

THE OFFICIAL CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER

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THE COYOTE HOWLING

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FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL: SCOTT GRABER

Welcome to Clark Middle School—Home of the Coyotes! As we begin the 2018-2019 school year, I extend a special welcome to our incoming 5th grade students as well as any new student that is coming to CMS. WELCOME! The CMS staff anticipates a great year and looks forward to several years of outstanding instruction by our teachers.

Communication continues to be a vital part of the success at CMS. I encourage you, as parents, to stay engaged with your child. Please ask questions if you are not sure about our policies or procedures. In regard to the educational process, if you have a question about what is taking place in the classroom or a grade issue; please contact the teacher first before contacting the guidance or administration. It is my expectation that a response to your email or voice mail occurs within 24 hours. If this does not happen, please contact me.

One aspect of communication that I use is the Alert Now message system. While some administrators might opt to send a Friday message, I tend to ONLY send out messages when I feel it is warranted. Our announcements are posted daily on the website; therefore, I want the Alert Now Message to be of importance when you hear the broadcast.

As soon as you register your child (July 26-August 9 (10:00-6:00) and walk the building, find



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2), all students will be provided a schedule online which will encourage ALL students and parents to come to CMS on **Au-** your child's classes, and ask questions. If your child wants to

hang anything in the locker area—please use magnets and not tape. Spirit wear and physical education uniforms will be available for purchase as well. Please do not try and come to school prior to the August 9th date to put things in lockers, etc., as there are staff meetings and other things taking place in the building, PLUS the custodial staff will be doing their final push to have everything cleaned and ready for the start of school. I appreciate your help in this matter. If you are on vacation and cannot make the August 9 date, your child will be able to go to their locker on the first day of school after the 8:37 bell rings. Thanks for your help.

As the year begins, I ask that you assist us with the items listed below. It is critical that we work together for the benefit of the students and staff daily. Please follow the established guidelines regarding drop off and pick-up procedures, volunteering, assisting in a classroom, medications, homework, and dress code issues. Clark is a very busy place. With this in mind, please help your child by doing the following items regularly:

Check the CMS website frequently as updates, changes, and announcements are listed daily

Breakfast is served in the cafeteria beginning at 8:15—bus riders' need to tell the bus drivers that they need to be released so that they can get breakfast if they choose. A bus pass will be given to the students by the administration if an early release is requested.

If you are planning on picking your child up early, please send a note to the main office indicating the time that you need to pick up your child and they will be waiting on you in the main office area. You must come in and sign your child out of school.

Please DO NOT park in the handicapped parking spaces unless you are handicapped or have permission to park in the reserved spots—we have several parents that need these reserved spots to assist getting their child into school.

Check the corporation calendar regularly. Please note that the calendar is online. We do not have calendars available for you in the main office. Please note days that we are not in session to assist with vacation planning.

Monitor what your child is wearing to school—dress code rules apply.

If you are volunteering at school, please make sure that you have completed a limited criminal history check form—the forms is valid for 1 year and is available in the main office area. A copy of your driver's license is required.

Please support the school fundraisers. Many of our programs, assemblies, and positive reinforcement programs take place because of your effort and support. I appreciate and THANK YOU in advance.

Clark has many activities and programs for the students to take part in from academic clubs and competitions to athletics and drama. Please encourage your child to get involved and continue those activities throughout the middle school years. If your child is hoping to make NJHS, they need to have 2 in-school and 2 out-of-school activities in order to be considered. For more information on what is available at CMS, please check out your child's agenda book and scroll through the announcements on the website for meeting dates and times.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Stay safe and enjoy the remaining days of summer.

Lake Central School Corporation Mission Statement

The mission of the Lake Central School Corporation, as a family, community, and school partnership is to ensure that each student becomes a self-directed learner and a contributing responsible citizen through an instructional delivery system that engages students in achieving their personal best.

