

April 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 New Year!

Important Announcements



- ELL tutoring every Wednesday Ms. Alexander's room from 3:00-5:45 pm. Please notify Ms. Alexander of any students that should take advantage of this opportunity! If you could spare the time to help, it would be greatly appreciated!
- Remember to turn in BOXTOPS to your child's English teacher. The quarterly competition involves a trophy for the teacher's desk. Our 3rd quarter winner was Ms. Rowland. Money raised contributes to the Reading/English Department needs of CMS.
- **NO SCHOOL on April 18-22 for SPRING BREAK**
- The mid-term for 4th quarter will end on Friday, April 12.



Upcoming Dates

April 2-12

IAR State Testing

April 3

Core Group PLC

April 10

IL Science Assessment (8th Grade)

April 10

District English Vertical Team

April 12

Quarter 4 Midterm

April 16

MAP Assessment Window

April 18-22

NO SCHOOL-SPRING BREAK

April 23

Grades due in the office

April 24

Building PLC





Dear Families,

Now that the sun has begun to tease us a bit and we have entered Spring, we are excited at all of the amazing opportunities heading into the end of the year for our students. Once testing is behind us, the race to the end of the year always picks up steam. There will be a number of activities and events that students will earn or be eligible for as we head towards the last day. We ask that you continue to discuss appropriate school behavior with your child so that they can be a part of these special celebrations. It is critical that students continue to stay on top of their school work as well to ensure that their final grades reflect the totality of their efforts this year. As I have previously mentioned, the length of the school year often presents a challenge for student motivation and focus. Please help us continue to reinforce all of these critical factors so that we can end the year in a manner that reflects all of the amazing work and efforts of our school community!

Respectfully,

Dr. Jackson



CMS Sports Zone

Track & Field

- April 2 @ Highland MS
- April 4 @ Edw. Lincoln
- April 9 @ Mascoutah
- April 11 @ Triad
- April 24 Girls @ Alton Invite
- April 25 Boys @ Alton Invite



IAR TESTING

Dear
Parent or
Guardian:

**Collinsville Community
Unit School District No. 10**

201 West Clay Street
Collinsville, Illinois 62234
(618) 346-6350

We will be
your child

giving
state-

required achievement tests next month. Collinsville Middle School will test April 2-10. Students in grades 7-8 will be tested in English language arts/literacy and mathematics. The tests are a part of the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) program and are being given to all eligible students. The Illinois Assessment of Readiness measures the same standards and includes the same high-quality test questions used the last four years in the PARCC test. Students, families, and schools will experience essentially no difference in the assessment this year.

The results of these state tests will be reported to you on the School Report Card in the fall. We will review these state test results along with other information to help us improve our school program. In addition, you will receive information about your child's performance on the state tests he or she took.

You can help your child do his/her best on the test by:

- 1) making sure, if possible, that your child attends school on the days of testing;
- 2) making sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before testing;
- 3) providing breakfast on the mornings of testing;
- 4) reminding your child to ask the teacher questions if he or she does not understand the test directions;
- 5) letting your child know that you have confidence in his or her ability to do his or her best; and
- 6) advising your child not to worry about the test – just do the best he or she can.

Please contact your child's teacher if you want additional information or have further questions about these tests.

We look forward to sharing the IAR results with you this fall.

Parent Tips: How to Help Your Child Prepare for Standardized Tests

Before the Test

Be prepared

Many teachers will send information home about testing schedules and class preparation plans. Information that you should know includes:

- What is the test and what will it measure?
- Will the test results affect your child, school, or both?
- Are there ways that you can help your child prepare for the test? (Narang, 2008).

Help your child in areas that are difficult for him/her

If your child has struggled with a particular area or subject in the past, you may be able to help her overcome some of that difficulty by providing some extra practice. Many workbooks target test preparation by offering practice exercises and questions like the ones students see on the test. Focus your practice on your child's weaknesses rather than her strengths so that she doesn't get bored with the exercises (Narang, 2008).

Give your child a chance to practice

If your child has trouble taking tests, try practicing test questions and studying new words. Your child's school or the library may have some samples to use. Keep the sessions short, and set small, manageable goals so that the extra practice boosts your child's confidence (Narang, 2008).

If you have concerns about the test or testing situation, talk with your child's teacher

Discuss your concerns with the teacher and/or school administrator. If you're not satisfied with the outcome, however, you can reach out to some other organizations that monitor testing, including your local PTA, The National Center for Fair & Open Testing or the ERIC Clearinghouse on Assessment and Evaluation (Narang, 2008).

If you believe that your child's difficulty with standardized tests may be the symptom of a problem such as a language or learning difficulty, speak with your child's teacher to learn if your child qualifies for any assessment accommodations.

