At the invitation of the leaders of YCSD’s expert food services department, U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan visited East High to learn about how food services provides scholars with healthy food choices every day. Earlier this month, salad bars debuted at East and Chaney and are gaining popularity among scholars and staff.

For the fourth year, Harding Elementary School staff served up Thanksgiving favorites for scholars and their families. Several businesses donated turkeys and made monetary contributions to help make the event a success and staff and scholars brought in desserts and side dishes. Harding Principal Teri Coward, Assistant Principal Maureen Donofrio and CEO Justin Jennings helped serve.

YCSD will be closed from Nov. 27 through the weekend for Thanksgiving. Classes resume Monday, Dec. 2.
Mahoning Valley Sojourn to the Past traveled to Sandusky to participate in gathering soil at the site of the 1878 lynching of William Taylor. Taylor was accused of murdering a white woman, but while being transported by the sheriff, a mob took him and hanged him from a lamppost. The soil collected will be sent to Montgomery, Ala., to be housed at the Legacy Museum. The museum is dedicated to raising awareness about the 4,000 individuals who were lynched in the United States. That list includes 15 people who were lynched in Ohio. The Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, the Sandusky NAACP and the Erie County Historical Society partnered with Sojourn in the project.

CEO Justin Jennings continues his monthly meetings with community members. He meets with parents and members of the public the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 a.m. and at 4:30 p.m. in the CEO Suite, 20 W. Wood St. He meets with members of the faith-based community at 8 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the CEO Suite. Call 330-744-6920 to sign up to attend one of the sessions.

- Dec. 19, PRIDE meeting, 5 p.m. in Community Room at Youngstown Rayen Early College High School, 20 W. Wood St.
- Jan. 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, schools closed.