

December Parent Newsletter

Collinsville Middle School

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Dear CMS Families,

This is the monthly newsletter to communicate all of the important and exciting information at Collinsville Middle School! Within these monthly newsletters you will find information about clubs, extra-curricular activities, upcoming dates, community events, academics, and other announcements concerning our school. We look forward to working with all of you and creating a positive experience for you and your child! Happy December!

Important Announcements



- Yearbooks are on sale now through February for \$35. You can purchase these online at www.iostens.com
- The CMS Dance team is holding a holiday dance camp on Saturday, Dec. 8th from 12 to 5 for students in K through 6. The cost is \$30. You can have your child get the dance camp registration form from the school office.
- Any student interested in writing a book for the Annual YOUNG AUTHORS competition, the English teachers have guidelines & information for you. Books are due to Ms. Juelfs by January 28, 2019.
- The Illinois State assessments for ELLs are January 17-February 20.
- Be sure to check our school website for any new information!
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Upcoming Dates

December 1

Collinsville Christmas Parade
5:30 pm

December 4

MAP Testing Window Opens

December 7

FCA Meeting @ 7:00 am

STEM Event @ CMS 6:00-9:00 pm

December 17

Final Exams for
Social Studies and Expo

December 18

Choir Concert @ Webster
Elementary @ 7:00 pm

Final Exams for Math

December 19

Final Exams for Science & P.E.

December 20

Final Exams for English

December 21

Choir Tour to Nursing Homes
End of Quarter 2

December 24-January 2

No School-Winter Break



In the Community

December 18: CMS Chorus Concert @ Webster Elementary 7:00 pm

Admission for this concert is a non-perishable item for the Collinsville are Food Pantries. Open to the public. Please join us!



CMS Sports Zone

Girls Basketball

- Dec. 4 @ Fulton
- Dec. 6 @ Triad
- Dec. 13 Home v. Highland
- Dec. 18 @ Carriel

Boys Basketball

- Dec. 4 Home v. Fulton
- Dec. 6 Home v. Triad
- Dec. 10 A Edw. Lincoln 3:30
- Dec. 11 Home v. ESL
- Dec. 13 @ Highland
- Dec. 18 Home v. Carriel

LET'S GO BLAZERS!



Dear Families,

The holiday season is upon us, and our students are continuing to learn and grow as we make our way towards winter break. The monthly newsletter is one of the ways in which we communicate the efforts in developing CMS students both academically and emotionally through our instructional and academic programs. We have an amazing group of students and teachers at Collinsville Middle School, and we are working together each day to grow and improve. As such, I would like to draw your attention to yearly traditions that highlights different parts of our school.

In December, we focus on the spirit of giving and service with an annual fundraiser conducted by our very own Physical Education Department. Our P.E. teachers host a "Money Wars" competition between classes in order to raise money for needy families during the holiday season. Your child can bring \$1 each day to P.E. As an incentive, students who donate will not have to dress out for P.E. on that day! They will still be active in the class that day, and participate in the lesson. We are hopeful that with the generosity of our students and families, we can equal or even surpass our previous mark of \$3,000.00. It is our hope this year to help numerous local families in need.

In closing, we will have no school on December 24 - January 2. School resumes on January 3, 2019. Our 2nd quarter will end on December 21, and we will have grades posted to Skyward shortly after that time. If you do not receive your child's grades by January 3, please contact our office. On behalf of our staff, we hope you have a great winter break with your children, family and friends. We look forward to continuing to work together as a team with you to provide your child with the best educational experience here at Collinsville Middle School. There is no greater gift than to have a positive impact on a child's life. This holiday season, I'm reminded how fortunate we all are with the opportunity to share in this gift.

Respectfully,

Dr. Jackson



SCIENCE ⚙️ TECHNOLOGY ⚙️ ENGINEERING ⚙️ MATH

NOCHE DE CIENCIAS

GRADES 7-12
AND PARENTS
WELCOME!

PRIZE
GIVEAWAY

FRIDAY
DEC 7
6-9PM

COLLINSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
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FREE FOOD

NETWORKING WITH
PROFESSIONALS

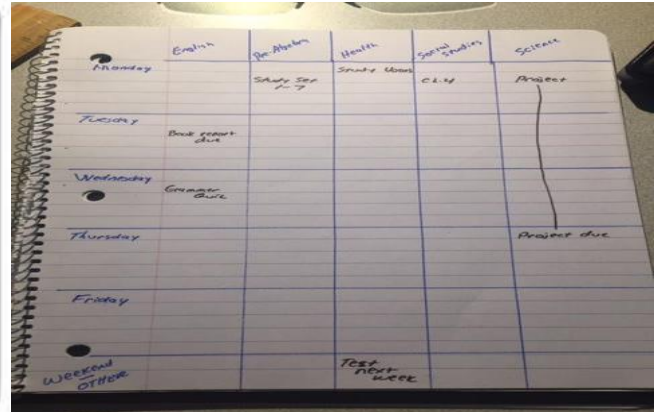
LEARN MORE ABOUT
STEM (SCIENCE,
TECHNOLOGY,
ENGINEERING, MATH)

Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/stl-noche>



Courtesy of: CMS Health Education

1. **Use an agenda/day planner** Store bought or make one with a clean notebook. Students have a hard time keeping track of everything.