On Test Day

Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast

Many teachers report that students who don't do well on tests haven't gotten enough sleep, and haven't eaten breakfast on the morning of the test. Doing both of these things will ensure that your child is working at full capacity (Narang, 2008).

Make sure your child is prepared

Some schools may supply the tools your child needs for the test, such as pencils, an eraser, paper, and a calculator. Others may require the students to bring those materials themselves. Check with your child's teacher to see if you need to provide your child with any of these materials. Also, check to see whether your child will be able to make up the test if she is sick on test day (Narang, 2008).

Remain positive

Staying calm will help your child stay calm. If she gets nervous about the test or is likely to experience anxiety during the test, help her practice some relaxation techniques that she can try once she's taking the test (Narang, 2008).

On a Daily Basis

In addition to these strategies, there are a number of ways that you can maximize your child's learning capabilities throughout the school year, which can lead to confident test-taking. Some of these strategies include:

- Assisting your child with homework and ensuring that your child is completing all homework assignments
- Helping her to develop good study habits, thinking skills, and a positive attitude towards education from an early age
- Ensuring that your child has good attendance at school
- Staying in communication with your child's teacher
- Encouraging your child to read as much as possible, and to increase her vocabulary - even reading magazines, newspapers, and comic books regularly will help improve her reading skills
- Looking for educational games and programs that engage your child
- Helping your child learn how to follow directions carefully (Dietel, 2008; IRA (2002); Narang, 2008).

Finally, remember that standardized tests and grading systems are not perfect; each format has its own limitations. As you help your child do her best on the tests she takes and in all of her schoolwork, also remind her that testing is just one part of her education. With your support and involvement, he/she will be well on her way to their own bright future!

CMS 2019 READING NIGHT WELCOMES 300 STUDENTS & FAMILIES!

300 Attend 2019 CMS Family Reading Night



Collinsville Middle School welcomed 300 students and families to the 2019 CMS Annual Family Reading Night held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

The night included activities, door prizes and a book fair — in addition to lots of reading and fun.

The event was funded by a Schools and Community Outreach by Educators ([SCORE](#)) grant funded by the [IEA Foundation](#) of the [Illinois Education Foundation](#).

CMS 2019 BOWLING TEAMS SHOW GREAT AT STATE!

CMS Boys Bowling Takes 3rd @ State



Pictured left to right: Coach Brunzic, Jacob Taylor, Mason Foley, Brandon Campbell, Coach Legendre, Ben Sloan, and Ryan Blaylock.

The 2019 Collinsville Middle School Boys and Girls Bowling teams had great outings at the [SIJHSAA](#) Tournament on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at St. Clair Bowl in Fairview Heights, IL. The Boys Bowling team brought home the 3rd place trophy and Girls Bowling finished 10th. In individual competition, Brandon Campbell placed 2nd out of roughly 200 bowlers. He shot a 1261 for 6 games averaging 210 and finishing just 1 pin out of 1st place. Jacob Taylor finished 16th for the boys and Gabby Prenzel finished 19th for the girls. Congratulations Trailblazers!



CMS WRESTLERS SHOW STRENGTH AT 2019 IESA STATE!

CMS Wrestlers Show of Strength @ 2019 IESA State



Congratulations to Collinsville Middle School's Seth Sorenson, Owen Niemeier, Jacob Gregory, and Zach Blaha on their outstanding performances during the 2019 IESA State Wrestling Tournament held on March 9, 2019.

According to CMS Athletic Director Kevin Moore, "Owen, Jacob and Zach all finished the tournament with a 2-2 records while Seth came home with a 4th place finish. Congratulations to all the wrestlers on a great season!"

CMS Wrestling Coach Charlie Hunter reports, "Seth took 4th, Zach, Jacob and Owen got top 8 and as a team we were 25th out of 71 schools."

Way to go Trailblazers!

**Once you've wrestled,
everything else in life is easy.**

-Dan Gable



7TH GRADE ORIENTATION NIGHT

Date: May 14, 2019

Time: 6:00-7:30 pm

**Location: Collinsville Middle School
9649 Collinsville Rd.**

As a parent of an incoming seventh grade student, you and your child are invited to attend our very first "7th Grade Orientation Night." Families will be able to tour the building, visit teachers, receive information on athletics and clubs, and ask questions. Parents will also hear about the process for working together to ensure a successful transition to middle school. Please join us for this great event!

**For more information, please call
618-343-2100 or RSVP to dkirk@cusd.kahoks.org**

2019 CMS Summer Baseball Camp



- **When:** July 22-24
 - 3rd - 6th graders - 8:00-11:00 AM
 - *7th and 8th graders - 12:00-3:00 PM
- **Where:** CMS Baseball Field
- **Who:** Students entering 3rd-8th grades
- **Cost:** \$45
- **Register Online:**
 - <https://sites.google.com/cusd.kahoks.org/cmsbaseball/home>
 - More info. online
 - Register by July 1 for camp shirt
- **Hosted by:** CMS coaches and former players
- **Contact:** zcorey@cusd.kahoks.org



*This camp will also serve as our middle school baseball tryout. We will focus on instruction, but will also evaluate players during this time. If you are unable to attend the camp, please contact Coach Corey and plan on attending our alternate tryout date on July 15 @ 5:00 PM.



