

THE TRAILBLAZER

Collinsville Middle School's Newsletter



From the Principal's Desk

CMS Families,

As we wind down the 2020-2021 school year, I would like to thank you for your patience and support as we have navigated through an unprecedented time in education. We have been remote, hybrid, remote again, and now have over 800 students in school 4 days per week. We turned our commons area to a secondary gym and had students eating breakfast in the classrooms and taking their lunch home with them. We did not use lockers or locker rooms. Study hall was moved from the end of the day to the beginning of the day. Passing periods were cut down to make more time for instruction. Sports schedules were made, cancelled, seasons changed, schedules made again, and finally sports were played.

However, the most important thing we learned this year was how to adapt. Teachers have worked hard at preparing lessons and including all students through various means. Students have learned how to set schedules and follow them to be successful in the classroom. Masks have been worn by everyone. As we finish this school year, we will reflect on what we have learned and make plans for the future. Some things we will keep and some we will dispose of. I look forward to a fresh start in August. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during my first year at CMS. The staff and students have made this year exciting and enjoyable through all of the ups and downs. Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you next year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Snow

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ITEMS TO NOTE AT CMS

Any updated health information, i.e. physical, vaccines, dental, vision, etc. Please bring to the Health Office.

Mobile Markets & Food Fair

Cost: FREE- supporting families in need

Mobile Markets

April 12th 10:00-11:30am

May 10th 10:00- 11:30am

Food Fair

May 24th 10:00-12:00

Bigger Event!

We are excited to announce that Collinsville Unit 10 is partnering with the St. Louis Area Foodbank to provide a Food Mobile Market for our Collinsville area families. This market is free of charge and though the available items rotate, often include dairy, meat, and fresh produce.

This is a first come first served event with a capacity to serve around 100 families.

Collinsville Middle School (CMS)

9649 Collinsville Rd, Collinsville, IL 62234



The event will be using a 'drive through' model. You will drive through the line, and we will have volunteers load the food items into your car. You will not need to leave your vehicle. Again, this is all provided free of charge.

For more information please contact our Collinsville Unit 10 social workers

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ITEMS TO NOTE AT CMS



CMS Choir News! We will be performing in a live concert on May 5th at 5 PM! The concert will take place outside at CHS. The audience will be in the large student parking lot across from the performers! Bring your lawn chair, social distance, and join us for the concert! We will also record our final virtual concert and post it when it is finished!



Band Concerts

7th Grade concert Thursday, May 6 @ 6pm

8th Grade concert Thursday, May 6 @ 7pm

Outside on the patio behind the school.

Rain date: Friday May 7



Prepaid online orders for 2021 CMS Yearbooks will be distributed by the English teachers. If you have any questions, bring your receipt to Mrs. Juelfs in C123. Extra books will be available for \$35 after the prepaid ones have been distributed. Watch the announcements for this information!

¡Hola familias de CMS! Do you have a student who will be in 8th grade during the 2021-2022 school year? Did you know that CMS now offers Spanish I - the SAME Spanish I that is offered at Collinsville High School? By having your 8th grade student complete Spanish I at CMS, they can enter the high school ready to take Spanish II. This will give your child the opportunity to study the Spanish language all the way through Spanish V if they choose to do so! These students will also be eligible to test and earn the Seal of Biliteracy by the time they graduate high school! ¡Increíble! If you are interested in learning more, please contact Señora Reese by email at jreese@cusd.kahoks.org



CMS cheerleading tryouts for the 2021-2022 school will be held May 4th-May 6th and the CHS cheerleading tryouts will be held May 25th and 27th. For more information on either of these events, pick up a tryout packet in the main office.

