

# CLARK



# NOVEMBER



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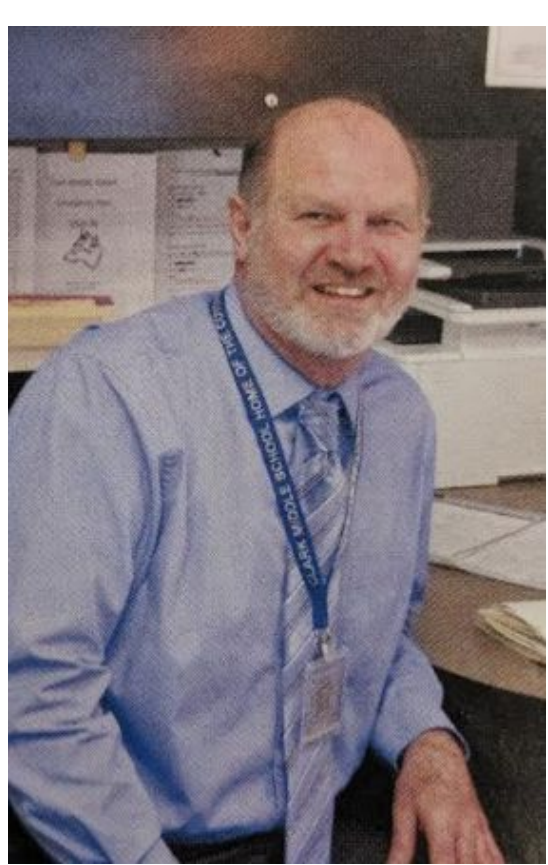


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A MESSAGE FROM

*Mr. Graber*

CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



Happy November! What a busy month—It's Fall and the seasons are changing. Before long... winter. With that in mind, do you have a plan for the winter time in regard to child care? What if school is cancelled or there is a delay? Please take some time and make sure that your child(ren) know what to do in case of an emergency at school.

Thanks to the PTO for helping out with our Social Media presentation. I believe we had close to 75 participants that attended and received a lot of scary but pertinent information from the guest speakers in regard to cell phones, sexual exploitation of students, different social media websites, vaults, etc. Please check out the information that was sent to you via Alert Now messaging system or check the CMS website for the resources.

How did your child do for the first nine-week period? If you do not know, please check Skyward. Report cards were available on October 20th . If you have a concern about your child's grades, please reach out to their teacher and/or guidance counselor. A conference can be scheduled if deemed necessary. Again, communication is critical at the middle school level---unfortunately, the students may not always share with you what is happening.

Best Buddies—yes, it's happening. CMS is proud to announce that we have been officially accepted as a Best Buddies Chapter. It's listed under Hal E. Clark Middle School. The purpose of BB is to establish a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. At this point, the following staff members are advisors for the CMS Chapter: Mrs. Megan Adams, Mrs. Rebecca Maniel, Mrs. Sidney Hudi, Ms. Beth Szymaszek, Mrs. Shannon Mesko, Mr. Mike Brander and Mr. Graber. If you have any questions about BB, please feel free to reach out. WE can't wait to get started with our new club and begin making life- long friendships. As with all clubs, if you would like to make a donation to help us get up and running, that would be AWESOME! We are hoping to have our first meeting in November with our Best Buddies. To sign up for Best Buddies, please go to the following site [Bestbuddies.org/join](https://bestbuddies.org/join) and complete the membership application. The school name is Hal E. Clark Middle School in St. John. All students that want to be a part of the Best Buddies program need to complete the membership application. Again, we are looking for students with intellectual disabilities as well as those students who want to help and become a buddy with our CMS students.

Our annual Veterans' Day program will take place on Thursday, November 9. Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:00-9:00 with our program from 9:15-10:30. CMS appreciates our Veterans and look forward to recognizing them each year. For more info, please check out the newsletter or contact Mr. Stablein, Asst. Principal.

Dress code....as the weather starts to change, please make sure that your child is following the dress code. With winter approaching, all students should be wearing shoes to school...not flip flops. Yes, we have students that are still wearing shorts and flip flops...All students should be following the dress code as outlined and approved by the School Board. For more info, please check the agenda book.

The 8th grade students took the PSAT on October 11. Once the results are available, I will let you know how you can access your child's scores. Additionally, the administrative staff will go over the scores with your child here at CMS.

Until next month, be safe.  
Mr. Graber



# Mrs. Beach, Assistant Principal

Clark Families,

We are starting the winter season with some exciting things here at Clark. Our boys basketball and wrestling seasons are about to begin. Our dance team will compete in the LCMS Invitational on December 16 here at Clark. Schedules for athletic events can be found on our website. Please come out and cheer the kids on!