TRACK & FIELD

2019 CMS Track & Field Schedule

Practices end @ 5:10ish Activity Bus Leaves CMS at 5:45
Parents will need to pick athletes up after ALL Meets at CHS or CMS

Published 2.6.19 (All dates are subject to change. All changes will be communicated)

- 2/6 Try-outs @CMS 3:00-4:00
- 2/13 Try-outs @CMS 3:00-4:00
- 2/20 Try-outs @CMS 3:00-4:00
- 2/25 Try-outs @CMS 3:00-5:00
- 2/26 Try-outs @CMS 3:30-5:00
- 2/27 Try-outs @CMS 3:00-5:00
- 2/28 Try-outs @CMS 3:30-4:45 (Parent Meeting @ 5:00)
- 3/1
- 3/4 (No School)
- 3/5 Practice @ CMS
- 3/6 Meet @ CHS(Intersquad) @ 3:00
Pick-up at CHS
- 3/7 Practice @ CMS
- 3/8
- 3/11 Practice @ CMS
- 3/12 Practice @ CMS
- 3/13 Meet @ CHS (Intersquad)@3:00
Pick-up at CHS
- 3/14 Practice @ CMS
- 3/15
- 3/18 Practice @ CMS
- 3/19 Practice @ CMS
- 3/20 Meet @ CHS (Intersquad) @3:00
Pick-up at CHS
- 3/21 Practice @ CMS
- 3/22
- 3/25 Practice @ CMS
- 3/26 Practice @ CMS
- 3/27 @Salem 4:00
Pick-up upon returning at CMS
- 3/28 Meet @ CHS(O'Fallon) 4:00
Pick-up at CHS
- 3/29 No Practice
- 4/1 Practice @ CMS
- 4/2 @Highland 4:00
Pick-up upon returning at CMS
- 4/3 Meet @ CHS(Intersquad) 3:00
Pick-up at CHS
- 4/4 @ Edwardsville Lincoln 3:30
Pick-up upon returning at CMS
- 4/5 No Practice
- 4/8 Practice @ CMS
- 4/9 Meet @ Mascoutah Quad @4:00
Pick-up upon returning at CMS
- 4/10 Meet @ CHS (Intersquad) @ 3:00
Pick-up at CHS
- 4/11 vs.Triad & Aviston
Pick-up upon returning at CMS
- 4/12 No Practice
- 4/15 Practice @ CMS
- 4/16 Practice @ CMS
- 4/17
- 4/18 No School
- 4/19 No School
- 4/22 No School
- 4/23 Practice @ CMS
- 4/24 @Alton 3:00 Girls Relays
Pick-up upon returning at CMS
- 4/25 @ Alton 3:00 Boys Relays
Pick-up upon returning at CMS
- 4/26 No Practice
- 4/29 Regionals or Practice @ CMS?
- 4/30 Regionals or Practice @CMS?
- 5/1 Meet @ CHS (Intersquad) 3:00
Pick-up at CHS
- 5/2 Regionals or Practice @ CMS?
- 5/3 Regionals or Practice @CMS?
- 5/6
- 5/7 Track - Tri-County Conference
Pick-up upon returning at CMS
- 5/8
- 5/9 Team Picture during Study Hall
(Non-State athletes turn in Uniforms)
- 5/10
- 5/11 Track - SJHSAA State Track Meet
Information TBA and will be posted when received.

#Student Life



1st Week of April-7th graders that qualify for NJHS will receive an invitation to apply for the 2019-2020 school year.

April 4

NJHS Morning Meeting 7:30-8:30 am

April 12

NJHS Field Trip to DIS

NJHS recently visited St. John's Nursing Home to visit with some of their guests. Students later enjoyed attending a movie and enjoyed a community service day that included strengthening relationship and creating wonderful memories together!





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NJHS Newsletter



<https://classroom.google.com/c/MTE50Dc2NjJ20D1a>

April 2019

April & May: Two Very Busy Months!

For the month of April, students will be preparing to visit DIS to help get them excited and ready to come to 7th grade! More details about this project are on page two of this newsletter.

We will be working on our final group service project for May, as well! Students will be attending & helping with the induction ceremony for next year's NJHS members. More details about this are also on the back of this newsletter.

We will also be assisting Mr. Kirk with a 6th grade orientation night on May 14. More information to follow.

