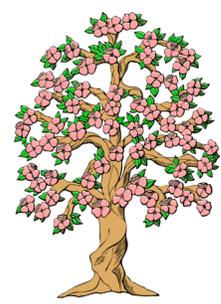




# SPRING



## *The Coyote Howling 2019*

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***From the Desk of Principal: Scott Graber***

Happy April. I hope this newsletter finds you doing well and ready for a great spring. It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is just around the corner. The CMS staff members appreciate your help this year as we wind down. Now that it's April, it's time for the state test called ILEARN which begins on April 22-May 17. Please check the daily announcements for the tests that students will be taking weekly.

In regard to the ILEARN test...

- Please try and have your child(ren) at school daily during the testing sessions. Most tests will finish before lunch.
- Students are not testing every day. I have a built in "regular day" during the testing week which allows the CMS staff members to do make-up testing, if needed. All tests will start at 8:47 daily as indicated on the schedule.
- All students will need a pair of ear buds or headphones. AIRPODS are not allowed for the test.
- Students are not allowed to listen to music during or after the test. Students can read their AR book once they finish the test.
- Students are not allowed to wear a smart watch during the testing sessions nor are they allowed to have any additional electronic devices in the testing areas, ie. cell phones are not allowed.
- All students had to take a practice test in each subject area prior to taking the actual test.
- ILEARN is a computer adaptive test.

Congratulations to several students and groups as they did an outstanding job at the recent ISSMA competitions. In Band, congratulations to the Clark Middle School jazz band on a superb performance and gold rating at the ISSMA jazz festival held last Saturday (March 2) at Portage High School. This is the CMS jazz bands third time attending this festival and third consecutive GOLD rating. Additionally, the following students did an awesome job on their solos: James Olson, Frank Olson, Vasili Koultourides and Cameron Bianco. Great job!

Choir....On Saturday, March 16th, the Clark Middle School choirs attended the ISSMA J/M/E Group Contest Competition at Wilbur Wright Middle School. The Clark 8th grade choir competed at the most difficult level, group one and earned the best GOLD rating of the day within their level! The Clark 6th and 7th grade choirs competed at group four and three respectfully, and both of these choirs earned the highest possible rating of "Gold with Distinction" with their near perfect performances! Out of 28 total performing choirs, only four groups earned the rating of "Gold with Distinction" and the Clark Choirs took home half of them! Congrats on all your hard work and amazing accomplishment, Clark Choirs!

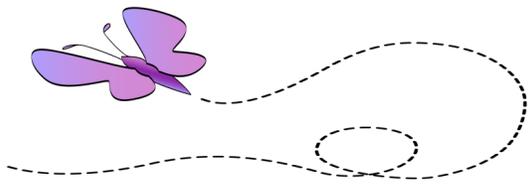
Congratulations to 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, Ben Kaminski, for winning the state competition in Problem Solving. He will be advancing to the National Finals in Massachusetts this summer. Good luck Ben! We are proud of you!

Congratulations to Leo LaVoie on his efforts with the Geography Bee. He won the local competition and then ended up in the top 50 at the state competition on March 29 at IUPUI. Great job!

Congratulations to the CMS Theatre Guild for an outstanding production of Annie Jr on April 4-6. The students did an incredible job. Thanks to Mrs. Arroyo and Mr. Gustas for their leadership in this musical production. Superb job!

Congratulations to the newest members of the National Junior Honor Society. On April 9, 65 new members were inducted at a ceremony in the cafeteria. Great job! We have high expectations for our newest members as they join an incredible group of NJHS students already. Thanks to Mrs. Giannini for her hard work and planning.

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Currently, the main office is working on end of the year items. Students were given their specials' request form about 2 weeks ago. Thanks to those students who submitted them to the office. We appreciate it. Students that did not submit a form will be placed into the rotation of classes.

For parents of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, the Awards Ceremony will take place on the last day of school, May 30th. If you have a family member that will be attending and cannot sit in the bleachers, please notify the main office and we will accommodate them with a chair on the main floor. Unfortunately, we can only accommodate one(1) family member with the individual on the floor due to the class size. The Awards Ceremony will begin at 1:45 and the doors to the gym will open at 1:15. Please use Door I, (gymnasium doors) to enter for the ceremony. Students must be in attendance all day in order to go to the dance that evening.

I hope everyone has a great summer. Take care and stay safe.

From the Desk of Mr. Stanisz, Assistant Principal....

Bring on spring! I am sure everyone is ready to get outside and enjoy some warmer weather here in the Region! We recently completed the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' Basketball seasons. Congratulations to our 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls' for their LMSAC championship! Congratulations to both teams on their seasons and continued dedication as student-athletes.