Is your child missing a item? Please have them check the lost and found table. The table will be emptied and items discarded at the end of the semester.

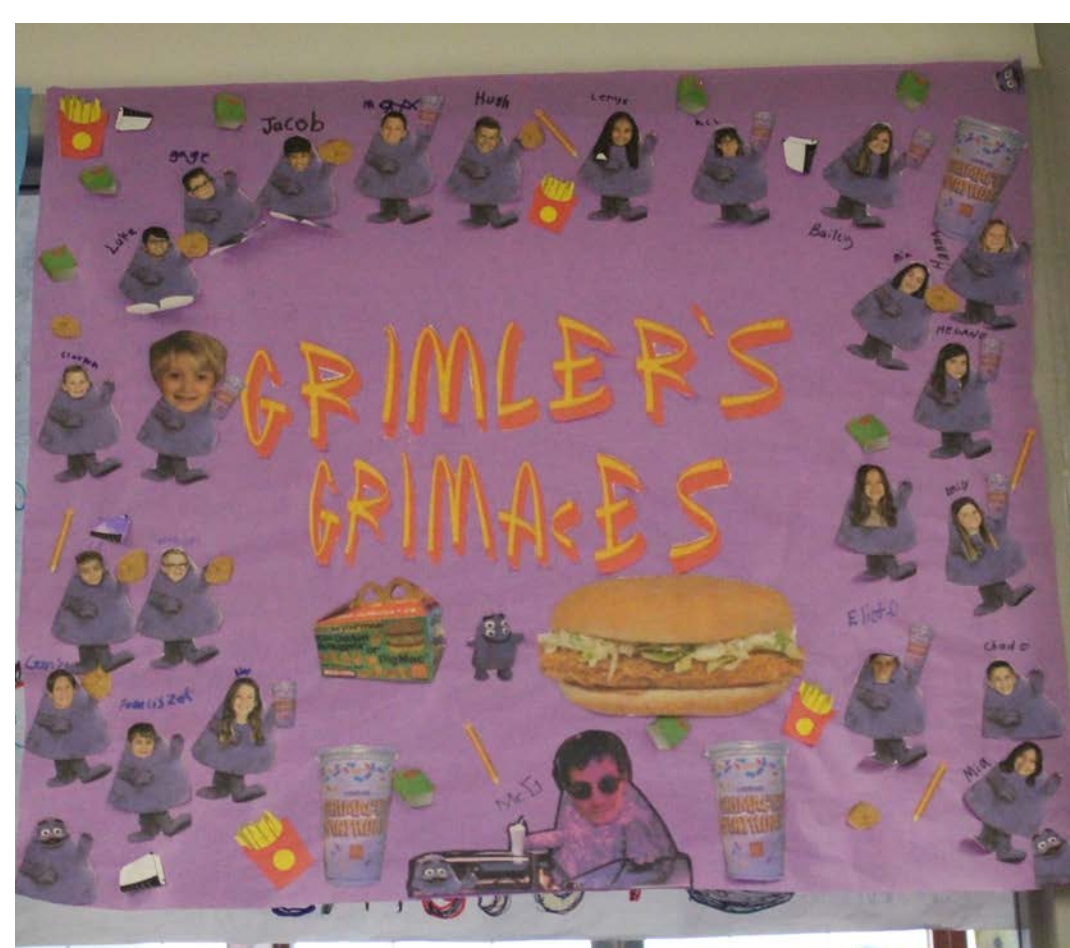
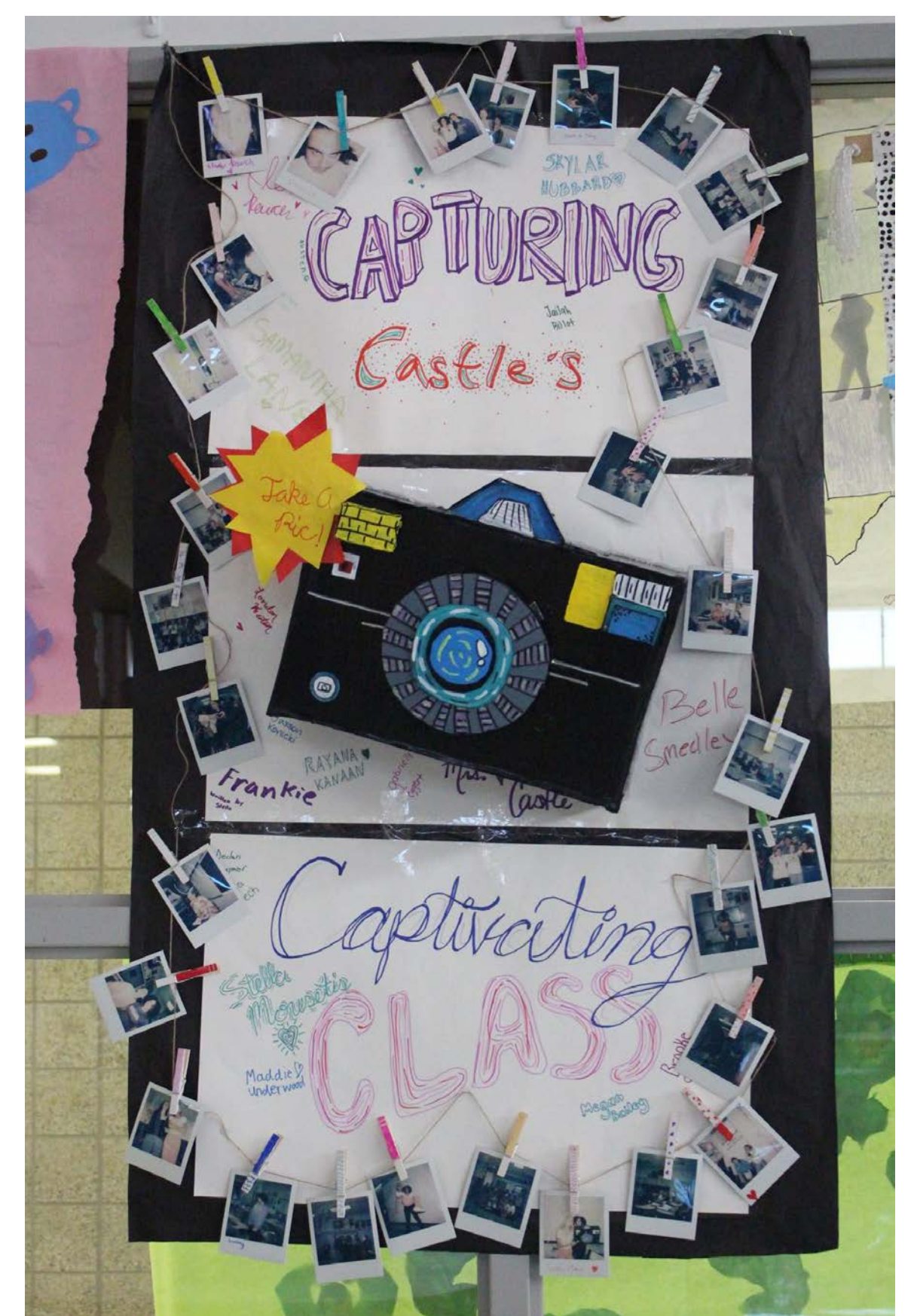
Clark advisories love friendly competition and we can tell! Advisory banners below were designed as part of a class project and displayed in the cafe. Winners included the following classes:

Mrs. Mesko \* Mr. Grimler \* Mrs. Hart \* Mrs. Castle \* Ms. Chandler \* Mrs. Adams \* and Mrs. Maniel. Art work was creative, student driven, and fun! Congratulations to all the classes!

Don't forget that tutoring is available for all students on Tuesdays/Thursdays from 8:00-8:30 am. Students can be dropped off at Door J.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Beach







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Last names (A-Har)



Ms. Vail  
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Last names (Poi-Z)

## Naviance lessons

Naviance is a digital career and college readiness platform. Lake Central uses this platform to connect academic achievement to post-secondary goals and success. Each student in grades 7-12 has access to their Naviance account through Clever. Students can use Naviance to explore college, career, and other post-secondary options.

The counselors went into 8th grade Digital Citizenship classes to present career exploration lessons through Naviance in October. The Digital Citizenship classes use this information to complete a career project. The activities performed in Naviance included exploring careers through [Roadtrip Nation](#) and completing a Career Clusters Assessment in order to explore careers through the 16 common [Career Clusters](#), or groups of related types of work.

We will also be meeting with 7th grade Digital Citizenship classes in early November, when we will talk about learning styles and searching for careers based on personality types. We complete a Learning and Productivity survey with students to find out the ideal learning environment to set up for studying at home. Students then have the option of three different ways to explore careers based on their interests.

## Personal Safety

The counselors will be meeting with 5th grade students in mid-November to present a personal safety lesson. The State of Indiana requires school districts to provide annual personal safety education to students in grades K-12. The goal of this law is to help children better recognize appropriate vs. inappropriate behaviors and use their critical thinking skills to make safe and healthy choices. All other grades will also participate in a personal safety presentation in the month of December.

