



ANNOUNCING THE RETURN OF AGORA 2022

Many exciting changes are happening at Ottawa Hills Jr./ Sr. High School. The building is undergoing major changes and renovations. New science facilities have been created, a modern art wing with a Maker's Space is in the works, and, at the center of the building, the Foundry --Ottawa Hills' new learning center--is nearing completion.

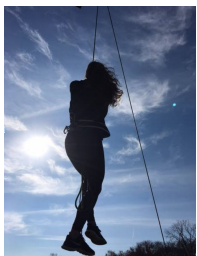
But how will these new spaces and additional resources enhance our collective experience? How will they encourage us to become life-long learners? How will they enhance collaboration and empathetic engagement in our community? How will they help to form partnerships that will transform our work and our connections to others and the world? These are the essential questions that have driven the changes that we see in our school.

The obvious answer is to put these ideals into action. Agora 2022 is the perfect opportunity.

AGORA 2022 “WORLD BUILDERS” WORKSHOP CHOICES

1.THE CLIMB: CONDITIONING AND TRAINING FOR MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

PAST FAVORITE/ COMMUNITY & SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP



COURSE DESCRIPTION

An important part of Agora is exposing students to activities that provide new and exciting challenges and experiences that ignite their passions. What better metaphor for meeting challenges and reaping the rewards than to climb a mountain? Village resident and mountain climber Von Sigler will offer a week-long program to teach students various aspects of mountain climbing. Students will learn about conditioning, safety and equipment, and other important aspects of the sport. In the past, Mr. Sigler has organized a mountain climbing trip during the summer for those who are interested. Should that occur, participation is purely optional and not a requirement or expectation of participation in this workshop.

Workshop is open to: All students, grades 9-12

Number of participants: 12

Faculty/ Community Leader(s): Mr. Sigler, Mr. Lindsay

Student Leader(s): TBA

Fee: \$75.00 *This includes two lunches

Special Considerations: Most activities will be conducted out of doors. Please note that Agora takes place November 14-18. All activities will happen regardless of the weather. Students should plan to dress appropriately and embrace the possibilities of November weather in Ohio.

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2. THE DIVE: CONDITIONING AND TRAINING FOR SCUBA DIVING

NEW



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Inspired by “The Climb,” the new workshop will introduce students to equipment, training, and underwater scuba diving. Participants will visit local facilities where they will work with scuba instructors. The experience is designed to allow students to test the waters in a new hobby, or, if they wish, work toward the required tests in order to become a certified scuba diver, should they choose to do so after the Agora experience.

Faculty/ Community Leader(s): Mr. Andrew Sabo, Dive Master Instructor from Aqua Hut and Mrs. Dowd

Student Leader(s): TBA

Workshop is open to: All students, grades 9-12

Number of participants: 10

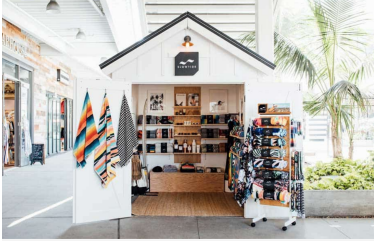
Special Considerations: You will be in an indoor swimming pool on several days.

Fee: \$100.00. (Try Scuba participants will earn credit toward open water certification course. Discounted packages for equipment and future tuition for additional classes and certifications).

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3. OH MAKING IT: OH REALITY COMPETITION FOR MAKERS!

NEW



COURSE DESCRIPTION

OH MAKING IT is inspired by the Netflix reality series “Making It.” Participants will be faced with a daily challenge that may include upcycling, repurposing, or simply creating on-trend useful and beautiful art. Students will work independently and in teams to create throughout the week and will be awarded for demonstrating qualities of a great Maker. By the end of the week, the OH MAKING IT participants will open a pop-up show featuring their best work for sale to the community. Proceeds will be donated to the Agora fund.

Faculty/ Community Leader(s): Ms. Shawaker and Mrs. Visser

Student Leader(s): TBA

Workshop is open to: All students, grades 9-12

Number of participants: 18

Special Considerations: Students should be interested in activities related to making and crafting (or be interested in learning these activities).