Notes from Mr. Stanisz, Assistant Principal:

I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer vacation! I want to take this time to welcome all the incoming fifth grade students and their parents to Clark. I look forward to meeting all of you throughout the school year.

Have you signed up for Twitter? Twitter is gathering support from parents and students around CMS. To sign up, go to www.twitter.com or download the app to your smartphone and create a username. You can follow us at @Clark_coyotes for news and information regarding CMS.

Thanks for your help when dropping your children off by door J on the south side; however, please be mindful of the following issues: (1) please make sure that you remain in the car line and do not allow your child to exit the vehicle until they are directed by a staff member. (2) If you are parking your car, please use a proper parking spot. (3) The handicapped parking spots are needed for our students with disabilities, and we appreciate your help in keeping those spots available. (4) When escorting your child to door J, please use the cross-walk located by the three orange cones. Thanks for your help in this matter!

School pictures will take place on Thursday, August 23rd. Forms will be given out prior to picture day.

ENJOY THE SUMMER!!!

First Day of School



Tuesday, Au-
gust 14th

Welcome new Staff Members

Lindsay Jeffress, Science

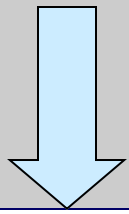
Patti Shimala, RTI

Brian Tomson, Athletic Director

Caitlin Verlado, ELA

Agnes Wypych, ELA

Clark
Coyotes



On-Line Registration For Middle School

Fall Registration 2018-2019



In preparation for online registration, we want to ensure you have a working Skyward Parent Access Account. Once you create an account you will use the same account every year until your son/daughter graduates from high school. Once online registration begins on July 26th, a box will appear on the LCSC website asking you to begin the registration process.

Week of July 9th - Login and passwords sent via email to all parents in preparation for online registration. IF you do not receive your login information for Skyward Family Access by July 16th, please email skywardaccess@lcscmail.com with your student(s) name, school(s) attending, and grade level, along with name of parent requesting access.

July 26 – August 2nd Online Registration begins at 10 a.m. on July 26th and ends at 10 p.m. on August 2nd

August 6th Registration help in LCSC Tech Center Training Lab
(9 a.m. – 12 noon and 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

August 10th – Registration help in LCSC Tech Center Training Lab
(9 a.m. – 3 p.m.) for new enrollees

- Please keep your code and password in a safe place for handy reference throughout the school year.
- Schedules may be viewed when you register.

Come visit

August 9th from 10:00am - 6:00pm

You can try your lockers and go through your daily schedule.

Gym uniforms & spirit wear will be sold from 10:30 - 5:30.

When decorating lockers do not use stickers or adhesive of any kind. It is extremely difficult and time consuming for the custodial staff to scrape and clean lockers over the summer. Thanks.

Parent Volunteers:

Anytime you volunteer, you **MUST** have a current limited criminal history check on file and a copy of your drivers license. There is **NO** cost. Fill out a form **as soon as school starts** and you'll be covered for the entire year.

Open House

Parents: Bring your schedule, walk through your child's school day and meet the teachers!

August 23rd for all grades

Starting promptly at 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Report to first period. Each class period visit will last 10-15 minutes.

Lake Central School Corporation Middle Schools Advanced/AP Summer Reading List - 2018/2019

5th grade

Running Out of Time by Margaret Peterson Haddix

6th grade

Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins

7th grade

The Death Catchers by Jennifer Kogler

Bomb: The Race to Build--and Steal--the World's Most Dangerous Weapon
by Steve Sheinkin

8th grade

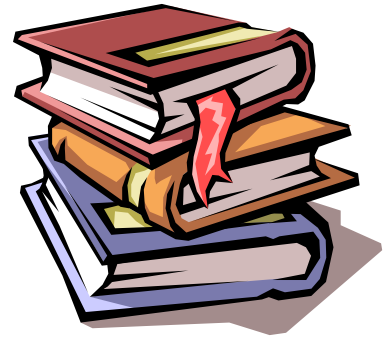
The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer

The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery
by Steve Sheinkin

Freshman

A Raisin in the Sun, by Lorraine Hansberry

The Road, Cormac McCarthy



Substitute teachers needed – For more information please
check the Lake Central website at www.lcsc.us

Do you need to know when school is in session or when you have school events for the 2018-2019 school year? Please check out the LCSC website at www.lcsc.us and look for the [Academic Calendar link](#) on the lower left side or open the [Full Lake Central School Corporation calendar](#). All the info you need at your fingertips!!

