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### **Class of 2021 Prepares for the Next Chapter**



*\*Click on the image above to watch the full video.\**

The Class of 2021's commencement ceremony was on Friday, May 28, at the Powerplex. With their parents and teachers in attendance, the students reminisced about their achievements as a class and as individuals. And while they are ready to move on to the next chapter in their lives, none of these seniors are likely to forget how Clayton's schools laid the foundation for their future success. [View photos here.](#)

## [A Conversation with the Incoming Superintendent](#)

In the next episode of our video series featuring Clayton's incoming superintendent, Dr. Nisha Patel talks about equity and inclusion and why fostering a sense of belonging is so important.



## Equity & Inclusion

*\*Click on the image above to watch the full video.\**

## [Campaign Raises \\$18,200 to Honor Dr. Doherty](#)



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Clayton Education Foundation's campaign to honor retiring Superintendent Dr. Sean Doherty. **More than \$18,200 has been donated!** All funds raised will go toward a book collection for each of the District's three elementary school libraries.

## [Recognizing Our 2021 Retirees](#)



Throughout the past month, the District's social media pages featured a video series highlighting staff members who are retiring at the end of this school year. Yesterday was our final post in this series and it featured our Superintendent Sean Doherty. (Click the image above to watch Dr. Doherty's video.) [ICYMI, check out the gallery of all the videos.](#)

### **2021 WMS "Cheer You On" Parade**



The Wydown "Cheer You On" Parade held on June 2 was a success. Teachers, administrators, staff and members of the community lined part of Wydown Blvd. to cheer for the eighth graders moving on to high school. [Take a look at the photos from the WMS parade.](#)

### **2021 Fifth Grade Promotions**



Fifth-Grade Promotion at the District's elementary schools serves as a time for fifth-graders and their teachers and families to celebrate their successes while excitedly anticipating their middle school years. Clayton fifth-grade students were promoted to the next chapter in their education during the special ceremony on

Thursday, June 3. [View more photos here.](#)

## **BOE Approves 2022-2023 Calendar**

The Board of Education approved the 2022-2023 calendar at their June 2 meeting.

[Download a copy of the calendar.](#)

## **The Equity Corner**

### *Challenging Values and Diversity*

*“Diversity that somehow constitutes itself as a harmonious ensemble of benign cultural spheres is a conservative and liberal model of multiculturalism that, in my mind, deserves to be jettisoned because, when we try to make culture an undisturbed space of harmony and agreement where social relations exist within cultural forms of uninterrupted accords, we subscribe to a form of social amnesia in which we forget that all knowledge is formed in histories that are played out in the field of social antagonisms.” - bell hooks, **Teaching to Transgress: Education as the Practice of Freedom***

Multicultural education is a set of educational strategies developed to acknowledge and respond to ALL demographics of students. It provides students with knowledge about the histories, cultures, and contributions of diverse groups; it assumes that the future society is pluralistic.

Continue reading the latest edition of The Equity Corner, "[Challenging Values and Diversity](#)", on the District website and be sure to follow the District's equity work on Twitter [@CP\\_EdEquity](#).

Take Care!

[Cameron Poole](#)

## **PAC.ED: Parent Advisory Council of Children with Educational Diversity**

We advocate for awareness, understanding, equity, and inclusion of and for all children with disabilities in the School District of Clayton. PAC.ED is a volunteer organization made up of parents, Clayton and Special School District (SSD) staff and administrators, as well as community members. Check out this month's [PAC.ED Events & Information](#) for information on the next PAC.ED meeting, Parent Survey with an extended deadline, Inclusion Awards announcements, planning for next school year, and more!





## MYAC's "Humans of Clayton" Project Explores Pandemic Experience in Clayton



On Tuesday, May 25, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) held their final meeting in which members presented their "Humans of Clayton" project documenting the pandemic experience in Clayton. This project contained interviews, a survey, a video and a time capsule. In the video, MYAC members interviewed Clayton community leaders about ways they stepped up to serve

their community during the pandemic. A public survey was distributed to find out how the pandemic affected individuals in Clayton. A time capsule containing artifacts from the pandemic was created and will be placed within City Hall to be opened in 50 years in the year 2071. To apply to MYAC, you must be entering your junior or senior year and live in Clayton or attend Clayton High School. Please visit [www.claytonmyac.com](http://www.claytonmyac.com) to apply. The application deadline has been extended to August 31, 2021.

