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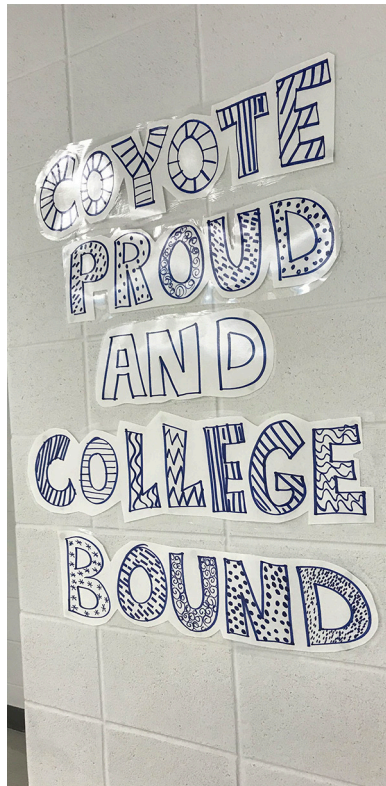
Welcome to Clark Middle School and home of the Coyotes! As principal, I am pleased to say that we are off to an excellent start this school year. I am extremely happy with the behavior and overall positive attitudes that I have seen so far from the student body. Keep it up!

Parents, please make sure to check the school website daily for important announcements. The daily announcements are where you will find information about tryouts for sports, club and group meetings, as well as general happenings around CMS. CMS has a lot of things going on daily, so please be an integral part of our school family.

During the first week of school, the administrative team met with all of the students in the LGI. The purpose of the meetings was to go over expectations for the school year, discuss bullying vs. being picked on, positive approaches to discipline, end of year events, Coyote Coins for positive behavior, requirements for National Junior

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Welcome to the 2018 - 2019 school year!



Coyotes Go Collegiate!

This year our school theme is Coyotes Go Collegiate. The theme is implemented to inspire students to start thinking about college and post-secondary plans.



Mrs. Erica Churilla and Mrs. Karen Bowman

A Note from the Guidance Department

The Clark MS guidance department has been busy welcoming new students to Clark and hosting the "New Student Breakfast" for all who have recently moved to the Clark district this school year. The event took place during first hour on Sept. 6th.

In mid-September, the counselors will meet with all fifth graders to discuss bullying issues and offer strategies to combat and stop bullying amongst peers. At the end of September, a variety of College and Career readiness activities for all students will take place during homeroom. The information presented will align with Indiana's College Go Week. The various activities and informational videos are designed to assist all students as they begin thinking about their future goals, plans and career choices.



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Honor Society, as well as upcoming state mandated tests and the I-Ready program. Students did a great job in the meetings.

Our first PTO meeting will take place on September 12 at 1:00 p.m. At this meeting, we are looking for parents to help out and become officers. The PTO is a vital part of the school and we need your help.

If you have any problems or concerns, please feel free to contact me at CMS. If you have a concern with your child's grades, etc. please contact your child's teacher first as they have the updated information pertaining to classroom issues and/or grades.

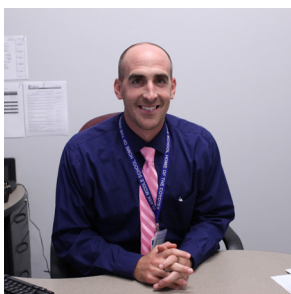
Looking forward to working with you closely this year.

Meet the New Office Staff



Emily Brink
Secretary

"[My] daily duties include monitoring and logging attendance records, writing passes for kids who are leaving early, answering phone calls [and] basic office management. I love it. I love the environment. I love the office here and I love being in the education system. I feel very welcomed. It's been a very smooth transition, very supportive staff, and I haven't had any issues."



Ryan Stablein
Dean of Students

"This is my second year working for Lake Central. I've worked at Griffith and Andrean. I've taught everything from high school, middle school social studies [and] english. I worked in the alternative program, and then I came here last year and taught seventh and eighth grade English at Clark. I finished up my administrative internship at Homan and got this job at the end of June. I'm at Peifer and Clark, Peifer two days a week, Clark three days a week, and my responsibilities include anything from attendance issues to discipline, supervision whether it's a sport, club [or] play, and then I also work with some interventions for kids who are struggling at both schools. [I'm looking forward to] getting to know more kids. I'm looking forward to getting to work with the younger kids especially. I feel like each building has something different to offer. I think there is a uniqueness to each building. I like the sports aspect [here]. I like some of the extracurricular events that go on, so I'm looking forward to a lot of things that both schools have to offer."



Brett St. Germain
Athletic Director

"I was actually the Assistant Athletic Director at the high school for six years, but this is the first year assuming this position at Clark. At the high school, I was the assistant, so here as the AD, I'm in charge of more things. [I'm looking forward to being] hands-on more [with] some of things, getting to know the coaches and getting to know the kids."



Maria Raichle
Head Secretary

"This is my first year at this job. I was [a secretary] for the year before this. Luckily, I had about five months of training from Mrs. Furman who had this job for ten years, so because I worked right next to her, I was able to have training sessions whenever situations came up. I've been at Clark since 2010. I was in ELL, then I was in RTI, and then I moved [to secretary] and now I'm here. I've known the staff and the people. I'm always up for new challenges. So far it's been a smooth transition, but just ensuring that everything goes smoothly for this school year [is what I'm looking forward to]."