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Century Village Museum will be hosting its 76th Apple Butter Festival on October 12 and 13 from 10 AM to 5 PM, immersing attendees in the beauty of fall foliage and the crisp autumn air.

Set amidst the picturesque landscapes of Burton, Ohio, Century Village Museum provides a charming backdrop for the festival. Visitors can stroll through the historic village, admire the restored buildings, and take in the natural beauty of the surrounding countryside.

In addition, see historical demonstrations that transport visitors back in time. From blacksmithing to woodworking, attendees can witness craftspeople showcasing traditional skills and techniques that were once essential to rural life.

A highlight of the festival is the traditional method of making apple butter. Visitors can observe or even participate in the process, which often involves cooking apples in large copper kettles over an open flame. The sweet aroma of simmering apples fills the air as skilled artisans stir the bubbling mixture to perfection.

There are also plenty of fun activities for the kids! Enjoy vibrant balloons and exciting bouncy houses, test your skills with corn hole games, get creative with bubble making and educational crafts.

Delight in live entertainment throughout the day while exploring a variety of vendors and crafters showcasing unique goods. Savor



delicious treats from food vendors.

Show off your artistic flair with an apple peeling carving contest and don't miss the thrilling pumpkin carving and pumpkin roll!

Tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 children 5–10 and free for 4 and under.

Century Village Museum is located at 14653 E. Park Street in Burton. Call 440-834-1492 or visit www.centuryvillagemuseum.org for more info or to purchase tickets.

About The Museum

The Century Village Museum is an authentic representation of a Western Reserve village from 1798 to the end of the 19th century. The Museum contains over twenty historically authentic buildings, more than 15,000 museum artifacts, and a working farm with a sugar bush for making maple syrup.

Trick or Treat at Century Village Museum

Get ready for a spine-tingling, giggle-inducing Halloween adventure at the Century Village Museum in Burton! This year, their beloved Trick or Treat event has been relocated from the Burton Log Cabin to the enchanting grounds of the Century Village. It will take place October 31, 2024 from 6–7:30 PM.

Bring your little ghouls and goblins for a night of historical exploration and candy collecting! Wander through the spooky, yet charming historical homes, where they will be handing out treats that are sure to make your teeth chatter (with delight, of course!). All candy has been provided by non-profit groups.

Don't forget to don your most creative costumes! The Burton Chambers will be hosting the annual costume contest in the Bond Building—where the spookiest, silliest, and most creative outfits will be rewarded.

Whether rain or shine, join in for an evening filled with laughter, thrills, and plenty of sweets! It's a Halloween experience you won't want to miss. Free admission!

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Encourage Curiosity

10 fall STEM projects for kids

By Pam Molnar

Hey Mom and Dad! You know the fun doesn't end just because summer is over. If your kids are curious, like to get dirty and enjoy the magic of science, we have 10 great seasonal science experiments for you to try with your kids.

Where does the water go? – Before the leaves change colors and start to fall, grab a few green leaves directly off the tree. Place the stems of the leaves in a mixture of water and red food coloring. You can see how the leaf absorbs the water as the color moves through the leaf. Photograph and document the progress over the next 24 hours.

Candy corn lava lamp – Pour one cup of water into a large mason jar. Add orange food coloring and mix. Slowly pour in three cups of vegetable oil and let the mixture settle for 20 minutes. Then add an effervescent tablet into mixture and watch the colored bubbles move around

like a lava lamp.

Apple volcanoes – If you are looking for ways to use up the bad apples this fall, why not make a volcano? Cut out the center of a whole apple and fill with 1½ tablespoons of baking soda and a few drops of different food coloring. Place the apple on a plate to catch the “lava”. Slowly pour vinegar into the center of the apple and watch it erupt.

Seed bombs – Gather newsprint, tear into small pieces and cover it with water. After it has soaked for 30 minutes, add the mixture to a blender to create a pulp. Mix with seeds you harvested from your summer flower garden and squeeze out excess water. Form into small balls and let dry completely. In the spring, drop seed bombs in areas that need a little color and they will plant themselves. They also make great gifts!

Pumpkin science – Compare two or more similar-sized pumpkins by weighing, measuring the circumference, comparing the color, the thick-



Use up bad apples by creating your own apple volcanoes!

ness of the shell and the number and size of the seeds. Before cutting them open, you can also see if they will sink or float by placing them in a bucket of water. Let the kids make predictions before each comparison.

Candy corn buildings – Use leftover candy corn (they usually go on sale right after Halloween) and toothpicks to create buildings, towers, bridges or whatever your engineer desires. You can even “bling up” your creations by adding beads to the toothpicks before adding the candy corn to contain them.

No one likes brown apples – There are so many methods for preventing sliced apples from turning brown, but which one works the best? Place a cut apple in each of these solutions: ginger ale, salted water (½ teaspoon salt to a cup of water), vitamin C crystals or chewable C vitamin, apple juice, lemon juice, honey water (1 tablespoon honey to a cup of water) and plain water. Compare the results.

Make pumpkin gut slime – Create a simple sensory toy with the pumpkin guts and seeds, two bottles of clear Elmer's Glue, 1½ teaspoons of baking soda and 2 tablespoons of contact solution. Knead it together

until it is no longer sticky. Refrigerate when not using and don't keep for more than for a few days.

