

## January Parent Newsletter

# Collinsville Middle School

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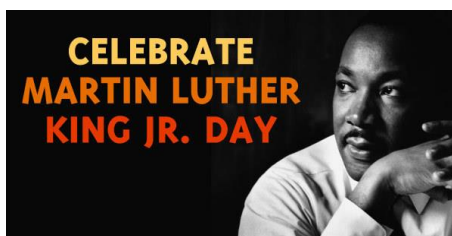
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Dear CMS Families,

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 New Year!

### Important Announcements



- CMS 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Spelling Bee will take place beginning 1st hour Thursday, January 24th on the stage. Anyone can participate - just sign up with Ms. Jackstadt or your English teacher. This is the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Our winner will have the opportunity to continue to more competition, possibly ending in Washington, DC for the National Final.
- CMS BOWLING TEAM TRYOUTS JANUARY 6TH & 8TH
- 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.



### Upcoming Dates

#### January 3

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Begins

#### January 6 & 8

Bowling team Tryouts

#### January 11

FCA Meeting 7:00 am

#### January 16

District Math Vertical Team Meetings

#### January 17

ELL State ACCESS Testing

#### January 18

NO SCHOOL-Institute Day

#### January 21

NO SCHOOL-Dr. Martin Luther King Day

#### January 24

CMS Annual Spelling Bee

#### January 28

IMSA Fusion 3:30-5:30 pm

Young Authors Books Due





Dear Families,

It is an exciting time as we head back from the holidays! As we begin the second semester and reflect, I am so proud of the growth that I have seen from our students both in their academic achievement and behavior. Especially for our 7th graders, moving into the middle school can present a significant challenge due to the changes in format and expectations. I am extremely proud of the 8th grade students for providing a sound example and the 7th graders for making this transition successfully. Some of the more immature behaviors that we were plagued with early on have all but disappeared as the year has come along.

One of the most important things I would like to relay to parents is the importance of maintaining focus and helping students to keep on top of their work and goals all the way to the end. Often, students struggle to maintain over the course of a long school year and lose a bit of steam as we head through the 2nd semester. This means that they need more reminders sometimes or a little more push to keep their grades at an acceptable level. Please take a second to review information with your student related to retention and summer school so they are aware and appropriately understand the standards and requirements.

The year is moving by quickly and we have thoroughly enjoyed working with each of the young people within the building. As always, thank you for trusting us with the education of your child(ren).

Respectfully,

Dr. Jackson



## CMS Sports Zone

### Girls Basketball

Jan. 9 Regionals @ Triad

### Boys Basketball

Jan. 7 Home v. Central

Jan. 9 Home v. Liberty

Jan. 10 Home v. Centralia

Jan. 15 @ Coolidge

Jan. 19-23 @ O'Fallon Tournament

Jan. 29 Regionals @ Triad

### Wrestling

Jan. 8 Home v. Cahokia

Jan. 10 @ Belleville West HS

Jan. 17 Home v. Wolf Branch

Jan. 19 @ Granite City HS

Jan. 23 Home v. Roxana

Jan. 26 @ Granite City HS

Jan. 29 @ Triad

Jan. 31 @ Mascoutah





## Teaching, Learning, and Improving Together!

A big congratulations to the CMS School Wide Trophy winners, Ms. Beaty's 1<sup>st</sup> hour class! This class is being recognized for showing the most improvement and growth on MAP testing between the Fall and Winter. Way to go!







**When: January 24, 2019**

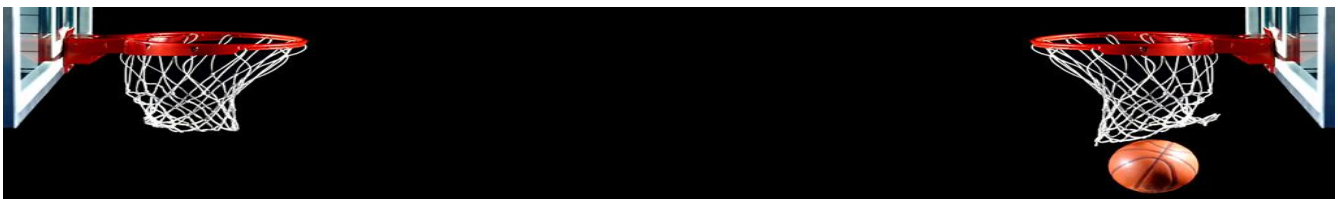
**Where: CMS Commons**

**Who: Anyone can participate!**

**\*\*See or email Ms. Jackstadt to  
sign up [sjacksta@cusd.kahoks.org](mailto:sjacksta@cusd.kahoks.org)  
and get a word list!**

# CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Coach Bigley, Coach Dye, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade CMS Girls Basketball Team on their 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in the Collinsville Invitational Basketball Tournament! The CMS girls are having an outstanding year and are gearing up for a long postseason run. Come out and watch these girls play some great team basketball CMS is currently **19-1** on the year!!!!!!



