



Clark

Middle School

September 2024

Dive into Learning





As we settle into the routine of school, I want to say “Thanks” for your continued support. I understand how hard the transition might be for some students...going from 4th to 5th and also being in a new building. In addition, our students that are brand new to the LC district and face all of the above and also new friends, new building, starting over, etc. With all of these transitions, I want to encourage your child to see out new opportunities, get involved in extracurricular activities, attend sporting events and become an active part of our school. Please check out the school agenda which is online—this is where all of the clubs and activities are listed.

Communication is a critical part of the success in middle school. If you find that your child may be experiencing concerns, please reach out to their teacher, school counselor or one of the administrative staff. We want your child to be successful. With that being said, a lot of the information that I will send out from school will come through Parent Square. I try to limit my Parent Square messages for items of importance. Please continue to check the school’s website for all announcements that we provide to the students.

Tuesday, September 10th is our first early release day. Students will be dismissed at 1:10. All CMS staff will be involved in some type of professional development activity. Please check out the school calendar for additional early release days throughout the school year.

Free tutoring started on Tuesday, September 3. All staff are available for tutoring from 8:00-8:30 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. This is a great opportunity for your child to get extra help on items that he/she might have questions on. Students do NOT need an invitation to attend. If you would like your child to attend tutoring, please drop them off at door J and they will be allowed to enter the building at 8:00 for tutoring.

While I hate to say it, the winter season just a couple months away. Do you have a plan for your child in case we have a delay? What about an early dismissal or possible school closure due to weather? If not, please begin to make arrangements now so that you are prepared.

Until next month, stay safe and continue to encourage your child daily!

Mr. Graber
Principal



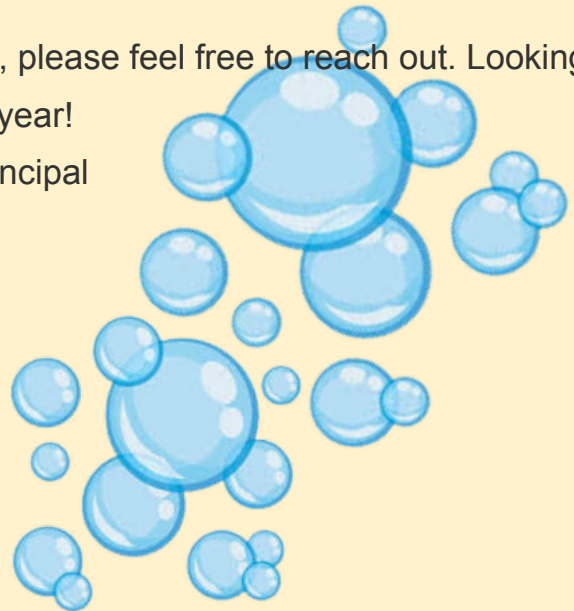
It is hard to believe we are already in September! I wanted to take a moment and discuss the importance of consistent school attendance.

Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance. This relationship between attendance and achievement may appear early in a child's school career. On the other hand, poor attendance has serious implications for later outcomes as well. The effects of lost school days build up one absence at a time on individual students.

Per the Lake Central Middle School Handbook, attendance is required of all students. Lake Central does consider things such as illness and funerals as excused absences so long as they are verified with a parent phone call. However, per the Indiana Department of Education, a student is considered chronically absent after missing 10 percent or more of school days. **This includes both excused and unexcused absences.** We do not want to see any student fall into this category of "chronically absent."

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. Looking forward to a great school year!

Mr. Stablein, Assistant Principal



Hello Lake Central Families,

I'm reaching out with an important topic: Indiana schools are required by law to provide age-appropriate and research and evidence-based instruction on child abuse and child sexual abuse to students in kindergarten through grade 12. This is to occur annually by December 15, per Indiana Code (IC) 20-30-5-5.7. Instruction on child abuse and child sexual abuse may be delivered by a school safety specialist, school counselor, or any other person with training and expertise in the area of child abuse and child sexual abuse.

This year, the **high school** and **all three middle schools** will be using the *MBF Child Safety Matters®* program from the Monique Burr Foundation for Children. Presentations have been scheduled at the high school and middle schools, and you will soon be receiving an opt out form that contains information about the program, the date of the presentation at your child's school, and an opt out form that you can fill out and send back to the school if you do not want your child to participate. The goal of the program is to help keep your child safe.

We are hosting a **parent information night** on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 6:00pm, in the Lake Central High School LGI room for parents of students in **grades 5-12**. This parent night is ahead of any presentations at the schools, and our intent is to provide you with information about the content shared at each level (5-12) and answer any questions you may have. Sara Hoyt will be the presenter for the middle schools and high school, and she will be the one presenting at the parent night.

Prior to scheduling the student presentations here at Lake Central, school counselors and I attended every grade level presentation (grades 5-8 separately and then the high school presentation) in other districts. The counselors and I were so impressed with not only this program, but with Sara Hoyt's delivery and the engagement level of the students. The content is age appropriate, and the vocabulary varies for each grade level. I left each presentation with information I had not thought to share with my own children... and I immediately went home to talk to my kids. As a parent, I feel empowered with appropriate language, content, and guidance to help keep my kids safe. I want to offer you this same opportunity via a parent night by putting the presenter who will be in front of your kids in front of you.

