

Clark
Middle School
November 2024
Dive into Learning





Happy November! As we enter the holiday season, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyous season. From the CMS staff, please take time to refresh, relax, and enjoy the time with family and friends. If you are traveling, please be safe.

November is filled with a lot of activities. From the general elections to Veterans Day, to celebrating “World Kindness Week”—November 10-16, to Culver’s at lunch on November 19 and then Thanksgiving break (November 27-29), there’s a lot happening. Please check the daily announcements for more CMS information regarding club and group meetings.

Please welcome Mrs. Elizabeth Kirn and Mrs. Cara Klaich. Both of these individuals will be helping out at CMS from Monday –Wednesday. Mrs. Kirn will be at CMS on Monday and Wednesday while Mrs. Klaich will be at CMS on Tuesday. Don’t be surprised if they happen to give you a call in reference to the positive things your child is doing at CMS. We appreciate the additional support that they are offering our students and staff.

The CMS staff have been busy looking at data from the testing that has occurred during the first nine weeks of school. From the ILEARN checkpoint #1 to the CFA’s (Common Formative Assessments), the staff have been disaggregating data with the staff from Grimmer and Kahler. These meetings have been conducted by Mrs. Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education. The purpose of these meetings has been to look at the CFA data and prepare the students for the upcoming ILEARN tests in the spring. Lots of positive teaching strategies and techniques have been shared amongst the subjects and grade levels.

Communication is critical. Parents, please make sure that you are talking to your child about appropriate language and conversations in school. Over the past few weeks, the administrative team and Officer Stamate (SRO) have visited every advisory class and talked about appropriate comments regarding school violence. If there is evidence that a student is making comments (whether joking or not), they will be suspended from school and a request for expulsion could be made. In addition,

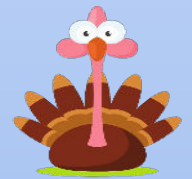
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Officer Stamate indicated that the SJPD and the local prosecuting attorney are willing to charge students for such acts, which include intimidation, a Level 5 Felony. Any form of school violence is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. The administration's goal is to provide your child with a safe environment, free from unnecessary distractions.

The winter sports are currently underway... please check the school calendar and stop by to cheer on our wrestling and the boys' basketball teams. Games will officially start within the next few weeks. Congratulations to our fall sports teams: cross country, football, cheer and dance teams. They had a great season! Good luck to our cheerleaders as they head to the state competition this month. Go Coyotes!

Until next month, be safe.

Mr. Graber



A message from Mr. Stablein

With another month behind us, we are reviewing attendance to see how we can help make your student most successful. Attendance is one of the most important aspects of your child's education. While missing school can be unavoidable and illnesses do occur, we ask that you continue to make an effort to have your student in class at all other times. The state of Indiana asks that both *excused* and *unexcused* absences are reported, so please be sure to contact the office in the event that your child will not be present to aid in accurate reporting. In addition, school begins at **8:47 AM.** Please be sure to drop your child off with enough time to visit their locker and proceed to class to avoid being late.

As we near the colder months, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. Also, we already have an influx of lost sweatshirts and outerwear on our Lost and Found tables. If you notice missing items, please remind your child to check the tables outside of the main office.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns,

Mr. Stablein

Hello Clark Coyote parents and family! I hope you all had a nice break and Halloween. Now that we are all coming off our halloween sugar rush, here are some reminders for traffic here at Clark.

During arrival, please use the car rider line for the safest option for your kiddos. If you choose to use the lot, please enter the very back section and park safely. Remind your kiddos to use the crosswalks only when coming into the school. Parents and guardians, please be very careful driving into and out of the Clark parking lot. Please obey the crosswalk signs and be mindful of the amount of kiddos and staff members walking in the parking lot. If there are any complaints, please let me know. We do have cameras in our lots and can address incidents if need be.