Oozing jack-o'-lantern – Carve a face into a pumpkin, removing the pieces from its eyes, nose and mouth. Next, cut a hole in the bottom of the pumpkin, large enough to fit the pumpkin over a disposable cup. Fill the cup with 1 cup of water, a squirt of dish soap and 3 tablespoons of baking soda. Place the pumpkin over the cup. When you are ready, quickly pour ¼ cup of vinegar into the cup, replace the top of the pumpkin and stand back. The solution will ooze from the pumpkin face. This is definitely an outdoor project!

Fire pit color – Soak two pine cones in a mixture of water and one pound of salt. At the same time, soak two pine cones in water and one pound of Borax. Take them out after 30 minutes and let them dry completely. When they are dry, place the pine cones into a fire pit and watch the color differences. (Salt burns yellow and Borax burns green.)

Pam Molnar is a writer and mother of three curious kids. Follow her creativity on Etsy at Pam's Party Printables.



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Test Anxiety

7 tips to help kids and teens cope with test-taking nerves

By Gina Rich

It's a classic nightmare: you're sitting at your desk, about to take an exam, and it dawns on you that you completely forgot to study. There's a reason this dream still rattles many of us long past our years in the classroom. It's rooted in an often anxiety-laden childhood rite of passage – the standardized test.

Both of my children have taken standardized tests at their elementary school, and until recently, I hadn't noticed any problems around testing week. Then one afternoon earlier this year, my 9-year-old suddenly burst into tears in the middle of unpacking her school bag. "Tomorrow is testing," she sobbed, "and I know I'm going to do horribly!"

Her worries felt frustratingly familiar. I was the definition of a nervous wreck during my school's testing days, managing to convince my mother on a few occasions that I was too sick to attend classes.

My daughter and I aren't alone. The American Test Anxieties Association estimates that roughly one-third of students experience either moderate or high test anxiety, or feelings of distress before or during an exam. These worries aren't limited to older students taking high-stakes exams like the SAT or ACT; some children in first and second grade are already showing evidence of test anxiety.

To identify some strategies to help my daughter, I reached out to Eva Igler, a clinical psychologist. Igler notes that "anxiety in younger children, especially those in elementary school, can look quite different from how we traditionally think of anxiety in adults."

While test anxiety can manifest itself in telltale physical symptoms like stomachaches and difficulty sleeping, children may also appear defiant, irritable, or willful. Some might display emotional lability, or rapid, exaggerated mood changes, from calm to extremely upset – similar to my daughter's sudden meltdown after school.

How can we empower our kids to cope better with test anxiety? Here are a few tips to consider.



First, identify how test anxiety affects your child

Are there physical symptoms, emotional, or both? If you know, for example, that your child always experiences stomachaches on test morning, you can plan to respond appropriately – not by letting them stay home and in bed – but by offering some anxiety-coping strategies. Similarly, if you tend to notice increased bouts of crying or moodiness during test week, you can respond by addressing test anxiety as the root cause.

Encourage your child to practice anxiety-reduction techniques regularly

Strategies like deep breathing and progressive muscle relaxation are helpful, but for maximum effectiveness, kids should practice these exercises when not feeling anxious. It's important to practice on a regular basis, explains Igler, so that children can easily call upon these tools during the really stressful moments.

For guided exercises, Igler recommends YouTube (try a search for "mindfulness for kids") as well as the Headspace app, which offers age-appropriate meditation exercises.

Model coping skills

We all experience anxiety. If parents successfully model coping skills, kids will learn by example, says Igler. This means we allow our children to see when we're feeling anxious and verbalize how we'll manage the situation.

For example, imagine you and your kids are stuck in traffic on the way to an appointment. You might

say, "I'm feeling anxious that we'll be late because of traffic." Talk your kids through how you will cope with the momentary distress – can you do some deep breathing or choose some fun music to listen to together? – then show them. This strategy also enables our children to learn empathy by helping them see that adults experience anxiety and worry too.

Use physical activity to channel nervous energy

While meditation and deep breathing help lower anxiety, physical activity harnesses those nerves. Abby Collier, a mom whose son experiences severe test anxiety, notes that exercise is one of her family's coping strategies. "On days when we think my son will be anxious about school, we go for a long dog walk in the morning," she says.

When test day is looming, get outside into nature for a family walk or a bike ride. If it's cold or rainy, turn up the music at home and have an impromptu dance party.

Be mindful of how you discuss standardized testing

Schools often emphasize that students be well rested and eat a good breakfast on test day. This advice, while sound, can signal the test's importance and increase performance anxiety.

To counter this effect during testing week, I now encourage my daughter to give her best effort but remind her that preparing for test day is no different than getting ready for a regular school day. Collier coaches her son to think about the test as a snapshot of how he is doing

on that one day, rather than as a permanent measure of ability or potential. "We talk about testing as just one part of our performance at school," she explains, "with effort, honesty, and kindness being more important."

Talk with your child about other ways to show effort at school. Emphasize that the tests are a tool for teachers and schools in making the learning experience better for everyone.

Allow your kids to experience anxiety, and express confidence in their ability to cope

It's normal for us to want to protect our kids from upsetting or frightening situations. While it feels uncomfortable to know our kids may experience anxiety, delaying – or worse, allowing them to forgo – a stressful situation will magnify its fear factor in their minds.

Letting our kids muddle through a tough experience, while supporting them through it, shows them we believe they're capable and strong and helps them learn self-efficacy. Think of this as a kinder, gentler version of the "Suck it up, kid!" approach. Remind your child that they have gotten through tough experiences before and can manage this, too.