2. **Schoolwork each night (including weekends)** A minimum of 15 to 20 minutes per class: review or rewrite class notes, study vocabulary (flashcards/Quizlet/worksheet). Designated study area should be quiet, well lit, and no distractions.



3. Sleep: Eight to nine hours of actual sleep, including weekends.
No "screens" at least 45 minutes prior to going to bed.



4. Nutrition. Fruit provides quick energy for school from its natural sugars, ideal to have with breakfast and lunch.





FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- ✓ Student-Athletes planning to try out for CMS Sports Teams must have an updated sports physical. Physicals are good for 395 days.
- ✓ Please remember that before and after school student drop-off/pick-up must be at the front of the building. In order to keep our students safe, please do not use the side parking lots. These are for school buses and students only.
- ✓ Every Wednesday, students will be dismissed at 3:00 pm due to teacher PLC meetings.
- ✓ Please be prompt when picking up any students involved in extra-curricular activities and clubs! An activity bus will run at 5:30 pm to help with transportation for those students who need a ride home.
- ✓ HOOLOOs have been selected and invites will go home on Monday or Tuesday before P/T conferences. Students that were not selected will be able to work on their character traits for a chance to get into HOOLOOs at the 2nd selection in February.
- ✓ NO cell phones/electronic devices are allowed at Collinsville Middle School. Students must have them turned off and stored away in their lockers. Please remind your child each day to be responsible with their cell phones and make sure they follow the policy!
- ✓ If your child will not be in school, please call the office in the morning. You may reach us at 618-343-2100. The building secretary and/or an automated call will contact you if we are not aware of your child's absence. If your child is late, please ensure they go directly to the main office so accurate attendance is recorded.
- ✓ We welcome you to our school; however, all parents, volunteers, and visitors must sign in at the Main Office through our security system (**please have your driver's license with you**) and have the administration's permission **BEFORE** accessing any part of the school building. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** The safety of our students and staff is our first priority!

Student Life



NJHS

December 6

Meeting @ 7:30 am in C139

December 12

NJHS Holiday Service Party

3:30-5:00 pm

December 20

Meeting during study hall

Winter Break



24 DAYS LEFT...

community Service

The National Junior Honor Society at CMS just finished their November Group Service Project! The NJHS recently visited Kreitner Elementary School to read and do activities with younger students. Every teacher at Kreitner Elementary was impressed and agreed that they would like to have our NJHS members in their classrooms again in the future!



Ms. Hamilton's Life Skills Class Learns about Community Helpers!

Ms. Hamilton's Life Skills class recently went on a field trip to the Collinsville Police station and Fire Department. The class also had a wet and wild time learning about farmers at the Millstadt Family Fun Farm. The class also got a visit from Esther the Comfort Dog and are expecting a visit from Humane Society! Ms. Hamilton's students would also like to thank their families for attending their 1st Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. It was a huge success! As they move into December, they will be doing a lot of crafting and cooking for the holidays.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

AUGUST



Cole McClusky



Tonanzi Montoya

SEPTEMBER



Payton Plummer



Lindsay O'Connor

OCTOBER



Brianna Rodriguez



Dylan Hollman

What does it take to be Student of the Month?

Student of the Month recognition is meant to promote success in and out of the classroom. For a student to be a well-respected citizen, they must be able to balance many different areas of life. They must exemplify outstanding characteristics both as a student and as a community citizen. The student must be able to balance the many different aspects of student life, while maintaining excellence in the classroom. This award is designed to nominate and select students who take great pride in Collinsville Middle School. Students are first nominated by the faculty, and then by the student body. Congratulations to these students who have been selected so far for the 2018-2019 school year!

Congratulations!

HOOLOOs @ CMS

What is a HOOLOO?

At Collinsville Middle School, HOOLOOs are an elite group of students based on whether they display traits such as being responsible, honest, respectful, trustworthy, cooperative, courteous, caring, positive, and self-controlled. The HOOLOOs at CMS participate in service projects and encourage each other and uplift others.

Congratulations to the following HOOLOOs for displaying traits in August, September, & October!

Trustworthy~Starr, Ray, Isaiah, Karen

Positive~ Aracely, Cole, Ashlynn, Kylynn

Responsible~ Karley, Johanna, Brianna, Payton

Self-Control
Excellence
Honesty
Respect
Responsibility
Courteous



COLLINSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPACT

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.

CMS Students promise to:

- Read daily to increase their level of understanding.
- Be responsible for their own learning by completing all assignments.
- Advocate for themselves by letting their teachers know when they need help.
- Demonstrate good behaviors that establish a quality learning environment for all students.

CMS Parents promise to:

- Help their child see the importance of education to pursue his/her interest and goals.
- Partner with their child and his/her teachers to establish a learning team.
- Establish a routine that ensures homework completion.
- Discuss their child's challenges or misunderstandings with his/her teacher.

CUSD 10 MISSION, VISION, VALUES

Mission

In collaboration with all stakeholders, the Unit 10 School District will provide appropriate learning opportunities within a safe and caring environment. Unit 10 will develop lifelong learners who are productive and successful members of a diverse society.

Vision

Unit 10 is committed to world-class excellence through a culture of acceptance, collaboration and achievement.

Values

Respect, Caring, Openness, Diversity, Honesty, Integrity, Trust, Compassion, Patriotism, Welcoming, Citizenship, Character





Happy
Holidays