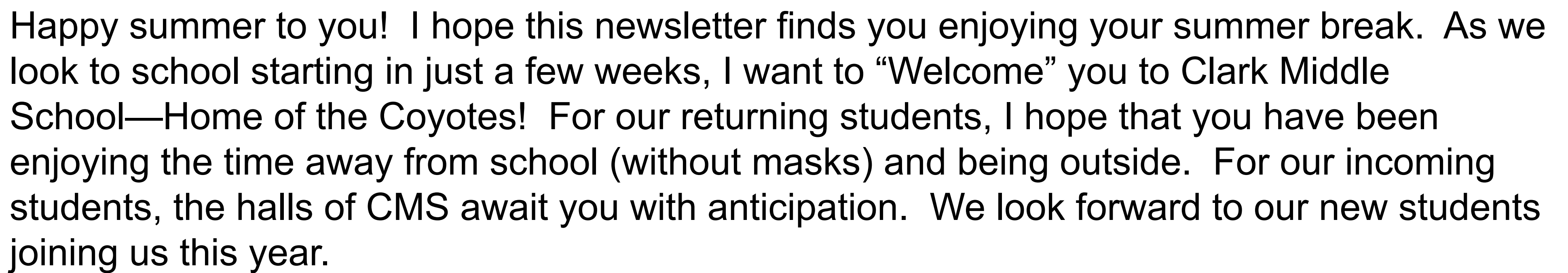




Clark Middle School Summer Newsletter 2022



CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



As we embark on a new year, I am confident that you will see your child challenged this year. One of the concerns that I face as principal is parents waiting to reach out to the staff or me if there is an issue. Please do not wait...if there is a problem or concern, please reach out to the teacher first, and then follow up with an administrator. Many times, I hear the following statement from parents... “Oh, well, I didn’t want to bother you because I know you are busy.” Trust me, I would rather work with you to solve the problem than find out after an issue has been going on for several weeks. Feel free to contact your child’s teachers, guidance counselor, or one of the administrators—we are here for you.

Students will have access again this year to a chromebook. Students will be able to bring it home nightly but please make sure that, as a parent, you monitor what they are doing. Students will need to make sure that their chromebook is charged and ready for the next day at school as well as bringing their charger back and forth with them daily. The use of the chromebook is for EDUCATIONAL purposes only. In addition, if a child damages their chromebook, i.e. breaking the screen, missing keys, writing or drawing on them, losing them, or breaking another student's chromebook, they will be charged. Student are reminded to not share their assigned chromebooks with other students. Please encourage your child to be responsible for this educational device.

Cell phones are an excellent way of communicating or obtaining information; however, in the middle school, we ask that students do NOT bring them to school. If there is an emergency, one of the administrative staff will contact you with our Alert Now messaging system. Over the past years, we have found that students do not understand the dangers of being on a device, especially if they use certain apps such as Instagram, TikTok, YouTube, Snapchat, Discord, etc. As principal, if your child is involved in inappropriate activities with a cell phone and another student outside of school, the parents have the right to contact the police department and file a report. In regard to the school standpoint, the administration will be involved if the issue is affecting the educational welfare of the CMS students. In addition, our School Resource Officer, Officer Nick Stamate, will assist if necessary. So, in summary, please have your child leave their cell phone at home this year.

Backpacks are a great way for students to carry their belongings, but this year, backpacks will need to be kept in the student's locker. Students have 5 minutes to get to each class period, which is plenty of time. The expectation for ALL students is that they should be in their assigned classroom prior to the bell sounding.

Clear water bottles will be allowed this fall. In addition, students will be able to use the water fountains as needed.

Medical information.... if your child has specific doctor's orders, please make sure that we have an updated copy of the orders PRIOR to the school starting. If the doctor does NOT specify an order to be done at school, legally, we cannot give treatment or honor a parent's request.

