednesday, August 17, 2011, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wilson Parent/Student Orientations will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2011, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and the same evening from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. A second parent/student orientation will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2011, from 10 a.m.-noon, and that evening from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Call Principal Jerome Harrell at 330-744-7535 for more information.

**P. Ross Berry 8/9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy:** The 8/9<sup>th</sup> grade orientation will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2011, at 4 p.m. Student leadership training by Premier Leadership group on August 29, 30, and 31. Parent Night will feature Dr. Kreslyn Kelly of Premiere Leadership on Tuesday, August 30, 2011, from 4-5:30 p.m. Call Principal Art Scissum at 330-744-8845 for more information.

**UPLC (University Project Learning Center):** An orientation for students assigned to UPLC will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. Meet the staff and learn more about the school and how it operates. Call Principal Larry C. Johnson at 330-740-8002 for more information.

**Paul C. Bunn:** Parents and students are invited to an "Early Bird" open house on Thursday, August 25, 2011, from 9 a.m.-noon for a building tour and a visit to classrooms. The official Open House will be on Thursday, September 15, 2011, from 5-7 p.m. and visitors can feast on hot dogs. Call Principal Bill Baun at 330-744-8963 for more information.

**Harding Elementary School:** Families are invited to attend an "Early Bird Opening" on Wednesday, August 24, 2011, beginning in the Cafeteria at 9:30 a.m. with a walk-through from 10:15-10:45 a.m. Call Principal Mrs. Diane Guarnieri at 330-744-7517 for more information

**Martin Luther King Elementary School:** An Early Bird Open House will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2011, at 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Parents may walk around the school to see their child's classroom and take a brief tour of the school. School supply lists will be available. Call Principal Cathy Dorbish at 330-744-7823 for more information

**Kirkmere Elementary School:** New Student Orientations will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2011, from 9-11 a.m. Teacher's First Day will be Friday, August 26, 2011. Parent Welcome will be held on Monday, August 29, 2011, at 8:45 a.m. Kirkmere's Open House will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, from 4-5 p.m. Call Principal Donna Cox-Bing at 330-744-7725 for more information.

**Williamson Elementary School:** A back-to-school rally will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2011, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Parents and students may meet and greet the staff, enjoy music, bounce-a-round, water slide, food, and more. Meet Superintendent Dr. Hathorn and tour the building. Call Principal Wanda Clark at 330-744-7155 for more information.