Decades ago, my mother wisely employed just this strategy. After a few rounds of my mysterious test week affliction, my mom pulled me out of bed, drove me to school, and told me, not unkindly, that she understood I didn't love testing, but this was a part of life and I needed to just deal with it. Then she gave me a hug and kiss and drove away, leaving me to battle my evil Scantron sheets.

Looking back, I wonder how my mom was feeling in those moments after she dropped me off. Was she worried about me, uncertain about how I'd cope in my heightened emotional state?

Maybe.

But she never displayed a hint of unease, and the confidence she showed at that critical moment made a lasting impact on me. Even though my stomach was in knots, I managed to complete my test that day, and the next ones after that. When I realized

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Decisions, Decisions

By Stacy Turner

Grandma enjoys shopping and when my daughters were young, she'd have a ball hitting the mall with some of her besties to pick out fancy dresses for them. She'd select several for each in preparation for our visit prior to the Easter or Christmas holidays. Some dresses she loved, and others she selected based on what she thought they'd each prefer. Rarely did she select the same dress for each of them, knowing that big sis didn't like to match little sis.

At some point during the visit, the girls would have a fashion show for Grandma, trying on each dress, taking turns striking a pose on the raised brick fireplace hearth that served as a stage in her living room. Often, before she even removed a dress from the hanger, my older daughter would make up her mind. "Cut the tags off – I like this one." We'd get her to hold off with the scissors until she could try it on to make sure it fit. She'd put it on, turn in a circle so Grandma could see. She'd grudgingly try on the others to appease us. Most times, she'd triumphantly return to her first choice, but every so often, she'd swerve and select a new favorite, realizing that sometimes, the first choice isn't always the best one.

Little sis, however, would take her own sweet time deciding. For her, even the selection of



which dress to try on first required careful consideration. She'd lay them out on the bed side by side, scrutinizing each for color and style before selecting the first one to try on. She'd feel the fabric to make sure it wasn't too scratchy, an immediate disqualifier. When she finally tried a dress on, she watched our faces, trying to gauge our preferences. Then she'd head into Grandma's bedroom to con-

sult the full-length mirror for her own assessment. After careful consideration of every option, she'd eventually make her choice.

As grown-ups, we make so many decisions each day – both consciously and unconsciously. Some we can make quickly, but others require thoughtful consideration. It may seem like a small thing to give our little ones the opportunity to make a choice, even if it's what to wear or what to eat. While these decisions certainly aren't life-changing, they give our kids the opportunity to learn to decide for themselves.

Could they wear that special bathing suit they love so much instead of fuzzy pajamas on a cool night? Sure, but it probably won't be as warm and comfy. Let them wear the bright red ladybug boots to run errands on a hot summer day. When they trade them later for flip flops, they may learn that even though you can do something, it may not be the best option for that moment in time.

Each little choice we empower our kids to make helps them learn how to make decisions, and to come to terms with the result. Whether they're quick to choose or are more of a slow decider doesn't really matter, if they're comfortable with the outcome.

So, take your time considering those options. Or don't. Just make sure to try it on before you cut the tags off.



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7 questions to ask teachers at conferences

By Rebecca Hastings

As a parent I get excited about that fifteen-minute slot allotted to have a one-on-one with my child's teacher. I look forward to hearing about the progress my child has made as well as their struggles and strengths. I see a fraction of this in their homework, but I want to know more. Sometimes a conference goes great, but sometimes we walk away thinking we just heard a script that is being repeated for every student.

Starting the conference with specific questions allows you to focus on what is important regarding your child. Areas of study covered or assessment scores can be done quickly and even in other communications. Addressing the following questions will give both you and the teacher a better understanding of the child throughout the year.

Here are seven questions you can ask to help you get the most from those minutes with the teacher.

1. What do you see as an area of strength for my child?

This question focuses the discussion on your child specifically while still allowing the teacher to evaluate all subjects. Sometimes parents find this answer surprising as kids can show different abilities in the classroom than at home. Fostering a love of learning can help bring these hidden strengths out in the home as well as at school.

2. If you could pick one area to focus on improving for my child, what would it be?

Sometimes it isn't easy to think about all areas of learning at once. Focusing on one area at a time for improvement helps define the priorities within the classroom. It also gives something concrete to work on at home.

It is great to update this question with the teacher throughout the year. Sending an email or utilizing school communication apps is a great way to check in regarding progress and allow the teacher to shift the focus to something new as your child improves.

3. Is my child following the school guidelines and rules?

Every school and classroom have different policies in place. Under-

standing how your child is following the guidelines is important to maximize his or her learning time.

This also gives you a chance to ensure you fully understand and are comfortable with the guidelines. It is important to note that a conference is not an invitation to argue about the rules. Likely, the teacher has little say in what the guidelines are; those discussions are between you and the administration. It is helpful, however, to make sure you and your child understand and follow the daily guidelines in the classroom so his or her learning is uninterrupted and as successful as possible.

4. How does my child contribute to the class atmosphere?

This may seem like an unusual question, but it can provide a lot of information. Different personalities shine in different ways independently, but as you blend twenty of those unique personalities new things can be revealed.

This will give you an idea of how much your child may contribute to class discussions or how they may be a great helper for another student. Maybe you'll discover that your child is great at following directions and modeling good behavior for other students or even that they provide a funny idea to give everyone a laugh.

Asking this question gives insight into how your child's personality comes through in an academic environment. This is especially useful to understand as kids approach middle school and issues like popularity can impact their learning experience.