We are in the process of completing our ILEARN practice tests. We are continuing to prepare the students for ILEARN testing that will begin on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. This test will be computer based. The students will be using chrome books and computer labs in the building for testing. We appreciate your hard work and effort on having your children in school during the testing window. Thank you for your continued support in these areas.

Be mindful of our safety drills and language that we use in our buildings. We continue to run drills with our local authorities to allow them to become familiar with our building.

Thanks for your help when dropping your children off by door J on the south side; however, please be mindful of the following issues: (1) please make sure that you remain in the car line and do not allow your child to exit the vehicle until they are motioned out or told verbally to unload. (2) If you are parking your car, please use a proper parking spot and do not pull out into oncoming traffic or stop in the middle of the row. (3) The handicapped parking spots are needed for our students with disabilities and we appreciate your help in keeping those spots available. (4) If you are escorting your child to door J, please use the cross-walk located by the three orange cones. Thank you for your help!

Have you signed up for Twitter? Twitter is gathering support from parents and students around the school. To sign up, go to [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) or download the app to your Smartphone and create a username. You can follow us at @Clark\_coyotes for news and information regarding CMS.

Have an AWESOME Spring!

# SCHOOL COUNSELOR CT



The school year is flying by and it is hard to believe the students are in the fourth quarter! All eighth graders have completed adding their high school course requests into Skyward. The high school will begin processing all requests this spring. Alternate classes were also added in case students do not get a first choice elective class. The counselors have continued to meet with groups of students during health classes and digital citizenship classes, and have used that time on career guidance activities and how personal interests and strengths can impact future decision making. The counselors have also presented bullying seminars and discussions, including videos on handling anxiety and stress in everyday life.

All 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students should have turned in the form with their elective choice for the next school year (Band, Choir, or Tech/Art). If Band or Choir was not selected, students will be placed into the tech/art classes.

The counselors are available to assist students with academic, social or personal issues they may be experiencing. Please encourage your child to seek out assistance as needed.



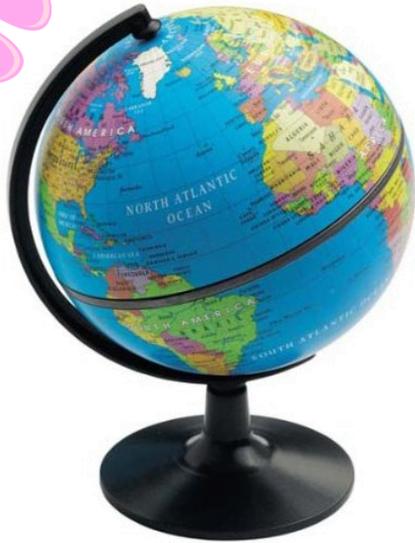
## 21st Century Scholars

*High school is right around the corner. College isn't far off either! As an Indiana middle school student, you may qualify for a scholarship that can help you pay for your college tuition. You can enroll as a Scholar as early as 7th grade—but no later than **June 30th** of your 8th grade year. There are a few things you'll need to do first—like keeping your grades up, pledging to do your best and completing activities each year of high school. Plus, you'll need to meet a few eligibility requirements. You'll also need to create a “ScholarTrack” account. This is where you will log in to complete your Scholar Success Program requirements each year.*

*Earning a 21st Century Scholarship provides students up to four years of undergraduate tuition\* at any participating public college or university in Indiana. If you attend a private college, the state will award an amount comparable to that of a four-year public college. If you attend a participating proprietary (for profit) school, the state will award tuition scholarship equal to that of Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana*

*\*The scholarship amount may be reduced depending on the availability of funds and the availability of the student's family to contribute to college\**