Fee: \$50.00

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#problem solving #culminating project/presentation

4. THE ARTISTS' APPRENTICE: WORKING WITH GABE GAULT AND AREA ARTISTS

NEW EPIC OPPORTUNITY /COMMUNITY & SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP



COURSE DESCRIPTION

We are so fortunate to have nationally known artist and creator of the Glass City River Wall to be our official artist-in-residence during Agora 2022. The Glass City River Wall is the largest work of art of its kind in the United States. Gabe has recently finished a mural for Nike that celebrates the diversity of Olympic athletes. Believe it or not, Gabe will be creating a mural in the High School sun room that represents the diverse students at our school and inspires us to look forward to a future that welcomes our increasing diversity and reminds us of our commitment to inclusiveness and representation. Participants will spend the week with Gabe as he creates the mural, but will also work with local artists in the creation of additional panels that will adorn the Sophomore hallway. Finally, students' fees for this incredible workshop will help cover the cost of the artists-in-residence. Participants will be acknowledged as donors for the project on a plaque to be placed near the permanent art installation.

Artists-in-Residence: Gabe Gault and other area artists

Faculty/ Community Leader(s): Mr. Kinkaid and Danielle Snyder-Fisher

Student Leader(s): Miles Weaver

Workshop is open to: All students, grades 9-12

Number of participants: 10

Special Considerations:

Fee: \$100.00

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5. MOTOWN RISING: A TRIBUTE TO THE SPIRIT OF DETROIT AND ITS MUSICAL LEGACY

NEW



COURSE DESCRIPTION

The city of Detroit, less than one hour to the north of Toledo, was once the center of the automobile industry and was even called “The Paris of the Midwest.” Detroit has since fallen on hard times, but most recently has been experiencing a renaissance. Perhaps the best example of Detroit’s ability to rise from the ashes is the story of Motown. With little more than an empty house and a dream, founder Barry Gordy assembled a group of talented individuals with limited means for success and created a musical juggernaut that changed a generation. For the first time in American history, young black and young white people were celebrating the same music. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. believed that music was a key element in the progress of the Civil Rights Movement.

Participants in this workshop will visit the city of Detroit and learn about its rise, fall, and renewal. They will also visit the newly remodeled Motown Museum and learn about the Cultural Revolution that continues to influence the world.

Back at home, your task will be to create an homage to the spirit of Detroit. Channel your inner Diana, Aretha, Marvin, Smokey, or Michael. Students will create groups, learn choreography, pick a Motown song, and share that performance with the school.

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Faculty/ Community Leader(s): Mr. Torio and Ms. Hoss

Student Leader(s): Scarlett Strausbaugh

Workshop is open to: All students, grades 9-12

Number of participants: 18

Special Considerations: Students should be interested in music, have some basic singing ability, and be willing to work together.

Fee: \$60.00 *Includes two lunches in Detroit

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6. FUREVER HOME PROJECT: PARTICIPATING IN THE MISSION OF THE TOLEDO HUMANE SOCIETY

PAST FAVORITE



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Participants in this workshop will travel to the Toledo Humane Society each day to learn about its important mission and participate in the daily work of protecting abused and neglected animals in our community. Fun activities include cat care and dog walking training. By the end of the week, students will pick an animal and create a campaign to find it a permanent home.

Faculty/ Community Leader(s): Mr. Bobak

Student Leader(s): TBA

Workshop is open to: All students, grades 9-12

Number of participants: 15

Special Considerations: Students should be willing to perform tasks associated with animal care, be able to follow directions and complete tasks, and be good ambassadors for Ottawa Hills High School.

Fee: donation from the THS wish list.

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7. THE GREAT OTTAWA HILLS COOK-OFF/ DIVERSITY EDITION: LEARN ABOUT THE UNIVERSAL CULTURE OF MAKING AND SHARING FOOD

PAST FAVORITE/ COMMUNITY & SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Among most people, cooking and sharing food is an important part of culture. Food is a repository for memory, an extension of one's place of origin, a reason for celebration, and an opportunity for coming together. The Great Ottawa Hills Cook Off will combine a modern reality series framework with the ancient tradition of learning to cook food and perform hospitality from our elders. Participants in this workshop will collaborate with peers and will host a multicultural meal for others.

