

# THE TRAILBLAZER

Collinsville Middle School's Newsletter



## From the Principal's Desk

Happy Fall CMS Families,

I cannot believe it is already October. We have gotten off to a great start and it is just the beginning. Each year is a new and exciting adventure and this one is no different. As we near our parent/teacher conferences, we are excited to grow in our partnership with the adults at home in helping each student maximize their opportunities and potential. One of the key elements to success is making sure that each student is here at school as often as possible. We understand that appointments and illnesses occur and we are definitely understanding and supportive of helping any child catch up on what is missed but we can all agree that nothing can replace being in the classroom learning!

As I think about all of the topics that I could bring up at this time, one of my biggest concerns that I would like to draw attention towards is the vaping epidemic. Below you will find a link with some basic information for parents related to the topic from one of many sources out there. We will be taking a proactive stance at school, incorporating education related to the topic within the school program in various places. We ask that you please take some time to discuss this epidemic with your student as well; for some their life may depend on it. I am excited as the rest of the year unfolds with all of the great things that I have seen from our students so far. As always, thank you for entrusting us with the education of your child!

<https://www.catch.org/pages/cmb-parent-resources>

Sincerely,

Dr. Jackson

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## *Things to Remember About Skyward*

- The end of 1st quarter is 10/11/19, quarterly report cards are available on Skyward.
- Sign-ups for parent-teacher conferences are available on-line via Skyward.
- You can access your students skyward account at anytime to check on grades and missing assignments.
- Emailing your student's teachers directly and not through skyward will result in quicker responses.

## *THIS MONTH @ CMS*

- Ms. Larson's 8th Grade Advanced Social Studies Class traveled to the D.D. Collins House. They toured the house and the grounds. Students will write about their experience. Their writings will be kept at the Collins House for the public to review.
- The CMS cheerleading team is hosting it's first annual trivia night. It will be held on Saturday, October 26th, 2019 at the Collinsville VFW. Doors open at 6:00pm. There will be door prizes, raffles, 50/50 and more! There will also be vendors on site such as 31, Colorstreet Nails, and Pampered Chef. For more information or to reserve a table contact Coach Beaty at [rbeaty@cusd.kahoks.org](mailto:rbeaty@cusd.kahoks.org)
- Yearbooks can be ordered online from Jostens using the link on the school's website. The cost is \$35 and can be made in payments. See Mrs. Juelfs if you have questions!
- The CMS Choir will have their first concert on Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 PM in the Webster Elementary Auditorium. It is open to the public and we'd love to have you join us! Admission is a non-perishable item for the community food banks. Although not required, please help us with this service project.





## ***KEEPING YOUR STUDENT ENGAGED IN SCHOOL!***

Here are a couple tips to help you and your student develop long lasting success in school, from [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org)

- Attend parent teacher conferences.
- Visit the school website!
- Talk with your student about their homework and help them manage their time to get their homework done.
- Make sure your student is getting a good night sleep.
- Help teach them organizational and study skills.
- Take school attendance seriously.

## ***October Snapshot***

- 10/1 - XC Meet @ Waterloo
- 10/3 - XC Meet @ Edwardsville  
NJHS Morning Meeting  
Homecoming Parade
- 10/4 - NJHS Study Hall Visits  
Homecoming Game @CHS
- 10/8 - XC Meet - Tri County Conf.
- 10/10 - XC meet @ Triad  
Picture Retakes
- 10/11- End of 1st Quarter
- 10/14 - Columbus Day (No School)
- 10/15 - XC meet @ Highland  
Choir Concert @ Webster
- 10/17 - Band Concert  
XC meet @ Smithton  
NJHS Study Hall Meeting
- 10/19 - State XC meet
- 10/21 - Girls Basketball @ Cahokia
- 10/22 - Girls Basketball @ Edwardsville
- 10/24 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10/25- Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10/28 - Girls Basketball @ Home
- 10/29 - Girls Basketball @ East St. Louis
- 10/30 - Girls Basketball @ Home
- 10/31 - Halloween

# Tote Me Home

In collaboration with the Collinsville Food Pantry, CMS is happy to offer families with the Tote Me Home program. Tote Me Home provides families with additional grocery assistance over the weekend. Students involved in the program are given a bag of groceries to take home on Fridays.



**For more information please contact our CMS social workers.**

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