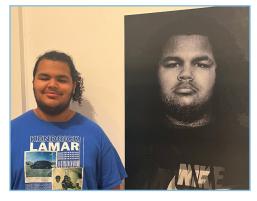
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Cliff Park High School Students Shine in "Can't Hold Me Down" Art Exhibit













Oakmont Education is thrilled to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of **Cliff Park High School** students featured in the new art exhibit, "Can't Hold Me Down," at the **Springfield Museum of Art**. This powerful exhibition, created by Springfield photographer **Ty Fischer**, showcases the resilience and strength of 17 Cliff Park students through striking black-and-white photography and deeply personal stories.

The exhibit, displayed in the museum's Bosca Gallery, highlights students' journeys of overcoming personal challenges, reflecting their courage and determination. Fischer used a prismatic lenticular approach for the portraits, creating dynamic, hologram-like images that reveal different perspectives depending on the viewer's angle. Accompanying each portrait are audio stories accessible through QR codes, giving visitors a deeper look into the students' lives and triumphs.

Fischer, a longtime supporter of the Springfield community, worked closely with Cliff Park staff and students to bring this project to life. "Cliff Park isn't just a school," Fischer said, "it's a safe haven where students feel important, loved, and supported by a staff that's more like family."

For many students, this exhibit marks their first museum experience. Their reactions ranged from awe to pride, with one student noting, "This makes us feel heard, like we're truly part of the community."

We warmly invite everyone to visit "Can't Hold Me Down" and celebrate these inspiring stories of hope and resilience. The exhibit will be open through January 12, 2025—don't miss this incredible tribute to the strength of our students!



OAKMONT LEADERSHIP ATTENDS THE STOP FOR EDUCATION SUMMIT



REGENT HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS ANNUAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR



OLD BROOK HIGH SCHOOL AND BECK CENTER HOST A VIBRANT SUPER SATURDAY



Oakmont Leadership Attends the Stop for Education Summit





On November 7, 2024, Oakmont Education's **Vice President, Cris Gulacy-Worrel**, and **Vice President of Career Technical Education, Dr. Jerry Farley**, attended the *Stop for Education Summit: The Power of Innovation* at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C. This groundbreaking event, hosted by the Center for Education Reform (CER) in partnership with *Forbes*, brought together leaders, policymakers, educators, and innovators to discuss the future of education in America.

The summit spotlighted the principles of STOP—Sustainable, Transformational, Outstanding, and Permissionless education models—highlighting innovative approaches that drive equity and impact in education. Cris Gulacy-Worrel contributed her expertise as a moderator for the "What Was That Panel," where discussions centered on actionable strategies for collaboration in 2025 and beyond.

Attendees explored ways to empower educators and ensure that funding and flexibility pave the way for innovative learning models. This event served as a powerful call to action, encouraging leaders to prioritize education innovation in the national agenda following the recent election.

Readers can watch the impactful panel discussion <u>here</u> and learn more about education reform and how to get involved by visiting the Center for Education Reform at <u>edreform.com</u>.

Oakmont Education is proud to be part of this vital conversation, advocating for a brighter future for students across the nation.

Gratitude in Action: Celebrating Thanksgiving 'round Oakmont



Regent High School Hosts Annual Community Resource Fair

On November 13, 2024, Regent High School held its semi-annual Community Resource Fair, an event dedicated to connecting students with local organizations and services that support their social, emotional, and academic growth. The fair provided students with a unique opportunity to discover valuable resources, make connections, and gain the tools they need to reach their personal and educational goals.

The event featured representatives from a variety of Cleveland-area organizations, including the AIDS Taskforce offering HIV testing, Bellefaire JCB Runaway and Homeless Youth Program, Citizens Bank, Buckeye Health Plan, HomeSmart Real Estate, Legal Aid, Metropolitan Veterinary Academy, and Pregnant with Possibilities, among others.

Each organization offered insights and services tailored to help students navigate challenges and embrace opportunities. From health and housing support to academic and financial planning, students left the fair feeling more empowered and equipped to take on their futures.

These fairs are a cornerstone of Regent High School's commitment to holistic student development, ensuring that students not only excel academically but also feel supported in all aspects of their lives. Regent extends its gratitude to the participating organizations for their dedication to the success of our students. We look forward to continuing this impactful tradition!













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Old Brook High School and Beck Center Host a Vibrant Super Saturday Fall Fest

On November 11, 2024, **Old Brook High School** teamed up with the **Beck Center for the Arts** to host the Super Saturday Fall Fest, a delightful and free art experience for children ages 2-7 and their siblings. Held at Old Brook's Pearl Road campus, this event brought creativity and community together for a memorable day of art, music, and storytelling.

The Fall Fest featured hands-on art-making activities where children could explore their artistic talents, interactive storytelling sessions led by the Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers, and the chance to experiment with various musical instruments. The event culminated in a lively Hear & Touch the Music Concert, where children not only enjoyed an engaging musical performance but also had the opportunity to play the instruments they saw in action.

The event was not just a celebration of the arts but also an enriching experience for Old Brook's Student Leaders. These students collaborated weekly with a representative from the Beck Center to meticulously plan the Fall Fest. They gained valuable skills in event planning, marketing, logistics, and community engagement by selecting activities, designing and posting signage, and assisting children during the event. This behind-the-scenes work offered them a deeper understanding of the effort and coordination required to host a successful community event.

The success of the Fall Fest was made possible through the dedication of Old Brook's staff. Mrs. Miles (Family Advocate) and Ms. Beasley (Director) provided consistent support during the planning process, attending meetings with students and Beck Center representatives. On the day of the event, they played pivotal roles in set-up and clean-up, ensuring everything ran smoothly. Additionally, Mrs. Miles contributed by inviting local authors to read their books to the children, adding a literary dimension to the festivities.

This collaboration between Old Brook High School and the Beck Center for the Arts is a testament to the power of partnerships in enriching communities and empowering students. The Fall Fest not only brought the arts to life for local families but also provided student leaders with a meaningful opportunity to grow as planners and leaders.

Oakmont Education is proud to support events like these that inspire creativity, build community connections, and foster student development. **Well done, Old Brook!**











