Students Celebrate, Learn About Hispanic Culture

East High School student Ash’le Hatten dons a sombrero during the school’s observance last month of Hispanic Heritage Month. Activities included dance, food, clothing, music and traditions of the Hispanic culture.

October is Hispanic Heritage Month and Youngstown City School District students enjoyed the food, music and dances popular in the culture and learned about some of the traditions as well.

The Intensive English Program at East High School presented a program during over three days during the school’s lunch period.

Mexico, Peru and Puerto Rico were represented and students, teachers and staff enjoyed display tables about each country in addition to performances by singers, dancers and instrumentalists. Youngstown Early College hosted a Quinceanera Masquerade Ball and several elementary schools conducted their own events as part of the month-long celebration.
Fall sports is in the books and we’re gearing up for winter. We’ll be debuting a sport that’s new to YCSD: rugby! And we think it’s going to be a big hit.

Rugby Ohio and USA Rugby in partnership with YCSD will offer a free rugby youth camp from 9:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, Nov. 12, at the WATTS Center at Youngstown State University, 651 Elm St. There will also be rugby tackling instruction for football coaches at 9 a.m.

We’ll also offer indoor track. We’re still finalizing details and schedules for both indoor track and rugby.

Dates to remember:

- Thursday, Nov. 2, seventh and eighth-grade boys’ and girls’ basketball tryouts; Kirkmere, 3:20 p.m., Volney, 3:40 p.m. and McGuffey, 3:50 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, MLK, 3:20 p.m., Harding, 3:40 p.m. and Williamson, 3:50 p.m. A change of clothes and tennis shoes are required. An activity bus will pick up students after school and transport them to Chaney High School.

- Tuesday, Nov. 7, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. YSU cheerleaders will hose a cheerleading clinic at East High School followed by tryouts Friday, Nov. 10, also at East.

- Thursday, Nov. 9, Physicals for boys’ will be done for $10 at East High during practice time. No medical card is required.

- Wednesday, Nov. 15, YCSD Athletics’ Winter 2017 Parent and Player meeting, 6 p.m. in the library at East.

- The Mahoning County Juvenile Court Sports Program’s Co-Ed Intramural Sports League is offering a bowling extravaganza for fourth, fifth and sixth graders. Bowling is at Mahoning Valley Lanes, 2617 Mahoning Ave., from 11 am. To 1 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 11, Nov. 18, Dec. 2, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16. Students will bowl two free games and shoe rental is included. Registration may be done the first day.