During dismissal, please use the car rider line for the safest option. If you are picking up in the parking lot, please park in a parking space and wait for your kiddos. Do not wait in the lanes and block traffic flow, especially by the crosswalks as this is very unsafe. Also please make sure not to use the handicap parking spaces unless you have a handicap plate or permission from the school related to a possible student with an injury from sports etc..

If your student is a walker, please remind them not to cut through residents' yards. We have had a few complaints this year of students doing this as a shortcut.

Sometime in the near future the Lake Central SRO team will be providing students on vape awareness and social media/gaming safety tips. If anyone has questions regarding the new vaping trends and or social media/gaming trends, feel free to reach out to me anytime. A good resource for social media and internet safety information can be found on smartsocial.com. Smart Social also has an app that can be downloaded from the app stores.

Lastly, I wanted to thank you for your patience during arrival and dismissal. It is so greatly appreciated and our incidents have been very minimal this year. THANK YOU!

Officer Nick



Dr. Preston, from St. John Animal Clinic stopped by Clark to talk to our Paws for a Cause group! Dr. Preston spoke to the students about the importance of pet care. The students had a chance to ask questions and visit with Precious, the rescue who is currently being cared for by the clinic. Thank you St. John Animal Clinic for all you do!



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Body Safety Presentation

Mrs. Sara Hoyt, of social services agency Dunebrook, Inc., spoke with our 5th, 6th and 8th graders about the importance of body safety/safe adults. Each presentation was a little different, yet age-appropriate, and gave a clear message to reach out to a trusted/safe adult if ever faced with an uncomfortable or unsafe situation. Our Clark students did a great job of participating and listening attentively to this important information.

The body safety presentation for the 7th graders will take place on Wednesday, December 11th.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week was October 28th-November 1st. Students did a great job participating in the different themed dress up days. The top 4 participating advisory classes received a special prize of earbuds and an ice cream treat.

All students received a bookmark and pencil with a drug-free message.

October

Student of the Month

5TH GRADE

LILLIANA DORNEANU
GENEVIEVE PTASZEK
ALEKSANDER PACHACZ
VINCE VANDERVELDE
LENNON GOVERT
MARLO RUGE
EMRY WHITEMAN
SANTINO DUGO
GRETCHEN GUTIERREZ
CASSANDRA GONZALEZ
JULIANA EASLEY
ETHAN BURK
ZACHARY MURCZEK
PAYTON ERVIN

6TH GRADE

MEELA TURAY
TYLER OAKES
HARPER RUFFNER
TEDDY HASIER
BRADY STORMING
BLAKE WASILYW
CALEB HOOGEVEEN
LAUREN POMPY
KYLIE RODRIGUEZ
FRANK KEELAN
JOSH FAILOR
EVAN ZILZ
ADAM H MUSLEH
EMILIJA MANOJLOVIC
KINGA RUSIN
GIOVANNI GILMORE
HAILEY RAMIREZ
ZAIDEN BROOKS
EVAN ZILZ
CARTER PRINCE
AUTUMN PRINCE

7TH GRADE

MACI GOERINGER
AARON JOHNSON
ZACH BRUMM
ANIAH HUNTER
BRODY SIDERIS
ISABELLA CRUZ
SOFIA PRITCHARD
ELISABETH COLBUM
JORDAN KILLEEN

8TH GRADE

SITOTA HUNT
SOPHIA VJESTICA
SIDRA SALAH
CLAIRE MCCAW
ALLISON RAMIREZ
ALYNZIA RANEY
EMMA GRABER
TALIA BOEHRNSEN
TYLER RYBICKI

8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL RECAP

The 8th grade team came a long way this season! Each and every player showed growth and development throughout the season. They ended the season 2-5 in the conference and fell just short against Kahler in the conference tournament. We are proud of all our players and their dedication this season. We can't wait to see you continue your career as a Lake Central Indian!



