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March 2026

Dear Families,

It has been a wonderful few weeks at the Heidt Center! We are still celebrating the success of our recent Student Talent Show and the close of our basketball season. We truly appreciate everyone who attended; our parent support led to an impressive turnout for both events.

Please see the reminders below regarding state testing, Prom, our Heidt Community Event, and Graduation. As always, thank you to all our families for their continued support and generous donations for all of these events.

If you have any questions regarding these events, please feel free to reach out to us at heidtleadership@heidtcenter.org

Best regards,

Dr. Reece, Principal

Related Services Resource:

The Occupational Therapists at Heidt work with our students on a variety of functional living skills, also called **Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs)**. We are fortunate to have a mock apartment at Heidt to practice the skills students need to be self-reliant and successful after graduation. Along with learning basic recipes, chores, and safety skills, the OTs introduce students to a range of adaptive tools, from electric can openers to fire blankets.

We've included some tools recommended by our OTs here: [OT Recommended Adaptive & Safety Tools](#)

You can read more about how to **carry these skills over** into the home here: [Kitchen Safety for Teens with Autism](#)

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HEATS Fair and Heidt Community Event

Our annual HEATS Fair will be held on **Friday, March 13th, from 8:30 AM – 1:45 PM**. All students in grades 6–12, including our Transition program, will participate. School-aged students will present their science experiments, history projects, art-work, and language arts projects. Transition interns will display products available for purchase; some will present on their job sites, while others will help run the event.

We will also have projects available for viewing at our **Community Event on March 12th from 4:00 – 6:00 PM**. At the community event, you can browse the Scholastic Book Fair, enter to win exciting raffle baskets, and connect with local vendors and community resources. We can't wait to see you there!

If you are interested in donating items to this or future events, please click <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FAFAB2EA5F9CE9-61769832-2026>

Reminder: Spring Break is March 23rd – March 27th

Transition and Employment

Summer Jobs!

If you're interested in learning more about Summer Youth Work Experience (a paid summer job supported by Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities), please email Lynn Godwin at lgodwin@bestpoint.org for more information!

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Senior Luncheon & Last Day

The Senior Luncheon will be held **Wednesday, May 20th, at 12:00 PM**. Each senior is permitted two guests. Following the lunch, we will practice the ceremony structure (processional, speaking parts, turning the tassel, etc.).

The last day of school for seniors is Wednesday, May 20th. Seniors do not need to attend school from May 21st – 28th.

Slideshow Photos: Please send any baby or toddler photos of your senior to Shelby Yates if you haven't already.

Questions? Contact Shelby Yates at syates@heidtcenter.org or 513-228-6880.

Prom: Saturday, April 25th (6:00 – 8:00 PM)

Prom is open to all students. As a reminder, we are still collecting donations; if you are interested in contributing, please see the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FAFAB2EA5F9CE9-61769832-2026>

Tuxedo Rentals: If you ordered a tux, Brogans will tentatively deliver rentals a week before prom. We will send these home with students as soon as they arrive. Please ensure all rentals are returned to school the Monday following prom. If you missed measurement day, Mr. Brogan noted that students may visit the store to be measured (please call ahead at 513-244-2800).

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Graduation Information

Graduation will be held **Wednesday, May 20th, 2026, at 6:00 PM** (graduates arrive at 5:30 PM) at the Heidt Center of Excellence, located at 4550 Red Bank Expressway. This ceremony will officially conclude the high school careers of our graduating seniors and prepare them for the next steps in their lives.

•**Attendance:** Each graduate is permitted **8 guests**. You will be able to RSVP via Google Forms as the date approaches.

•**Format:** The ceremony will be traditional in style and will **not** be streamed online.

•**Graduation Kits:** Caps, gowns, and tassels must be ordered by **April 13th** from Herff Jones Graduate Services. If you need financial assistance, please contact Shelby Yates; Heidt will cover the cost.

Pricing Breakdown:

•**In-Store Pickup:** \$53.85 (\$49.95 + \$3.90 tax)

•**With Shipping:** \$66.78 (\$49.95 + \$12.15 shipping + \$4.68 tax)

•**To Order:** Call Carol Ann Pruitt at 513-272-5890 or visit 7022 Main Street, Cincinnati, OH 45244.