



Welcome 2023 – 2024

Dear Family Members –

This year your student will be participating in an exciting program called [National History Day](#). This program is championed by [Ohio History Connection](#) and teaches students skills to help them in school and beyond.

This year's History Day theme is "[Turning Points in History](#)." Your students will choose a topic (local, national, or global) that connects to this theme. The topic should be historical, not a current event. Students will research their topic in books, encyclopedias, websites, or libraries/archives. They're encouraged to look at historical materials, like photographs, letters, diaries, newspaper articles, or interviews as they research their topic.

History Day students share their work by creating projects. They may choose to create a:

- Museum-Style Exhibit
- Documentary
- Website
- Performance
- Paper

Throughout the school year, your student will spend a lot of time on this project – and it may be a project graded in class. Your student's teacher will choose due dates, tasks, and assignments for the project. Be sure to talk to your student's teacher to find out more about these deadlines & requirements.

Students also have the option to enter their project in a competition. Judges will interview students about their research and project – and select projects to advance to the next level. Students can advance from a school-level competition to Regional, State, and National contests.

Parents and families are welcome to attend!

- **School** – Teachers choose school event dates.
- **Regional** – 10 Regional events take place in late-February through early-April 2024 throughout Ohio.
- **State** – April 20, 2023
- **National** – June 9-13 2024, located at the University of Maryland

How can you help?

- **Think** about topics with your student
- **Help** them get to libraries, museums, historical sites, and archives
- **Remind** them of due dates for their class assignment and competition
- **Talk** with them about what they have learned

Thank you for supporting your student through their History Day project! You can learn more about this amazing program on our website, [ohiohistoryday.org](#).

Sincerely,

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