## The Role of the School Counselor

If you would like to better understand our role as counselors in the school, please check out this digital presentation: [Role of a School Counselor](#)



# Clark Volleyball 2023 7th Grade



The 7th grade Clark volleyball team has come a long way this season. They have shown amazing growth and their knowledge of the game has increased each and every match. They went 2-5 in the conference this season. They played a tough first match in the conference against Highland and lost in 3 sets. We are proud of their growth and dedication to the game this season. Way to go ladies!

Madison Alexander  
Sonia Andresen  
Ivy Belicek  
Daziah Johnson  
Megan Karl  
Clarisse McCaw  
Brylee Mynes  
Addison Osika  
Natalie Schneider  
Juniper Simmons  
Sophia Truong  
Addison Usher





# Clark Volleyball 2023



## 8th Grade

The 8th grade volleyball team had a great season and ended the regular season 6-1 in the conference. All players fought hard throughout the season and showed great improvement. Going into the conference tournament Clark was ranked number 2 and made it all the way to the final match. Unfortunately they ended up losing to Kahler in the championship. Players from Clark's team and Kahler's team were excited that they will be joining forces next year! Good luck future Indians!

Megan Bailey  
Jailah Billot  
Delaney Condit  
Olivia Daliege  
Kaylie Folgers  
Kenley Lulich  
Kendall Luchene  
Lola Olejnik  
Brooke Sarcinella  
Lexi Smith  
Soleil Snyder  
Alina Williams