Madison Alexander
Sonia Andresen
Sam Bandyk
Brooklyn Barrett
Daziah Johnson
Megan Karl
Clarisse McCaw
Brylee Mynes
Isabel Rockey
Natalie Schneider
Sophia Truong
Addison Usher

The 7th grade team had a great year. We had a variety of skill levels in the beginning of the season and really came together to grow as a team. We finished 4-3 in conference with a lot of close matches. Unfortunately we had a heart-breaking loss in the conference tournament after a hard-fought game. We look forward to seeing everyone continue to grow as players next year in 8th grade.

Bella Bluett
Ellie Colburn
Reagan Cox
Mya Edmonds
Aleah Gineris
Avery Konicki
Lia Kostopoulos
Lucy Krutt
Carmen Mosley
Sofia Pritchard
Alaina Schmidt
Brittany Usher
Maeve Vartabedian

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Library News with Mrs. Genovese

Get ready—the **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to our school! This is a great opportunity to connect with your child over the thrill of bringing home new books to dive into again and again. Studies show that kids read more when they choose books for themselves. And fostering a love of independent reading leads to a wide variety of benefits—including academic success!

Here's everything you need to know about the Book Fair:

Dates: **December 2 through December 6**

Location: **Clark Library**

(your child will be scheduled to attend with their ELA Class)

Shopping is easy with the Book Fair eWallet, the digital payment account that allows your child to shop for books at the Fair without cash. When signing up for the eWallet you have the opportunity to share your eWallet link so friends and extended family can add funds if they wish. Cash and credit are also accepted at the Fair.


Starting on the first day of the Book Fair, families can shop online for 14 days in The Scholastic Store. During those 14 days, Clark Library earns 25% of every online purchase in Scholastic Dollars to put new books on our shelves. If your child does not use the full amount of their eWallet at the Fair, you can use it to shop online.

When you fund an eWallet, you'll have the opportunity to contribute to a giving initiative called Share the Fair™. Your contributions directly support our students who need help buying books from the Fair. Many of us still remember the rush of finding the perfect book at a Scholastic Book Fair.

The link to sign up for eWallet is below, and will also be posted in the Daily Announcements until the Fair is over.

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/clarkmiddleschool14>

Happy Reading!

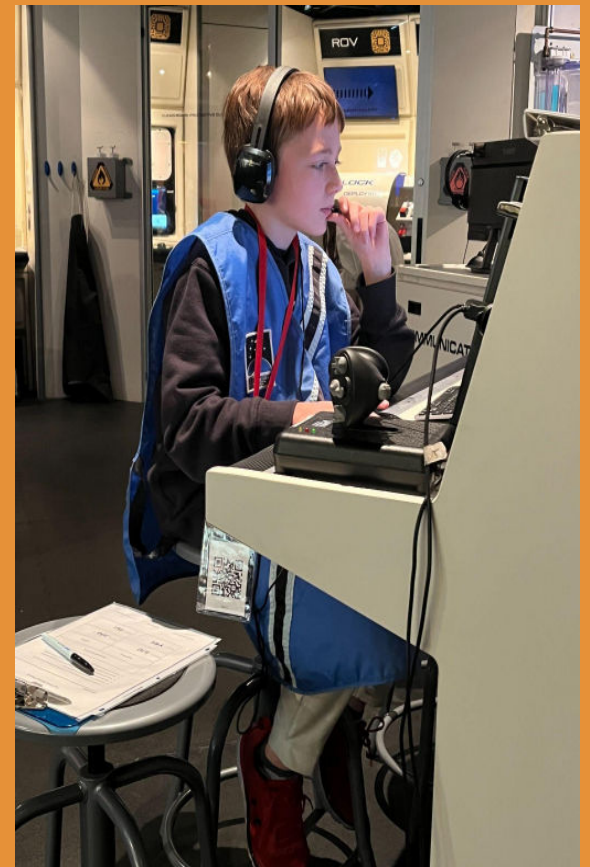
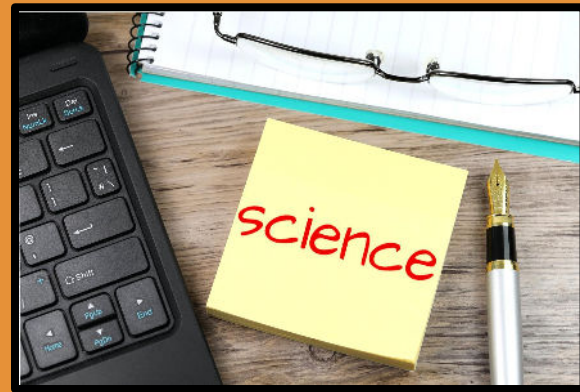