Faculty/ Community Leader(s): Dr. Hurst and community chefs

Student Leader(s): TBA

Workshop is open to: All students, grades 9-12

Number of participants: 16

Special Considerations: Students are expected to be open-minded and willing to work with others. They are expected to be good ambassadors for Ottawa Hills High School.

Fee: \$50.00

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8. THE WORLD SPORTS LEAGUE: LEARNING, PLAYING, AND SHARING THE SPORTS OF THE WORLD

NEW



COURSE DESCRIPTION

This idea was inspired by the student surveys collected last spring. A student suggested that OH students learn about sports from different cultures. Since sports are often a central feature of any culture, and learning about them can give us insight into what connects us to others, why not spend the week exploring, playing, and sharing sports from around the world!

Faculty/ Community Leader(s): Mr. Chappuies

Student Leader(s): TBA

Workshop is open to: All students, grades 9-12

Number of participants: 18

Special Considerations: Participants should be willing to learn the rules and cultural context of new sports, be willing to share their new discoveries, and finally, participate in the first Ottawa Hills World Sports Organization (OHWSA) tournament for throngs of adoring junior high fans at the end of the week. They are also expected to be great ambassadors of Ottawa Hills High School.

Fee: \$100.00

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9. THE OH BEAR PATH MAKERS: CREATING SPACE AND BUILDING SKILLS FOR MENTORING OTHERS

NEW



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Jon Schoonmaker is a Licensed Clinical Therapist with his own practice in Adrian, Michigan. His life commitment is to awaken in young people the journey of self-discovery and to empower each individual to become their “most beautiful self.” On Monday, November 14, Jon and his crew will engage with the entire high school student body through his Legacy program designed to help students create joy, build trust, and awaken empathy for themselves and others. After Monday, a team of students will have the opportunity to continue to work with Jon on a more intense and personal level, learning how to step confidently into their Personal Legends through the exploration of the Paths of Power. The Paths of Power include the Bear Path, the Jaguar Path and the Mountain Lion Path. On Thursday, November 17, this team of empowered high school students will provide the leadership for a day-long experience presented to our junior high students welcoming them to the Bear Path. Mr. Schoonmaker also leads a program during the summer that connects high school students with Lakota teens on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Participation in this workshop may qualify you to participate in that program.

Faculty/ Community Leader(s): Mr. Jon Schoonmaker, LCT

Student Leader(s): Ethan Green and Iman Badr

Workshop is open to: All students, grades 9-12

Number of participants: 15

Special Considerations: Participants should be open to learning new ways of thinking and communicating. They should be compassionate and empathetic toward one another and all junior high participants.

Fee: none

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10. THE OTTAWA HILLS TECH PIONEERS: NAVIGATING THE NEW VIRTUAL FRONTIER

NEW / COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Participants in this workshop will collaborate with Ottawa Hills alum Craig Colwell to experience the newest developments in technology, including Virtual Reality, our 360 Room, and many other exciting technologies. There will be time for pure experience, for play, and for creating products and programs that will help teachers utilize the best that technology has to offer.

Faculty/ Community Leader(s): Mr. Craig Colwell, OH alumnus

Student Leader(s): TBA

Workshop is open to: All students, grades 9-12

Number of participants: 18

Special Considerations: Students should have an interest in technology and be willing to learn new skills for the purpose of their own interests, but also to share with faculty and peers.

Fee: \$70.00

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11. GREATER TOLEDO METRO-PARKS EXCURSION

PAST FAVORITE



COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Greater Toledo Area is recognized as having one of the best public park systems in the United States. Participants in this workshop will visit the Toledo Area MetroParks and experience many of the recreational and educational activities they have to offer, including shelter building, archery, fire building, and hiking. Your science teacher guides will throw in a science lesson or two.

