

THE TRAILBLAZER

Collinsville Middle School's Newsletter



From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. The staff at Collinsville Middle School is excited to see the students back in the swing of things. We began the school year by setting expectations for learning and behavior. 7th grade is a huge adjustment for our students as they learn how to use lock combinations, navigate our hallways and change classes. 8th graders are thrilled to see classmates they did not get to see over the summer and begin learning with a new set of teachers. I recognize that a strong partnership with parents will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/ she:

- Attend school daily and arrive on time, ready for the day
- Complete all homework assignments given by teachers
- Read daily to develop a love for reading to improve literacy skills
- Share school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- Inform you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- Know that you expect him or her to succeed in school.

In addition, as part of the Collinsville Middle School Pact, the CMS faculty and staff promise to:

- Create a partnership with every student and family.
- Monitor and communicate student progress to parents /guardians.
- Ensure that all students get help as soon as it is needed.
- Assign work that is high interest and relevant.

With these things in mind I know we will have a successful school year. Everyday I witness the caring relationships that happens between staff and students. We are KahokStrong and a CMS family.

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New School Year, New Things to Remember

- Early dismissal @ 3:00 pm every Wednesday.
- Wear **Maroon** on Mondays to show your CMS Pride!
- Wear **Purple** on Fridays to show your Collinsville Kahok Pride!
- Cell phones are not allowed during school hours.
- Join us on Facebook by searching "Collinsville Middle School"

MONTHLY CMS INFO

- The 2020 CMS yearbook is on sale now for \$35. Parents can make payments on Jostens' website. The link is on the school's website.
- CMS was nominated by teacher Stephanie Digirolamo to win \$1,000 in school supplies from the Busey "Supplies for Success" social media contest. CMS was the first-place winner and the recipient of a \$1,000 charitable contribution. Way to go CMS!

CLUBS @ CMS

- Hooloos (7th grade) - Sponsors - Ms. Goodson, Ms. Beaty, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Lacy, Mrs. Hulliung
- Blahoks (8th grade) - Sponsors - Mr. Carey, Ms. Kalous, Ms. Kirk, Ms. Wolff
- Pep Club - Sponsor - Ms. Kirk
- NJHS - Sponsors - Ms. Goeken, Ms. Petroff
- Student Council - Sponsors - Ms. Barger, Ms. Swift





STARTING THE YEAR OFF RIGHT

Here are a couple tips to help you and your student start the school year off right!

- Contact your student's teacher to help start the school to home relationship.
- Check Skyward for grades and discipline often.
- Know your students friends or who they are hanging out with.
- Create a time and space for your student to do homework.
- Talk with your student about school, and what is happening at school.
- Daily school attendance is a primary factor in student success.

September Snapshot

- 9/2 - Labor Day (No School)
- 9/3 - JV Baseball/Softball (Away)
Varsity Baseball/Softball (Home)
- 9/4 - Varsity Baseball/Softball (Away)
- 9/5 - XC meet @ Triad
JV Baseball/Softball (Away)
Varsity Baseball/Softball (Home)
- 9/6 - NJHS AM Meeting
XC meet @ Granite City
- 9/7 - JV/Varsity Baseball (Away)
- 9/9 - Varsity Baseball/Softball (Home)
- 9/10 - XC meet @ O'Fallon
JV Baseball/Softball (Home)
Varsity Baseball/Softball (Away)
- 9/11 - JV Baseball (Home)
- 9/12 - XC meet @ Alton
Varsity Baseball (Home)
- 9/14 - Varsity Baseball/Softball (Home)
XC meet @ Smithton
- 9/16 - JV Baseball (Home)
Varsity Baseball (Away)
- 9/17 - Varsity Baseball/Softball (Away)
JV Baseball (Home)
- 9/18 - XC meet @ Salem
Varsity Baseball (Away)
- 9/19 - NJHS Study Hall Meeting
XC meet @ Fulton
Grandparents Breakfast
- 9/20- Institute Day (No School)
- 9/24 - XC meet @ Edwardsville
Varsity Softball/Baseball (Home)
- 9/26 - XC meet @ DIS