5. Who does my child work well with?

Allowing the teacher to look at the social element of learning is just as important as academics. This can be a good barometer of how a child is doing socially as well as give parents insight.

Understanding who your child can work well with at school versus who they have fun with but can be a distraction when it comes to school work will help everyone create a more successful learning environment.

Vanderbilt University has shown that increasing social skills results in students who are more responsive to academic learning.



6. How is my child handling the emotional elements of school?

Beyond following rules and learning, asking specifically about the mental health components of your child is essential. Frequent, open discussion about his or her mental health has never been more important.

Talk about any emotional struggles you see and ask the teacher what they see in the classroom. This is a great opportunity to discuss resources like school counseling or lunch groups that may help your

child process complex feelings.

7. Do you have any concerns about my child?

This question can never be asked too much. Sometimes we are so busy getting through the list of assessments, reading levels, and academic achievements that we can miss the bigger picture.

Giving teachers and parents both the pause to consider any areas of concern emotionally, socially, or developmentally addresses the whole child in his or her learning environment.

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Dogs! A Science Tail exhibit to open in November 2024

Dogs! A Science Tail, a hands-on science exhibition that highlights the dynamic nature of the bond between humans and dogs, and enables guests to experience the extraordinary way that dogs see, hear, and smell the world will open on November 8, 2024 at the Great Lakes Science Center in Downtown Cleveland.

This exhibition will show how the ability to understand and communicate with each other lies at the heart of the unique relationship between humans and dogs, and what makes this one of the most successful inter-species partnerships of all time.

Guests will be able to explore the world from a dog's perspective through a variety of hands-on exhibits. Experiences will range from listening to hidden sounds that dogs can hear but humans can't, excavating replicas of actual fossils



to determine if they belong to wolves or dogs, walking a dog through an interactive neighborhood to understand how pets strengthen the community, or testing your pop-culture knowledge during a game of "Jeopardy!" based on the show Jeopardy!

Dogs! A Science Tail is included with a general admission ticket to the Science Center. Tickets are \$19.95 per adult and \$14.95 per youth (2-12). Visit www.greatscience.com.

Ghost Walk Tours at Century Village Museum

Join in on October 26, 2024, from 5–10 PM for a memorable evening to honor the dearly departed who founded Geauga County. Experience captivating stories and rich history on guided tours, running every hour, starting at 5:30 PM. Tickets are just \$10 per person.

While you're there, visit the General Store, open to the public, and explore unique local offerings.

Don't miss out on light refreshments available at the fritter booth to satisfy your cravings. Come share in the spirit of our community's past and celebrate the legacy of those who came before us.

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Test anxiety from page 7

I'd made it through without fainting or otherwise embarrassing myself, I felt almost giddy. My test anxiety decreased significantly after that.

Coping with something difficult, notes Igler, "doesn't mean acing the test or getting first place. It means simply getting through it, no matter how rocky, despite feeling anxious."

After the test, celebrate together in a way that feels special to your child. Go out for ice cream, watch a movie, or cook a favorite meal.

Consider therapy and other resources when appropriate

"Therapy is a gift," says Igler. "If you think that your child could benefit, even if you don't necessarily know how, start your search for a therapist sooner rather than later." Therapy

for kids often involves the entire family. Contrary to popular opinion, it's not just sitting on a couch and talking; it can involve playing games and making up stories.

Igler also recommends the book, "You and Your Anxious Child: Free Your Child from Fears and Worries and Create a Joyful Family Life," by Anne Marie Albano, PhD.

There's a silver lining for kids who struggle with test anxiety: research indicates that students who learn to better manage test anxiety may cope more effectively with other types of anxiety.

Standardized tests may be inevitable, but with the development of coping skills and resilience, the anxiety surrounding them does not have to be.



University Circle celebrates the fall season with YAY! Fall Fun

New one-day festival for the entire family

University Circle Inc. (UCI) is excited to announce YAY! Fall Fun, a new one-day festival. This exciting fall celebration will take place on Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 1–6 PM at Wade Oval. This year's festival will feature a range of free activities and educational experiences, food vendors, and live entertainment.

"We're excited to bring the community together for a day of fall-themed fun at YAY! Fall Fun. This event offers something for everyone, from the costume parade and petting zoo to interactive educational zones for kids. It's a great opportunity for families to relax, enjoy the season, and create lasting memories right here in University Circle," said Heidi Clevinger, chief marketing & experiences officer at UCI.

Event highlights include:

- **Costume parade:** Families can showcase their creativity in their favorite costumes. Those who register in advance will receive a swag bag filled with delightful fall surprises.
- **Petting zoo:** Enjoy interactive fun with a variety of friendly animals.
- **Face painting:** Kids can get their faces painted by a variety of artists, including some from the Cleveland Institute of Art.
- **Rock wall climbing:** Guests can test their strength at the University Circle Police Department rock wall.
- **Educational zones:** Four interactive areas designed to engage and educate families and kids K–8.

- **STEM Zone:** Hands-on science experiments and creative activities
- **Arts & Culture Zone:** Live performances and artistic endeavors
- **Discovery Zone:** Activities focused on nature and history
- **Play Zone:** An open-air area with games and activities for all ages
- The event will end with a screening of the Halloween classic *Hocus Pocus*, starting at 4:30 PM.

YAY! Fall Fun will also feature participation from local institutions and organizations, including The Music Settlement, NASA Glenn GVIS, the Hathaway Brown Robotics Team, Food Strong, Cleveland Metroparks, 10K Movement, The Cleveland Orchestra, The Cleveland Museum of Art, and Sears think[box] all who will provide engaging activities and performances throughout the day.