The program empowers children to spot and respond to bullying, cyberbullying, child abuse, and digital dangers. Most importantly, it teaches that adults are responsible for their safety but there are things they can do to help adults keep them safe. The program is based on the latest research and has been reviewed and endorsed by national experts. You can learn more about the program at www.mbfpreventioneducation.org.

I hope to see you at the parent night!

Sincerely,

Misty Scheuneman



Counselor's

Mrs. Churilla



Ms. Vail



Corner

Mr. Biscan

Counselor Duties and Assignments

The Clark School Counseling Department is excited for another school year! We are happy to answer any questions you or your child may have about anything, whether it be schedules, tips on how to improve academically, conflict resolution, or anything in between. We are also more than willing to speak with students about any personal social-emotional issues that may be going on. Our job is to help, so please do not hesitate to reach out if you or your child need anything at all! Our assignments are as follows:

Erica Churilla: Last names A - Har

Sharon Vail: Last names Has - Pin

Jacob Biscan: Last names Pio - Z

5th Grade Presentations

The counselors went into the 5th grade Advisory classes a few weeks ago to give a short presentation on what their job duties are and how students can contact their counselor if they need any help. 5th Grade Parents, please encourage your child to reach out if they need assistance.

New Student Breakfast

The annual New Student Breakfast for all new students at Clark took place on August 27th. Students enjoyed some delicious food and played a few fun games to give them a warm welcome to CMS. We look forward to working with all students, both new and returning, this school year!

5th grade Bullying Presentation

The counselors will be giving a bullying presentation to all 5th grade students at some point in September or early October. Dates have not been set yet. The counselors will cover things like the definition of bullying, the different types of bullying, and how to help yourself if you are involved in some kind of bullying incident or have witnessed an incident.



Great job to Ms. Tracy's classes. They have grown and harvested tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and squash. Classes have been watching these plants grow since last school year!





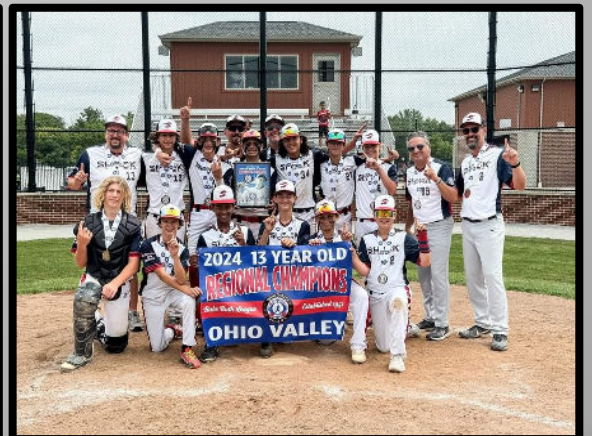
Congratulations to Clark alumnus, Griffin Tobias! Griffin was recently a 9th round draft pick for the Milwaukee Brewers. Griffin led the 2024 LC Baseball team to victory in a 12 inning state championship to end his amazing high school career. Griffin headed off to Arizona only one day after turning 19. Clark is so proud of Griffin and will be watching him throughout his career.



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Among the fans rooting for Griffin Tobias were the talented group of Clark students who play on the Schererville Shock team. These athletes qualified to play in the Bath Ruth World Series in Glen Allen Virginia after winning the Ohio Valley Regional in late July. They won 1-0 in a pitchers duel that saw some stellar defense. Jayden Carpenter-Mansfield had the game winning hit to send the boys to Virginia. In Virginia, the boys won the first game of their pool play on a walk-off hit by pitch to Alex Webb. All the boys did an amazing job and had the experience of a lifetime.

Clark students pictured: Zachary Zimmerman, Alex Webb, Anthony Rico, Beckham Hutton, Gavin Green, Jayden Mansfield, Ryan Sensor.



2024 Fall Junior Centralette Dance Clinic



Clinic Date: Sept. 21st, 2024

*Perform with the Centralettes
at the Lake Central High School
Homecoming Game on Oct. 4, 2024*

Scan the QR Code or go to the web site
for more information and registration!



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-fall-junior-centralettes-dance-clinic-tickets-997247302527?aff=ebdsshios>

**Lake Central School Corporation
Special Education
Parent Advisory Committee
(LCSC SEPAC)**

Next meeting!
**Inclusion in
Education**
with IN*SOURCE
and LCSC
Administration

**September 18, 2024
6pm**

**Lake Central High School
Kay Trapp Room
Door E**

IN*SOURCE will help dispel myths, discuss research, and cite laws that support the inclusive education of children with special needs. Parents will learn how to use the principles of federal law (IDEA) to talk to their school team about inclusion.





Coming this fall, state mandated vision screens will be conducted for 5th and 8th graders and hearing screens for 7th graders. This also includes students that are new to the district regardless of grade level. If you would like to opt your child out of a screening, please notify the nurse's office.

Letters continue to be sent home with students for those that are not compliant with their vaccinations. If you have questions, contact the nurse's office.

Hello Clark Families,

Just a quick reminder we do charge a fee to get into athletic events (except cross country).

Adults: \$6

Students and Senior Citizens: \$4

Family: \$20 (2 adults and 4 children)

Fees are the same for all Lake Middle School Athletic Conference games.

We only accept cash (no bills bigger than \$20) or check. Exact change is always appreciated!

Thanks and looking forward to a great fall athletic season!