*The website for applying is as follows: <https://scholars.in.gov/>*

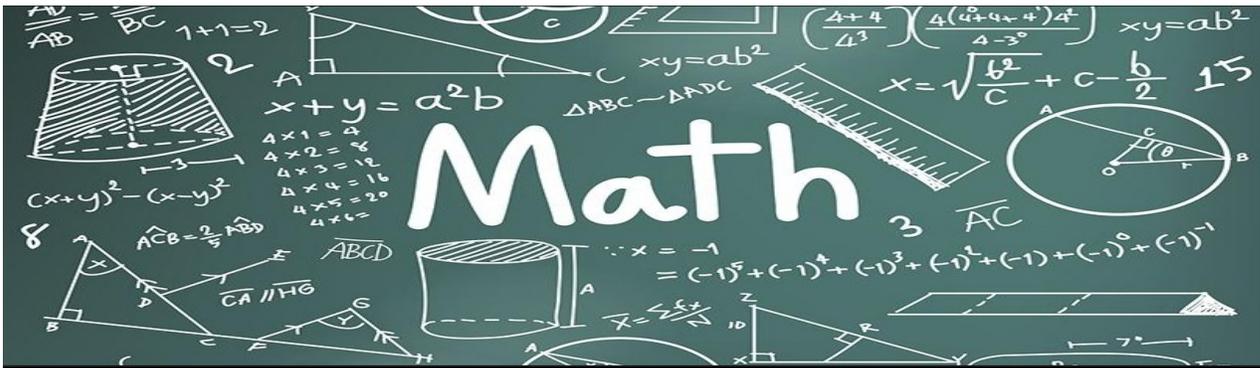


# SOCIAL STUDIES

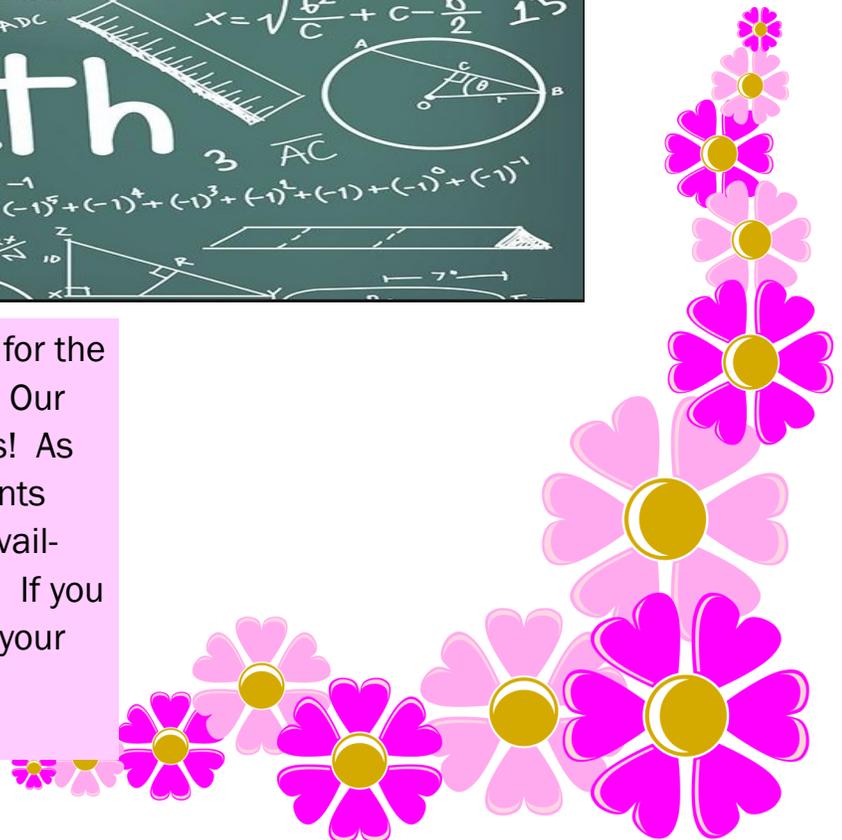
Congratulations to 7th grader, Leo LaVoie, on a top 50 finish at the state National Geographic Geography Bee. Leo competed on Friday, March 29, at IUPUI against the top 100 geography students in grades 5 through 8! Great job!

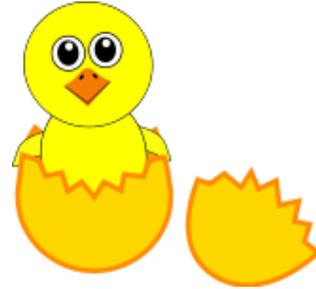
## IN CLASS:

6th graders are wrapping up the year by studying European history. This spans the time period from Ancient Greece to modern day. 7th graders will finish the year by studying Africa, Australia, and Antarctica. This spans from Ancient Egypt to modern day. 8th graders are finishing the school year with the events leading to the Civil War. The last month of school will be spent on the actual war itself and reconstruction.



The math department has been preparing for the upcoming ILEARN tests by reviewing daily. Our students should be ready to do well on this! As always, please check canvas for assignments when your student is absent. Tutoring is available every Tuesday and Thursday morning. If you have questions, please be sure to contact your child's math teacher.