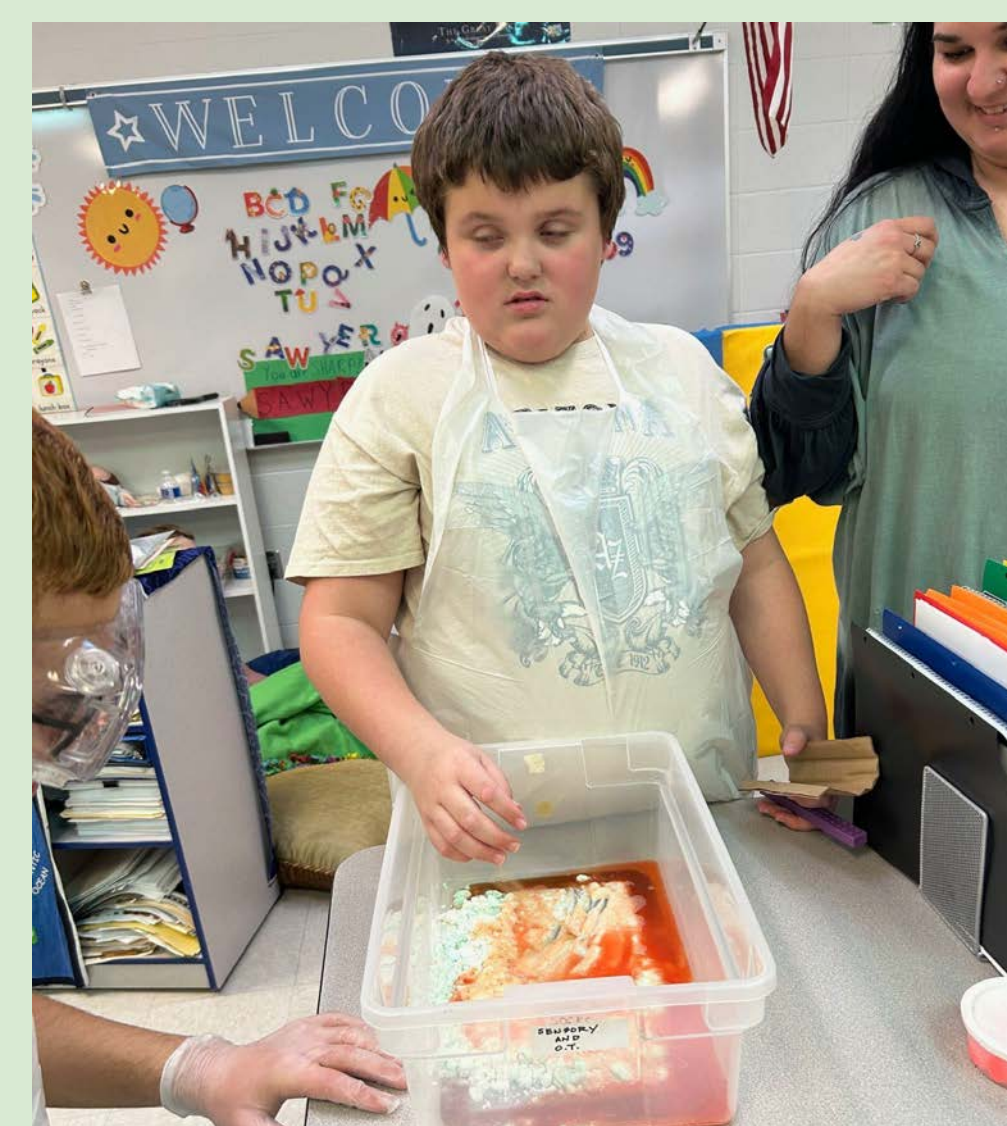
# A MURDER MYSTERY DINNER



Project Lit hosted another successful and entertaining “Murder Mystery Dinner”. Project Lit members participated in a true mystery dinner where no one knew who the real culprit was!



What happens when you mix vinegar, food coloring, and baking soda? Ms. Chandler's Applied Skills classes found out!







# Lake Central School Corporation Special Education Parent Advisory Committee LCSC-SEPAC



## What Is a SEPAC?

Parent participation is one of the six components of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). A Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) is a collaboration between the school district and parents to identify unmet needs, celebrate victories, and help shape the development of programs, services, and policies.

The mission of the LCSC-SEPAC is to facilitate collaboration and communication between students, parents/guardians, staff, and administration to promote inclusion, understanding of, respect for, and supports for all children in need of special services in our community.

The LCSC-SEPAC is an all-volunteer organization that works to collaboratively engage interested parties and deliver appropriate services to students with IEPs and 504 plans through advice and resources and working WITH the school corporation to enact change and improve the quality of district-wide services, policies, programs, and practices.

## What We Do:

- Empower parents/guardians to help their children grow within our schools and communities
- Provide a forum for parents to ask questions, get answers, and discuss concerns collaboratively with the school district
- Meet regularly with district administrators to discuss general education and special services, policies, and programs.

## BENEFITS:

- **Outreach** – engage families of students with disabilities so they are involved in shaping local special education programs and collaborative efforts with the school corporation
- **Positive Relationships** – parents and school corporation establish shared goals for the benefit of students with disabilities in the corporation
- **Collaborative Problem Solving** – the LCSC SEPAC thrives on team spirit and team action – different perspectives and collaboration towards a common mission – improve outcomes for ALL students receiving special education services and support
- **System Change Based on Input** – parents have a positive input and resource to advise school leaders on unmet needs
- **Information Sharing** – provide an opportunity for districts to share information with parents about instructional programs, available supports, and other matters related to special education
- **Deepened Respect and Trust** – overtime, parents and school corporations working together builds trust
- **Improved Services and Programs**

## What We are NOT:

- An advocacy group – we do not focus on individual needs but rather a systemic approach to issues affecting all of our students
- A Special Education PTO – we do not plan activities or fundraisers
- We do not decide policy or have formal authority to issue directives

## We Need YOU!

This is a process overtime, not overnight. We need your input to facilitate the change that matters for our kids. Let us know if you are interested in email information about issues and events or serving as a representative for your school

Please complete the survey (QR Code or link available on the LCSC website under Departments – Special Education/504

Email: [lcsc.sepac@gmail.com](mailto:lcsc.sepac@gmail.com)

Facebook: Email for access to private group



SCAN ME

Please join us for the next SEPAC meeting on January 24, 2024 @ 9:00AM. Meeting will be held in the Kay Trapp room at LCHS.





# Frequently Asked Questions

## *Best Buddies Friendship Chapters*

### **Q: What is Best Buddies?**

**A:** Best Buddies is a non-profit organization established in 1989 by Anthony Kennedy Shriver. The mission of Best Buddies is to establish a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In friendship programs, Best Buddies operates as a student-led chapter or club, which creates buddy pairs between individuals with and without disabilities. At the middle and high school level, these buddy pair matches are made between students from within the same school. At the college level, chapters are partnered with an area disability service provider (called a host site), in order to pair students in friendships with community members with IDD. Best Buddies helps to create an inclusive community for people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities by providing opportunities for inclusive friendships



### **Q: If I join Best Buddies, what does that mean?**

**A:** By joining Best Buddies, you will become part of a growing movement of people with and without disabilities, dedicated to ensuring everyone has the opportunity to have a friend. You will be invited to monthly group activities planned by the chapter leadership team. This could include anything from an ice cream party to a Zoom meeting game night! Each chapter determines their own activities based on availability/interests of the members, and activities! Most importantly, you will be "matched" in a one-to-one friendship with another chapter member.