2021 CMS Baseball Tryouts

- **When:** July 19-22
 - 4:30-6:30 PM
 - July 19-20 (7th graders only)
 - July 21-22 (8th graders only)
- **Where:** CMS Baseball Field
- **Who:** Students entering 7th & 8th grades
- **Registration:**
 - Facebook page
 - "Collinsville Blazer Baseball - CMS"
 - Google Classroom
 - Class code - ejxw6zb
- **Hosted by:** CMS coaches and former players
- **Contact:** zcorey@cusd.kahoks.org
 - If you are unable to attend the tryout dates, please contact Coach Corey



***Please stay tuned to our team Facebook page for updates.**

HEALTH OFFICE PROTOCOLS FOR IN PERSON INSTRUCTION

Symptoms of COVID-19: Do not send your child to school with any of the following symptoms:

Fever 100 degrees or greater- Chills- Cough- Shortness of Breath/Difficulty Breathing- Fatigue- Sore Muscles/Body Aches-Headache-Loss of Taste or Smell- Sore Throat - Congestion/Runny Nose- Nausea/Vomiting- Diarrhea

Symptoms and Suspected Case of COVID-19

If a student becomes ill with COVID-19 like symptoms while at school, the school nurse will be notified. Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines will be utilized to assess when /if students should be sent home due to their symptoms. If any of the above symptoms are present and new to the student and not the result of a recurring health condition such as seasonal allergies or asthma, your child will remain in the health office and a parent/guardian will be notified to pick up their child as quickly as possible.

Symptomatic or suspected students will need to follow one of the following procedures in order to return to school:

- **10 day isolation at home** with remote learning: **OR**
- **A medical doctor's note** (written documentation) stating the diagnosis to explain the symptoms; **OR**
- **Proof (written documentation) of a negative COVID-19 test**

If your child is sent home from school with symptoms of COVID-19, the rest of the household must be quarantined. **Siblings in unit 10 schools, will also need to be picked up from school as quickly as possible.**

Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 will need a Health Department Release (written documentation) if positive for covid or close contact to a positive family member.

Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 and Close Contacts

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 at school or in your child's classroom, the CHS staff will work closely with the local county health department to determine which individuals are considered "close contacts" to that positive person. Close contacts will be identified through contact tracing, a public health measure used to stop the spread of the virus. Your cooperation is appreciated. Confidentiality will be preserved as required by law. *Close contacts are defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes (cumulative) with or without a mask starting from 2 calendar days before the onset of illness and until the positive person isolates.*

You will be notified if your child is ever considered a close contact to a positive COVID-19 case. Close contacts are required to quarantine in their home and utilize remote learning for 14 days (starting after the last day of exposure to the positive person) , per IDPH guidelines. If your child is in contact with someone outside of school who tested positive for COVID-19 , or is a family member of a suspected case of COVID-19, please notify your school nurse/attendance office immediately. At that time your child will need to stay home for 14 days after the last day of contact with the positive person. They will receive remote learning during this time.

May Sports Snapshot

Collinsville Middle School

May Trail Blazer Athletic Events

Mon.	5/3/21	Girls Bowling @ St. Clair Bowl (4:00 pm)	Bus: 3:00 pm
Tue.	5/4/21	Wrestling v. Mascoutah (4:00 pm)	
Wed.	5/5/21	Boys Bowling @ St. Clair Bowl (4:00 pm)	Bus: 3:00 pm
Sat.	5/8/21	Track @ Alton (West Elementary) (9:00 am)	Bus: 7:20 am
Mon.	5/10/21	Wrestling @ Coolidge Middle School (4:00 pm)	Bus: 2:30 pm
Wed.	5/12/21	Wrestling v. Bethalto Trimpe (4:00 pm)	
Thu.	5/13/21	Cheerleading Parent/Member Mtg. – Rm. B168 (5:30 pm)	
Fri.	5/14/21	Wrestling v. ESL Lincoln/Clark (4:00 pm)	
Mon.	5/17/21	Dance Team Tryouts – CMS Gym (3:00-4:45)	
Tue.	5/18/21	Dance Team Tryouts – CMS Gym (3:00-4:45)	
Wed.	5/19/21	Dance Team Tryouts – CMS Gym (3:00-4:45)	
Mon.	5/31/21	Boys Basketball OPEN Gym – CMS Gym (10:30-12:00)	



IMPORTANT DATES!

May 4th: ELA MAP Test

May 11th: Math MAP Test

May 12th: Constitution Test (7th)

May 18th: Last Day of School

May 24th: Summer School Starts

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.



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