### Science News at Clark!

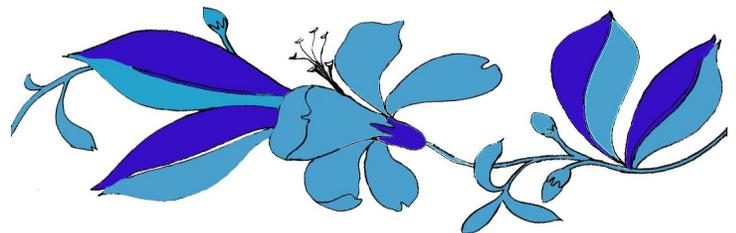
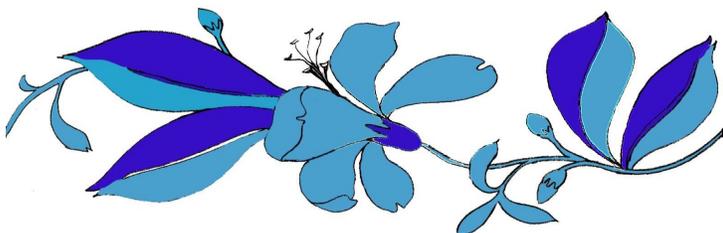
\*\*6th and 7th graders at Clark are studying forces, waves and motion/speed/acceleration during the 4th quarter.

\*\*8th graders at Clark are studying genetics and classification this last quarter before heading to High School! There are many different lab activities that go along with genetics and classification that the students will be performing this quarter.



ELA classes have been preparing for the upcoming ILEARN assessment and are now working on the final units for the year. Some units will involve novels. For instance, the 8th grade classes will be reading *To Kill a Mockingbird* while the 7th grade classes will be reading *The Outsiders*. In 6th advanced, students will be reading *The Giver* and in 8th advanced they will be reading *Much Ado About Nothing*.

**Advanced ELA Summer Reading:** In the upcoming weeks, please look for information to be sent home about the required summer reading lists. All students currently in advanced ELA classes as well as those who qualified in 5th grade going into 6th grade advanced (or any student who tested and qualified for advanced placement during the course of this past year) will be responsible for completing the summer reading prior to the start of school. If you have not seen the list by the last week of school, please contact your child's Language Arts teacher to find out what your child is responsible for reading this summer. Again, this is for *advanced* English/Language Arts students only.





Any parent of next year's 7th or 8th graders, please be mindful of the following. Applications for potential new members will be given to students who have qualified to be a part of the National Junior Honor Society early second semester. While that is a long way off, there are a few items to keep in mind to ensure your student meets the requirements for membership. Students in the 7th and 8th grade must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.33 to receive an application. In order to become a member of the Clark Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society, members must complete the application and be selected by a faculty committee. Just getting and/or completing the application does not guarantee membership. **Students must have at least two in-school and two out-of-school activities** (these must be from 6th, 7th, or 8th grade) and write a one-page essay. **For out-of-school activities, students need to have some sort of documentation to prove they were members.** If signatures/proof of membership is not provided, it will **NOT** count as an activity. So for any summer programs, sports, activities, etc., please keep receipts, rosters, a letter from the sponsor/coach, etc. These might be hard to track down next spring if they happened in the summer, so keep it in mind now! In the fall, when call-out meetings are going on, please encourage your student to get involved! Membership cannot happen at the time of application and count towards their activities. Students must be in an activity for **at least** one semester or a full athletic season for the activity to count. Also, if a student plans to participate in track or other spring activity, they cannot count that as one of their activities since the season has not happened at the time of application.

In-school activities are those sponsored by Clark Middle School and/or Lake Central School Corporation. The following are examples of activities that count for membership in-school: Jazz Band, Swing Choir, **SOLO** ISSMA (not the group required for class), Chess Club, Friendship Club, Science Olympiad, Academic Superbowl, dance, cheer, sport teams, etc. The following activities **DO NOT** count: any classes (band, peer mentoring, office aid, etc.), babysitting, pet sitting, bake sales or other one-day fundraisers, races/color runs or other one-day events. **Any questions about activities can be directed to Mrs. Giannini at [mgiannin@lcscmail.com](mailto:mgiannin@lcscmail.com).**

### FROM THE NURSE:

*If your child has any medications in the nurse's office, please be sure to pick them up by the end of the school year. If they are not picked up they will be discarded.*





**Clark Theatre Guild just finished their successful run of Annie Jr. April 4-6. All four shows sold out. We had over 70 people attended the special Adopt-A-Pet luncheon, where the cast and crew participated in helping our guests make stuffed dogs and homes for their "pet" before the matinee. We also performed our first ever special sensory friendly night for the special needs students at Lake Central. We thank everyone who came out to watch and support our program!**





This has been an amazing Spring for the choirs and bands at Clark Middle School. In late January and early February, students participated in an annual Solo and Ensemble Competition. Clark Middle School students performed incredibly, earning numerous gold ratings, with few students also earning silver and bronze ratings. There was also a vocal ensemble earning the right to go to State Solo and Ensemble for the first time in school history. Later in February, students had the opportunity to audition for scholarships to Blue Lake Fine Arts camp, and over 50 students were awarded partial scholarships. On February 28<sup>th</sup>, Clark played host to nationally acclaimed band composer, William Owens. This was a memorable experience for our students.