The Best Buddies October meeting was a fun fall celebration. Students were able to meet their buddy and play fall games such as toss the ring on the witch's hat, "head, shoulders, knees, pumpkin", mummy wrap, and bingo.

Clark Visits The Challenger Learning Center of NWI

6th Grade students were hired as astronauts tasked with landing a rover on Mars. This required them to use what they've learned about relationships between planets, gravity, and the sun. Their specialty areas include medical staff, weather experts, spacecraft specialists, and engineers.



CMS Choir Corner

The Clark 8th grade choir is currently working on a song called "Hands of Winter" where the icy season is personified throughout the piece. As a class, we reviewed the definition of personification and found examples throughout the text. The students each selected a line from the lyrics and incorporated it into their own drawings of what winter would look like in human form.



Come out and hear the Clark choirs perform at our winter concerts on Tuesday, December 10th in the LCHS Auditorium. Fifth and sixth grade choirs perform at 6pm, and seventh and eighth grade choirs perform at 7:15pm.

Veterans Day Music

The Clark 8th grade band and the 7th and 8th grade choirs are polishing up their music in preparation for our Veterans Day assemblies. The choir and band will perform several American songs during our presentation on Friday, November 8th. The music students also travel to Bibich and Kolling elementary schools to share their musical talents and appreciation of the veteran guests over there. We take pride in honoring the sacrifice of our US service men and women.



Come out and hear the Clark bands perform at our winter concerts on Tuesday, December 3rd in the LCHS Auditorium at 6:30 & 7:30pm.

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GUARD
GRADES 6-8
TRY OUTS

**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 7**



Try-It Night 5:00pm-7:00pm Parent Information Meeting@7:00pm
Lake Central High School Band Room, Enter Door M

Join the Color Guard and become part of a dynamic team that blends artistry with athleticism! Whether you're looking to express yourself through dance, flag work, or rifle spins, Color Guard offers a unique opportunity to develop performance skills while creating lifelong friendships. No experience required!



**FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:
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LAKE CENTRAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

GRANTS AWARDED TO LAKE CENTRAL TEACHERS

Grant Round #61 was completed on October 21st when we awarded nine grants totaling \$9,400.11. Click [here](#) to see details about the grants. We are thrilled to be able to support our teachers!

"Taking Education to New Heights"



Pictured: Brian Less, Teena Less, Kristy Bashara, Allison Shreve, Dawn Combis, Crystal Lippie, Allison Castle, Colleen Rock, Randi Lollis

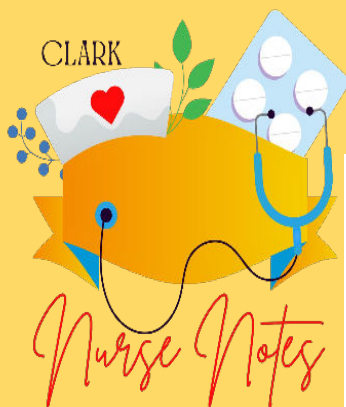
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See our teacher grants in action in our Facebook **Impact Series**—a new grant highlighted every *Tuesday through November!*



For more information or to support the Lake Central Education Foundation, visit lakecentralef.org or contact admin@lakecentralef.org or (219) 682-8917.

BIG SHOUTOUT to Wink Eye Care, located in St. John, Indiana, for volunteering to screen our 5th and 8th grade students' vision this Fall! Thank you! We are so happy that you are part of our community!



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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.