### **Q: What will happen when I am "matched" in a buddy pair?**

**A:** You and your buddy will make a commitment to build your friendship as a buddy pair for at least one academic year. You will contact one another at least 1x/week by talking in school, by phone, text, email, or even snail mail. Buddy pairs will also spend time together individually at least 2x per month—virtual options could be Facetiming, playing an online game together, or chatting on the phone. The purpose of Best Buddies is to foster genuine friendships.

### **Q: Who provides support for the buddy pairs?**

**A:** Best Buddies program staff, student leaders, and chapter advisors work together to provide the support and information needed to facilitate strong and lasting relationships.

### **Q: Does it cost anything to join Best Buddies?**

**A:** There is no fee to any individual joining Best Buddies. Best Buddies is a nonprofit organization that receives funding through grants, donations, and fundraisers. Your individual chapter may choose to fundraise for group activities or may receive school funding. However, just like any other friendship, if the buddy pairs decide to get together outside of school, each student is responsible for his/her own spending money and transportation.

### **Q: How do I join Best Buddies?**

**A:** It's simple! Just visit [bestbuddiesonline.org/join-a-friendship](https://bestbuddiesonline.org/join-a-friendship) to complete the membership application. (Participants who have a legal guardian also need parent/guardian consent.) Once the application is submitted, we will work to match you with a buddy!

**By joining Best Buddies, you are becoming a leader in a global volunteer movement that advocates and promotes friendships and inclusion for everyone. You have the ability to be a leader and friend who empowers others (and has fun at the same time)! We would love to have you be part of Best Buddies—ask your school's Best Buddies chapter advisor today how you can get involved!!**

A student informational meeting will take place on November 1 during the advisory period.



# Student of the Month



Congratulations to the following students for being selected as a October student of the month! Students are selected based on being prepared, respectful, showing discipline, integrity, and engagement.

Isaiah Hall Audrey Byrne Anthony (AJ) Masen Eliana Thompson Fitz Pierre-Louis Emilia Krupa Emily Solorio Dylan Fridrich	Mason Deem Luca Storino Jordan Killeen Alana Tipton Leighton Bolden Alejandro Gonzalez Janelle Rokita	Austin French Hadleigh Smith Roberto Rodriguez Alexandra Cabrales	Corrine O'Connell Alyssa Stosich Ava DeNormandie Armaita Manhani Matthew Smith Ethan Fridrich Trevor Walsh Emmett Vartabedian
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# CLARK STAFF *Birthday's*

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**Megan Adams**

**Sandy Morgan**

**Angela Bartolomeo**

**Lisa Chmurynsky**

**Tracy Chandler**

**Sylvia Garcia**

**Kelly Hempenius**

**Alina Carli**

**Laurie Rosine**

**Lisa Williams**

**Maria Raichle**

**Bonnie Gruver**





# STUDENT Birthdays

**Clark Middle School would like to wish the following students a very Happy November Birthday!**

Dru Barkauskas  
Austen Germeraad  
Grace Johnson  
William Brach  
Philip Hupke  
Leo Keelan  
Matthew Levinson  
Aiden Lopez  
Jacob Giegerich  
Erica Outlaw-Lowe  
Carter Pinto  
Kaden Puskarich  
Abigail Urbanczyk  
Noah Yamat  
Juliette Lawrence  
Zelda Mason  
Nolan Moser  
Mia Merritt  
Cameron Carthron  
Glenn Gervais  
Declan Montalbano  
Anthony Rico  
Collin Wood  
Tyler Rybicki  
Coleton Sullivan  
Reagan Cox

Leonardo Rodriguez  
Ella Burk  
Sara Busha  
Emerson Carl  
Xavier Garcia  
Caleb Gurley  
Cruz Orueta  
Jack Rybicki  
Sadie Haartman  
Emilee Habas  
Trysten Doffin  
Damien Beavers  
Sophia Bennett  
Noach Carson  
Ava McQuillan  
Ava Simpson  
Morgan Dominik  
Brianna Jacobs  
Megan Russell  
Stephanie Davis  
Jase Fuller  
Salvador Rinella  
Brody Sideris  
Roxann Martinez  
Mariah Woods  
Courtney Hajduk  
Londyn Malloy

Samantha Elmore  
Aidan Glista  
Ke'mari Goss  
Alexander Zarlengo  
Dylan Berger  
Sitota Hunt  
Brody Smith  
Macy McDonald  
Stefan Vukas  
Adam Musleh  
Vivian Polusky  
Gavin Guillory  
Logan Frechette  
Lily Schriener  
Maxwell Hall  
Cody Travis  
Noah Darnell  
Gianna Pogorzelski  
Maeve Vartabedian  
Nikola Sparavalo  
Brady Alexander  
A'mia Hill  
Viviana Repasi  
Addison Osika  
Ashley Powell  
Juniper Simmons





Clark Middle School would like to  
recognize the following students on  
having *PERFECT ATTENDANCE* in  
the month of October!!