Clark Middle School St. John, IN

School Year 2018-2019

Note: Some teachers may send out an additional list of items specific to their classes.

5th Grade Supply List

ruler (centimeters and inches)	1 ¼ oz. white glue 2 glue sticks	pink eraser
2-Art supply pouches (NO hard boxes)	student scissors-Fiskar pt.	ear buds for Chromebooks
pens- black and blue red or green pens	#2 pencils	plastic sheets protectors
wide-ruled, loose-leaf paper with reinforced margins (2 packs)	12 pack colored pencils	post it notes
	Highlighters-1 orange, 1 yellow, 1 pink, 1 blue	6 wide ruled notebooks (with perforated pages)
	24 count box of crayons	NO Trapper Keepers!

The following will be collected by homeroom teachers:

2-large tissue boxes	Girls: canister of disinfecting wipes & gallon Ziploc bags	Boys: canister of disinfecting wipes & quart Ziploc bags
1 pkg. large Expo brand markers		

6th, 7th & 8th Grade Supply List

2 three ring binders (1 inch)	12 #2 pencils (mechanical are acceptable)
20 sheet protectors	ear buds for Chromebooks
2 college ruled composition notebooks	Bottle of Elmer's Glue
4 highlighters (asst. colors)	2 Glue sticks
3 single subject spiral notebooks	Scissors
4 two pocket folders	2 pink erasers
2 pkgs loose leaf paper	<u>The following will be collected by homeroom teachers:</u>
2 boxes of 12 colored pencils	2-large tissue boxes
Pkg of black or blue pens	Pkg. of 4 Expo markers – chisel tip
Pkg of red pens	Girls: canister of disinfecting wipes
Crayons (24 count)	Boys: medium to large size pump hand sanitizer



Physicals must be completed after April 1, 2018 in order to be valid for the 2018/2019 sports season, which includes tryouts. Physical forms are available in the school office or on the website and need to be turned into the Athletic Director, to receive your white card.

CLARK 7TH & 8TH GRADE

Participation fee of \$60 for all players who HAVE NOT played a sport this season, in addition to the costs outlined below. **Participation fee** is paid on Skyward. Please check your student's Skyward account for participation fee. **Please do not pay this fee to the coach.**

Transportation \$20

Game jersey \$40

Helmet reconditioning \$40

The total cost for players that participated in the spring will be \$100.

New players cost:

T-shirt & shorts \$47.00

Practice pants & practice jersey \$38.00

The total cost for players that did not participate in spring will be \$165.

Prior to the start of school, practice will begin on Aug. 10th and 11th at 3pm. Practice will end at 4:45. On the first day of school, August 14th, practice will be from 4:00 to 5:45.

If you have any questions please contact

Mr. Jason Putman at jputman@lcscmail.com or 365-9203 ext. 700,

Plan to have your ride here when practice ends.



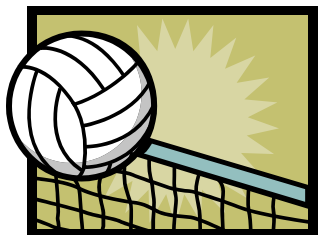
CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS AND PARENTS

There will be a Clark Middle School SUMMER RUNNING CLUB at Lake Hills Park in St. John every Wednesday evening beginning June 6th at 5:00 pm. We will meet at the Clubhouse (St. John Haunted House).