"We are so excited for our first YAY! Fall Fun Festival," said Sheffia Randall-Nickerson, Chief Engagement & Collaboration Officer at UCI. "It is a great way to deepen our commitment to our neighbors and community members while also offering fun learning experiences for youth and families through arts and culture activities and partnerships."

Admission to YAY! Fall Fun is free, but registration for the Costume Parade is recommended.

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The Adventure Farm is open now through November 3, 2024. Hours are Saturdays 10 AM–6 PM and Sundays noon–6 PM.

General admission (ages 3–64) is \$16.95 per person, seniors 65+ are \$12 per person. (Plus fees.)

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Regal Vineyards Adventure Farm is located at 2678 Countyline Road in Madison, Ohio. Call 440-812-4936 for more information or visit www.regalvineyards.com/tickets to purchase tickets.

Riverside High School students pair up for the annual Wheel, Walk, Run event with Broadmoor School

More than 40 Riverside High School (RHS) students paired up with students at Broadmoor School on September 20, 2024 to wheel, walk or run (with assistance as needed) to complete two laps or more around the school.

"Wheel, Walk, Run has taken place at Broadmoor for more than three decades, which means it has facilitated fun for thousands of Broadmoor students and approximately 900 visiting school students," said Liz Miller, director of children's services/Broadmoor principal. "Part of the tradition is partnering with a local school district and we are grateful that Riverside was able to participate in the event this year."

SIDE (Student Initiative for Developing Excellence) began in 2016 as a course elective at Riverside High School (RHS). It is a student-driven program that focuses on expanding leadership skills and opportunities through school and community based activities.



The connection to Broadmoor began with former RHS student Maddie Reutter due to her passion for embracing abilities of all people. The day also allows SIDE students hands-on experience to build skills interacting with students of varying age and abilities.

Parents and bystanders watched and cheered as students made their way around the school. Many commented that the integrated events at Broadmoor School help students broaden their abilities.

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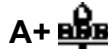
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Parents considering private school for their children have an overwhelming number of choices. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, there are over 34,500 private schools in the USA. Some major metropolitan areas have well over 1,000! These schools belong to dozens of different associations, religious and nonreligious. Each association has its own feel or flavor, and the schools within them do, too.

Selecting the right private school is worth the time it takes to research, visit and make your selection. This is the place your children will learn, grow, make lifelong friends and pave the way to their bright futures.

Read on for tips on selecting a school for your child and for a listing of participating schools.

Finding the right private school for your family

You want a top-notch education for your children and choosing the perfect school is probably one of the biggest decisions you'll ever make. Depending on your location, you may find your public schools offer everything you want. If not, you'll need to embark on a search for the right private school.

In general, private schools exist to provide smaller class sizes with greater individual attention to each student and a safe, focused environment free of discipline problems. They tend to set a higher bar than public schools in academics, and build a culture of shared values. They offer a strong sense of community and may tailor lessons to the needs of the student.

In reality, each private school is a world unto itself. It may or may not hold accreditation with a national education association, or hire credentialed teachers. It may have many extracurricular offerings or just a few. It may charge a very large tuition plus additional fees, or may be more affordable, offering scholarships and sliding scales. It may have a long history in your community or be a brand new charter school.



To find the right private school for you, you'll need to consider the following:

1. What are your educational priorities?

Some private schools are faith-based and some are not. You'll want to decide as a family your basic priorities. Is it most important to find high academic standards, or more important to support your family's faith? Do you expect accelerated programs such as advanced placement classes or extensive ac-

cess to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs? How important are extracurricular activities? Are you comfortable with homework policies and school rules?

2. What is the culture of the school?

In a faith-based setting the culture of the school will place religion at the forefront. There will be religious studies as part of the curriculum. The school may be all boys or all girls. Does this suit your goals? What is the relationship of staff to students? Is it casual and friendly, formal and strict? How are parents involved? What is the balance of academics to sports, the arts, clubs and other activities? Does the culture "feel right" for your children?

3. What role do parents play in the school?

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Some faith-based schools and newer charter schools don't require their teachers to be credentialed. How important is this to your family? In addition there are many different education associations nationwide offering accreditation. If a prospective school has received accreditation, they've shown the initiative to meet high standards.

5. What are the costs? Are there scholarships available?

It's a sacrifice to pay for your child's education when public schools are free. And there are huge variations in the expenses involved. When researching possible schools, be sure to check not only the tuitions, but also book fees, sports or other extra-curricular expenses and possible transportation fees. Check on scholarships available and the possibility of a sliding scale based on family income.

6. Is the curriculum up to date?

In this technological age, you'll want to be sure your private school has kept up with the times. Do they offer appropriate college preparation standards in science, math, languages, writing and more? Do they offer a well-rounded education in art, drama and music? Are textbooks current and in good condition? Are computer labs or individual screens available to students?

7. Does the school provide transportation?

Do buses transport students to school? Are they available for after-school activities? Does the school coordinate carpools? Are there extra expenses charged for transportation?

8. How well do students transition into or out of the school?

If a particular school offers classes such as K-6 or K-8, do they work closely with a sister high school? What provisions are

made to make a smooth transition from one school to another? If students transfer into the school either at the beginning of a year or mid-year, what provisions are made to welcome them? How do children fare when they need to move from this school to another?