Faculty/ Community Leader(s): Mr. Genzman and Mrs. Silvers

Student Leader(s): TBA

Workshop is open to: All students, grades 9-12

Number of participants: 15

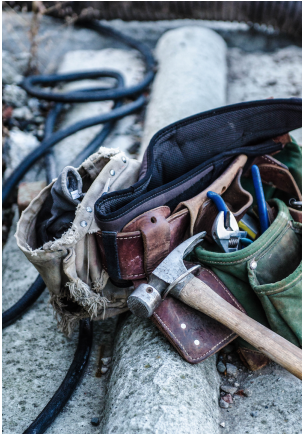
Special Considerations: Students should be willing to be outdoors in November in a variety of conditions. They should also be willing to participate in physical activity and be good ambassadors for Ottawa Hills High School.

Fee: \$60.00

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12. HABITAT HELPERS: CONTRIBUTING TO HANDS-ON SOLUTIONS TO THE HOMELESS CRISIS

NEW / COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Participants in this workshop will learn basic carpentry and construction skills as they contribute to projects that help people struggling to find safe and affordable housing. Students will visit sites where tiny houses are being constructed, and will also work at Penta County Vocational High School to build components that will be used in the construction of affordable housing for others.

Faculty/ Community Leader(s): Mr. Weaver, Penta County Teacher

Student Leader(s): TBA

Workshop is open to: All students, grades 9-12

Number of participants: 6

Special Considerations: Students will work off campus at tiny house building sites and Penta County Vocational School. Activities include working with tools and building components for homes. Participants are expected to be good ambassadors for Ottawa Hills High School.

Fee: none

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13. THE OH STORYTELLERS: LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY TO SHARE OUR ADVENTURES

NEW



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Participants in the OH Storytellers group will work from the media hub at the high school and be assigned to cover one or more of the exciting workshops and international trips that are taking place during the week. Each participant will be armed with a press pass and will decide what leads to follow and how best to share their story with as many viewers as possible. Since we have a nationally recognized artist-in-residence and a dozen or so other exceptional and exciting events and activities planned for the week, it should be easy to get our story out into the world. Fire up Twitter, TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, and let's get Ottawa Hills the recognition we deserve.

Faculty/ Community Leader(s): Ms. Kozy and Mr. Ku

Student Leader(s): TBA

Workshop is open to: All students, grades 9-12

Number of participants: 16

Special Considerations: Students will be traveling with various Agora groups and will be expected to cover the stories that take place during Agora week. Students are expected to work independently and to be good ambassadors for Ottawa Hills High School.

Fee: none

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14. WORLD MINDFULNESS

NEW



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Participants in this workshop will explore a variety of relaxation, meditation, and social/emotional wellness strategies, across different cultures, that can help with stress and general wellbeing. Ideally, students who complete this workshop will be involved in planning and/or facilitating the next generation of OHBreathe!

Faculty/ Community Leader(s): Mrs. McKean

Student Leader(s): TBA

Workshop is open to: All students, grades 9-12

Number of participants: 18

Special Considerations:

Fee: \$50

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15. AGORA STUDENT INTERN



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Agora Interns will collaborate with the Agora Director to design his or her own intern experience. Interns may shadow the Director, work with teachers on planning and logistics, lead a program in the junior high, facilitate volunteers, and/or help in any number of ways. Agora is a very ambitious creative program with many moving parts. Being part of the implementation is a great experience that will provide insight on how such innovative and collaborative programs come to fruition. An intern position also gives students one more impressive experience to add to their college applications.

Faculty/ Community Leader(s): Mr. Kinkaid, Mrs. Fischer, and Mrs. George

Workshop is open to: All students, grades 9-12, preference given to students in grades 11 and 12

Number of participants: 1-3

Special Considerations: Participants should be motivated and self-directed. They should be good communicators and collaborators, and good ambassadors for Ottawa Hills High School. SEE MR. KINKAID FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Fee: none

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16. WORKSHOP STUDENT LEADER



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Do any of these workshops stir your imagination or awaken your passions? If so, you may want to consider being a student leader. Student leaders will collaborate with teachers, artist-in-residence and/or instructors to help plan elements of the workshops, take care of logistics, and motivate peers.

Workshop is open to: All students, grades 9-12, preference given to students in grades 11 and 12

Number of participants: 15

Special Considerations: Participants should be passionate about the workshop's theme and activities and be willing to collaborate with students, teachers, and others involved. SEE MR. KINKAID FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Fee: based on workshop selection. (See specific workshops above).

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