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# HEIDT Happenings



February 2026

Dear Families,

We hope you've had a great start to the year! Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we navigated those winter snow days together.

We have a busy couple of months ahead! We look forward to seeing you at our Open House, Talent Show, and the Heidt Community Event throughout February and March.

Your involvement and donations make these experiences possible for our students, and we can't thank you enough for your continued support. We truly value our community!

## Transition and Employment

Check out the following link of resources from the *Journey Into Adulthood Expo*. This expo was a "one stop shop about youth with disabilities moving into adulthood." There are a lot of wonderful connections inside!

## Annual Talent Show Fundraiser 5:30-7:00 pm

Mark your calendars for February 20th! Come out to support our talented students at our annual fundraiser. It will be a great night of singing, dancing, skits and lots more. We will have popcorn and Heidt T-shirts available for purchase, with all proceeds benefiting our school Activities Fund.

## Open House Snack and Shop

Our rescheduled Open House is now February 3rd, from 4:00-6:00 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity for both current and prospective families to tour our program and shop the Got Special Families sensory store. While you're here, stay for the action! Our Special Olympics Basketball Game is open to everyone from 5:30-6:30 PM.

## Field Trip Reminder

**February 5th:** Upperclassmen will depart for a rotating field trip to the Auschwitz Exhibit. Please make sure to submit your student's permission slip if your class is attending.

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## Annual Community Heidt Event

**When:** March 12 | 3:30 PM–6:00 PM

**Where:** The School Gym

Join us for an exciting evening featuring:

- **HEATS Fair:** Showcasing student work in History, ELA, Art, Technology, and Science.
- **Shopping & Sales:** Scholastic Book Fair, Heidt T-shirts, and "Transition Transaction" items.
- **Raffles:** Gift baskets donated by our local community vendors.

HEATS FAIR: March 13th (History, ELA, Technology, Art, Science) Fair: It will occur during the school day and families will have the opportunity to come and see their students presentations if they are unable to come during the Heidt Community event the day before. Students and classes are currently working on their classroom and individual projects during the quarter.

## Prom 2026: Masquerade

**Save the Date:** April 25th

Get ready for an elegant evening! To help students prepare:

- Tuxedo Rentals: Brogan's will be on-site at Heidt on February 25th for measurements. Cash or check will be accepted at the time of measurements.
- Pricing: Tuxedo rentals are \$65 and shoe rentals are \$15. A tux is not required for prom. Anyone interested may rent one.
- Flyer: Keep an eye out for a detailed flyer coming home in the next few weeks.
- Additional details regarding prom tickets, permission slips, volunteers, donations, etc., will be sent in the coming weeks.

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## **Text-to-Speech**

At Heidt, our speech and occupational therapists are introducing text-to-speech technology to students who may benefit from it. Text-to-speech (TTS) is a type of assistive technology that reads text aloud. Since many students have phones, they can easily access TTS applications, such as Seeing AI, Google Lense or Speechify. This technology can be used in the classroom and to help our students reach independence. Our SLPs and OTs often use TTS during functional reading activities. This includes reading recipes, medicine bottles, instruction manuals and so much more!

For more information, please follow the link below:

<https://www.readingrockets.org/topics/assistive-technology/articles/text-speech-technology-what-it-and-how-it-works>

## **Student Council & Service Projects**

Our Student Council is staying busy this month with several initiatives:

**Service Project:** Students are designing handmade Valentine's Day cards to be delivered to a local nursing home Indian Springs.

**Black History Month:** Each classroom is participating in a door-decorating contest to honor Black History Month.

**Stay Tuned:** Additional Valentine-themed activities are currently in the planning stages!

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## Special Olympics Updates:

### Basketball Season Begins

As we transition indoors, Basketball Season is officially underway! Our teams have already begun their first round of games, and the energy in the gym is electric.

### Soccer Success

Our students have officially wrapped up a fantastic soccer season! A huge thank you to FC Cincinnati for their incredible partnership, which provided our athletes with an unforgettable experience on the pitch.

### Pep Squad Pride

A special shout-out to our Pep Squad, who continues to do an amazing job! Their energy and school spirit have been a vital part of every game, keeping our athletes motivated and our fans cheering loud.

## Thank You Families!

We are so grateful to the families and students who consistently show up to support our athletes. Your encouragement makes a world of difference to our students and our entire sports program.