Please bring running shoes and a bottle of water. Please contact Mr. Bob Gustas (bgustas@lcscmail.com) or Mrs. Kerry Cooper (kcooper@lcscmail.com) if you have any questions.



7TH AND 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS



7th and 8th Grade Girls Volleyball Tryouts

Dates: Thursday, August 10 AND Friday, August 11

YOU MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS!!

Time: 4-5:30pm (Please have rides here promptly at 5:30)

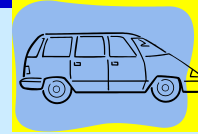
Where: Clark Gym

YOU MUST HAVE A PHYSICAL ON FILE TO TRYOUT (OR BRING ONE ON THE FIRST DAY OF TRYOUTS)

****Physicals must be completed after April 1, 2018 in order to be valid for the 2018/2019 school year, which includes tryouts. Physical forms are available in the school office or on the website (<http://clark.lcsc.us/index.php>)**

Any questions, please contact Coach Gleason jgleason@lcscmail.com or Coach Smith at lori.smith@lcscmail.com

Clark Middle School After School Procedures



To improve the safety of our students, staff, and guests, please follow the procedures listed for car riders. All students who are being picked up will need to exit the building at Door J, which is the main entrance. We will load and release cars along the curb first. We strongly encourage everyone picking up to get in this line. We usually have cars loaded and released by 3:50. Students waiting to enter the parking lot to a guest in a parked car will be released after the cars along the curb have exited. Please do not use the other lanes in the parking lot to pickup or drop off your children. Those lanes are for cars to find parking spots. In addition, please do not use the parking spots designated for our handicapped guests unless you have the appropriate pass.

Thanks for working with us to make our parking lot safer for all. Please share this information with anyone that will be picking up your children.

LUNCH PRICES AND PAYMENTS

Breakfast \$1.60 / Lunch \$2.45

**For more info, please check our school
corporation website.**



OPTION 1: Online Payment - Now you can make payments to your students account online!

Parents can prepay student lunch accounts online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with Mealtime Online payment feature. It is fast, convenient and secure. Go to www.mymealtime.com

OPTIONS 2: Check

You can send a check with your student or bring it in personally to your student's school. On the check please mark clearly your student's first and last name, their ID #, and your driver's license number. Turn in deposits in the Food Service deposit box located in the school office or to the cafeteria cashier(s).

OPTION 3: Cash

We ask you refrain from sending cash, but you can send money in with your student or bring it in personally to your student's school in an envelope clearly marked with your student's name, their ID #, their teacher's name, and \$ amount. Turn in deposits in the Food Service deposit box located in the school office or to the cafeteria cashier(s).

WELCOME TO TWITTER, CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

CMS is officially on the Twitter wire! What is Twitter, you ask? Twitter is a social network site set up for parents, students, and staff for news and information. We will be providing information regarding all the happenings around the middle school and important dates to remember. We WILL NOT be responding to questions on the twitter line as it is used strictly for information only. You can set up a twitter account by visiting www.twitter.com.

THIS IS NOT MANDATORY! It is just another helpful tool for those of you that access your cell phones on a regular basis. @Clark_coyotes

Get organized this year!

Have a pocket folder for each of your children. Put all important information in ONE place. Keep copies of physicals, makes notes about yearbook payments, jot down deadlines. Everything you need, in ONE place.

School ID and Yearbook

pictures will be taken on Thursday, August 23rd. Please make sure you dress appropriately.



Gym Uniform

Cost:

\$10.00 for the set

\$5.00 per piece

2XL is \$1.00 more per piece

5th graders **DO NOT** need a uniform.



6th grade Parents:

Gym uniform payment is included in your registration fees. Your child will be given their gym uniform the first few days of school. You **DO NOT** need to purchase one.

Before and after school care for 5th & 6th graders can be provided by **Adventure Club**. For more info call 865-6283.