<p>Jace Ahrens Brynley Alexander Camila Alvear Uthman Alzeer Lacey Bailey Samantha Bandyk Kailey Barbosa Jordan Barkowski Isaiah Barnes Brooklyn Barrett A'Vion Bates Miranda Bates Damien Beavers Ivy Belicek Natalia Bernal Brielle Bishton Jackson Bogacki William Brach Ella Brandon Brayden Burger Ella Burk Lucas Burnett Garrett Burwell Sydney Cahill Nasira Callaway Brady Carbon Emerson Carl Aaron Carlson Nathaniel Carney Jayden Carpenter-Mansfield Alexander Carr Claire Carson Noach Carson Dee Castle Leah Castle Adrian Catolin Mia Chambers Summer Chapman Aubree Chraca Robert Ciurkot Owen Clark Scarlett Cmejrek Elisabeth Colburn Delaney Condit Jazaris Conway Cameron Cook Natalia Cordova Isabella Cruz Noah Darnell Alaina DeBartolo Vincent DeLonjay Michael Denny II Ava DeNormandie Dominic DeNormandie Joseph DeSchepper Xavier Diaz Kayla DiFilippo Morgan Dominik William Dominik Bailey Donelson Brilynn Donelson Michael Dorneanu John Duke Sophia Dukes Connor Durkin</p>	<p>Ryan Durkin Maximus Eagan Gabrielle Eggert Jaely Ellis Nathan Ellis Andrea Escorza Joshua Failor Alexander Faris Audrey Fealey Cecilia Flores Kaylie Folgers Amir Fonville Emma Friesema Jase Fuller Aiden Garletts Blare Gatlin Bryce Gatlin Oliver Gehrt Jake Gerritsen Michael Gerritsen Kahle Gervais Eva Gonzalez Bentley Graber Emma Graber Sheri Grimler Maci Gross Carter Guillory Gavin Guillory Sadie Haartman Emilee Habas Jasen Habzansky Julene Haigh Gavin Hallett Gwendolyn Hankins Jonah Hardesty Iyauna Harris Jacob Hays Nevaeh Headley Lydia Heavilon Isabella Heusinkveld Alma Hijaz Aleah Hofkamp Caleb Hoogeveen Peyton Hoogeveen Griffin Hooker Quinn Hooker Skylar Hubbard Ava Hutton Beckham Hutton Abigail Innis Kate Isom Julian Jablonski Makkiyah Jackson-Bey Ryan Janik Jackson Jendreas Hozen Jiang Elizabeth Johnson Kensie Johnson Londyn Johnson Kieth Johnson Treasure Sasa Jokic Maxwell Jonas Benjamin Jongsma Rayana Kanaan Raymond Kappel IV Manreet Kaur</p>	<p>Frank Keelan Christopher Keith Jaxson Kerman Taylor Kerner Camille King Mateo Kluga Kyla Koedyker Adam Krol Lucy Kruit Gino Lale Kenley Lalich Lauren Lambert Camryn Lavery Juliette Lawrence Aubree Lee Isabelle Lenart Vivien Lenart Matthew Levinson Jordan Limoncu Christopher Lopez Lillian Lothian Kendall Luchene Aleksa Lukich Carter Lyon Armaita Manhani Zarall Manhani Morgan Manns Emilija Manojlovic Haralambos Manousopoulos Makeo Maragh Matthew Marchese Ava Marinkovich De'Andre Marteen JR Arianna Martinez Charlotte Martinez Roxann Martinez Brayden Matlon James Matlon Hunter Mazzucca Dior McMiller Ava McQuillan Cole Messmer Declan Messmer Raymond Mettert Julian Michalski Emily Mikula Adalyn Miller Maxim Mills Braden Mitchell Declan Montalbano Liam Moran Delilah Moreno Ava Morgan Avery Mrzlock David Muniz Sofia Munoz Adam Musleh Scarlett Myers Brylee Mynes Jackson Narakas Nicholas Narakas II John Nava III Alexa Neal Aubrey Neal Lukas Neese Sophie Neese</p>	<p>Lena Neth Benjamin Nguyen Hieu Nguyen Caden Niermeyer Gianna Olson Kylee Onik Noah Onik Jackson Orlick Paige Oszust Annabella Outlaw-Lowe Charlotte Parise Jack Parise Rachel Pasko Eliott Paul Jaydan Perez Mia Pervan Olivia Pervan Anne Peterson Sofia Petrozza Fitzi Pierre-Louis Owen Pieters Josephine Pietrzak Zoey Pigors Hayden Pinto Anthony Plascencia Emma Platopoulos Lauren Pompy Ashley Powell Anthony Prusko Abigail Puskarich Allison Ramirez Hailey Ramirez Salvador Rinella Hunter Robertson Alex Rodriguez Jayden Rodriguez Leonardo Rodriguez Roberto Rodriguez Janelle Rokita Gabriel Ruano Mya Ruff Harper Ruffner Megan Russell Jack Rybicki Tyler Rybicki Mo'ien Sahawneh Sidra Salah Matteo Salazar Adrian Sanchez Sophia Sanchez Brooke Sarcinella Joshua Sautter Kayla Scheuneman Harper Schilling Nolan Schilling Alaina Schmidt Aubree Schmidt Justin Schuck Max Schultz Noah Scott Colton Seale Christopher Seitzinger Jaxson Sessa Yousef Shatat Gabriella Sigrist Connor Silvas</p>	<p>Te'Lor Singleton Parker Sisk Connor Skiff Christopher Smith Conner Smith Hadleigh Smith Katelyn Smith Samantha Smith Vito Sochacki Emily Solorio Brody Soto Joshua Soto Addisyn Spencer Brady Stoming Luca Storino Rayfield Stringer IV Jayden Sufie Grace Sullivan Isla Sullivan Garrett Suroviak Lily Svetlin Nathan Swanson Derek Swing Ben Szafasz Jack Szafasz Andrew Szumski Ethan Tampuskas Chloe Tawlks Abdullah Taylor Robert Taylor JR Jaxon Thom Eliana Thompson Brooklyn Tobin Oscar Torres Elizabeth Toso Cody Travis Jayda Truitt Konstantinos Tsahas Zachary Tyburski Madeline Underwood Brittany Usher Cecilia Vela Emily Vigil Taylor Wagner Trevor Walsh Aidan Wells Alyx Wernersbach Maggie White Jeffrey Wisz John Wojtczak Ethen Wright Parker Wroughton Jonah Yannuzzi Michael Yunker Vanja Zakula Gia Zarlengo Evan Zilz Zachary Zimmerman Daniela Zych Neven Zych</p>
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# 8th Grade Signature Spirit Wear

