



Clark
Middle School
October 2024
Dive into Learning





Happy October! I hope this newsletter finds you doing well. It's hard to believe how fast the school year is progressing. As we continue throughout the year, please be aware of the following dates:

- **October 8–student dismissal at 1:10 pm for staff professional development**
- **October 16–free breakfast Wednesday**
- **October 22–Halloween Dance after school (3:45-5:00 for 5th grade)--(5:30-7:00 for grades 6-8)**
- **October 24-25–Fall Break (no school)**
- **October 28–Picture Retakes**
- **November 3–Daylight Savings time ends**
- **November 5–No school due to Election Day**

Many of the club and groups have begun meeting for this year. If your child is looking for something to do, I strongly encourage them to get involved. Please check the daily announcements for meeting dates and times and get involved this month. After this month, it's very hard to join the clubs and groups.

Tutoring is underway. Parents, this is a free service that is available Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00 until 8:30 a.m. All teachers are available for extra help. Students should come to tutoring if they have questions on a lesson or subject that they might not understand. In addition, students can attend academic assistance on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday during Advisory. Students need to ask their teacher for permission to go for academic assistance.

Communication is a critical component of middle school life. Please be mindful of what your child is doing in school. If you are seeing concerns with your child, please take the initiative to reach out to your child's teacher, counselor, and then, an administrator. The teacher should be the first point of contact since they are able to explain what is happening within the classroom. Additionally, please communicate with your child in regard to making inappropriate comments. Any comment that is made by your child in a "threatening" manner is taken seriously and charges could be filed with the local police department as well as consequences from the school.

Early morning drop offs are starting to be a concern for the administration. The doors are unlocked at 8:00 am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for tutoring. If students are not going to tutoring, they should enter the building at 8:15. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, the doors open at 8:15. While I understand that parents have to work, dropping your child off

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at 6:50-7:20 a.m. is not appropriate. In these situations, the students must remain in the locked door area until the assigned teacher arrives. The school does not provide supervision during that time frame. As a reminder, all students have transportation service that will bring your child to school and take them home in the afternoon.

Several students are being marked tardy due to their late arrival to school. As mentioned, students are expected to be in their first hour class by 8:47 a.m. Students who arrive at school after the 8:47 a.m. bell must report to the office for a late pass. Students can be assigned a detention or Friday school for being tardy.

Have you checked Skyward recently and updated emergency information? If not, please take a moment to do so as soon as possible. If your child needs to be picked up from school, and the person that you are sending to get your child is not on the emergency or family list, the main office staff will not be able to release your child to that individual. Also, if they are on the list, the main office secretaries might ask you to provide necessary documentation if they do not recognize the individual. Thank you for your help in advance.

Until next month, stay safe.
Principal Graber



It looks like fall has arrived and school is in full swing. Our next early release day is scheduled for October 8th. Please make sure you have a plan for your student for the 1:10 PM dismissal.

Fall sports are wrapping up memorable seasons for volleyball, cross country, and football. Thank you to everyone who came out to support our students. Winter sports will be starting soon. Check the daily announcements for information as it becomes available.

Congratulations to all of the students who won the PTO fundraiser prize for selling the most coupon books. Over 30 students will get to spend time in a game truck on October 14th. Tickets for the event will be handed out soon!

Our annual Clark tailgate is coming up on October 9th and we are excited about it! Everyone who purchased a wristband will have a chance to pie a teacher in the face. Afterwards, everyone will have a great time at the football game. Game starts at 6:00 pm, so come on out to support our team!

Lastly, IEP and 504 meetings are being scheduled and/or already taking place. Please stay close to email and voicemails as to not miss any important information or dates.

Assistant Principal, Mrs. Beach



In the coming weeks of October, our 6th grade students will be attending a field trip to the Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana. Our students have been learning about the terrible Challenger disaster that occurred in January of 1986. They learned just how special this mission was going to be, but quickly ended tragically. The Challenger Learning Center is a tribute to the men and women who lost their lives on that Challenger Space Shuttle. This field trip is unlike any other. "It's not about walking through an exhibit – looking and reading static information. It's about being immersed in the experience – being assigned to a job, working as a team, communicating, problem solving and applying math, language, science and technology skills to complete a high energy and exciting task." (Challenger Learning Center of NWI website) Permission and photo release forms are due back October 4th.