Students will not be allowed to enter the building before 8:00 am unless they are under the direct supervision of a staff member. Door A will not be unlocked until 8:30 am. Walkers/bikers need to walk around to Door J (south entrance) if arriving before 8:30.

Look for our fundraiser in the fall.

Fannie May
Fine Chocolates Since 1920

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Did you know?

Announcements are posted daily on the website. Check us out at:

<http://clark.lcsc.us>

**MAKE US A
FAVORITE!!**

**Supply List for
Life Skills Classes
(Wojciehowski or St. Amour)**

1 inch Avery Clear View binder

4 folders that are **three-hole punched**

**(Must go in the binder. The plastic ones
work best and last much longer!)**

50 pencils

1 spiral notebook (large ruled)

1 box colored pencils

1 box of markers

1 box crayons (**24 count**)

3 large boxes of Kleenex

Expo Dry Erase Markers (**chisel, not
ne**)

1 Large Glue Stick

1 Bottle of Elmer's Glue

3 Large containers of disinfecting
wipes

1 YELLOW highlighter

1 pair ear buds



Some of these supplies may need to be replenished after winter break.

Glad to have you with us . . .

Student teacher and classroom placement-

Joshua Titus (student teacher)—Lori Smith

Vivian Garrido-Willis (student teacher)—Bob Gustas



Paws for a Cause

Paws for a Cause raised money with various fund-raising events during the 2017/18 school year. The group was very please to be able to make donations in May to the following animal rescue groups:

ABRA (All Breed Rescue Angels)

Bella's House Animal Rescue

The Sato Project

The Mia Foundation

The donations will assist these groups with medical, daily care, and travel expenses.

Great job Paws for a Cause!!



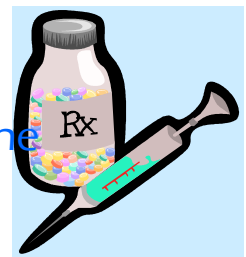
FROM THE NURSE

The nurse will be in the office on August 13th from 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. for those parents who need to bring in medication, diabetic supplies, or discuss any health issues.

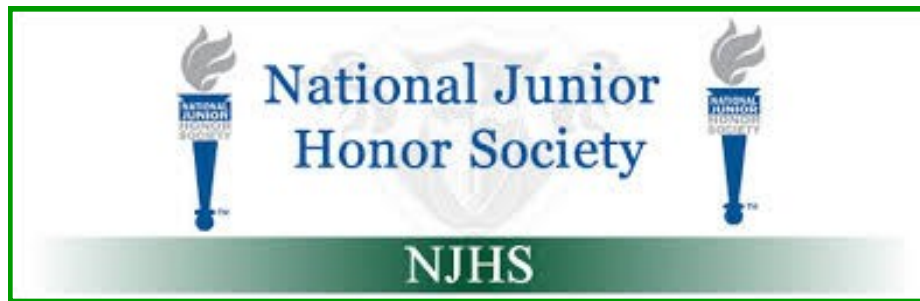
Medications

All medications administered at school must have a signed "[Medication Form](#)" on file in the nurse's office. Prescription medicine by physician and/or over-the-counter medicine by a parent must be in the original container with the child's name on the bottle or package. In addition to the required form, herbal supplements are considered medications and need written instructions signed by a physician prior to administration. The medication form can be picked up in the main office or you can go to the Clark website and print it online.

The medication can be brought as early as August 12 or on the first student day.



All 6th graders need a second varicella (chicken pox), meningitis, and Tdap vaccine before they start the 2018-2019 school year. The immunizations can be turned into the nurse's office as early as August 12 or on the first student day.