*"Show class, have pride, and display character. If you do, winning takes care of itself" - Bear Bryant*



## **INFORMATION FOR 8TH GRADERS WHO WILL ATTEND CHS 2019-20**

Collinsville Middle School 8th graders will register for freshman-year Collinsville High School courses during January 2019. Each family will receive a letter with information about the registration process.

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

You will want to attend **“Getting to Know CHS” on Wednesday, January 9, 2019** in the CHS Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. and a special **CHS Open House on Saturday, January 12, 2019** from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Counseling Department (to visit the Counseling Department, enter thru the main Visitors Entrance in the front of the school.)

“Getting to Know CHS” is for all incoming freshmen and their parents/guardians. There will be a presentation by CHS administrators and counselors, followed by a question and answer session. You will also have an opportunity to meet representatives from each subject area and learn more about CHS clubs and activities.

Many of your questions about high school courses and the registration process will be answered during the “Getting to Know CHS” presentation, however, if you want to meet individually with a CHS counselor, plan to attend the Open House on **January 12th**. Counselors will meet with families on a first come, first served basis.

### **TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL COURSE REGISTRATION:**

- Use the [2019-20 Course Offering Guide](#) to learn about and choose courses. Indicate desired courses on the [Incoming 9th Grade Registration Worksheet](#)
- Include BOTH Semester 1 and Semester 2 courses; classes with an (\*) are half-year courses.
- Select each course as it appears on the worksheet.
- Teacher recommendations are required for Pre-AP courses and Athletic PE. Freshmen who wish to take Athletic PE must obtain a recommendation signature from their current head coach.
- Courses are listed alphabetically in the Available Courses table.
- Be sure to collect the correct course numbers.
- Be sure to complete alternate course sections as back-up courses in case of scheduling conflicts.

# Back to School Tips after the Holidays

Most children will be getting ready for back to school after the Holiday break. Hopefully, easing back into school schedule and sleeping patterns has not been difficult. Here are some back to school tips for you to keep in mind!

## **Health**

- Vitamins can help to boost your kid's immunity for the rigors of school and all the germs they will be re-introduced to. Also make sure they take a lot of fruits and vegetables.
- Make sure immunizations are up to date for all children.
- Make sure your child's school has updated list of medications. Ensure there is adequate medication in class if need be (for example an inhaler). If you had medication in their school bag from last term make sure it is not expired.
- Update all medical records and doctors information

## **Security**

- Go over all school run details with everyone including the gateman, driver and nannies. Do not assume they remember your rules from last term, especially if you have some new staff.
- Go over rules with your children as well about school pickup security. They should not cross close to cars. The driver should always make sure the children have their seat-belts on before he starts driving.
- Update the school if you have new people authorized to pick your children who need new ID cards as necessary.
- Go over details with your children, such as emergency phone numbers, he/she should know at least one parents phone number memorized. It is also advisable the children know their parents full names and where they work and how they can be reached.

## **General**

- Label all new school items, flasks, clothes, bags and all other items.
- Discuss and sign up your child for any extracurricular activities. Let the child have a say as to whether they would like to continue those piano classes or not (this will save a lot of frustration)
- Meet the teacher and mention any changes to your child's life such as family moves and births to help a teacher understand any changes.
- Usually when the school starts there will be a school calendar sent. It is helpful for both parents and other caregivers to update calendars, phones with upcoming events and set reminders. This should help with planning as well for half terms, public holidays and vacations coming up. You could also print out and fill calendars for the term which, you can paste somewhere everyone can see and use as a guide.
- Nutrition is important, so a good plan on what your child will eat is essential for healthy and nutritious meals



# FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- ✓ Student-Athletes planning to try out for CMS Sports Teams must have an updated sports physical. Physicals are good for 395 days.
- ✓ There will be NO SCHOOL on January 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> due to a teacher in-service and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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

**January 17**

Meeting during study hall



**January 28**

IMSA will start back up again. IMSA meets on Mondays from 3:30-5:30

# Congratulations!

**These students have achieved 1 million words read!**

Brayden Kirk

Erin VanMiddendorp

Logan Bransetter

Reid Felix

Nathalia Salgado

Arianna McGee

***\*These students will receive a free t-shirt and an opportunity to attend a field trip to Edison's at the end of the year!***



## CMS P.E. Department Teach Students Rhythm and Dance!

Each year, the CMS P.E. Department teaches students about rhythms and dance. This month, the students are learning dances such as the Cha Slide, Electric Slide, Cupid Shuffle, and other dance steps as part of the curriculum. The students have done an excellent job learning the dances, and should be able to participate in the fun at the next wedding or family celebration!



# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

## AUGUST



Cole McClusky



Tonanzi Montoya

## SEPTEMBER



Payton Plummer



Lindsay O'Connor

## OCTOBER



Brianna Rodriguez



Dylan Hollman

## NOVEMBER



Mattea Vest



Ryan Kremer

*Congratulations!*

# 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





2019

*Happy New Year!*

**Here's to a great year!!!**