On March 2, choirs and bands participated in the Indiana State School Music Association's (ISSMA) jazz festival and both earned **Gold** ratings. This was the first time in school history that the choirs have performed at this event, and the band's third time. On March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, the 6,7,8 grade choirs and 7,8 grade bands participated in ISSMA's concert festival. All of our groups earned very high scores and gold ratings, with the 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade choirs earning the coveted **'with distinction'** honor. As a result of all of our students' achievements this year, the school has earned the ISSMA **"Total Department"** award. This is the first time our school has earned this award, and Clark is one of only 6 middle schools statewide to receive this honor!

Looking forward to the future, you can hear all of our Lake Central Jazz Bands at the LC Jazz Showcase in the beautiful high school auditorium on May 9<sup>th</sup>. You can hear all of our fabulous bands perform their spring concert on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the CMS gym, and our outstanding choirs perform their spring concert in the CMS gym at 6:30pm on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Students wishing to join our award winning programs should know that it is NOT TOO LATE! Simply talk to choral director, Christina Arroyo, or band director, Mark Walton, and register in the office using a course selection form.

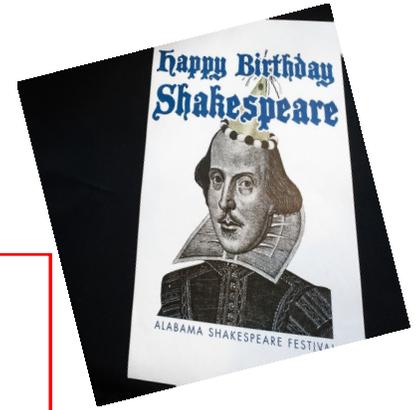




**The Lake Central Middle School Golf Program is open to all students grades 5-8. All information can be found at [Lakecentralcamps.com](http://Lakecentralcamps.com). The season begins on Thursday, April 11th at Scherwood Country Club. We look forward to seeing all our golfers on the links!**

### Third Annual Bard's Birthday Bash

Clark's advanced 7th and 8th graders will be celebrating Shakespeare's birthday on Thursday, April 18. Students read *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (7) and *Much Ado About Nothing* (8) as a part of the advanced curriculum. During the party, students will rotate around in centers as Shakespeare's party guests. They will have the opportunity to play games that specifically relate to improv and acting- an extension of what we practice in the classroom during our reading of his works. Seventh graders are preparing learning centers focused on the Renaissance to present at the party. Eighth graders are creating a playbill of one of the bard's tragedies. All will celebrate with games and treats on Shakespeare's very special day.



# LAST DAY of SCHOOL



The last day of school is Thursday, May 30th! School is in session for the full day.

The 8th grade Awards Ceremony will take place May 30th, beginning at 1:45. Doors open at 1:15. Please enter using door I, gymnasium entrance. If you or a member of your family require handicapped seating, please call Emily Brink, 365-9203 x7100, to reserve a seat on the main floor. Due to limited floor seating, only one family member will be allowed to sit with the handicapped family member(s).

The 8th grade dance is Friday evening, May 30th, from 7:00 to 9:00. Doors will open at 6:30.

# Parent Information



## WELCOME TO TWITTER, CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

CMS is officially on the Twitter wire! What is Twitter, you ask? Twitter is a social network site set up for parents, students, and staff for news and information. We will be providing information regarding all the happenings around the middle school and important dates to remember. We WILL NOT be responding to questions on the twitter line as it is used strictly for information only. You can set up a twitter account by visiting [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com).

THIS IS NOT MANDATORY! It is just another helpful tool for those of you that access your cell phones on a regular basis.  
@Clark\_coyotes



Students are not allowed to enter the building before 8:00 a.m. unless they are under the direct supervision of a staff member. Door A will not be unlocked until 8:30 a.m. Walkers/ bikers need to walk around to Door J (south entrance) if arriving before 8:30 a.m.

## Did you know?

Announcements are posted daily on the website. Check us out at:

<http://clark.lcsc.us>

MAKE US A  
FAVORITE!!

Physicals for the 2019-20 school year must be dated after April 1, 2019. Why wait? Beat the rush and turn your physical in early!