Applications for new members will be given to students who have qualified to be a part of the National Junior Honor Society early second semester. Students in the 7th and 8th grade who have a cumulative grade point average of a 3.33 will be receiving applications. In order to become a member of the Clark chapter of the National Junior Honor Society, members must complete the application and then be selected by a faculty committee. Just getting the application does not guarantee membership. **Students must have at least two in-school and two out-of-school activities** and answer an essay. The following are examples of activities: Jazz Band, Swing Choir, ISSMA, Chess Club, Friendship Club, Science Olympiad, Academic Superbowl, Dance, Cheer, Sports, Winter Guard, Theatre, Church Youth Group, Religious Classes, Club Sports, etc. You must be in an activity for at least one semester or a full athletic season for an activity to count. The following activities **DO NOT count**: any classes (band, peer mentoring, etc.), babysitting, pet sitting, bake sales or other one-day fundraisers, races/color runs etc. Any questions about what is considered an in-school activity can be answered by checking the agenda book for school activities or contacting Mrs. Giannini at Clark.

For information on Immunizations and medical forms, check Health services listed under the "About LCSC" drop down menu.

Lake Central Middle School Physical Night



For: Clark, Grimmer, and Kahler Middle School Athletic Programs

Date: Tuesday, August 7th, 2018

Where: Grimmer Middle School Cafeteria/ Nurse's Office

Time: 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Doctor's Group: Great Lakes Orthopedics and Sports Medicine

Cost: \$25.00 – make checks payable to your athlete's school or cash is accepted

Reminder: Family Id online registration complete for your athlete's white card.



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\$35* Sports & Camp Physicals



To be valid for next school year, the IHSAA physical examination must be performed on or after April 1 by a physician holding an unlimited license to practice medicine (IHSAA By-Laws Rule 3-10). Please contact one of the locations below to schedule an appointment with a physician.

CROWN POINT, IN

12800 Mississippi Pkwy.
Pavilion A, Suite A 204
(219) 662-5500

HAMMOND, IN

5500 Hohman Ave.,
Suite 1D
(219) 852-2472

MICHIGAN CITY, IN

4111 S. Franklin St.
(219) 879-5400

MUNSTER, IN

(At Franciscan Hammond Clinic)
7905 Calumet Ave.
(219) 836-4690

PORTAGE, IN

Port of Indiana Admin. Building
6615 S. Boundary Rd.
(219) 787-8662

PORTAGE, IN

3325 Willowcreek Rd.
(219) 764-8439

RENSSELAER, IN

919 E. Grace St.
(219) 866-0411

VALPARAISO

2590 W. Morthland Dr.
Suite 1 (US Route 30)
(219) 464-7073

*Additional charges may apply for requested services such as drug testing, which is not included in price.



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First Teacher Day—August 13, 2018
Students—August 14, 2018

Students—May 24, 2019
Teachers—May 28, 2019

FIRST SEMESTER: August 14, 2018 to December 21, 2018

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

1st Grading Period—August 14, 2018 to October 15, 2018 (44 days)

2nd Grading Period—October 16, 2018 to December 21, 2018 (45 days)

SECOND SEMESTER: January 8, 2019 to May 24, 2019

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

3rd Grading Period—January 8, 2019 to March 13, 2019 (45 days)

4th Grading Period—March 14, 2019 to May 24, 2019 (46 days)

SCHOOL CLOSING DATES:

September 3rd.....Labor Day

October 25th thru October 26th..... Fall Break Day

November 22nd thru November 23rd.....Thanksgiving Break

December 24th thru January 7th Winter Break

(Students return January 8, 2019)

January 21st.....Martin Luther King

February 18th.....President's Day

March 25th thru March 29th.....Spring Break

April 19th Easter Break

*Any day cancelled due to weather or other emergencies must be made up at the end of the school year. Please plan for the possibility of the school year extending beyond May 24, 2019.

Records Days 1/7/19 (Students—No School)

8th GRADE CELEBRATION—TBD

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT—June 2, 2019

SUMMER SCHOOL—2019 (No School July 4, 2019)

Elementary: TBD

Elementary: TBD
 Middle School: TBD
 High School: TBD

FINAL 9/27/17

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