SKYWARD REGISTRATION info...Parents...please make sure to fill out the enrollment/registration forms in its entirety. Emergency contacts need be to be updated with accurate phone numbers in case your child needs to be picked up due to a health or disciplinary issue. If the person's name is not listed as a contact, we cannot release your child to them. Also, please provide updated court documents if there is a divorce or restraining order so that we can provide the best safety for your child.

The open building date for students to come to school and check out their lockers, walk the building, meet the office staff, go through their daily schedule is listed below. If you do not have access to print out your schedule prior to coming to CMS for the open building dates, please feel free to stop by the main office and obtain a copy!

August 4th from 10:00am until 6:00pm

On August 4th, the office staff, nurses, counselors and administrators will be available to assist you with any questions, drop off medications, talk with staff, and answer any question that you might have regarding Clark Middle School. Also, our Athletic Director, Mrs. Lori Smith, will be available on August 4th for parents and/or students that have questions about our athletic program.

Open House is scheduled for August 18th beginning at 6:00. You will rotate through your child's classes every 10 minutes. The purpose of Open House is for you to meet the staff and have them go over the expectations for this school year. Parking will be available on the north and south sides of the school. Please try and be on time—if you are late, you will miss pertinent information from your child's teachers about the upcoming year. If possible, we ask that your child remain at home; however, if you need to bring them with you to the Open House, please have them remain with you during the evening.

School pictures are also scheduled for August 18th during the school day.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!!! Go Coyotes!

Mr. Graber, Principal



Communication is the key for success so if you need to contact one of the administration or counselors, please use the following extensions:

Mr. Graber, Principal, ext. 7104

Mrs. Beach, Asst. Principal, ext. 7103

Mr. Stablein, Asst. Principal, ext. 7105

Mrs. Churilla, Counselor -----Last names "A-Har" ext. 7106

Ms. Vail, Counselor -----Last names "Has-Pin" ext. 7106

Mr. Biscan, Counselor -----Last names "Pio-Z" ext. 7112



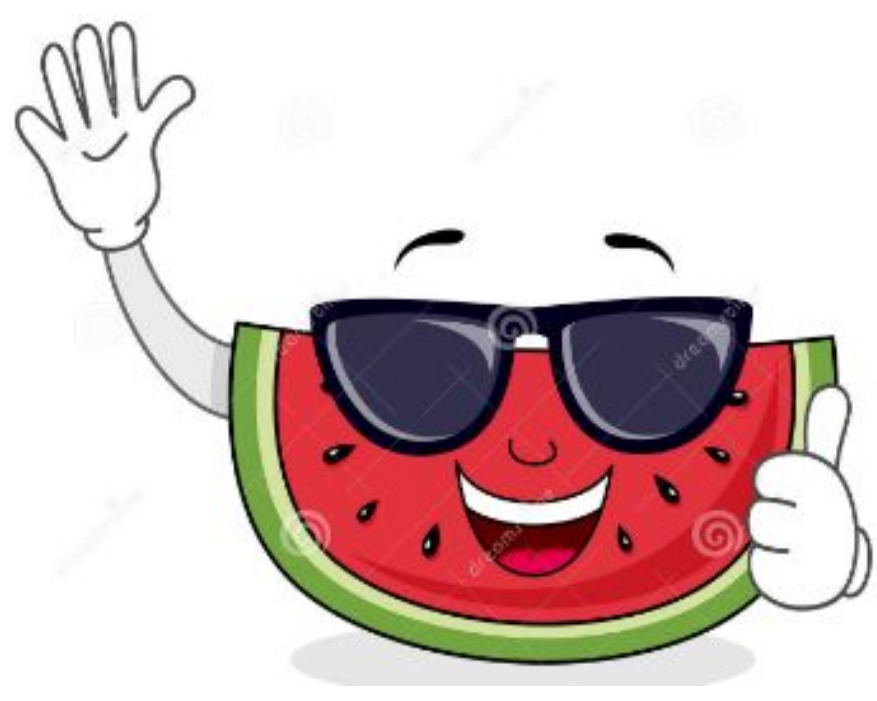
Clark Athletics

For the 2022-23 school year we are changing from FamilyID to [Final Forms](#). You can find the link to register on the Clark Athletics website. After a parent/guardian registers, students need to log into Final Forms (using their school email) and complete part of the registration. [IHSAA physical forms](#) can be turned into Mrs. Smith or uploaded into the "files" in Final Forms prior to tryouts/season starting. Reminder that all physicals for the 2022-2023 school year need to be dated 4/1/2022 or after. If you are having a hard time scheduling a physical exam with your child's physician, you can go to any Midwest Express Clinic or CVS Minute Clinic for a physical exam. Please make sure to take proper forms with you. We are hoping to have a Middle School Physical Night in the beginning of August also.

Fall Sports 2022-2023

Cross County: Any 6th, 7th, or 8th grader can participate in cross country. Optional preconditioning will take place August 2nd, 3rd and 4th from 9-10 a.m. Bring a water bottle. Physical must be turned in during the first week of school. Meet at door J. Questions: please contact Coach Cooper(kcooper@lcscmai.com) or Coach Grimler(bgrimler@lcscmail.com)

Football: Any 7th or 8th grader interested in participating in Football; the first day of practice is Monday August 8th from 3:45-5:55 at Clark Questions: please contact Coach Putman at: jputman@lcscmail.com



BACK TO SCHOOL FAQ'S



Q: Where can I find the school supply list?

A: The Clark website: <https://clark.lcsc.us/> and also at the end of the newsletter.

Q: Will my child be able to carry a backpack to all classes?

A: No, this year, backpacks will remain in the students locker.

Q: Will my child have access to a water fountain this year?

A: Yes, water fountains will be open this year.

Q: Can my child bring a water bottle to school?

A: Yes, clear bottles will be acceptable.

Q: Is there a place where I can find Clark announcements?

A: Yes, daily announcements can be found on the Clark website: <https://clark.lcsc.us/>

Q: When is the first day of school?

A: August 11th

Q: When will the building be open so my child can walk the school and set up their locker?

A: August 4th from 10 AM - 6 PM

Q: When are school pictures going to be taken?

A: August 18th during the school day.

Q: When is Open House night?

A: August 18th at 6:00 PM

Q: What day does the office open?

A: Wednesday, July 27th

Q: What time does Clark begin and end school?

A: 8:47 AM - 3:40 PM

Over the next few weeks, please check out the school website for additional information regarding back to school information. The supply list is posted on the announcement page as well.

For daily announcements during the school year and additional school information, visit us at: <https://clark.lcsc.us/>

Clark Middle School – St. John, IN

School Year 2022-23

Note: Some teachers may send out an additional list of items specific to their classes.
ALL STUDENTS NEED A SET OF EARBUDS FOR CHROMEBOOKS

5th Grade Supply List

ruler (centimeters and inches)
(1) 3-ring pencil pouch
(no hard boxes)
1 package red pens
1 pack wide-ruled, loose-leaf
paper
1 glue stick
student scissors
1 pack sharpened #2 pencils

12 pack colored pencils
4 pack highlighters
1 pack Post-It notes
1 Pink Pearl eraser
1 package index cards
1.5-inch binder with clear view
cover

(5) 3-ring two-pocket folders
(red, blue, green, yellow,
black)
zippable chromebook sleeve
or case
1 pack Expo markers

The following will be collected by homeroom teachers:

1 box of tissue
1 box quart or gallon size
plastic bags

6th, 7th & 8th Grade

2 three-ring binders (1 inch)
2 college-ruled composition notebooks
1 highlighter
3 single-subject spiral notebooks
4 two-pocket folders
1 package loose leaf paper
1 box of 12 colored pencils
1 package of black or blue pens
1 package of red pens
1 package markers (not dry erase)
1 eraser

1 package of 3 x 5 ruled index cards
#2 pencils (mechanical are acceptable)
1 glue stick

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