9. What is the school's reputation?

Most private schools have a reputation to uphold. Are they the best in college prep? Are they known for a friendly, family community spirit? Who do you know with firsthand information and experience with the school? What recommendations can you find amongst friends/acquaintances?

10. Is the school open to visits and drop-in observations?

All schools need to make sure their campus is secure and will have procedures to follow when visiting. But as a parent, you want to feel comfortable visiting the building to observe or take care

of business. You'll want to find a school that makes parents welcome and is proud to show them around.

When you've narrowed your search to several schools, be sure to take the time for a personal visit. Talk with an administrator, take the tour and gather any written information they've prepared for prospective students. Discuss pertinent questions and voice any concerns you may have about your child's specific needs. Above all, gauge your "feel" of the school. Is it the right place for you and your family?

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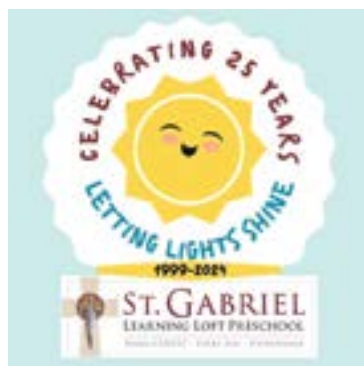
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Contact them at (440) 357-7776 or admissions@oslpainesville.org and ask about Ohio's Ed Choice Scholarship program which allows all Ohio students to receive money to attend private schools.

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

6850 Mayfield Road, Gates Mills
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www.sfaschoolgm.org

Saint Francis of Assisi School, a preschool through eighth-grade school, is centered on helping students grow in faith and academics. Students learn about God's world and what they can do to make it a better place. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi School offers students opportunities to participate in an entrepreneurial

class, aquaponics gardening in which students raise trout and release them into the Chagrin River; the sustainability club, where the students reuse items for a new purpose, and service projects to help others in need.

Due to the opportunities offered through St. Francis of Assisi School, students view themselves as partners in their education and express how they would like to help shape the school and parish community. St. Francis of Assisi School is committed to ensuring that their students have all they need for success including dedicated teachers who are fully certified and chosen for their vision of guiding academic, social, and spiritual growth.

They encourage you to set up a private tour by calling Cindy at (440) 442-7450.



SAINT GABRIEL LEARNING LOFT PRESCHOOL & ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL

9935 Johnnycake Ridge Road,
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(440) 352-6169
www.St-GabrielSchool.org

St. Gabriel School and Learning Loft Preschool have been molding students in Lake County through faith, learning, and love. Both are award-earning schools with teachers who make a difference in their students' lives. Their compassion, dedication, and expertise, challenge students to think independently and ignite their love of learning.

St. Gabriel School just celebrated 60 years of being a leader in Catholic education in Lake County and Learning Loft Preschool is currently celebrating its 25th anniversary. A proud participant in Cleveland Diocese's "Better Together" initiative, they strive to serve all students and meet each child's individual needs. Their Learning Loft Preschool has been

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Discover these award-earning schools and how they will enrich your child's future. For My Buddy & Me (2yo) and part time 3-5 yo preschool call (440) 354-7574. For full-day preschool (4/5 yo) and grades K-8 call (440) 354-7858 or visit St-GabrielSchool.org.

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Please call to schedule a tour of the Early Education Readiness Program, K–8 classrooms and to meet the administration, faculty and staff.



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(440) 286-3590

www.stmaryschoolchardon.org

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More listings on page 22 →



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Preschool – Grade 8 | Cleveland-West Campus

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Tuesday, 10/9/24, 9:00 am, Parent Visit
Saturday, 11/2/24, 1:00 pm, **OPEN HOUSE**
Grades 9 – 12 | Gates Mills Campus

Mastery School

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Parent Visit (virtual)
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Learn more about VASJ by attending their upcoming open houses on Sun., Oct 13, noon–2 PM or Wed., Nov. 6, 6–8 PM.

Inspirational Quotes for Students

"A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new."
—Albert Einstein

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."
—Malcolm X

"Teachers can open the door, but you must enter it yourself."
—Chinese proverb

"Genius is 10% inspiration, 90% perspiration."
—Thomas Edison

"Never let the fear of striking out stop you from playing the game."
—Babe Ruth

"Procrastination makes easy things hard and hard things harder."
—Mason Cooley

"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think."
—A.A. Milne

"You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great."
—Zig Ziglar

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."
—Walt Disney

"The man who does not read books has no advantage over the one who cannot read them."
—Mark Twain

"I think it's possible for ordinary people to choose to be extraordinary."
—Elon Musk

"The best way to predict your future is to create it."
—Abraham Lincoln

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."
—B.B. King

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind."
—Jennifer Dukes Lee

Mentor to host Health and Wellness Fair

The Fall into Health and Wellness Fair will be held on Sat., October 12, 2024, from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Mentor Community Recreation Center, located at 6000 Heisley Road in Mentor.

Attendees will have an opportunity to engage with a diverse group of vendors, listen to breakout sessions presented by industry experts, and enter raffles for the opportunity to win prizes. Many offerings will be free, but some products and services will be available for purchase. Food will be available for purchase at the Sidelines Snacks concession stand.

The city of Mentor is excited to have the opportunity to connect the community with local health and wellness businesses including Cleveland Clinic, Morris Chiropractic, AMD Wellness, Revive Orthopedic, and Spinal Therapy, among others.

This is an all-ages event. Admission is free.