Important Dates

- April 2-12: IAR Testing
 - April 10: Science Assessment
 - April 12: ALL Service Hours & Reflection Due
 - April 12: DIS/Celebration Trip
 - May 6: 8th Grade Awards Night
 - May 14: 6th Grade Orientation
 - May 16: NJHS Induction Ceremony
 - May 22: Last Day of School
- Remember Earth Day on April 22nd!**



Quote of the Month

-Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have."

- Margaret Mead

Margaret Mead (1901-1978) was an American anthropologist whose great fame owed as much to the force of her personality and her outspokenness, as it did to the quality of her scientific work.

Meeting Dates

April NJHS Study Hall

Thursday April 4, 2019
 Goeken's Room @ 7:30 am
 Prepare for DIS Trip

May Morning Meeting

Thursday May 2, 2019
 Goeken's Room @ 7:30 am

Last NJHS Meeting

Thursday May 16, 2019
 Study Hall – Goeken's Room
 Prepare for Induction Ceremony

**Character Trait of the Month:
Be Caring!**

Show someone else that you care with actions, not just words:

- Actively listen to the other person
- Help them with a situation or problem
- Make plans to spend time with them
- Learn about an activity that interests the other person.
- Give the person a thoughtful or encouraging card or note.

Group Service Project

April 12: Presentation to DIS Students

9:00am – NJHS members arrive at DIS &
Gather materials

9:15am - Students visit assigned classrooms

- Greet teacher and given them their envelope containing an evaluation sheet.
- NJHS member introductions
- Show CMS Orientation Video
- 6th grade students will fill out their “assignment sheet” during the video
- Lead students to the gym and sit with their assigned class.

10:00am – Presentation in Gym

- Welcome
- Trailblazer Trivia Activity

10:45am (approx.) – Return to classrooms

- NJHS members go over the answers to the “assignment” sheet
- Students receiving a 100% will be entered into a prize raffle
- Collect evaluation sheet from teacher
- Thank teacher and class

11:00-11:15 am (approx.) - Leave classrooms &
board busses to Edison's

2:15– Depart Edison's & Return to CMS

How should you dress for the service project? Either in your **NJHS t-shirt OR a CMS activity or team shirt** (band, basketball, dance, etc.) & nice jeans, pants, or shorts.

Individual Service Hour Deadlines

April 12, 2019

5 individual service hours

TOTAL ABOVE **DOES NOT** INCLUDE EXTRA HOURS YOU MAY HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED!

Induction Ceremony Information

May 16, 2019 @ 6:30pm
arrive no later than 6:20pm

For your May service, you will be attending & helping with the induction ceremony. You need to sign up for a specific job!

May 14 (study hall)

- 10 people
- Help 7th graders practice for the ceremony

May 16 (7:45am – 8:30am)

- 2 people
- Prepare Programs, Decorations, etc.

May 16 (3:30pm – 4:30pm)

- 10 people
- Set-up & Decorations

May 16 (5:45pm – 6:30pm)

- 4 people
- Greet & Pass out Programs
- Organize inductees in the MPR

May 16 (5:45pm – practice with microphone)

- Executive Board Members
- Give Speeches

May 16 (after ceremony)

- All NJHS members
- Tear Down & Clean Up

Dress Code

Boys: Dress Pants or Khakis, Collared Shirt (tucked in), No tennis shoes/flip flops.

Girls: Dress Pants, Khakis, Skirt, or Dress (school dress code/length appropriate), No tennis shoes.

Everyone needs to be in attendance for this ceremony. You will be seated in the back of the commons area. Due to a **LACK OF SPACE, ONLY YOU SHOULD ATTEND.**

Your ride should be there to pick you up by 8:15pm.

HOOLOOS

Our CMS HOOLOOs students sold coupon books this year to purchase items for the Collinsville Food Pantry. The students sold around 90 books. The HOOLOOs purchased \$830.00 worth of items for the Food Pantry! The students who sold three or more books went to shop for the items with the HOOLOO sponsors. This was a great trip, and items that were purchased for the Food Pantry included tissues, canned goods, shampoo, toothbrushes, cereal, and other items. What a fantastic way to give back to your community HOOLOOS! CMS IS very proud for all you do each and every day!



TIME FOR SOMETHING NEW!

This year CMS will be hosting the first annual 8th grade celebration dance! The purpose of the dance is to celebrate students and their achievement of passing on to high school. The dance will be open to all 8th grade students. Students wanting to attend must be passing all four of their core classes; English, math, social studies, and science. The dance will take place during the month of May and tickets will go on sale in April. If you have any questions feel free to contact Ms. Beaty via email at rbeaty@cusd.kahoks.org



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

DECEMBER



Cody Lutz



Kennedy Staggs

JANUARY



Kynn Rak



Kolby Anderson

FEBRUARY



Hannah Jones



Georgia Cox

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 February 18th, 2019, as President's Day will be observed.
- ✓ 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!

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