## Remaining Grab n' Go Meal Dates - Summer 2021



The School District of Clayton's Grab n' Go Meal Service will be available to **all families** of Clayton students this summer. Meals will be distributed from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. on Mondays at the front entrance of Clayton High School. Grab n' Go meal bags are free and include five breakfast and lunch meals for the week. Please note the 2021 Summer meal service dates below.

- Monday, June 14
- Monday, June 21
- Monday, June 28
- Tuesday, July 6 (due to Independence Day)
- Monday, July 12
- Monday, July 19
- Monday, July 26
- Monday, August 2
- Monday, August 9
- Monday, August 16

## **Staff and Student Achievements**

**Paul Hoelscher**, CHS Social Studies Teacher, received an “Engaging Eurasia” teaching fellowship at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University which will include weekend seminars and online workshops/lectures. Congratulations!

**Shane LaGesse**, a rising senior at CHS, received the Mayor’s Award for Outstanding Participation within the 2021 MYAC class. The Mayor’s Award was created by former Mayor Harold Sanger during his first term with MYAC.

Thirteen CHS seniors earned recognition in Missouri’s Seal of Biliteracy program. The Seal of Biliteracy is a national program adopted by Missouri in 2018. The Missouri State Seal of Biliteracy is an academic achievement awarded to graduating high school students who are proficient in English and one or more other languages. Congratulations to all those awarded!

### **Seal of Biliteracy:**

- **Luka Bassnett** - French & English
- **Madeline Blatt** - French & English
- **Sofia Erlin** - Spanish & English
- **Samuel Fehr** - French & English
- **Josephine Gillette** - Spanish & English
- **Neleh Hopper** - Spanish & English
- **Natalie Rogler** - French & English
- **Olivia Whittle** - Spanish & English

### **Distinguished Seal of Biliteracy:**

- **Koray Akduman** - Spanish & English
- **Saida Robles-Razzaq** - Spanish & English
- **Joseph Sparks** - Spanish & English
- **Emmanuelle Wilson** - Spanish & English
- **Eva Zafft** - French & English

## **Nutritional Notes**

*From Chartwells Director of Dining Services Michelle Fohey.*



As dining out at restaurants increases, so does our calorie consumption. Here are some tips while eating out to help save on calories and still enjoy our favorites.

- Always ask for dressing on the side, this can save 100-200 calories by monitoring how much dressing is put on salads.
- If possible ask for your vegetables steamed with no oil or butter to save calories from fat.
- Drink lots of water before arriving to help decrease impulse to fill up on bread or appetizers.
- When possible, share an entree, many times entrees are big enough for two.
- When your food arrives to the table, go ahead and ask for a to go box, cut your dish in half and put the rest in the box to enjoy later.
- Check out the appetizers or small plates. These are great for portion control and allow you to try more things on the menu.

## **Focus On: Juneteenth**

Juneteenth (short for "June Nineteenth") marks the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people were freed. It is commemorated on the anniversary date of the June 19, 1865, announcement of General Order No. 3 by Union Army general Gordon Granger. The troops' arrival came a full two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Enforcement of the Proclamation generally relied on the advance of Union troops. Texas, as the most remote of the slave states, had a low presence of Union troops as the American Civil War ended; thus enforcement there had been slow and inconsistent before Granger's announcement. Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday. Although Juneteenth generally celebrates the end of slavery in the United States, it was still legal and practiced in two Union border states (Delaware and Kentucky) until later that year, when ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution abolished chattel slavery nationwide in December. Additionally, Indian Territories that had sided with the Confederacy, namely the Choctaw, did not release those enslaved until 1866. For more information on Juneteenth, [CLICK HERE](#).

## **Calendar**

### **June 15 - Special Board of Education Meeting**

July 4 - Independence Day

### **July 5 - District Closed - In Observance of Independence Day**

July 9 - Next Edition of eNews

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