Visit www.mentorrec.com for additional information on the Mentor Community Recreation Center.



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St. Gabriel School hosting annual Christmas Craft Boutique

Please join in on Saturday, November 9 from 8 AM–3 PM. Come and experience the high-quality craftsmanship of over 100 inspired artisans and vendors! Get a head start on Christmas shopping with unique, one-of-a-kind gifts! Admission is

\$4.00 for 18 and older. Students and veterans are free.

For more information, contact st.gabrielcraftboutique@gmail.com.

For updates and information visit Facebook: @St. Gabriel PTU Craft Boutique.

BOO-tanical Bash at Cleveland Botanical Garden

Join in on Friday October 18 from 5:30–8:30 PM, for a celebration of scarecrows and skeletons at the annual Boo-tanical Bash event. Little wizards and witches will meander their way from the seasonally decorated White Oak Walk, gathering treats along the way. Ghoulish games and activities will await them on the Terrace. Your kiddos can plan to dance their hearts out to tunes provided by popular DJ Kris Koch.

Registration required. Tickets are \$30 per nonmember child, \$25 per nonmember adult, \$10 per member



adult and \$15 per member child.

Cleveland Botanical Garden is located in the University Circle cultural district. For more information, visit holdenfg.org.

I-X Trick or Treat Street returns

The I-X Center is thrilled to announce the return of the beloved I-X Trick or Treat Street, set to enchant families and kids alike on October 19-20 and 26-27.

The I-X Trick or Treat Street will be brimming with fun and festive activities, including themed trick or treating houses, 15 thrilling kiddie rides, engaging games, special features, live entertainment, and so much more.

Tickets for this year's event are now on sale, and families can take advantage of the newly enhanced Pumpkin Family 4 Pack. This special package, available online only while supplies last for \$60, includes



admission for four and new for 2024, parking, making it easier than ever for families to enjoy the festivities.

Don't miss out on this fantastic family event—secure your tickets today and get ready for a Halloween celebration like no other!

Online General Admission - \$16
(savings of \$4 per ticket)

Pumpkin Family 4-Pack - \$60
(online only)

I-X Box Office

General Admission - \$20

Seniors 60+ (Box office only) - \$12

Military and First Responder - \$12

(Valid ID must be shown at box office)

Morley Library's new Library of Things

Have you ever needed traffic cones, cake pans, or a laminator for one-time use and wished you could just borrow instead of buy them? Now you can borrow those items and many more at Morley Library – free with your library card!

The library's new "Library of Things" is now available to Morley Library cardholders with an initial collection including the items previously mentioned, and will expand

soon to include hand and electric tools, sports gear and outdoor games, a telescope, a karaoke machine, and more.

Browse the Library of Things online at www.morleylibrary.org/content/library-things as they update to provide more information.

Morley Library is located at 184 Phelps Street in Painesville.

Call 440-352-3383, ext. 1332 for more information.

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at Lake Metroparks Farmpark

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- All ages, PG-5 (parental guidance suggested)
- Fee: \$27.50 per carload

Tickets on sale online only at lakemetroparks.com.

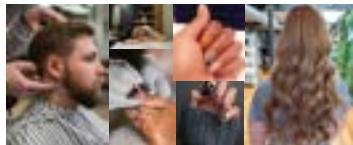


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Fall Forest Fest at the Holden Arboretum

On October 5, 6, 12 & 13 from 10 AM–4 PM, enjoy festival feels at Fall Forest Fest at the Holden Arboretum, complete with s'mores stations, wagon rides on select days, food trucks, crafts and garden games. A candy corn contest, hay bale obstacle course, and seasonal selfie stations await fall enthusiasts.

Back this year is a favorite activity, Flannels and Flights, a ticketed event featuring a taste of seasonal brews. Don your favorite costume

and get into the fall spirit with Fall Forest Fest on the first two week-ends in October. Dogs on leash are welcome.

The Holden Arboretum is open from 9 AM–5 PM Tuesday through Sunday and closed to the public on Mondays. Admission is \$20 for adults, \$14 for children ages 3–12 and free for Holden Forests & Gardens members.

For more information, visit holdenfg.org.



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Patterson Family Fun Fest runs September 14 – October 27

When it comes to nature at its best, the beautiful days of autumn speak to our senses. Crisp fresh air and colorful scenes with leaves ablaze wherever you turn welcome you to celebrate the climax of the growing season at Patterson Fruit Farm. Harvest is in full gear with an abundance of apples leading the way. Stop by the farm market to shop and to enjoy the scenes overlooking Lake Erie on Caves Road or bring the family to the Family Fun Fest on the Mulberry Road farm to play for a while — both in Cheshireland.

While the market is open year round, Patterson's adds their Family Fun Fest to the action

September 14 through October 27, 2024. This area costs \$7 per person Monday-Thursday (10 AM-6 PM) and \$11 per person Friday-Sunday (10 AM-5 PM). Seniors are \$6 every day. Children 2 and under are free every day.

This gives families of children preschool through elementary ages a place to enjoy hiking, sliding, playing in straw, climbing and "driving" tractors, viewing the world from the top of their tree house, disappearing in the silo and, in general, enjoying the out-of-doors filled with fun. No reservations needed.

For more info, call 440-729-1964 or visit pattersonfarm.com.

Holly Days Artisan Boutique

Revel in a premier selection of juried nature-themed gifts by a variety of regional artists at Geauga Park District's annual, ever-popular Holly Days Artisan Boutique – the perfect place to find quality hand-made items for anyone on your list!

