

THE COYOTE HOWLER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

1/29

-Centralette Dance
Clinic at Clark

2/10

-Items for Paws for a
Cause due

2/11

- LC Indians Hitting
Camp Grades 7&8

2/28

-Wake Up Call
Presentation at Lake
Central

3/3

-Lake Central Science
Fair registration open
through 2/1-3/17

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ACADEMIC SUPER BOWL

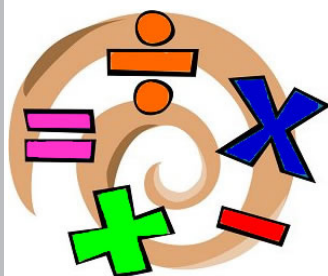
Sponsor: Jennifer Gleason

The Hoosier Academic Super Bowl is a competition that tests students knowledge of a theme in 4 different content areas: Math, English, Science, and Social Studies. Students compete in teams of 3 against other schools in order to see who can answer the most questions correctly out of 25. The call-out typically takes place in late January. The team competition takes places at the end of April.



MATH COUNTS

Sponsor: Brett Wartman



Math Counts is a math competition funded by the National Society of Professional Engineers and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. It is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. It consists of a local contest in February with an individual paper and pencil round, calculator round, and team round. There is also an individual oral round for the top finishers. Winners of the local competition advance to state. State winners advance to the national competition. Scholarships can be won at the state and national level.

SPELL BOWL

Sponsor: Angela Demantes

Spell bowl consists of a competitive team of up to 16 students who learn the spellings of approximately 1,600 words. The season runs from late August through October, although Clark's team often makes the state-level competition which takes place in early November. Team members meet three times weekly to practice. The coach is Mrs. Demantes.





**SPOTLIGHT ON:
MR. RYAN SCWEITZER
(MATH)**

IN THE CLASSROOM

A FAR-OUT FIELD TRIP



“I teach 7th and 8th grade math. Both my parents teach at Grimmer, so I kind of have been substituting in the corporation for years, and then I finally got my teaching license and a position opened up here [at Clark] and I was fortunate enough to get it. I think [my parents] were pretty big influences on me for the most part.”

“My favorite part about teaching is just getting to work with the kids, and interacting with the kids and helping them learn new things, that’s always been a cool moment for me, when the light bulb finally clicks for students with certain topics, I think that would be the most rewarding part. I coach the 7th grade boys basketball team and the 8th grade girls basketball team. [Outside Clark] I coach in a recreational league, I’ve been coaching bidy ball for eight years as a volunteer.”

Every year, Clark Middle School’s sixth grade science classes take an educational field trip to The Challenger Learning Center, in Hammond. During this field trip the students go on a simulated space mission and are assigned specific jobs for said mission.

“The mission we choose to go on is the Mission to the Moon. Once the students arrive, they are ‘NASA astronauts.’ Upon arrival, the students are briefed on their duties and half of the students go into Mission Control and the other half of the students go into the spacecraft,” Kim BeDuhn, Science, said.

Not only does this simulation teach students about the duties of a real space mission, it teaches them the importance of teamwork.

“The students must work together, complete a wide variety of tasks, and often must overcome “emergency” situations,” Kim BeDuhn, Science, stated.

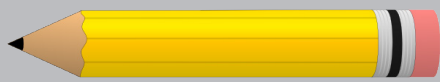
But before the kids went on the actual field trip, they did some activities in class to help them practice for the mission and jobs they were assigned, one was having them tell their partner where to color in specific boxes, without having the partner, who was coloring, see the actual picture, and see if the images matched each other in the end.

“The activity served 2 purposes - the students had to communicate effectively, to get their partner to draw the exact picture that they had, and it also required the students to use coordinate pairs, which are skills they will need for the space mission,” Kim BeDuhn, Science, said.

Since during the entire third quarter the classes are covering a space unit, this far-out field trip tied right in.



MINI HIGHLIGHT FRESHMEN PARENT NIGHT



The parents of current eighth graders were given the opportunity to visit the high school for Freshmen Parent Night. The night started at 6 p.m. on Jan. 23 with a presentation from the principals at 6:15 p.m. Parents were invited to walk through Main Street where tables set up by Department Heads, students and faculty members.

“I hope the parents left the tours not as nervous about their students getting around the school and were more informed on what classes their kids should take and what they will be doing throughout the day,” Alexa Szatkowski (12) said. Along with the informational booths about the classes, tables were set up about organizations and clubs students can join. Even though a student may not originally be interested in an activity or hobby, being exposed to it early on can help one discover something new. After walking through Main Street, parents were met with student volunteers offering tours of the building.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

ATTENTION INCOMING 8TH GRADERS

Planning for the annual Washington D.C trip has begun. This trip is eligible for current 7th graders who will be 8th graders next year. World-Strides wants this to remain a student only trip. Students also must have no suspensions/ expulsions for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school year. There will be four students to a room and roommates can be chosen closer to the departure date.

Included in the price will be:

- Bus to and from airport
- Roundtrip Flight (only carry ons)
- All meals
- Admission to museums/attractions
- Tour Guide/Tour Bus
- Hotel accommodations-Free Breakfast/ Swimming pool
- Course Leader
- Night Chaperones in Hotel
- Evening activities
- Group photo at Capitol Building
- 24 hour emergency support
- Field Journals/Lanyards with toll-free help number
- Online education resources
- Accident/Health insurance



If your child is on special medication, they must be responsible and in charge of taking it themselves. Students must have their Student IDs for travel through the airport. It is recommended to not wear brand new shoes and to sign up with a friend. The chaperones will be Mrs. Kwiecinski and Miss Deming. Students must exhibit respect at all memorials. The tour-guide tip is an additional \$3 in cash before the trip.

Attractions include: Washington Monument, WWII Memorial, Holocaust Museum, Arlington National Cemetery (Tomb of Unknown Soldier, Changing of the Guards, JFK Gravesites), Iwo Jima Memorial, Pentagon Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Spy Museum, Mount Vernon, Capitol Hill (Capitol Tour, Library of Congress), Jefferson Memorial, White house (Photo Op), FDR Memorial, MLK Memorial, Ford’s Theatre, National Archives, Smithsonian (Air and Space, American History).