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NOV 5TH, 2023  
ZERO EXCEPTIONS**

Child's Name :

Parent's Name :

Phone :

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☐ CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_



**TSHIRT**  
\$25



**LONG SLEEVE**  
\$30



**SWEATSHIRT**  
\$38



**HOODIE**  
\$45



**The back of the shirt will have  
8th grade signatures**



Description	Size	Unit Price	Cost

**Make Checks Payable to: CLARK PTO**

Total : \_\_\_\_\_

You can also order online:

<https://clarkmiddleschoolco2024.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

QUESTIONS Call Robin 219-746-7964



# PARENT INFO

## Spirit Wear Holiday Sale Info

The 2023 Holiday Sale is just around the corner! We will have new designs and product lines that will make great gifts for the entire family. All Holiday Sale orders are guaranteed to arrive by December 23rd!

Sale Dates: November 6th - December 8th

[1st Place Spiritwear](#)

Does your child need to leave school early? In an effort to keep Clark safe for our students and staff, please send them to school with a note stating the time of departure.

Please note, students without a note will not be released to anyone outside of the emergency contact list without prior approval from the parent.

## 2024 YEARBOOK ON SALE NOW!

Don't miss the opportunity to give your child a keepsake they will cherish forever.

Yearbook Sales Dates:

9/11 - 10/31 FALL SALE \$30

11/01 - 12/31 SEMESTER 1 SALE \$35

01/01 - 04/01 SEMESTER 2 SALE \$40

Yearbooks must be ordered online.

Please visit:

<https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/index.cfm/job/12888>

No orders will be accepted in school.

Please contact Karen Sulek at

[ksulek@lcscmail.com](mailto:ksulek@lcscmail.com) if you have any questions.



Mrs. Gonzalez



Mrs. Danielson

Please continue to turn in updated vaccinations if you received an email from the school nurses.

Vision screenings will take place on November 2nd and Hearing screenings will take place on November 28th and 29th.

Please keep your child home if there has been a fever and/or vomiting/diarrhea within the past 24 hours. The student may return once 24 hours fever free WITHOUT medication and vomiting and diarrhea.

Please make sure all emergency contacts are updated in skyward in case the school nurse needs to get a hold of you.