The Indiana Bandmaster's Association selection committee met to sort through a record breaking number of applications for this years All Region Band. Six Clark Middle School students stood out from the crowd of applicants and were selected to be a part of this years All Region Band:

CONGRATULATIONS

Aaron Carlson, Tuba

Elliot Failor, Bassoon

Audrey Fealey, Clarinet

Connor Molitor, French Horn

Anthony Rico, Trumpet

Natalie Schneider, Bass Clarinet





Attention Clark Families:

The Veterans Day video is being updated, and we'd like to include more Coyote families this year. To make that happen, we need your help. If you have pictures or short video clips of family members who are U.S. Veterans, send them to Mr. Magdziarz at the email below. Please include name of the veteran, relation to student/staff member, branch of service, and other relevant information.

Deadline for pictures is October 28.

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Counselor's

Mrs. Churilla



Ms. Vail



Corner

Mr. Biscan

5th grade Bullying Presentation

During the first week in October, the counselors will give a bullying presentation to all 5th grade students. The students will be coming to the LGI where the counselors will cover things like understanding the difference between being mean, rude or bullying behaviors. Also discussed will be topics such as being a bystander or an upstander, and how to help yourself in that type of situation. We encourage all students to turn to the trusted adults in the building, such as teachers, administrators, counselors and other staff to help with difficult situations.

6th/7th/8th grade Bullying Information

Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will be given information about bullying through one of their advisory lessons, during October. It is always great for students to review the concepts of bullying behaviors and how they can help stop those actions from happening.

College Go Week!

College Go Week was recognized during the week of September 23-27. Each grade level participated in different activities in their Monday and Thursday advisory classes. Activities included taking a career interest survey, learning about apprenticeship programs, researching information about careers and looking up information on a college of choice and creating a college pennant. Students also were able to dress up on Thursday of that week, wearing college attire.

ILEARN Checkpoints

This year, Clark will be part of a state pilot program for ILEARN checkpoints. There will be three checkpoints this year in the areas of Math and English/Language Arts (ELA). More information about these tests went out on ParentSquare at the end of September.

Red Ribbon Week

Activities for Red Ribbon Week will take place the week of October 28th. There will be pre-set activities in the Monday & Thursday advisory classes. In addition, students will be encouraged to participate each day in a dress up day—each day having a different theme. The advisory class for each grade level with the most total participation will earn a prize.



September

Student of the Month

5TH GRADE

6TH GRADE

7TH GRADE

8TH GRADE

DYLAN FRIBERG

ROWAN GREEN

MACKENZIE DANIELSON

MICAH MITSEFF

LAILA TRUJILLO

TRISTAN LOPEZ

LUCAS SISK

MALLORY WESSEL

SANIYA SHOTWELL

PEYTON POPA

LILLIANA DORNEANU

LA'NYLA RICE

CADE BLUETT

AIDEN GARLETTS

ELIZABELLE URIBE

EMILY SOLORIO

SOPHIA BUDZOWSKI

LUCY WERMELING

BRAYDEN MATLON

BRIELLE BISHTON

EMILIJA MANOJLOVIC

LUCAS HOLMAN

ELIZABETH TOSO

ABIGAIL FURMAN

DIOR MCMILLER

ARIANNE DICKERSON

MATTHEW MARCHESE

EMMA HOGAN

HANNAH HALLETT

DANIELA ZYCH

DANIEL BUTLER

ABED IBRAHIM

TYLER BALDAUF

BRADY ALEXANDER

KATE ISOM

COLE EVANS

ADRIAN SANCHEZ

AUDREY FEALEY

THIEN (TEDDY) VU

RYLAN KLEMINSKI

JAX TURAY

SHAMONEII PARKER

ALYSSE GODOY

SAM BANDYK





State mandated screening for vision and hearing will take place this fall. For vision - 5th and 8th graders are screened. For hearing - 7th graders are screened. New enrollments are also screened regardless of grade level.

If you wish to opt your child out of testing, please notify the nursing office. Thank you!

SAFETY FIRST

Parents/Guardians

When picking up your child early from school, they must have a note in the morning notifying the office of what time and who will be picking them up. Your child's safety is very important to us. Have your child bring the note to the office before going to class in the morning.