Taking place at The West Woods, this year's premier nature-themed craft show in the park features the festive "Holly Night" evening market on Friday, November 1, from 5-8 PM, as well as daytime shopping on Saturday, November 2, from 10 AM-4 PM. So many vendors will be available to shop, dress for the weather to take advantage of some set up under tents in the great outdoors!

Shoppers may also look forward to perusing this event's charming Mistletoe Market, a room full of youth artisans selling their handmade gifts at typically lower price points.

Gifts sold at these popular events traditionally include heirloom-quality ornaments and holiday décor, all-natural bath and beauty products, gourmet food



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and snacks, unique jewelry and accessories, beautiful and functional pottery and glass items, gifts hand-turned from wood, holiday wreaths and much more.

Regional artisans and their selections of handmade nature-themed items will be listed in advance online at www.geaugaparkdistrict.org/activity/special-events-art-shows. You are guaranteed to leave with something you love, or something you will love to give!

The West Woods Nature Center is located at 9465 Kinsman Road (Route 87) in Russell Township, and its nature center is fully wheelchair/stroller accessible.

For more on Geauga Park District offerings, please call 440-286-9516 or visit www.geaugaparkdistrict.org.

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Greater Cleveland Aquarium's underwater Halloween event

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As the fall season burns into the Cleveland skyline, pint-sized ghosts, ghouls and goblins make their way to Greater Cleveland Aquarium.

Pumpkins & Piranhas, the Aquarium's annual after-hours Halloween celebration, creeps back underwater October 24-28.

During this time, the attraction's historic powerhouse home takes on a haunted tone, with not-too-spooky décor and hand-carved jack-o'-lanterns in and out of the water. As tiny vampires don their fake fangs for a night of fun, sand tiger and sandbar sharks show off their real toothy grins swimming overhead in a 175-foot sea tube. All the while, costumed divers, live animal encounters and supernatural entertainers engage with a parade of young superheroes and monsters.

Of course, don't forget your goodie bag on the way out.

"No child wants to pull a coat on over their costume, so we're excited to offer a Halloween event that's perfect for any weather," says Aquarium GM Stephanie White. "Our indoor venue ensures a warm and dry experience and, with access to the entire Aquarium, there's something for everyone to enjoy."

Need just a little less input? The Aquarium accommodates guests with sensory and similar needs during its sensory friendly Pumpkins & Piranhas experience on Monday, October 28, with limited noise, softened



lighting and adjusted activities to ensure a comfortable environment.

Of course, there's always the online Wild, Weird & Creepy program, where an Aquarium educator walks you through some of nature's most interesting creatures while you're safe in the comfort of your home—just wait till you see the sea lampreys' sharp rings of teeth.

For parents in need of something exciting, educational and fun for the little creatures in their lives, join the Aquarium for several nights of curiosity-inspiring frights. Advance registration is strongly recommended to ensure entry. Visit them online at greaterclevelandaquarium.com.



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Trick-or-Treat Fest at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

The Zoo's daytime Halloween celebration Trick-or-Treat Fest includes meet-and-greets with costumed characters, access to over a dozen trick-or-treat stations, the Monster Mash Dance Party, and discounted pricing at the Boomerang Line train, Circle of Wildlife Carousel, and 4-D Theater. Each ticket includes access to the Zoo's Dino Cove experience, featuring a fossil dig pit. The first 1,000 guests each day receive a complimentary trick or treat bag.

Trick-or-Treat Fest runs from 10:30 AM–3 PM on Fridays, Sat-

urdays and Sundays in October from October 4–October 27 as an additional ticketed experience. Nonmembers are \$11, members are \$9, and children under 2 are free. General admission sold separately.

General admission pricing is \$20.50 for adults and youth ages 12–17, \$18.50 for seniors age 62 and up, \$16.50 for youth ages 2–11. Children under 2 years of age are free.

For more info call 216-661-6500 or visit www.clevelandmetroparks.com/zoo to purchase tickets.



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Halloween Drive-thru Lake Metroparks Farmpark

Halloween Drive-thru returns for another season of family-friendly thrills, chills and adventure at Lake Metroparks Farmpark. On select evenings during the month of October, visitors of all ages and abilities can enjoy festive fun after dark from the comfort of their own vehicles.

Farmpark's winding roadways will be adorned with twinkling lights and oversized decorations, providing an immersive environment for guests to drive through. Sets and characters will vary from enchanting to spine-chilling, with brand new themes and returning favorites planned.

"We're excited to bring visitors another year of festive Halloween

fun," says Seth Begeman, Lake Metroparks' chief of outdoor connections. "It takes months of planning and setup to ensure that every year is more memorable than the last. This year, we're planning to bring Halloween to life with both classic and modern themes."

Halloween Drive-thru runs October 11–13, 18–20 & 25–27 from 6:30–8:30 PM. Tickets (\$27.50 per carload) must be purchased in advance and are only available online at <https://www.showclix.com/tickets/halloween-drive-thru-2024>. Terms and conditions apply.

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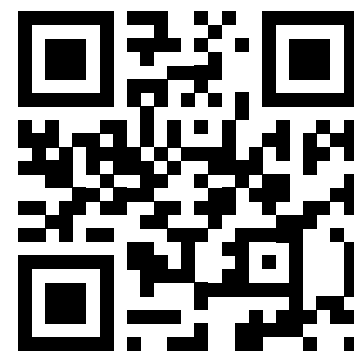
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